VILLAGE OF PIONEER, LOUISIANA

Financial Report
As of and For the Year Ended June 30, 2007

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We have compiled the accompanying general purpose financial statements of the Village of Pioneer, Louisiana (the Village) as of and for the year ended June 30, 2007 as listed in the Table of Contents in accordance with the Statements on Standards for Accounting and Review Services issued by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants.

A compilation is limited to presenting in the form of financial statements, information that is the representation of management of the Village of Pioneer, Louisiana. We have not audited or reviewed the accompanying general purpose financial statements and, accordingly, do not express an opinion or any other form of assurance on them.

Generally accepted accounting standards require State and Local Governments to adopt and report under Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement No. 34, "Basic Financial Statements - and Management's Discussion and Analysis - for State and Local Governments" and No. 37, "Basic Financial Statements - and Management's Discussion and Analysis - for State and Local Governments: Omnibus." The Village is not presenting its financial statements under those standards. Those standards require that the Village report information regarding its financial position by governmental activities, business-type activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information that comprise the Village's basic financial statements. The standards also require that a management's discussion and analysis be included as supplementary information. The effects of these departures have not been determined.

Management has elected to present the Village's financial statements under the pre-GASB 34 standards (general purpose financial statements) and to omit substantially all of the disclosures required by generally accepted accounting principles. If the GASB 34 presentation (basic financial statements) and the omitted disclosures were included in the financial statements, they might influence the user's conclusions about the Village's financial position, results of operations and cash flows. Accordingly, these financial statements are not designed for those who are not informed about such matters.

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January 2, 2008

GENERAL PURPOSE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS COMBINED STATEMENTS – OVERVIEW

VILLAGE OF PIONEER, LOUISIANA COMBINED BALANCE SHEET - ALL FUND TYPES AND ACCOUNT GROUP JUNE 30, 2007

		GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPE - GENERAL FUND	_	PROPRIETARY FUND TYPE - SEWER ENTERPRISE FUND		ACCOUNT GROUP - GENERAL FIXED ASSETS	TOTAL (MEMORANDUM ONLY)
ASSETS					_		
Cash	\$	8,467	5	2,640	\$	•	\$ 11,107
Investments		10,000		-			10,000
Accounts receivable, net		1,947		911		•	2,858
Meter deposits		200		-		-	200
Prepaid expenses		3,123		•		•	3,123
Property, plant, and equipment (net of accumulated depreciation)	-			569,215	. .	279,698	 848,913
TOTAL ASSETS	\$	23,737	. 3	572,766	\$_	279,698	\$ 876,201
LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY Liabilities:							
Payroll taxes payable	\$	1,138	S	•	\$	-	\$ 1,138
Customer deposits	_	-	_	1,888		-	1,888
Total Liabilities		1,138	-	1,888			3,026
Fund Equity:							
Investment in general fixed assets Contributed capital (net of accumulated depreciation on fixed		-		•		279,698	279,698
assets acquired with Federal grant)				574,095			574,095
Retained earnings - unreserved		-		(3,217)		-	(3,217)
Fund balance - undesignated		22,599		\ <i>-</i>			22,599
Total Fund Equity		22,599		570,878		279,698	 873,175
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND							
EQUITY	\$	23,737	. \$	572,766	\$	279,698	\$ 876,201

VILLAGE OF PIONEER, LOUISIANA COMBINED STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES ALL GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2007

		GENERAL FUND		CAPITAL PROJECT FUND		TOTAL (MEMORANDUM ONLY)
REVENUES	•		•			<u> </u>
Franchise fees	\$	5,963	\$	-	\$	5,963
Occupational licenses		25		_		25
Insurance licenses		15,586		-		15,586
Intergovernmental revenue - state		-		15,000		15,000
Fines		13,102		-		13,102
Interest income		362		•		362
Other revenue		2,427		_		2,427
Total revenues		37,465		15,000		52,465
EXPENDITURES						
Current:						
General government		20,361		-		20,361
Public safety:						
Police department		14,892		-		14,892
Public works		9,031		-		9,031
Capital Outlay		-		15,000		15,000
Total Expenditures	-	44,284		15,000	-	59,284
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over						
expenditures		(6,819)		•		(6,819)
Other financing sources (uses)						
Transfers out	_	(1,647)			_	(1,647)
Total other financing sources (uses)	-	(1,647)			-	(1,647)
Excess of revenues over expenditures						
and other financing sources		(8,466)		-		(8,466)
Fund Balance at beginning of year	-	31,065	,	**	_	31,065
FUND BALANCE AT END OF YEAR	\$_	22,599	\$		\$_	22,599

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VILLAGE OF PIONEER, LOUISIANA STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE - BUDGET AND ACTUAL (CASH BASIS) GENERAL FUND

FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2007

		CASH BASIS BUDGET		CASH BASIS ACTUAL	,	VARIANCE FAVORABLE (UNFAVORABLE)
Revenues	_		_			
Franchise fees	\$	7,050	\$	5,890	\$	(1,160)
Occupational licenses	•	975		25		(950)
Insurance licenses		14,500		15,656		1,156
Fines		13,000		13,202		202
Interest income		150		362		212
Other revenue		2,250		1,386		(864)
Total revenues	_	37,925	_	36,521	-	(1,404)
Expenditures						
Current:						
General government						
Salaries and benefits		5,630		11,312		(5,682)
Operating services		4,370		10,000		(5,630)
Repairs - building		400		150		250
Materials and supplies		1,500	_	1,362		138_
Total general government	_	11,900	_	22,824	_	(10,924)
Public safety						
Salaries and benefits		10,170		8,877		1,293
Insurance		680		2,587		(1,907)
Police expense		5,000		4,538	_	462
Total Public Safety		15,850		16,002		(152)
Public works			_		•	
Street expenses		200		454		(254)
Supplies		500		1,238		(738)
Tractor expenses		1,250		1,486		(236)
Utilities		4,500		5,570		(1,070)
Mosquito spraying		1,250	_	-		1,250
Total public works	_	7,700	_	8,748		(1,048)
Total expenditures		35,450	_	47,574	•	(12,124)
Excess of revenues over expenditures		2,475		(11,053)		(13,528)

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VILLAGE OF PIONEER, LOUISIANA STATEMENT OF REVENUE, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE - BUDGET AND ACTUAL (CASH BASIS) GENERAL FUND (CONCLUDED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2007

	CASH BASIS BUDGET	CASH BASIS ACTUAL	VARIANCE FAVORABLE (UNFAVORABLE)
Other financing sources (uses)			
Transfers out		(652)	652
Excess of revenue over expenditures and			
other financing sources (uses)	2,475	(11,705)	(12,876)
Cash Balance at beginning of year	30,172	30,172	_
CASH BALANCE AT END OF YEAR	\$32,647 · \$	18,467	\$ (12,876)

VILLAGE OF PIONEER, LOUISIANA STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENSES, AND CHANGES IN RETAINED EARNINGS SEWER ENTERPRISE FUND FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2007

Operating revenue		
Sewer fees \$;	13,425
Operating expenses		
Salaries and wages		5,253
Payroll taxes		452
Utilities		3,049
Repairs		6,191
Insurance		653
Office supplies		78
Supplies and chemicals		1,117
Collection fees		1,375
Lab fees		315
Other dues and fees		304
Depreciation		17,382
Miscellaneous		12
Total Operating expenses		36,181
Operating loss		(22,756)
Non-operating revenue Interest income		3
Net Loss		(22,753)
Transfers In		1,647
Adjustment for depreciation on fixed assets		
acquired with Federal grant		14,549
Net decrease in retained earnings		(6,557)
Retained Earnings at beginning of year		3,340
RETAINED EARNINGS AT END OF YEAR	i	(3,217)

VILLAGE OF PIONEER, LOUISIANA STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS SEWER ENTERPRISE FUND FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2007

Operating loss	Cash flows from operating activities		
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VILLAGE OF PIONEER, LOUISIANA

AFFIDAVIT

Personally came and appeared before the undersigned authority, <u>Sonia Reiter</u>, who, duly sworn, deposes and says that the financial statements herewith given present fairly the financial position of the Village of Pioneer, Louisiana as of June 30, 2007, and the results of operations for the year then ended.

Sonia Reits, Mayor Signature

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this 2866 day of December, 2007.

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LETTER CONCERNING THEFT AND INTERNAL CONTROL RECOMMENDATIONS

Mayor and Board of Aldermen Village of Pioneer, Louisiana

In response to a request from the Mayor and Chief of Police of the Village of Pioneer (the Village) concerning thefts by the Village Clerk, we met with Village personnel to review facts concerning the issue and offer recommendations for strengthening internal controls.

Our meeting took place on January 31, 2007. At that time, we were informed that the Village Clerk had misappropriated approximately \$2,700 in Village funds by writing additional payroll checks and withholding receipts for fines and sewer revenues. The Village Clerk resigned her position on December 26, 2006 citing personal reasons. A warrant for her arrest was issued on January 12, 2007 for theft, forgery, and malfeasance in office. She was subsequently arrested on January 19, 2007. Some of the misappropriated funds had been repaid, however, further legal recourse was being considered.

As a result of our meeting, the Mayor requested that we evaluate the Village's internal controls. In a letter dated March 7, 2007, we offered the following recommendations:

Receipts/Revenues:

- 1. Pre numbered cash receipts should be written for all funds received except for insurance company licenses.
- 2. For fines, original of receipt should be presented or mailed to the person paying the fine.
- Insurance occupational licenses should be mailed to businesses and will serve as their receipt.
- 4. Deposits should be made at least weekly supported by a list of deposit items.
- 5. Sewer fees -- the clerk and the water district clerk should count monies for the village together. The list of collections should be signed and dated by both clerks and a copy of this listing used to support the deposit. The list should indicate the amount of cash received and amount of checks received

Mayor and Board of Aldermen Village of Pioneer, Louisiana

Occupational licenses:

- 1. Business occupational licenses should be numbered with a 4 digit number beginning with the year then consecutive numbers (07-01 through 07-15 since there are currently less than 15 businesses licensed in the village)
- Insurance occupational licenses should be mailed to businesses and will serve as their receipt. The insurance licenses should be numbered with the same 4 digit scheme beginning with 07-16.
- 3. An excel spreadsheet such as is in use now by the Village should be maintained with the license number, name of company, amount and date.
- 4. Copies of the licenses should be maintained with the appropriate application attached for support.

Disbursements/Expenditures:

- 1. The mayor should receive all bank statements unopened and review them for unusual items.
- 2. All bank accounts should be reconciled monthly. If possible, this reconciliation should be performed by the mayor. If not they should be reviewed by the mayor and the cash balance agreed to the general ledger.
- 3. Invoices should be stamped when received.
- 4. Checks should be prepared and the disbursement entered into Quickbooks. The general ledger account number and check number should be noted on the invoice to prevent duplicate payment.
- 5. All checks and the invoices being paid should be given to the mayor to review and approve for payment. The mayor's review should be noted by her initials on the invoice.
- 6. The mayor and either the clerk or alderman should then sign the checks.
- 7. The checks should then be mailed by the mayor.
- 8. Purchase orders should be issued for all purchases over \$100.00 per the mayor's stated desire.
- Person making purchase should sign invoice to indicate receipt of goods or services. For merchandise charged or received in the mail, the sales slip or packing slip should be signed and included with the invoice when received in the mail as backup for the disbursement.

Fuel purchases:

- The Village should purchase a pre-paid gas card with a limit of \$50-\$100
- When purchasing fuel for the patrol car, whether using the gas card or charging at the co-op, a log should be maintained in the car showing, the date, mileage, number of gallons and amount of purchase.
- The chief should review the log periodically for reasonableness.
- 4. Gas should never be purchased for a private vehicle. If, on the rare occasion that an employee's personal vehicle has to be used, an expense report should be submitted showing the date and time of travel, purpose of the trip, miles traveled, rate per mile and total reimbursement.

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Police Department:

- 1. Ticket books should be signed out by officers on a log showing the date received and the beginning and ending ticket number of each book.
- 2. No more than one book of tickets should be issued to an officer at any one time.
- 3. When a ticket is voided, it should be entered into the ledger book of tickets issued showing the reason it was voided and the officer voiding it. In addition all copies of the voided ticket should be retained.
- 4. When a defendant goes to mayor's court and requests to pay a fine on installments the following procedures should be implemented.
 - a. A guilty plea is entered and attached to the docket sheet showing the amount of fine and the schedule of payments.
 - b. The first installment should be received and a cash receipt issued.
 - c. When subsequent installments are received, a cash receipt should be issued.
 - d. When the fine is paid in full, it should be entered in the ledger book.
- 5. The chief of police should receive all fines paid and reconcile to the ledger book of tickets issued and record the payment of the fines in the ledger book before the deposit is made.

We also recommend that the chief of police attempt to reconcile tickets issued in the past fiscal year to the cash receipts issued and deposits in the bank. Old traffic tickets for which collection is doubtful should be taken before the mayor's court and dismissed. These tickets should be retained in case payment is received at a later date.

Payroll:

- 1. Time for hourly employees should be supported by time sheets.
- 2. Hours worked should be verified and approved by supervisor (Mayor)
- 3. The clerk should not be guaranteed to be paid for a set number of hours. (This could be a violation of the constitution)
- 4. The board of aldermen should set rates of pay for all employees.
- Payrolls should be processed through the payroll function of Quickbooks.

Management's status of legal proceedings and implementation of controls:

See pages 13 and 14.

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RE: Internal Controls

To Whom It May Concern:

As a result of the meeting with the CPA on January 31, 2007, the Village of Pioneer has implemented many of the recommendations that were made (some were already in use). We are doing our best in order to prevent something like this from happening again. The Mayor has taken a more "hands-on" approach to the everyday business of the Village.

Listed below is a few of the changes that we have made and procedures that have been implemented.

- Receipts are written for all funds received by the Police Department and then mailed out to the person to whom the citation was issued
- · Deposits are made weekly
- The village clerk signs a payment report when sewer fees are received this report indicates the amount of checks and cash
- Excel spreadsheets are used for payroll and occupational and business licenses
- Occupational licenses are mailed out as the company's receipt
- · All bank accounts are reconciled monthly
- · The Mayor reviews (initials) and approves ALL expenditures
- Purchase Orders are used for all purchases over \$100.00 and for any Internet or phone orders (ex. sewer chemicals or office supplies)
- The Clerk does not sign his/her own payroll check
- · All employees must complete time sheets
- The Chief maintains fuel and ticket logs.
- A check register for every account is printed out and given to the Board of Alderman for review at each monthly meeting

We were expecting to have all of the issues with the former clerk cleared up by now, but that is not the case. We are currently waiting on the LA Legislative Auditors Report in order come up with a sum that the former clerk owes to the Village of Pioneer. We are expecting this report at any time and are looking forward to wrapping up this case.

Thanks,

Julie Ross, Clerk