

**Financial Statements for the
Town of China Grove in
North Carolina**

**For the Fiscal Year Ended
June 30, 2016**

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Honorable Mayor and
Members of the Town Council
Town of China Grove, North Carolina

Report on the Financial Statements

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Town of China Grove, North Carolina as of and for the year ended June 30, 2016, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Town of China Grove's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America; this includes the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express opinions on these financial statements based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in Governmental Auditing Standards, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation of the financial statements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinions.

Opinions

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Town of China Grove, North Carolina as of June 30, 2016, and the respective changes in financial position thereof and the respective budgetary comparison for the General Fund for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Other Matters

Required Supplementary Information

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that Management's Discussion and Analysis on pages 4 through 14, the Law Enforcement Officers' Special Separation Allowance's Schedule of Funding Progress on page 44, and the Local Government Employees' Retirement System's Schedules of the Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability (Asset) and Contributions, on pages 45 and 46, respectively, be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information, although not a required part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board, who considers it to be an essential part of the financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. We have applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, which consisted of inquiries of management about the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. We do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide us with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance.

Supplementary and Other Information

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the basic financial statements of the Town of China Grove, North Carolina. The introductory information, combining and individual fund financial statements, budgetary schedules, and other schedules are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the basic financial statements.

The combining and individual fund financial statements, budgetary schedules, other schedules are the responsibility of management and were derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements or to the basic financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, based on our audit and the procedures performed as described above, the combining and individual fund financial statements, budgetary schedules, and other schedules are fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the basic financial statements as a whole.

The introductory information has not been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of basic financial statements, and accordingly, we do not express an opinion on it.

Other Reporting Required by *Government Auditing Standards*

In accordance with Government Auditing Standards, we have also issued our report dated October 10, 2016 on our consideration of the Town of China Grove's internal control over financial reporting and our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of the report is to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with Government Auditing Standards in considering the Town of China Grove's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

Sherrill & Smith, CPAs, PA

Salisbury, North Carolina
October 10, 2016

Management's Discussion and Analysis

As management of the Town of China Grove, we offer readers of the Town of China Grove's financial statements this narrative overview and analysis of the financial activities of the Town of China Grove for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2016. We encourage you to read the information presented here in conjunction with additional information that we have furnished in the Town's financial statements, which follow this narrative.

Financial Highlights

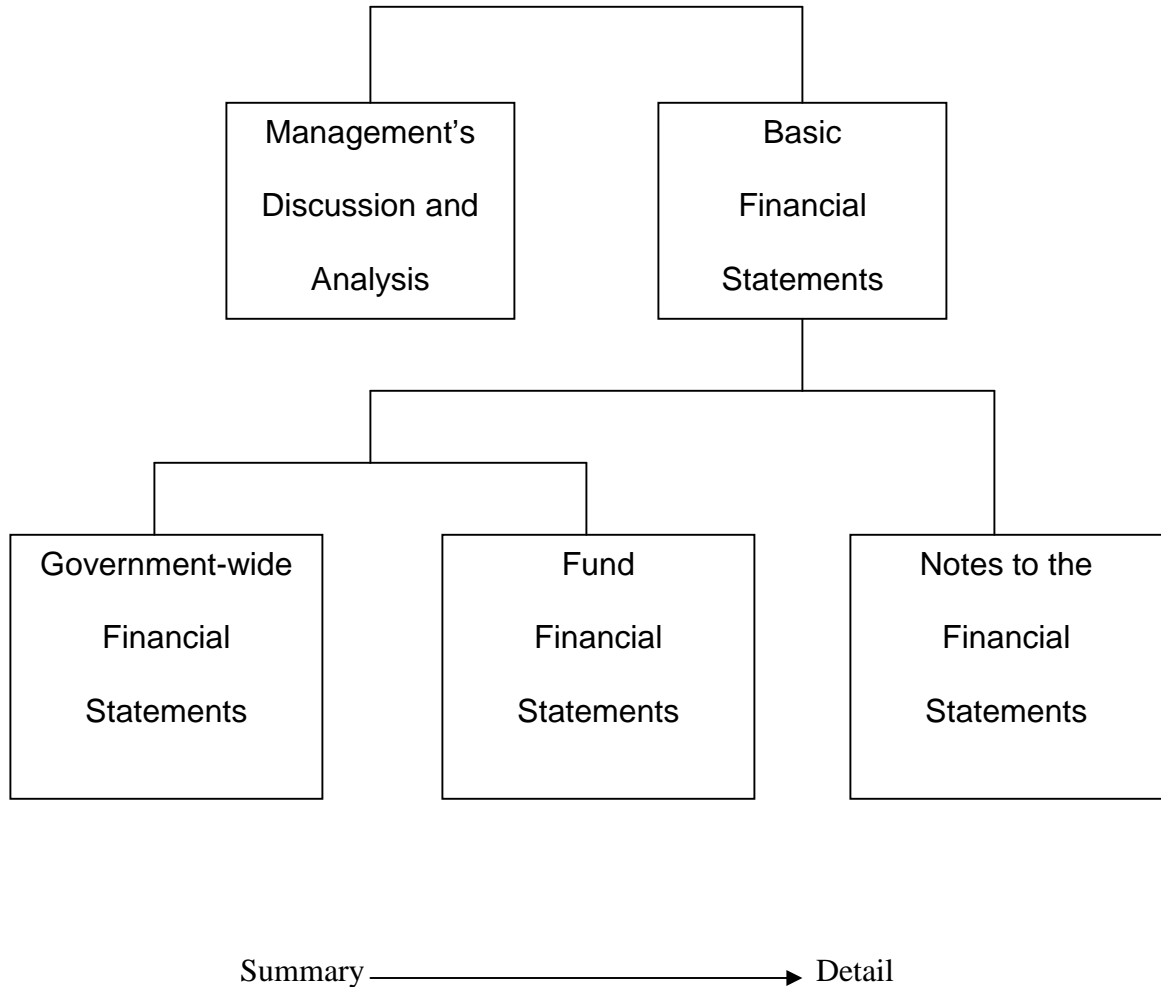
- The assets and deferred outflows of resources of the Town *exceeded* its liabilities and deferred inflows of resources at the close of the fiscal year by \$4,113,798 (*net position*).
- The government's total net position increased by \$ 381,031, primarily due to diligent cost-saving measures by the town.
- As of the close of the current fiscal year, the Town's governmental funds reported combined ending fund balances of \$ 3,383,126 an increase of \$217,467 in comparison with the prior year. Approximately 58% of this total amount, or \$ 1,946,821, is available for spending at the government's discretion (*unassigned fund balance*).
- At the end of the current fiscal year, unassigned fund balance for the General Fund was \$ 1,946,821, which is 57% of total general fund expenditures for the fiscal year.
- The Town's total debt decreased \$ 607,694 during the current fiscal year. The key factor in this decrease was the debt service payments made during the fiscal year.

Overview of the Financial Statements

This discussion and analysis are intended to serve as an introduction to the Town of China Grove's basic financial statements. The Town's basic financial statements consist of three components; 1) government-wide financial statements, 2) fund financial statements, and 3) notes to the financial statements (see Figure 1). The basic financial statements present two different views of the Town through the use of government-wide statements and fund financial statements. In addition to the basic financial statements, this report contains other supplemental information that will enhance the reader's understanding of the financial condition of the Town of China Grove.

Required Components of Annual Financial Report

Figure 1



Basic Financial Statements

The first two statements (Exhibits 1 and 2) in the basic financial statements are the **Government-wide Financial Statements**. They provide both short and long-term information about the Town's financial status.

The next statements (Exhibits 3 through 5) are **Fund Financial Statements**. These statements focus on the activities of the individual parts of the Town's government. These statements provide more detail than the government-wide statements. There are three parts to the Fund Financial Statements: 1) the governmental funds statements; 2) the budgetary comparison statements; and 3) the proprietary fund statements.

The next section of the basic financial statements is the **notes**. The notes to the financial statements explain in detail some of the data contained in those statements. After the notes, **supplemental information** is provided to show details about the Town's individual funds. Budgetary information required by the General Statutes can also be found in this part of the statements.

Government-wide Financial Statements

The government-wide financial statements are designed to provide you, the reader with a broad overview of the Town's finances, similar in format to a financial statement of a private-sector business. The government-wide statements provide short and long-term information about the Town's financial status as a whole.

The two government-wide statements report the Town's net position and how it has changed. Net position is the difference between the Town's assets and deferred outflows of resources and total liabilities and deferred inflows of resources. Measuring net position is one way to gauge the Town's financial condition.

The government-wide statements are divided into three categories: 1) governmental activities; 2) business-type activities; and 3) component units. The governmental activities include most of the Town's basic services such as public safety, parks and recreation, and general administration. Property taxes and state and federal grant funds finance most of these activities. The Town of China Grove does not have any business-type activities. The Town of China Grove does not have any component units.

The government-wide financial statements are on Exhibits 1 and 2 of this report.

Fund Financial Statements

The fund financial statements (see Figure 1) provide a more detailed look at the Town's most significant activities. A fund is a grouping of related accounts that is used to maintain control over resources that have been segregated for specific activities or objectives. The Town, like all other governmental entities in North Carolina, uses fund accounting to ensure and reflect compliance (or non-compliance) with finance-related legal requirements, such as the General Statutes or the Town's budget ordinance. All of the funds of the Town are governmental funds.

Governmental Funds – Governmental funds are used to account for those functions reported as governmental activities in the government-wide financial statements. All of the Town's basic services are accounted for in governmental funds. These funds focus on how assets can readily be converted into cash flow in and out, and what monies are left at year-end that will be available for spending in the next year. Governmental funds are reported using an accounting method called *modified accrual accounting* that provides a short-term spending focus. As a result, the governmental

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fund financial statements give you a detailed short-term view that helps you determine if there are more or less financial resources available to finance the Town's programs. The relationship between government activities (reported in the Statement of Net Position and the Statement of Activities) and governmental funds is described in a reconciliation that is a part of the fund financial statements.

The Town adopts an annual budget for its General Fund, as required by the NC General Statutes. The budget is a legally adopted document that incorporates input from the citizens of the Town, the management of the Town, and the decisions of the Board about which services to provide and how to pay for them. It also authorizes the Town to obtain funds from identified sources to finance these current period activities. The budgetary statement provided for the General Fund demonstrates how well the Town has complied with the budget ordinance and whether or not the Town has succeeded in providing the services as planned when the budget was adopted. The budgetary comparison statement uses the budgetary basis of accounting and is presented using the same format, language, and classifications as the legal budget document. The statement shows four columns: 1) the original budget as adopted by the board; 2) the final budget as amended by the board; 3) the actual resources, charges to appropriations, and ending balances in the General Fund; and 4) the difference or variance between the final budget and the actual resources and charges.

Proprietary Funds – The Town does not have a Proprietary Fund at this time.

Notes to the Financial Statements – The notes provide additional information that is essential to a full understanding of the data provided in the government-wide and fund financial statements. The notes to the financial statements are on pages 22 through 43 of this report.

Other Information – In addition to the basic financial statements and accompanying notes, this report includes certain required supplementary information concerning the Town's progress in funding its obligation to provide pension benefits to its employees. Required supplementary information can be found beginning on page 44 of this report.

Interdependence with Other Entities – The Town depends on financial resources flowing from, or associated with, both the Federal Government and the State of North Carolina. Because of this dependency, the City is subject to changes in specific flows of intergovernmental revenues based on modifications to Federal and State laws and Federal and State appropriations. It is also subject to changes in investment earnings and asset values associated with U.S. Treasury Securities because of actions by foreign governments and other holders of publicly held U.S. Treasury Securities.

Government-Wide Financial Analysis

The Town of China Grove's Net Position

Figure 2

	Governmental		Total	
	2016	2015	2016	2015
Current and other assets	\$ 5,855,842	\$ 6,120,424	\$ 5,855,842	\$ 6,120,424
Capital assets	3,259,188	3,331,989	3,259,188	3,331,989
Total assets	9,115,030	9,452,413	9,115,030	9,452,413
Total deferred outflows of resources	63,663	59,213	63,663	59,213
Long-term liabilities outstanding	4,719,706	5,240,583	4,719,706	5,240,583
Other liabilities	298,080	306,474	298,080	306,474
Total liabilities	5,017,786	5,547,057	5,017,786	5,547,057
Total deferred inflows of resources	47,109	231,802	47,109	231,802
Net position:				
Net investment in capital assets	1,154,686	1,126,269	1,154,686	1,126,269
Restricted	832,980	559,935	832,980	559,935
Unrestricted	2,126,132	2,046,563	2,126,132	2,046,563
Total net assets	\$ 4,113,798	\$ 3,732,767	\$ 4,113,798	\$ 3,732,767

As noted earlier, net position may serve over time as one useful indicator of a government's financial condition. The assets and deferred outflows of the Town exceeded liabilities and deferred inflows by \$4,113,798 as of June 30, 2016. The Town's net position increased by \$381,031 for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2016. The largest portion of net position (28%) reflects the Town's net investment in capital assets (e.g. land, buildings, machinery, and equipment). The Town uses these capital assets to provide services to citizens; consequently, these assets are not available for future spending. Although the Town's investment in its capital assets is reported net of the outstanding related debt, the resources needed to repay that debt must be provided by other sources, since the capital assets cannot be used to liquidate these liabilities. An additional portion of the Town's net position (20%) represents resources that are subject to external restrictions on how they may be used. The remaining balance of \$2,126,132 is unrestricted.

Town of China Grove's Changes in Net position
Figure 3

	Governmental Activities		Total	
	2016	2015	2016	2015
Revenues:				
Program revenues:				
Charges for services	\$ 15,236	\$ 15,097	\$ 15,236	\$ 15,097
Operating grants and contributions	314,590	330,617	314,590	330,617
Capital grants and contributions	-	-	-	-
General revenues:				
Property taxes	1,686,974	1,674,786	1,686,974	1,674,786
Grants and contributions not restricted to specific programs	1,129,314	1,087,805	1,129,314	1,087,805
Other	87,188	159,533	87,188	159,533
Total revenues	<u>3,233,302</u>	<u>3,267,838</u>	<u>3,233,302</u>	<u>3,267,838</u>
Expenses:				
General government	440,637	448,549	440,637	448,549
Public safety	1,437,502	1,235,961	1,437,502	1,235,961
Transportation	19,713	90,581	19,713	90,581
Environmental protection	595,462	581,421	595,462	581,421
Economic and physical development	57,683	45,043	57,683	45,043
Cultural and recreation	148,688	96,246	148,688	96,246
Interest on long-term debt	152,586	146,102	152,586	146,102
Total expenses	<u>2,852,271</u>	<u>2,643,903</u>	<u>2,852,271</u>	<u>2,643,903</u>
Increase in net position	381,031	623,935	381,031	623,935
Net position, July 1	<u>3,732,767</u>	<u>3,108,832</u>	<u>3,732,767</u>	<u>3,108,832</u>
Net position, June 30	<u>\$ 4,113,798</u>	<u>\$ 3,732,767</u>	<u>\$ 4,113,798</u>	<u>\$ 3,732,767</u>

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Governmental activities. Governmental activities increased the Town's net position by \$381,031 thereby accounting for 100% of total growth in the net position of the Town of China Grove. Though a recession affected the Town, the increase in net position was the result of a concerted effort to control costs and manage expenditures to minimize the impact of the recession on its citizens

Financial Analysis of the Town's Funds

As noted earlier, the Town uses fund accounting to ensure and demonstrate compliance with finance-related legal requirements.

Governmental Funds. The focus of the Town's governmental funds is to provide information on near-term inflows, outflows, and balances of usable resources. Such information is useful in assessing the Town's financing requirements. Specifically, unassigned fund balance can be a useful measure of a government's net resources available for spending at the end of the fiscal year.

The general fund is the chief operating fund of the Town. At the end of the current fiscal year, unassigned fund balance of the General Fund was \$ 1,946,821 while total fund balance reached \$ 3,374,084. As a measure of the general fund's liquidity, it may be useful to compare both unassigned fund balance and total fund balance to total fund expenditures. Unassigned fund balance represents 57% of total General Fund expenditures, while total fund balance represents 98 % of that same amount.

At June 30, 2016, the governmental funds of the Town reported a combined fund balance of \$3,383,126 a 7% increase over last year. This is the result of a net change in fund balance of \$217,467.

General Fund Budgetary Highlights: During the fiscal year, the Town revised the budget three times. Generally, budget amendments fall into one of three categories: 1) amendments made to adjust the estimates that are used to prepare the original budget ordinance once exact information is available; 2) amendments made to recognize new funding amounts from external sources, such as Federal and State grants; and 3) increases in appropriations that become necessary to maintain services.

The Town's expenditures were decreased, because the new fire truck will not be ready until November 2016. The revenues and fund balance appropriated were also decreased to allow for the purchase of the fire truck in the coming fiscal year. Staff recognizes that these shifts in priorities and needs occur each year, and that the budget ultimately serves as a guide to what is expected during the upcoming twelve months.

Capital Asset and Debt Administration

Capital Assets. The Town’s investment in capital assets for its governmental and business–type activities as of June 30, 2016, totals \$ 3,259,188 (net of accumulated depreciation). These assets include buildings, roads and other infrastructure, land, machinery and equipment, and vehicles.

- The Fire Department continued to replace the outdated Air Packs and purchased 8 this fiscal year. They also completed the specs for a new fire truck and finished the bidding process. The new fire truck is on order.
- The Town started the Hanna Park remodel project, with the new stage and relocation of the Vietnam Memorial to be completed next fiscal year.
- The Town purchased two new vehicles this year for the Police Department. The Police also received a grant this year for office and technology equipment purchase.

Town of China Grove’s Capital Assets (net of depreciation)

Figure 4

	Governmental Activities		Total	
	2016	2015	2016	2015
Land	\$ 50,912	\$ 50,912	\$ 50,912	\$ 50,912
Buildings	2,225,564	2,280,511	2,225,564	2,280,511
Equipment	373,162	372,843	373,162	372,843
Infrastructure	549,272	561,586	549,272	561,586
Other improvements	60,278	66,137	60,278	66,137
Total	\$ 3,259,188	\$ 3,331,989	\$ 3,259,188	\$ 3,331,989

Additional information on the Town’s capital assets can be found in the Notes to The Financial Statements.

Long-term Debt. As of June 30, 2016, the Town had no bonded debt.

**Outstanding Debt
Figure 5**

The Town of China Grove's Outstanding Debt

	Governmental Activities		Total	
	2016	2015	2016	2015
Installment debt	\$ 4,466,511	\$ 5,090,640	\$ 4,466,511	\$ 5,090,640
Capital Leases	23,736	7,301	23,736	7,301
Pension related debt (LGERS)	64,537	-	64,537	-
Pension related debt (LEO)	72,875	76,466	72,875	76,466
Total	\$ 4,627,659	\$ 5,174,407	\$ 4,627,659	\$ 5,174,407

Town of China Grove's Outstanding Debt

The Town's total debt decreased \$546,748 during the past fiscal year. The decrease in long term debt is due to the fact that the Town of China Grove has made all scheduled debt service payments for the year.

North Carolina general statutes limit the amount of general obligation debt that a unit of government can issue to 8% of the total assessed value of taxable property located within that government's boundaries. The legal debt margin for Town of China Grove is \$18,900,022. The Town has \$ 0 in bonds authorized but un-issued at June 30, 2016.

Additional information regarding the Town's long-term debt can be found in Notes to the Financial Statements.

Economic Factors and Next Year's Budgets and Rates

The following key economic indicators reflect the growth and prosperity of the Town.

- Rowan County's average unemployment rate is 5.7% which is higher than State unemployment rate.
- Occupancy rates on office and retail space: The down town area has maintained an occupancy rate of approximately 95% while we have seen a transition from service oriented businesses to more retail oriented businesses.
- New construction: China Grove has not seen new office and retail space constructed within the past twelve months, but has approved a new retail space for the next fiscal year for a new Food Lion store.
- The work has continued on the biotechnology research campus in Kannapolis, North Carolina, with a steady increase in hi-tech jobs and some spin-off employment. This site is approximately 5 miles from the Town of China Grove.

Budget Highlights for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2017

Governmental Activities: Operating revenues in the General Fund have remained fairly consistent over the past several years. The tax rate will remain at \$.58 per \$100 of value. The current trend is that the Town is relying more and more on ad valorem tax revenues. Total property tax revenues are anticipated to be \$1,635,000. This is 48% of the total General Fund Revenue. The remaining revenue streams for the Town primarily include Sales Tax and Utility Franchise Taxes. These two revenues are projected to bring in \$1,105,600 or 32% of the total General Fund Revenues. Combined, these three revenue sources account for approximately 81% of the General Fund Revenues.

This General Fund budget for the upcoming year is approximately \$429,400 more than anticipated revenues from the previous year's budget. This large increase is to purchase a new fire truck. Conservative budgeting practices by the Mayor and Town Council have afforded the Town the opportunity to fund its needs, while maintaining a low tax rate. This Fiscal year did not require a tax increase and no additional fees were assessed. This Budget will see large capital outlay for this fiscal year.

Business – type Activities: The Town has turned over the Operations of the Utility System to Salisbury-Rowan Utilities. The Residents of the Town will see a reduction in their Utility Rates for the next two years due to this agreement.

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Requests for Information

This report is designed to provide an overview of the Town finances for those with an interest in this area. Questions concerning any of the information found in this report or requests for additional information should be directed to:

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TOWN OF CHINA GROVE, NORTH CAROLINA
STATEMENT OF NET POSITION
June 30, 2016

Exhibit 1

	Governmental Activities	Total
Assets		
Current assets:		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 2,652,141	\$ 2,652,141
Taxes receivable (net)	62,906	62,906
Accrued interest receivable on taxes	13,565	13,565
Accounts receivable	1,724	1,724
Debt reimbursement receivable from City of Salisbury-current portion	386,476	386,476
Prepaid items	13,225	13,225
Due from other governments	347,902	347,902
Restricted cash and cash equivalents	618,634	618,634
Total current assets	4,096,573	4,096,573
Non-current assets:		
Debt reimbursement receivable from City of Salisbury-due in more than one year	1,759,269	1,759,269
Capital assets:		
Land, non-depreciable improvements, and construction in progress	50,912	50,912
Other capital assets, net of depreciation	3,208,276	3,208,276
Total capital assets	3,259,188	3,259,188
Total assets	9,115,030	9,115,030
Deferred Outflows of Resources		
Pension deferrals	63,663	63,663
Total deferred outflows of resources	63,663	63,663
Liabilities		
Current liabilities:		
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	80,996	80,996
Accrued interest payable	47,580	47,580
Unearned revenue-Farmer's Day	24,609	24,609
Current portion of long-term liabilities	638,203	638,203
Payable from restricted assets-Developer performance bond	144,895	144,895
Long-term liabilities:		
Due in more than one year	4,081,503	4,081,503
Total liabilities	5,017,786	5,017,786
Deferred Inflows of Resources		
Pension deferrals	47,109	47,109
Total deferred inflows of resources	47,109	47,109
Net Position		
Net investment in capital assets	1,154,686	1,154,686
Restricted for:		
Stabilization by State Statute	349,626	349,626
Other functions	483,354	483,354
Unrestricted	2,126,132	2,126,132
Total net position	\$ 4,113,798	\$ 4,113,798

TOWN OF CHINA GROVE, NORTH CAROLINA
STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES
For the Year Ended June 30, 2016

Exhibit 2

Functions/Programs	Expenses	Program Revenues			Net (Expense) Revenue and Changes in Net Position	
		Charges for Services	Operating Grants and Contributions	Capital Grants and Contributions	Governmental Activities	Total
Primary government:						
Governmental Activities:						
General government	\$ 440,637	\$ -	\$ 61,191	\$ -	\$ (379,446)	\$ (379,446)
Public Safety	1,437,502	4,861	132,892	-	(1,299,749)	(1,299,749)
Transportation	19,713	-	117,806	-	98,093	98,093
Environmental protection	595,462	-	2,701	-	(592,761)	(592,761)
Economic and physical development	57,683	-	-	-	(57,683)	(57,683)
Cultural and recreation	148,688	10,375	-	-	(138,313)	(138,313)
Interest on long-term debt	152,586	-	-	-	(152,586)	(152,586)
Total governmental activities (See Note 1)	\$ 2,852,271	\$ 15,236	\$ 314,590	\$ -	(2,522,445)	(2,522,445)
General revenues:						
Taxes:						
Property taxes, levied for general purpose					1,686,974	1,686,974
Grants and contributions not restricted to specific programs					1,129,314	1,129,314
Farmers Day					29,130	29,130
Unrestricted investment earnings					13,393	13,393
Insurance recovery					4,234	4,234
Miscellaneous					40,431	40,431
Total general revenues and transfers					2,903,476	2,903,476
Change in net position					381,031	381,031
Net position, beginning					3,732,767	3,732,767
Net position, ending					\$ 4,113,798	\$ 4,113,798

The notes to the financial statements are an integral part of this statement.

TOWN OF CHINA GROVE, NORTH CAROLINA
BALANCE SHEET
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
June 30, 2016

Exhibit 3

	General Fund	Capital Reserve Fund	Total Governmental Funds
Assets			
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 2,652,141	\$ -	\$ 2,652,141
Restricted cash	609,592	9,042	618,634
Taxes receivable (net)	62,906	-	62,906
Account receivable	1,724	-	1,724
Prepaid items	13,225	-	13,225
Due from other governments	347,902	-	347,902
Debt reimbursement receivable from City of Salisbury	2,145,745	-	2,145,745
Total assets	5,833,235	9,042	5,842,277
Liabilities			
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	80,996	-	80,996
Unearned revenue-Farmer's Day	24,609	-	24,609
Developer deposit	144,895	-	144,895
Total liabilities	250,500	-	250,500
Deferred Inflows of Resources			
Property taxes receivable	62,906	-	62,906
Debt reimbursement from City of Salisbury	2,145,745	-	2,145,745
Total deferred inflows of resources	2,208,651	-	2,208,651
Fund Balances			
Non Spendable			
Prepaid expenses	13,225	-	13,225
Restricted			
Stabilization by State Statute	349,626	-	349,626
Streets	350,563	-	350,563
Police-Drug enforcement	7,662	-	7,662
Debt service	116,087	-	116,087
Capital Reserve	-	9,042	9,042
Assigned			
Subsequent year's expenditures	590,100	-	590,100
Unassigned	1,946,821	-	1,946,821
Total fund balances	3,374,084	9,042	\$ 3,383,126
Total liabilities, deferred inflows of resources, and fund balances	\$ 5,833,235	\$ 9,042	

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BALANCE SHEET
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
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Exhibit 3

Amounts reported for governmental activities in the Statement of Net Position (Exhibit 1) are different because:

Total Fund Balance, Governmental Funds		\$ 3,383,126
Capital assets used in governmental activities are not financial resources and, therefore, are not reported in the funds.		
Gross capital assets at historical cost	\$ 6,076,667	
Accumulated depreciation	<u>(2,817,479)</u>	3,259,188
Deferred outflows of resources related to contributions to the pension plan in the current fiscal year are not reported in the funds		63,663
Other long-term assets (accrued interest receivable from taxes) are not available to pay for current-period expenditures and, therefore, are deferred in the funds.		13,565
Earned revenues considered deferred inflows of resources in fund statements		2,208,651
Long-term liabilities used in governmental activities are not financial uses and therefore are not reported in the funds		(4,719,706)
Deferred inflows of resources related to pensions are not reported in the funds		(47,109)
Other long-term liabilities (accrued interest), are not due and payable in the current period and therefore are not reported in the funds.		<u>(47,580)</u>
Net assets of governmental activities		<u>\$ 4,113,798</u>

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STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND
CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
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Exhibit 4

	General Fund	Capital Reserve Fund	Total Governmental Funds
Revenues			
Ad valorem taxes	\$ 1,684,158	\$ -	\$ 1,684,158
Unrestricted intergovernmental	1,129,313	-	1,129,313
Restricted intergovernmental	701,066	-	701,066
Permits and fees	15,236	-	15,236
Investment earnings	13,373	20	13,393
Miscellaneous	69,564	-	69,564
Total Revenues	3,612,710	20	3,612,730
Expenditures			
Current			
General Government	424,765	-	424,765
Public safety	1,425,961	-	1,425,961
Transportation	6,379	-	6,379
Environmental protection	577,809	-	577,809
Economic and physical development	57,683	-	57,683
Cultural and recreation	144,083	-	144,083
Debt Service			
Principal retirement	634,068	-	634,068
Interest	155,123	-	155,123
Total expenditures	3,425,871	-	3,425,871
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenditures	186,839	20	186,859
Other financing sources (uses):			
Proceeds from borrowing	26,374	-	26,374
Insurance recovery	4,234	-	4,234
Total other financing sources (uses)	30,608	-	30,608
Net change in fund balance	217,447	20	217,467
Fund balances, beginning	3,156,637	9,022	3,165,659
Fund balance, ending	\$ 3,374,084	\$ 9,042	\$ 3,383,126

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STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND
CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
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Exhibit 4

Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of activities are different because:

Net changes in fund balances - total governmental funds	\$	217,467
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Governmental funds report capital outlays as expenditures. However, in the Statement of Activities the cost of those assets is allocated over their estimated useful lives and reported as depreciation expense. This is the amount by which capital outlays exceeded depreciation in the current period.

Capital outlay expenditures which were capitalized	\$	101,950	
Depreciation expense for governmental assets		<u>(174,750)</u>	(72,800)

Contributions to the pension plan in the current fiscal year are not included on the Statement of Activities			63,663
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Revenues in the Statement of Activities that do not provide current financial resources are not reported as revenues in the fund.

Change in unavailable revenue for tax revenues		2,814	
Change in unearned revenue for debt reimbursement-City of Salisbury		<u>(386,476)</u>	(383,662)

The issuance of long-term debt provides current financial resources to governmental funds, while the repayment of the principal of long-term debt consumes the current financial resources of governmental funds. Neither transaction has any effect on net assets. Also, governmental funds report the effect of issuance costs, premiums, discounts and similar items when debt is first issued, whereas these amounts are deferred and amortized in the statement of activities. This amount is the net effect of these differences in treatment of long-term debt and related items.

Net long-term debt issued		(26,374)	
Principal payments on long-term debt		634,068	
Decrease in accrued interest payable		<u>2,538</u>	610,232

Some expenses reported in the Statement of Activities do not require the use of current financial resources and, therefore, are not reported as expenditures in governmental funds.

Compensated absences			(25,871)
Pension expense (LEGRS)			(31,589)
Net pension obligation (LEO)			<u>3,591</u>

Total changes in net assets of governmental activities	\$		<u><u>381,031</u></u>
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TOWN OF CHINA GROVE, NORTH CAROLINA
GENERAL FUND
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND
CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES-BUDGET AND ACTUAL
For the Year Ended June 30, 2016

Exhibit 5

	General Fund			Variance with Final Budget- Positive (Negative)
	Original	Final	Actual Amounts	
Revenues				
Ad valorem taxes	\$ 1,730,100	\$ 1,730,100	\$ 1,684,158	\$ (45,942)
Unrestricted intergovernmental	1,045,500	1,045,500	1,129,313	83,813
Restricted intergovernmental	717,000	702,000	701,066	(934)
Permits and fees	13,000	13,000	15,236	2,236
Investment earnings	8,000	8,000	13,373	5,373
Miscellaneous	36,600	41,600	69,564	27,964
Total revenues	3,550,200	3,540,200	3,612,710	72,510
Expenditures				
Current				
General government	446,100	421,100	424,765	(3,665)
Public safety	2,175,300	1,485,300	1,425,961	59,339
Transportation	119,000	119,000	6,379	112,621
Environmental protection	622,200	602,200	577,809	24,391
Economic and physical development	41,600	61,600	57,683	3,917
Cultural and recreational	108,300	149,300	144,083	5,217
Debt service				
Principal retirement	671,700	671,700	634,068	37,632
Interest	156,500	156,500	155,123	1,377
Total expenditures	4,340,700	3,666,700	3,425,871	240,829
Revenues over (under) expenditures	(790,500)	(126,500)	186,839	313,339
Other financing sources (uses):				
Proceeds from borrowing	500,000	-	26,374	26,374
Insurance recovery	-	-	4,234	4,234
Total other financing sources (uses)	500,000	-	30,608	30,608
Fund balance appropriated	290,500	126,500	-	(126,500)
Net change in fund balance	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	217,447	<u>\$ 217,447</u>
Fund balance, beginning			<u>3,156,637</u>	
Fund balance, ending			<u>\$ 3,374,084</u>	

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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I. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

The accounting policies of the Town of China Grove conform to generally accepted accounting principles as applicable to governments. The following is a summary of the more significant accounting policies:

A. Reporting Entity

The Town of China Grove is a municipal corporation that is governed by an elected mayor and a five-member Town Council. These financial statements present financial information of the Town as required by generally accepted accounting principles.

B. Basis of Presentation

Government-wide Statements- The statement of net position and the statement of activities display information about the primary government. These statements include the financial activities of the overall government. Eliminations have been made to minimize the double counting of internal activities. These statements distinguish between the governmental and business-type activities of the Town. Governmental activities generally are financed through taxes, intergovernmental revenues, and other non-exchange transactions. Business-type activities are financed in whole or in part by fees charged to external parties. The Town does not currently have any business-type activities.

The statement of activities presents a comparison between direct expenses and program revenues for each function of the Town's governmental activities. Direct expenses are those that are specifically associated with a program or function and, therefore, are clearly identifiable to a particular function. Indirect expense allocations that have been made in the funds have been reversed for the statement of activities. Program revenues include (a) fees and charges paid by the recipients of goods or services offered by the programs and (b) grants and contributions that are restricted to meeting the operational or capital requirements of a particular program. Revenues that are not classified as program revenues, including all taxes, are presented as general revenues.

Fund Financial Statements- The fund financial statements provide information about the Town's funds. Separate statements for each fund category – governmental, proprietary, and fiduciary – are presented, when applicable. The emphasis of fund financial statements is on major governmental and enterprise funds, each displayed in a separate column. All remaining governmental and enterprise funds are aggregated and reported as non-major funds.

Proprietary fund operating revenues, such as charges for services, result from exchange transactions associated with the principal activity of the fund. Exchange transactions are those in which each party receives and gives up essentially equal values. Non-operating revenues, such as subsidies result from non-exchange transactions. Other non-operating revenues are ancillary activities such as investment earnings.

The Town reports the following major governmental funds:

General Fund- The General Fund is the general operating fund of the Town. The General Fund accounts for all financial resources except those that are required to be accounted for in another fund. The primary revenue sources are ad valorem taxes, State grants, and various other taxes and licenses. The primary expenditures are for public safety, street maintenance and construction, and environmental protection.

Capital Project - Capital Reserve Fund- This fund is used to accumulate cash for future capital purchases.

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C. Measurement Focus and Basis of Accounting

In accordance with North Carolina General Statutes, all funds of the Town are maintained during the year using the modified accrual basis of accounting.

Government-wide Financial Statements- The government-wide financial statements are reported using the economic resources measurement focus. The government-wide financial statements are reported using the accrual basis of accounting. Revenues are recorded when earned and expenses are recorded at the time liabilities are incurred, regardless of when the related cash flows take place. Nonexchange transactions, in which the Town gives (or receives) value without directly receiving (or giving) equal value in exchange, include property taxes, grants, and donations. On an accrual basis, revenue from property taxes is recognized in the fiscal year for which the taxes are levied. Revenue from grants and donations is recognized in the fiscal year in which all eligibility requirements have been satisfied.

Amounts reported as program revenues include 1) charges to customers or applicants for goods, services, or privileges provided, 2) operating grants and contributions, and 3) capital grants and contributions, including special assessments. Internally dedicated resources are reported as general revenues rather than as program revenues. Likewise, general revenues include all taxes.

Governmental Fund Financial Statements- Governmental funds are reported using the current financial resources measurement focus and the modified accrual basis of accounting. Under this method, revenues are recognized when measurable and available. Expenditures are recorded when the related fund liability is incurred, except for principal and interest on general long-term debt, claims and judgments, and compensated absences, which are recognized as expenditures to the extent they have matured. General capital asset acquisitions are reported as expenditures in governmental funds. Proceeds of general long-term debt and acquisitions under capital leases are reported as other financing sources.

The Town considers all revenues available if they are collected within 90 days after year-end, except for property taxes. Ad valorem taxes receivable are not accrued as revenue because the amount is not susceptible to accrual. At June 30, taxes receivable for property other than motor vehicles are materially past due and are not considered to be an available resource to finance the operations of the current year. Also, as of September 1, 2013, State law altered the procedures for the assessment and collection of property taxes on registered motor vehicles in North Carolina. Effective with this change in the law, the State of North Carolina is responsible for billing and collecting the property taxes on registered motor vehicles on behalf of all municipalities and special tax districts. Property taxes are due when vehicles are registered. The billed taxes are applicable to the fiscal year in which they are received. Uncollected taxes that were billed in periods prior to September 1, 2013 and for limited registration plates are shown as a receivable in these financial statements and are offset by deferred inflows of resources.

Sales taxes and certain intergovernmental revenues, such as the beer and wine tax, collected and held by the State at year-end on behalf of the Town are recognized as revenue. Sales taxes are considered a shared revenue for the Town of China Grove because the tax is levied by Rowan County and then remitted to and distributed by the State. Most intergovernmental revenues and sales and services are not susceptible to accrual because generally they are not measurable until received in cash. All taxes, including those dedicated for specific purposes are reported as general revenues rather than program revenues. Under the terms of grant agreements, the Town funds certain programs by a combination of specific cost-reimbursement grants, categorical block grants, and general revenues. Thus, when program expenses are incurred, there is both restricted and unrestricted net position available to finance the program. It is the Town's policy to first apply cost-reimbursement grant resources to such programs, followed by categorical block grants, and then by general revenues.

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D. Budgetary Data

The Town's budgets are adopted as required by the North Carolina General Statutes. An annual budget is adopted for the General Fund. All annual appropriations lapse at the fiscal-year end. A project ordinance is adopted for the Capital Reserve Fund. All budgets are prepared using the modified accrual basis of accounting. Expenditures may not legally exceed appropriations at the functional level for all annually budgeted funds and at the project level for the multi-year funds. Amendments are required for any revisions that alter total expenditures of any fund or that change functional appropriations by more than 10%. All amendments must be approved by the governing board. The budget ordinance must be adopted by July 1 of the fiscal year or the governing board must adopt an interim budget that covers that time until the annual ordinance can be adopted.

E. Assets, Liabilities, Deferred Outflows/Inflows of Resources, and Fund Equity

1. Deposits and Investments

All deposits of the Town are made in board-designated official depositories and are secured as required by State law [G.S. 159-31]. The Town may designate as, an official depository, any bank or savings association whose principal office is located in North Carolina. Also, the Town may establish time deposit accounts such as NOW and SuperNOW accounts, money market accounts, and certificates of deposit.

State law [G.S. 159-30(c)] authorizes the Town to invest in obligations of the United States or obligations fully guaranteed both as to principal and interest by the United States; obligations of the State of North Carolina; bonds and notes of any North Carolina local government or public authority; obligations of certain non-guaranteed federal agencies; certain high quality issues of commercial paper and bankers' acceptances; and the North Carolina Capital Management Trust (NCCMT). The Town's investments are reported at fair value. The NCCMT-Cash Portfolio, a SEC-registered (2a-7) external investment pool, is measured at amortized cost, which is the NCCMT's share price. The NCCMT-Term Portfolio's securities are valued at fair value.

2. Cash and Cash Equivalents

The Town pools money from several funds to facilitate disbursement and investment and to maximize investment income and considers all cash and investments to be cash and cash equivalents.

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3. Restricted Assets

Cash in a Police drug account is classified as restricted cash because its use is restricted for specific purposes. The Town has a USDA loan due which requires the Town to keep an amount equal to one annual loan payment in a separate bank account. The Town has cash held in a separate account that is classified as restricted cash because it will be returned to a developer, including interest earned, upon completion of a project in the Town. Powell Bill funds are classified as restricted cash because they can be expended only for the purposes of maintaining, repairing, constructing, reconstructing or widening of local streets per G.S. 136-41.1 through 136-41.4.

Town of China Grove Restricted Cash	
Governmental Activities:	
General Fund	
Police drug account	\$ 7,662
Debt service account-USDA loan	116,087
Developer performance bond	144,894
Restricted for street maintenance	340,949
Capital Reserve Fund	<u>9,042</u>
Total restricted cash	<u>\$ 618,634</u>

4. Ad Valorem Taxes Receivable

In accordance with State law [G.S. 105-347 and G.S. 159-13(a)], the Town levies ad valorem taxes on property other than motor vehicles on July 1, the beginning of the fiscal year. The taxes are due on September 1 (lien date); however, interest does not accrue until the following January 6. These taxes are based on the assessed values as of January 1, 2015. As allowed by State law, the Town has established a schedule of discounts that apply to taxes that are paid prior to the due date. In the Town's General Fund, ad valorem tax revenues are reported net of such discounts.

5. Allowances for Doubtful Accounts

All receivables that historically experience uncollectible accounts are shown net of an allowance for doubtful accounts. This amount is estimated by analyzing the percentage of receivables that were written off in prior years.

6. Prepaid Items

Certain payments to vendors reflect costs applicable to future accounting periods and are recorded as prepaid items in both government-wide and fund financial statements and expensed as the items are used.

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7. Capital Assets

Capital assets are defined by the government as assets with an initial, individual cost of more than a certain cost and an estimated useful life in excess of two years. Minimum capitalization costs are as follows: land, \$10,000; buildings, improvements, substations, lines, and other plant and distribution systems, \$15,000; infrastructure, \$20,000; furniture and equipment, \$5,000; and vehicles, \$10,000. Purchased or constructed capital assets are reported at cost or estimated historical cost. Donated capital assets received prior to June 15, 2015 are recorded at their estimated fair value at the date of donation. Donated capital assets received after June 15, 2015 are recorded at acquisition value. All other purchased or constructed capital assets are reported at cost or estimated historical value. The cost of normal maintenance and repairs that do not add to the value of the asset or materially extend assets' lives are not capitalized.

Capital assets are depreciated using the straight-line method over the following estimated useful lives:

<u>Asset Class</u>	<u>Estimated Useful Lives</u>
Infrastructure	30 – 50
Buildings	50
Improvements	25
Vehicles	5 - 6
Furniture and equipment	5 - 10
Computer equipment	3

8. Deferred Outflows/Inflows of Resources

In addition to assets, the statement of financial position will sometimes report a separate section for deferred outflows of resources. This separate financial statement element, *Deferred Outflows of Resources*, represents a consumption of net position that applies to a future period and so will not be recognized as an expense or expenditure until then. The Town has one item that meets this criterion, contributions made to the pension plan in the 2016 fiscal year. In addition to liabilities, the statement of financial position will sometimes report a separate section for deferred inflows of resources. This separate financial statement element, *Deferred Inflows of Resources*, represents an acquisition of net position that applies to a future period and so will not be recognized as revenue until then. The Town has several items that meet the criterion for this category - prepaid taxes, property taxes receivable, debt reimbursement from the City of Salisbury, and deferrals of pension expense that result from the implementation of GASB Statement 68.

9. Long-Term Obligations

In the government-wide financial statements, long-term debt and other long-term obligations are reported as liabilities in the applicable governmental activities statement of net position.

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10. Compensated Absences

The vacation policy of the Town provides for the accumulation of up to thirty days earned vacation leave with such leave being fully vested when earned. For the Town's government-wide and proprietary funds, an expense and a liability for compensated absences and the salary-related payments are recorded as the leave is earned. The Town has assumed a first-in, first-out method of using accumulated compensated time. The portion of that time that is estimated to be used in the next fiscal year has been designated as a current liability in the government-wide financial statements.

The Town's sick leave policy provides for an unlimited accumulation of earned sick leave. Sick leave does not vest, but any unused sick leave accumulated at the time of retirement may be used in the determination of length of service for retirement benefit purposes. Since the Town does not have any obligation for the accumulated sick leave until it is actually taken, no accrual for sick leave has been made.

11. Net Position/Fund Balances

Net Position

Net position in government-wide financial statements is classified as investment in capital assets; restricted; and unrestricted. Restricted net position represents constraints on resources that are either externally imposed by creditors, grantors, contributors, or laws or regulations of other governments or imposed by law through state statute.

Fund Balances

In the governmental fund financial statements, fund balance is composed of five classifications designed to disclose the hierarchy of constraints placed on how fund balance can be spent.

The governmental fund types classify fund balances as follows:

Non Spendable Fund Balance – This classification includes amounts that cannot be spent because they are either (a) not in spendable form or (b) legally or contractually required to be maintained intact.

The Town of China Grove has some prepaid items that are classified as Non Spendable.

Restricted Fund Balance – This classification includes amounts that are restricted to specific purposes externally imposed by creditors or imposed by law.

Restricted for Stabilization by State statute - portion of fund balance that is restricted by State Statute [G.S. 159-8(a)].

Restricted for Streets - Powell Bill portion of fund balance that is restricted by revenue source for street construction and maintenance expenditures. This amount represents the balance of the total unexpended Powell Bill Funds.

Restricted for Drug Enforcement – Funds seized in drug enforcement operations to be used only for drug enforcement related expenses.

Restricted for Debt Service – Funds required to be held in reserve for future debt payments.

Restricted for Capital Reserve – Funds set aside in a capital reserve fund to be used only for capital purchases.

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Committed Fund Balance –portion of fund balance that can only be used for specific purposes imposed by majority vote by quorum of the Town of China Grove’s governing body (highest level of decision-making authority). Any changes or removal of specific purpose requires majority action by the governing body. The governing body can, by adoption of an ordinance prior to the end of the fiscal year, commit fund balance. Once adopted, the limitation imposed by the ordinance remains in place until a similar action is taken (the adoption of another ordinance) to remove or revise the limitation.

The Town of China Grove does not have any fund balance classified as Committed.

Assigned fund balance – portion of fund balance that the Town of China Grove intends to use for specific purposes.

Subsequent year’s expenditures – portion of fund balance that is appropriated in the next year’s budget that is not already classified in restricted or committed. The governing body approves the appropriation.

Unassigned fund balance – the portion of fund balance that has not been restricted, committed, or assigned to specific purposes or other funds.

The Town of China Grove does not have a revenue spending policy that provides guidance for programs with multiple revenue sources.

The Town of China Grove has not adopted a minimum fund balance policy for the general fund.

12. Pensions

For purposes of measuring the net pension liability, deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions, and pension expense, information about the fiduciary net position of the Local Governmental Employees’ Retirement System (LGERS) and additions to/deductions from LGERS’ fiduciary net position have been determined on the same basis as they are reported by LGERS. For this purpose, plan member contributions are recognized in the period in which the contributions are due. The Town of China Grove’s employer contributions are recognized when due and the Town of China Grove has a legal requirement to provide the contributions. Benefits and refunds are recognized when due and payable in accordance with the terms of LGERS. Investments are reported at fair value.

II. Stewardship, Compliance, and Accountability

A. Material Violations of Finance-Related Legal and Contractual Provisions

1. Noncompliance with North Carolina General Statutes: None.

2. Contractual Violations: None.

B. Deficit Fund Balance or Net Position of Individual Funds: None.

C. Excess of Expenditures Over Appropriations: None.

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III. Detail Notes on All Funds

A. Assets

1. Deposits

All the deposits of the Town are either insured or collateralized by using one of two methods. Under the Dedicated Method, all deposits that exceed the federal depository insurance coverage level are collateralized with securities held by the Town's agent in the Town's name. Under the Pooling Method, which is a collateral pool, all uninsured deposits are collateralized with securities held by the State Treasurer's agent in the name of the State Treasurer. Since the State Treasurer is acting in a fiduciary capacity for the Town, these deposits are considered to be held by the Town's agent in the Town's name. The amount of the pledged collateral is based on an approved averaging method for non-interest bearing deposits and the actual current balance for interest-bearing deposits. Depositories using the Pooling Method report to the State Treasurer the adequacy of their pooled collateral covering uninsured deposits. The State Treasurer does not confirm this information with the Town or the escrow agent. Because of the inability to measure the exact amounts of collateral pledged for the Town under the Pooling Method, the potential exists for undercollateralization, and this risk may increase in periods of high cash flows. However, the State Treasurer of North Carolina enforces strict standards of financial stability for each depository that collateralizes public deposits under the Pooling Method. The Town has no policy regarding custodial credit risk for deposits, but relies on the State Treasurer to enforce standards of minimum capitalization for all pooling method financial institutions and to monitor them for compliance. The Town complies with the provisions of G.S. 159-31 when designating official depositories and verifying that deposits are properly secured.

At June 30, 2016, the Town's deposits had a carrying amount of \$2,905,518 and a bank balance of \$2,941,557. Of the bank balance, \$511,688 was covered by federal depository insurance and the remainder was covered by collateral held under the pooling method. At June 30, 2016, the Town's petty cash fund totaled \$450.

2. Investments

At June 30, 2016, the Town of China Grove had \$364,808 invested with the North Carolina Capital Management Trust's Cash Portfolio which carried a credit rating of AAAM by Standard and Poor's. The Town has no policy regarding credit risk.

3. Receivables – Allowance for Doubtful Accounts

The amount for taxes receivable presented in the Balance Sheet and the Statement of Net Position for the year ended June 30, 2016 is net of an allowance for doubtful accounts of \$14,494.

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4. Capital Assets

Primary Government

Capital asset activity for the Primary Government for the year ended June 30, 2016, was as follows:

	Beginning Balances	Increases	Decreases	Ending Balances
Governmental activities:				
Capital assets not being depreciated				
Land	\$ 50,912	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 50,912
Total capital assets not being depreciated	50,912	-	-	50,912
Capital assets being depreciated:				
Buildings	2,747,355		-	2,747,355
Equipment	2,418,414	101,950	16,633	2,503,731
Infrastructure	615,680	-	-	615,680
Other improvements	158,989	-	-	158,989
Total capital assets being depreciated	5,940,438	101,950	16,633	6,025,755
Less accumulated depreciation for:				
Buildings	466,844	54,947	-	521,791
Equipment	2,045,571	101,631	16,633	2,130,569
Infrastructure	54,094	12,314	-	66,408
Other improvements	92,852	5,859	-	98,711
Total accumulated depreciation	2,659,361	\$ 174,751	\$ 16,633	2,817,479
Total capital assets being depreciated, net	3,281,077			3,208,276
Governmental activity capital assets, net	<u>\$ 3,331,989</u>			<u>\$ 3,259,188</u>

Depreciation expense was charged to functions of the primary government as follows:

General government	\$ 31,080
Public safety	106,088
Transportation	13,334
Environmental protection	19,642
Cultural and recreation	4,606
Total depreciation expense	<u>\$ 174,750</u>

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B. Liabilities

1. Pension Plan Obligations

a. Local Governmental Employees' Retirement System

Plan Description- The Town of China Grove is a participating employer in the statewide Local Governmental Employees' Retirement System (LGERS), a cost-sharing, multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan administered by the State of North Carolina. LGERS membership is comprised of general employees and local law enforcement officers (LEOs) of participating local governmental entities. Article 3 of G.S. Chapter 128 assigns the authority to establish and amend benefit provisions to the North Carolina General Assembly. Management of the plan is vested in the LGERS Board of Trustees, which consists of 13 members – nine appointed by the Governor, one appointed by the State Senate, one appointed by the State House of Representatives, and the State Treasurer and State Superintendent, who serve as ex-officio members. The Local Governmental Employees' Retirement System is included in the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) for the State of North Carolina. The State's CAFR includes financial statements and required supplementary information for LGERS. That report may be obtained by writing to the Office of the State Controller, 1410 Mail Service Road, Raleigh, North Carolina 27699-1410, or by calling (919) 981-5454, or at www.osc.nc.gov.

Benefits Provided- LGERS provides retirement and survivor benefits. Retirement benefits are determined as 1.85% of the member's average final compensation times the member's years of creditable service. A member's average final compensation is calculated as the average of a member's four highest consecutive years of compensation. Plan members are eligible to retire with full retirement benefits at age 65 with five years of creditable service, at age 60 with 25 years of creditable service, or at any age with 30 years of creditable service. Plan members are eligible to retire with partial retirement benefits at age 50 with 20 years of creditable service or at age 60 with five years of creditable service (age 55 for firefighters). Survivor benefits are available to eligible beneficiaries of members who die while in active service or within 180 days of their last day of service and who have either completed 20 years of creditable service regardless of age (15 years of creditable service for firefighters and rescue squad members who are killed in the line of duty) or have completed five years of service and have reached age 60. Eligible beneficiaries may elect to receive a monthly Survivor's Alternate Benefit for life or a return of the member's contributions. The plan does not provide for automatic post-retirement benefit increases. Increases are contingent upon actuarial gains of the plan.

LGERS plan members who are LEOs are eligible to retire with full retirement benefits at age 55 with five years of creditable service as an officer, or at any age with 30 years of creditable service. LEO plan members are eligible to retire with partial retirement benefits at age 50 with 15 years of creditable service as an officer. Survivor benefits are available to eligible beneficiaries of LEO members who die while in active service or within 180 days of their last day of service and who also have either completed 20 years of creditable service regardless of age, or have completed 15 years of service as a LEO and have reached age 50, or have completed five years of creditable service as a LEO and have reached age 55, or have completed 15 years of creditable service as a LEO if killed in the line of duty. Eligible beneficiaries may elect to receive a monthly Survivor's Alternate Benefit for life or a return of the member's contributions.

Contributions- Contribution provisions are established by General Statute 128-30 and may be amended only by the North Carolina General Assembly. Town of China Grove employees are required to contribute 6% of their compensation. Employer contributions are actuarially determined and set annually by the LGERS Board of Trustees. The China Grove's contractually required contribution rate for the year ended June 30, 2016, was 7.15% of compensation for law enforcement officers and 6.75% for general employees and firefighters, actuarially determined as an amount that, when combined with employee contributions, is expected to finance the costs of benefits earned by employees during the year. Contributions to the pension plan from the Town of China Grove were \$55,050 for the year ended June 30, 2016.

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Refunds of Contributions- Town employees who have terminated service as a contributing member of LGERS, may file an application for a refund of their contributions. By state law, refunds to members with at least five years of service include 4% interest. State law requires a 60 day waiting period after service termination before the refund may be paid. The acceptance of a refund payment cancels the individual's right to employer contributions or any other benefit provided by LGERS.

Pension Liabilities, Pension Expense, and Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources Related to Pensions

At June 30, 2016, the Town reported a liability of \$64,537 for its proportionate share of the net pension liability. The net pension liability was measured as of June 30, 2015. The total pension liability used to calculate the net pension asset was determined by an actuarial valuation as of December 31, 2014. The total pension liability was then rolled forward to the measurement date of June 30, 2015 utilizing update procedures incorporating the actuarial assumptions. The Town's proportion of the net pension liability was based on a projection of the Town's long-term share of future payroll covered by the pension plan, relative to the projected future payroll covered by the pension plan of all participating LGERS employers, actuarially determined. At June 30, 2015, the Town's proportion was 0.014%, which was a decrease of 0.001% from its proportion measured as of June 30, 2014.

For the year ended June 30, 2016, the Town recognized pension expense of \$25,572. At June 30, 2016, the City reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions from the following sources:

	Deferred Outflows of Resources	Deferred Inflows of Resources
Differences between expected and actual experience	\$ -	\$ 15,170
Changes of assumptions	-	-
Net difference between projected and actual earnings on pension plan investments	-	18,373
Changes in proportion and differences between Town contributions and proportionate share of contributions	-	13,566
Town contributions subsequent to the measurement date	63,663	-
Total	\$ 63,663	\$ 47,109

\$63,663 reported as deferred outflows of resources related to pensions resulting from Town contributions subsequent to the measurement date will be recognized as an increase of the net pension asset in the year ended June 30, 2017. Other amounts reported as deferred inflows of resources related to pensions will be recognized in pension expense as follows:

Year ended June 30:

2017	\$ (25,302)
2018	(25,302)
2019	(25,263)
2020	28,758
2021	-
Thereafter	-

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Actuarial Assumptions- The total pension liability in the December 31, 2014 actuarial valuation was determined using the following actuarial assumptions, applied to all periods included in the measurement:

Inflation	3.0 percent
Salary increases	4.25 to 8.55 percent, including inflation and productivity factor
Investment rate of return	7.25 percent, net of pension plan investment expense, including inflation

The plan currently uses mortality tables that vary by age, gender, employee group (i.e. general, law enforcement officer) and health status (i.e. disabled and healthy). The current mortality rates are based on published tables and based on studies that cover significant portions of the U.S. population. The healthy mortality rates also contain a provision to reflect future mortality improvements.

The actuarial assumptions used in the December 31, 2014 valuation were based on the results of an actuarial experience study for the period January 1, 2005 through December 31, 2009.

Future ad hoc COLA amounts are not considered to be substantively automatic and are therefore not included in the measurement.

The projected long-term investment returns and inflation assumptions are developed through review of current and historical capital markets data, sell-side investment research, consultant whitepapers, and historical performance of investment strategies. Fixed income return projections reflect current yields across the U.S. Treasury yield curve and market expectations of forward yields projected and interpolated for multiple tenors and over multiple year horizons. Global public equity return projections are established through analysis of the equity risk premium and the fixed income return projections. Other asset categories and strategies' return projections reflect the foregoing and historical data analysis. These projections are combined to produce the long-term expected rate of return by weighting the expected future real rates of return by the target asset allocation percentage and by adding expected inflation. The target allocation and best estimates of arithmetic real rates of return for each major asset class as of June 30, 2015 are summarized in the following table:

<u>Asset Class</u>	<u>Target Allocation</u>	<u>Long-Term Expected Real Rate of Return</u>
Fixed Income	29.0%	2.2%
Global Equity	42.0%	5.8%
Real Estate	8.0%	5.2%
Alternatives	8.0%	9.8%
Credit	7.0%	6.8%
Inflation Protection	6.0%	3.4%
Total	<u>100%</u>	

The information above is based on 30 year expectations developed with the consulting actuary for the 2014 asset, liability, and investment policy study for the North Carolina Retirement Systems, including LGERS. The long-term nominal rates of return underlying the real rates of return are arithmetic annualized figures. The real rates of return are calculated from nominal rates by multiplicatively subtracting a long-term inflation assumption of 3.00%. All rates of return and inflation are annualized.

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Discount rate. The discount rate used to measure the total pension liability was 7.25%. The projection of cash flows used to determine the discount rate assumed that contributions from plan members will be made at the current contribution rate and that contributions from employers will be made at statutorily required rates, actuarially determined. Based on these assumptions, the pension plan's fiduciary net position was projected to be available to make all projected future benefit payments of the current plan members. Therefore, the long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments was applied to all periods of projected benefit payments to determine the total pension liability.

Sensitivity of the Town's proportionate share of the net pension asset to changes in the discount rate. The following presents the Town's proportionate share of the net pension asset calculated using the discount rate of 7.25 percent, as well as what the Town's proportionate share of the net pension asset or net pension liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is one percentage point lower (6.25 percent) or one percentage point higher (8.25 percent) than the current rate:

	1% Decrease (6.25%)	Discount Rate (7.25%)	1% Increase (8.25%)
Town's proportionate share of the net pension liability (asset)	\$ 450,026	\$ 64,537	\$ (260,229)

Pension plan fiduciary net position. Detailed information about the pension plan's fiduciary net position is available in the separately issued Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) for the State of North Carolina.

b. Law Enforcement Officers' Special Separation Allowance

1. Plan Description- The Town of China Grove administers a public employee retirement system (the "Separation Allowance"), a single-employer defined benefit pension plan that provides retirement benefits to the Town's qualified sworn law enforcement officers. The Separation Allowance is equal to .85 percent of the annual equivalent of the base rate of compensation most recently applicable to the officer for each year of creditable service. The retirement benefits are not subject to any increases in salary or retirement allowances that may be authorized by the General Assembly. Article 12D of G.S. Chapter 143 assigns the authority to establish and amend benefit provisions to the North Carolina General Assembly.

All full-time law enforcement officers of the Town are covered by the Separation Allowance. At December 31, 2015 the Separation Allowance's membership consisted of:

Retirees receiving benefits	1
Terminated plan members entitled to but not yet receiving benefits	0
Active plan members	13
 Total	 14

A separate report was not issued for the plan.

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2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies:

Basis of Accounting- The Town has chosen to fund the Separation Allowance on a pay as you go basis. Pension expenditures are made from the General Fund, which is maintained on the modified accrual basis of accounting. Benefits and refunds are recognized when due and payable in accordance with the terms of the plan.

The Separation Allowance has no assets accumulated in a trust that meets the following criteria which are outlined in GASB Statements 67 and 68:

- contributions to the pension plan and earnings on those contributions are irrevocable
- pension plan assets are dedicated to providing benefits to plan members
- pension plan assets are legally protected from the creditors or employers, non-employer contributing entities, the plan administrator, and plan members.

Method Used to Value Investments- No funds are set aside to pay benefits and administration costs. These expenses are paid as they come due.

3. Contributions- The Town is required by Article 12D of G.S. Chapter 143 to provide these retirement benefits and has chosen to fund the benefits payments on a pay as you go basis through appropriations made in the General Fund operating budget. The Town's obligation to make these payments was established and may be amended by the North Carolina General Assembly. There were no contributions made by employees.

The annual required contribution for the current year was determined as part of the December 31, 2015 actuarial valuation using the projected unit credit actuarial cost method. The actuarial assumptions included (a) 5.00% investment rate of return (net of administrative expenses) and (b) projected salary increases of 4.25% - 7.85% per year. Both (a) and (b) included an inflation component of 3.00%. The assumptions did not include post-employment benefit increases.

Annual Pension Cost and Net Pension Obligation- The Town's annual pension cost and net pension obligation to the Separation Allowance for the current year were as follows:

Annual required contribution	\$ 19,615
Interest on net pension obligation	3,823
Adjustment to annual required contribution	<u>(6,720)</u>
Annual pension cost	16,718
Contributions made	<u>20,309</u>
Increase (decrease) in net pension obligation	(3,591)
Net pension obligation beginning of year	<u>76,466</u>
Net pension obligation end of year	<u><u>\$ 72,875</u></u>

For Year Ended June 30	3 Year Trend Information		
	Annual Pension Cost (APC)	Percentage of APC Contributed	Net Pension Obligation
2014	\$9,618	0.00%	\$77,899
2015	\$9,580	114.96%	\$76,466
2016	\$16,718	121.48%	\$72,875

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4. Funding Status and Funding Progress- As of December 31, 2015, the most recent actuarial valuation date, the plan was not funded. The actuarial accrued liability for benefits and the unfunded actuarial accrued liability (UAAL) was \$200,663. The covered payroll (annual payroll of active employees covered by the plan) was \$502,400, and the ratio of the UAAL to the covered payroll was 39.94 percent.

The schedule of funding progress, presented as required supplementary information following the notes to the financial statements, presents multiyear trend information about whether the actuarial value of plan assets are increasing or decreasing over time relative to the actuarial accrued liability for benefits.

c. Supplemental Retirement Income Plan

Plan Description- The Town contributes to the Supplemental Retirement Income Plan (Plan), a defined contribution pension plan administered by the Department of State Treasurer and a Board of Trustees. The Plan provides retirement benefits to all full-time employees of the Town. Article 5 of G.S. Chapter 135 assigns the authority to establish and amend benefit provisions to the North Carolina General Assembly. The Supplemental Retirement Income Plan for Law Enforcement Officers is included in the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) for the State of North Carolina. The State's CAFR includes the pension trust fund financial statements for the Internal Revenue Code Section 401(k) plan that includes the Supplemental Retirement Income Plan for Law Enforcement Officers. That report may be obtained by writing to the Office of the State Controller, 1410 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, North Carolina 27699-1410, or by calling (919) 981-5454.

Funding Policy- Article 12E of G.S. Chapter 143 requires the Town to contribute each month an amount equal to five percent of each officer's salary. In addition to this requirement, the Town has elected to contribute to the Plan an amount equal to 5 percent of the salary of each full-time employee not engaged in law enforcement. All amounts contributed are vested immediately. Also, employees may make voluntary contributions to the plan. Contributions for the year ended June 30, 2016 were \$48,711, which consisted of \$32,756 from the Town and \$15,955 from the employees.

2. Other Employment Benefit

The Town has elected to provide death benefits to employees through the Death Benefit Plan for members of the Local Governmental Employees' Retirement System (Death Benefit Plan), a multiple-employer, State-administered, cost-sharing plan funded on a one-year term cost basis. The beneficiaries of those employees who die in active service after one year of contributing membership in the System, or who die within 180 days after retirement or termination of service and have at least one year of contributing membership service in the System at the time of death are eligible for death benefits. Lump sum death benefit payments to beneficiaries are equal to the employee's 12 highest month's salary in a row during the 24 months prior to the employee's death, but the benefit may not exceed \$50,000 or be less than \$25,000. Because all death benefit payments are made from the Death Benefit Plan and not by the town, the Town does not determine the number of eligible participants. The Town has no liability beyond the payment of monthly contributions. The contributions to the Death Benefit Plan cannot be separated between the post-employment benefit amount and the other benefit amount. Contributions are determined as a percentage of monthly payroll based upon rates established annually by the State. Separate rates are set for employees not engaged in law enforcement and for law enforcement officers. The Town considers these contributions to be immaterial.

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3. Deferred Outflows and Inflows of Resources

Deferred outflows of resources at year-end is composed of the following:

<u>Source</u>	<u>Exhibit 1</u>	<u>Exhibit 3</u>
Contributions to pension plan in current fiscal year	<u>\$ 63,663</u>	<u>\$ -</u>

Deferred inflows of resources at year-end is composed of the following:

Property taxes receivable	\$ -	\$ 62,906
Debt reimbursement from City of Salisbury	-	2,084,554
Differences between expected and actual experience	15,170	-
Net difference between projected and actual earnings on pension plan investments	18,373	-
Changes in proportion and differences between employer contributions and proportionate share of contributions	<u>13,566</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u>\$ 47,109</u>	<u>\$ 2,147,460</u>

4. Risk Management

The Town is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts; theft of, damage to, and destruction of assets; errors and omissions; injuries to employees; and natural disasters. The Town participates in a self-funded risk financing pool administered by the North Carolina League of Municipalities. Through the pool the Town obtains worker's compensation coverage up to the statutory limits.

The Town carries commercial insurance for general liability, auto coverage, and property coverage. There have been no significant reductions in insurance coverage in the prior year, and settled claims have not exceeded coverage in any of the past three fiscal years.

The Town has purchased commercial flood insurance.

In accordance with G.S. 159-29, the Town's employees that have access to \$100 or more at any given time of the Town's funds are performance bonded through a commercial surety bond. The finance officer is individually bonded for \$117,000. The Town does not carry an individual bond on a tax collector because it outsources its tax collection to Rowan County. The remaining employees that have access to funds are bonded under a blanket bond for \$50,000.

5. Reconciliation of Powell Bill Expenditures

The following is a reconciliation of Powell Bill expenditures to the Powell Bill report filed:

Per financial statements-transportation	\$ 6,379
Reconciling items	<u>-</u>
Per Powell Bill Expenditures Report	<u>\$ 6,379</u>

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6. Long-Term Obligations

a. Capital Leases

The Town has entered into agreements to lease certain equipment. The lease agreements qualify as capital leases for accounting purposes and, therefore, have been recorded at the present value of the future minimum lease payments as of the date of their inception.

During the fiscal year ended June 30, 2016, the Town leased two copiers, one for administrative department use and one for police department use. Each lease requires 60 minimum monthly payments of \$219.78 beginning in February 2016. The copier agreements allow for the purchase of the copiers at the end of the lease for fair market value.

The following is an analysis of the assets recorded under capital leases at June 30, 2016:

<u>Classes of Property</u>	<u>Cost</u>	<u>Accumulated Depreciation</u>	<u>Net Book Value</u>
Equipment	\$ 26,374	\$ 2,638	\$ 23,736
Total	<u>\$ 26,374</u>	<u>\$ 2,638</u>	<u>\$ 23,736</u>

The future minimum lease obligations and the net present value of these minimum lease payments as of June 30, 2016 are as follows:

<u>Year Ending June 30</u>	
2017	\$ 5,275
2018	5,275
2019	5,275
2020	5,275
2021	<u>2,636</u>
Total minimum lease payments	23,736
Less amount representing interest	<u>-</u>
Present value of the minimum lease payments	<u>\$ 23,736</u>

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b. Installment Purchase

The Town has entered into two separate loan agreements to borrow \$1,854,725 and \$280,000 from the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA). The funds were used to renovate and upgrade an existing Town-owned building for use as its Town Hall and Fire Department. The terms of the agreements call for the loans to be repaid in 30 annual installments beginning December 2013. The interest rate for the loans is 3.5%.

The future minimum payments due on the loans as of June 30, 2016 are as follows:

Year Ending June 30	Governmental Activities	
	Principal	Interest
2017	\$ 46,012	\$ 70,075
2018	47,623	68,464
2019	49,290	66,797
2020	51,015	65,072
2021	52,800	63,287
2022-2026	293,049	287,386
2027-2031	348,051	232,384
2032-2036	413,375	167,060
2037-2041	490,960	89,475
2042-2043	209,957	10,891
	<u>\$2,002,132</u>	<u>\$1,120,891</u>

c. Installment Purchase

The Town has borrowed \$2,831,784 from the Drinking Water Revolving Loan Program, which is administered by the State of North Carolina, to upgrade its water system. The terms of the loan state that interest will accrue at the rate of 2.6% per annum. Interest payments will be made semiannually, payable on or before May 1 and November 1 beginning November 1, 2001. The principal sum shall be repaid in equal annual installments of \$176,986.50 beginning on May 1, 2002. Because these debt payments are being reimbursed by the City of Salisbury, the principal amount is included in "Debt reimbursement receivable from City of Salisbury" on Exhibit 1 and Exhibit 3.

The future minimum payments of the installment purchase as of June 30, 2016 are as follows:

Year Ending June 30	Governmental Activities	
	Principal	Interest
2017	\$ 176,987	\$ 4,602
	<u>\$ 176,987</u>	<u>\$ 4,602</u>

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d. Installment Purchase

The Town has borrowed \$1,678,136 from the Clean Water Revolving Loan Program, which is administered by the State of North Carolina, to upgrade its sewer system. The terms of the loan state that interest will accrue at the rate of 2.57% per annum. Interest payments will be made semiannually, payable on or before May 1 and November 1 beginning May 1, 2004. The principal sum shall be repaid in equal annual installments of \$83,906.80 beginning on May 1, 2004. Because these debt payments are being reimbursed by the City of Salisbury, the principal amount is included in "Debt reimbursement receivable from City of Salisbury" on Exhibit 1 and Exhibit 3.

The future minimum payments of the installment purchase as of June 30, 2016 are as follows:

Year Ending June 30	Governmental Activities	
	Principal	Interest
2017	\$ 83,907	\$ 15,095
2018	83,907	12,938
2019	83,907	10,782
2020	83,907	8,626
2021	83,907	6,469
2022-2023	167,813	6,469
	<u>\$ 587,348</u>	<u>\$ 60,379</u>

e. Installment Purchase

The Town has borrowed \$2,511,656 from the Clean Water Revolving Loan Program, which is administered by the State of North Carolina, to extend its sewer system. The terms of the loan state that interest will accrue at the rate of 2.305% per annum. Interest payments will be made semiannually, payable on or before May 1 and November 1 beginning November 1, 2007. The principal sum shall be repaid in 20 equal annual installments of \$125,582.80 beginning on May 1, 2008. Because these debt payments are being reimbursed by the City of Salisbury, the principal amount is included in "Debt reimbursement receivable from City of Salisbury" on Exhibit 1 and Exhibit 3.

The future minimum payments of the installment purchase as of June 30, 2016 are as follows:

Year Ending June 30	Governmental Activities	
	Principal	Interest
2017	\$ 125,583	\$ 31,842
2018	125,583	28,947
2019	125,583	26,052
2020	125,583	23,157
2021	125,583	20,263
2022-2026	627,914	57,894
2027	125,582	2,894
	<u>\$1,381,411</u>	<u>\$ 191,049</u>

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f. Installment Purchase

The Town borrowed \$132,000 from a local financial institution to purchase four cars during the year ended June 30, 2015. The agreement calls for 12 quarterly payments beginning May 2015. The loan has an interest rate of 3.12%.

The future minimum payments of the installment purchase as of June 30, 2016 are as follows:

Year Ending June 30	Governmental Activities	
	Principal	Interest
2017	\$ 44,321	\$ 2,023
2018	34,313	563
	\$ 78,634	\$ 2,586

g. Installment Debt Agreement

As part of the agreement to transfer the water and sewer system to the City of Salisbury, the Town of China Grove agreed to pay seven annual installments of \$120,000 to the City of Salisbury beginning in the 2011-2012 fiscal year, a total of \$840,000. The agreement does not call for interest to be paid or state an interest rate, therefore the Town is treating the entire payment as principal. The balance due at June 30, 2016 was \$240,000. This commitment is being shown as a long-term liability in the General Fund. The payments are being treated as debt service expense in the General Fund.

The future minimum payments of the installment purchase as of June 30, 2016 are as follows:

Year Ending June 30	Governmental Activities	
	Principal	Interest
2017	\$ 120,000	\$ -
2018	120,000	-
	\$ 240,000	\$ -

At June 30, 2016 the Town of China Grove, North Carolina had a legal debt margin of \$18,900,022.

h. Changes in Long-Term Liabilities

	Beginning Balance	Increases	Decreases	Ending Balance	Current Portion of Balance
Governmental activities:					
Installment purchases	\$ 5,090,640	\$ -	\$ 624,129	\$ 4,466,511	\$ 596,809
Capitalized leases	7,301	26,374	9,939	23,736	5,275
Compensated absences	66,176	25,871	-	92,047	36,119
Net pension benefit (LGRS)	-	64,537	-	64,537	-
Net pension obligation (LEO)	76,466	-	3,591	72,875	-
Governmental activities long-term liabilities	\$ 5,240,583	\$ 116,782	\$ 637,659	\$ 4,719,706	\$ 638,203

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C. Net Investment in Capital Assets

Capital assets	\$ 3,259,188
Less:	
Capital leases	23,736
Town Hall/Fire Dept USDA loans	2,002,132
Loan to purchase four cars	<u>78,634</u>
 Net investment in capital assets	 <u><u>\$ 1,154,686</u></u>

D. Fund Balance

The following schedule provides management and citizens with information on the portion of General Fund balance that is available for appropriation:

Total fund balance-General Fund	\$ 3,374,084
Less:	
Prepaid items	13,225
Stabilization by State Statute	349,626
Streets (Powell Bill funds)	350,563
Police-Drug enforcement	7,662
Debt service	116,087
Appropriated Fund Balance in 2016-17 budget	590,100
Working Capital/Fund Balance Policy	<u>-</u>
 Remaining Fund Balance	 <u><u>\$ 1,946,821</u></u>

IV. Joint Venture

The Town and the members of the Town's fire department each appoint two members to the five-member local board of trustees for the Firemen's Relief Fund. The State Insurance Commissioner appoints one additional member to the local board of trustees. The Firemen's Relief Fund is funded by a portion of the fire and lightning insurance premiums which insurers remit to the State. The State passes these moneys to the local board of the Firemen's Relief Fund. The funds are used to assist firefighters in various ways. The Town obtains an ongoing financial benefit from the Fund for the on-behalf of payments for salaries and fringe benefits made to members of the Town's fire department by the board of trustees. During the fiscal year ended June 30, 2016, the Town did not report any revenues and expenditures for these payments because no benefit payments were made through the Firemen's Relief Fund. The participating governments do not have any equity interest in the joint venture, so no equity has been reflected in the financial statements at June 30, 2016. The Firemen's Relief Fund does not issue separate audited financial statements. Instead, the local board of trustees files an annual financial report with the State Firemen's Association. This report can be obtained from the Association at 323 West Jones Street, Suite 401, Raleigh, North Carolina 27603.

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V. Summary Disclosure of Significant Contingencies

Federal and State Assisted Programs

The Town has received proceeds from federal and State grants. Periodic audits of these grants are required and certain costs may be questioned as not being appropriate expenditures under the grant agreements. Such audits could result in the refund of grant moneys to the grantor agencies. Management believes that any required refunds will be immaterial. No provision has been made in the accompanying financial statements for the refund of grant moneys.

VI. Subsequent Events

Management has evaluated the subsequent events through October 10, 2016, the date the financial statements were available to be issued.

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 Required Supplementary Information
 Schedule of Funding Progress

Actuarial Valuation Date	Actuarial Value of Assets (a)	Actuarial Accrued Liability (AAL) -Projected Unit Credit (b)	Unfunded AAL (UAAL) (b - a)	Funded Ratio (a/b)	Covered Payroll (c)	UAAL as a % of Covered Payroll ((b - a)/c)
12/31/10	-	\$ 32,748	\$ 32,748	0%	\$ 389,339	8.41%
12/31/11	-	43,736	43,736	0%	449,588	9.73%
12/31/12	-	55,204	55,204	0%	459,243	12.02%
12/31/13	-	54,713	54,713	0%	427,633	12.79%
12/31/14	-	145,098	145,098	0%	363,901	39.87%
12/31/15	-	200,663	200,663	0%	502,400	39.94%

Town of China Grove, North Carolina
Town of China Grove's Proportionate Share of Net Pension Liability (Asset)
Required Supplementary Information
Last Three Fiscal Years

Local Government Employees' Retirement System

	<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>
China Grove's proportion of the net pension liability (asset) (%)	0.01438%	0.01569%	0.01600%
China Grove's proportion of the net pension liability (asset) (\$)	\$ 64,537	\$ (92,531)	\$ 192,861
China Grove's covered-employee payroll	\$ 917,486	\$ 817,698	\$ 805,672
China Grove's proportionate share of the net pension liability (asset) as a percentage of its covered-employee payroll	7.03%	(11.32%)	23.94%
Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total pension liability	98.09%	102.64%	94.35%

Town of China Grove, North Carolina
Town of China Grove's Contributions
Required Supplementary Information
Last Three Fiscal Years

Local Government Employees' Retirement System

	<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>
Contractually required contribution	\$ 63,663	\$ 59,213	\$ 57,818
Contributions in relation to the contractually required contribution	<u>63,663</u>	<u>59,213</u>	<u>57,818</u>
Contribution deficiency (excess)	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>
China Grove's covered-employee payroll	\$ 917,486	\$ 817,698	\$ 805,672
Contributions as a percentage of covered-employee payroll	6.94%	7.24%	7.18%

TOWN OF CHINA GROVE, NORTH CAROLINA
GENERAL FUND
SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND
CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES - BUDGET AND ACTUAL
For the Year Ended June 30, 2016

	Budget	Actual	Variance Positive (Negative)
Revenues			
Ad valorem taxes			
Taxes	\$ 1,721,900	\$1,675,405	\$ (46,495)
Penalties and interest	8,200	8,753	553
Total	<u>1,730,100</u>	<u>1,684,158</u>	<u>(45,942)</u>
Unrestricted intergovernmental			
Local option sales taxes	725,000	790,115	65,115
Telecommunications sales tax	50,000	40,976	(9,024)
Utility sales tax	200,000	238,767	38,767
Piped natural gas sales tax	13,000	9,400	(3,600)
Video franchise fee	23,000	22,623	(377)
Beer and wine tax	18,500	18,330	(170)
ABC profit distribution	16,000	9,102	(6,898)
Total	<u>1,045,500</u>	<u>1,129,313</u>	<u>83,813</u>
Restricted intergovernmental			
Powell Bill allocation	119,000	117,806	(1,194)
Controlled substance tax	-	435	435
Fire tax	7,000	4,910	(2,090)
Fire tax supplement	7,700	7,740	40
Salisbury/Rowan Schools-SRO	88,000	86,102	(1,898)
Debt reimbursement from City of Salisbury	447,700	447,667	(33)
Public safety grants	30,000	33,705	3,705
Solid waste disposal	2,600	2,701	101
Total	<u>702,000</u>	<u>701,066</u>	<u>(934)</u>
Permits and fees			
Police fines and citations	3,000	4,861	1,861
Community building rent	10,000	10,375	375
Total	<u>13,000</u>	<u>15,236</u>	<u>2,236</u>
Investment earnings	<u>8,000</u>	<u>13,373</u>	<u>5,373</u>
Miscellaneous			
Farmers Day revenue	23,500	29,130	5,630
Sale of materials	2,500	555	(1,945)
Cable TV franchise fee	5,600	6,344	744
Parade entry fees	5,000	5,630	630
CIG sponsors/donations	-	4,757	4,757
Miscellaneous revenue	5,000	23,148	18,148
Total	<u>41,600</u>	<u>69,564</u>	<u>27,964</u>
Total revenues	<u>\$ 3,540,200</u>	<u>\$ 3,612,710</u>	<u>\$ 72,510</u>

TOWN OF CHINA GROVE, NORTH CAROLINA
GENERAL FUND
SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND
CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES - BUDGET AND ACTUAL
For the Year Ended June 30, 2016

	Budget	Actual	Variance Positive (Negative)
Expenditures			
General government			
Governing body			
Salaries and wages	\$ 6,800	\$ 6,830	\$ (30)
Payroll tax	600	523	77
Materials and supplies	4,000	5,261	(1,261)
Travel and schools	300	890	(590)
Advertising	200	109	91
Membership and dues	7,000	7,253	(253)
Miscellaneous	500	2,301	(1,801)
Community appearance	10,000	2,014	7,986
Elections	2,400	2,498	(98)
Grant match bus service	7,500	7,500	-
Donations	7,000	8,200	(1,200)
	<u>46,300</u>	<u>43,379</u>	<u>2,921</u>
Administration			
Salaries and wages	184,000	184,647	(647)
Salaries and wages-overtime	2,000	3,135	(1,135)
Payroll tax	20,500	13,711	6,789
Employee benefits	32,200	33,202	(1,002)
Workers compensation	500	542	(42)
Professional fees-accounting	20,500	16,500	4,000
Professional fees-legal	8,000	4,872	3,128
Office supplies	2,000	1,786	214
Materials and supplies	1,000	290	710
Contracted services	4,000	5,151	(1,151)
Technical support	12,000	10,795	1,205
Travel and schools	1,500	5,486	(3,986)
Telephone and postage	5,400	4,490	910
Utilities	8,700	7,226	1,474
Printing and codification	2,100	3,871	(1,771)
Repair and maintenance	2,200	146	2,054
Repair and maintenance-building	25,000	22,467	2,533
Advertising	-	529	(529)
Bank service fees	200	193	7
Memberships and dues	200	282	(82)
Miscellaneous	2,000	5,160	(3,160)
Leases and maintenance	800	842	(42)
Insurance	18,000	18,691	(691)
Rowan County tax services	19,000	22,751	(3,751)
Capital outlay	3,000	14,621	(11,621)
	<u>374,800</u>	<u>381,386</u>	<u>(6,586)</u>
Total general government	<u>\$ 421,100</u>	<u>\$ 424,765</u>	<u>\$ (3,665)</u>

TOWN OF CHINA GROVE, NORTH CAROLINA
GENERAL FUND
SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND
CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES - BUDGET AND ACTUAL
For the Year Ended June 30, 2016

	Budget	Actual	Variance Positive (Negative)
Public safety			
Police department			
Salaries and wages	\$ 468,000	\$ 444,009	\$ 23,991
School resource officers	70,700	63,341	7,359
Salaries and wages-overtime	3,000	7,532	(4,532)
Salaries and wages-part-time	-	1,853	(1,853)
Payroll tax	41,200	38,722	2,478
Employee benefits	131,000	117,502	13,498
Workers compensation	11,000	13,794	(2,794)
Materials and supplies	10,000	7,622	2,378
Fuel and oil	40,000	21,112	18,888
Uniforms	7,000	8,092	(1,092)
Weapons	4,000	12,075	(8,075)
Contract services	5,500	9,345	(3,845)
Technical support	9,000	7,098	1,902
Travel and schools	2,500	3,379	(879)
Telephone and postage	1,600	1,639	(39)
Cell phones and pagers	9,500	17,148	(7,648)
Utilities	8,800	7,694	1,106
Repairs and maintenance	25,000	13,751	11,249
Repairs and maintenance-building	7,000	9,069	(2,069)
Memberships and dues	500	530	(30)
Miscellaneous	3,000	6,468	(3,468)
Insurance	21,000	21,391	(391)
Capital outlay	116,000	131,327	(15,327)
Total police department	<u>\$ 995,300</u>	<u>\$ 964,493</u>	<u>\$ 30,807</u>

TOWN OF CHINA GROVE, NORTH CAROLINA
GENERAL FUND
SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND
CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES - BUDGET AND ACTUAL
For the Year Ended June 30, 2016

	Budget	Actual	Variance Positive (Negative)
Fire department			
Salaries and wages-regular	\$ 188,300	\$ 185,347	\$ 2,953
Salaries and wages-overtime	1,600	2,759	(1,159)
Salaries and wages-part time	15,000	14,053	947
Salaries and wages-per call	4,000	1,631	2,369
Payroll tax	14,900	15,208	(308)
Employee benefits	48,900	57,006	(8,106)
Workers compensation	5,000	6,579	(1,579)
Food and provisions	500	227	273
Medical supplies	3,400	1,807	1,593
Material and supplies	10,000	11,713	(1,713)
Fuel and oil	10,000	5,350	4,650
Uniforms	4,000	1,410	2,590
Turn out gear	12,000	4,651	7,349
Contracted services	32,000	34,367	(2,367)
Travel and schools	1,000	2,682	(1,682)
Telephone and postage	1,800	1,430	370
Cell phones and pagers	1,500	-	1,500
Utilities	10,000	7,954	2,046
Repairs and maintenance	46,000	33,590	12,410
Repairs and maintenance-buildings	3,000	4,572	(1,572)
Memberships and dues	1,000	250	750
Miscellaneous	1,000	2,076	(1,076)
Insurance	15,100	15,346	(246)
Capital outlay	60,000	51,460	8,540
	<u>490,000</u>	<u>461,468</u>	<u>28,532</u>
Total fire department			
	<u>1,485,300</u>	<u>1,425,961</u>	<u>59,339</u>
Total public safety			
Transportation			
Streets and highways			
Professional fees	1,000	260	740
Repairs and maintenance	10,000	3,947	6,053
Drainage	5,000	-	5,000
Miscellaneous	1,000	-	1,000
Paving	100,000	-	100,000
Right of way	2,000	2,172	(172)
	<u>119,000</u>	<u>6,379</u>	<u>112,621</u>
Total transportation			

TOWN OF CHINA GROVE, NORTH CAROLINA
GENERAL FUND
SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND
CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES - BUDGET AND ACTUAL
For the Year Ended June 30, 2016

	Budget	Actual	Variance Positive (Negative)
Environmental protection			
Public works			
Employee wages-regular	\$ 173,500	\$ 171,133	\$ 2,367
Employee wages-overtime	3,500	3,892	(392)
Payroll taxes	13,300	13,279	21
Employee benefits	49,000	57,821	(8,821)
Workers compensation	7,600	7,635	(35)
Materials and supplies	15,000	6,162	8,838
Fuel and oil	18,000	10,517	7,483
Uniforms	2,100	1,648	452
Safety equipment and materials	500	47	453
Contracted services	2,000	1,500	500
Travel and schools	500	159	341
Telephone and postage	1,600	1,407	193
Cell phones and pagers	2,300	2,178	122
Utilities	5,700	4,720	980
Street lights	46,800	45,621	1,179
Repairs and maintenance	25,000	25,518	(518)
Repairs and maintenance-buildings	1,000	-	1,000
Memberships and dues	200	112	88
Miscellaneous	500	377	123
Equipment rental	-	3,126	(3,126)
Insurance	10,100	10,657	(557)
Garbage and recycling contract	192,000	179,439	12,561
Landfill charges	22,000	27,463	(5,463)
Stormwater expenses	5,000	1,035	3,965
Capital outlay	5,000	2,363	2,637
Total environmental protection	<u>602,200</u>	<u>577,809</u>	<u>24,391</u>
Economic and physical development			
Planning			
Professional fees - planner	25,000	25,000	-
Contracted services	30,000	25,590	4,410
Telephone and postage	100	303	(203)
Advertising	500	847	(347)
Tourism and economic development	6,000	5,943	57
Total economic and physical development	<u>\$ 61,600</u>	<u>\$ 57,683</u>	<u>\$ 3,917</u>

TOWN OF CHINA GROVE, NORTH CAROLINA
GENERAL FUND
SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND
CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES - BUDGET AND ACTUAL
For the Year Ended June 30, 2016

	Budget	Actual	Variance Positive (Negative)
Cultural and recreation			
Recreation			
Contracted services	\$ 32,000	\$ 34,020	\$ (2,020)
Christmas activities	28,500	27,206	1,294
Community building expenses	15,000	16,374	(1,374)
Parade expenses	5,000	3,737	1,263
Events misc expense	5,000	3,552	1,448
Utilities	7,500	8,020	(520)
Miscellaneous	-	310	(310)
Insurance	6,000	5,994	6
Playground expense	20,000	15,853	4,147
Little League	3,000	4,293	(1,293)
Total recreation	<u>122,000</u>	<u>119,359</u>	<u>2,641</u>
Farmers Day			
Miscellaneous	1,800	1,806	(6)
Donations	-	150	(150)
Entertainment	10,000	9,181	819
Sount equipment & stage	6,500	5,800	700
Fireworks	3,800	3,500	300
T-shirts	2,300	2,083	217
Rentals	1,900	1,350	550
Rowan Septic	1,000	854	146
Total Farmers Day	<u>27,300</u>	<u>24,724</u>	<u>2,576</u>
Total cultural and recreation	<u>149,300</u>	<u>144,083</u>	<u>5,217</u>
Debt service			
Principal retirement	671,700	634,068	37,632
Interest	156,500	155,123	1,377
Total debt service	<u>828,200</u>	<u>789,191</u>	<u>39,009</u>
Total expenditures	<u>3,666,700</u>	<u>3,425,871</u>	<u>240,829</u>
Revenues over (under) expenditures	<u>\$ (126,500)</u>	<u>\$ 186,839</u>	<u>\$ 313,339</u>

TOWN OF CHINA GROVE, NORTH CAROLINA
GENERAL FUND
SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND
CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES - BUDGET AND ACTUAL
For the Year Ended June 30, 2016

	Budget	Actual	Variance Positive (Negative)
Other financing sources (uses)			
Proceeds from borrowing	\$ -	\$ 26,374	\$ 26,374
Insurance recovery	-	4,234	4,234
Total other financing sources (uses)	-	30,608	30,608
 Fund balance appropriated	 126,500	 -	 (126,500)
 Net change in fund balance	 \$ -	 217,447	 \$ 217,447
Fund balances			
Fund balance, beginning		3,156,637	
Fund balance, ending		\$ 3,374,084	

TOWN OF CHINA GROVE, NORTH CAROLINA
 CAPITAL PROJECT - CAPITAL RESERVE FUND
 SCHEDULE OF REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES - BUDGET AND ACTUAL
 From Inception and For the Year Ended June 30, 2016

	Budget	Actual		Total to Date	Variance Positive (Negative)
		Prior Years	Current Year		
Revenues					
Interest	\$ 15,000	\$ 18,422	\$ 20	\$ 18,442	\$ 3,442
Total revenues	15,000	18,422	20	18,442	3,442
Other financing sources (uses)					
Transfer from General Fund	180,000	180,000	-	180,000	-
Transfer to General Fund	(195,000)	(189,400)	-	(189,400)	5,600
Total other financing sources (uses)	(15,000)	(9,400)	-	(9,400)	5,600
Revenues and other financing sources over (under) expenditures and other financing uses	\$ -	\$ 9,022	\$ 20	\$ 9,042	\$ 9,042

TOWN OF CHINA GROVE, NORTH CAROLINA
GENERAL FUND
SCHEDULE OF AD VALOREM TAXES RECEIVABLE
June 30, 2016

Fiscal Year	Uncollected Balance June 30, 2015	Additions	Collections and Credits	Uncollected Balance June 30, 2016
2015-2016	\$ -	\$ 1,697,993	\$ 1,661,214	\$ 36,779
2014-2015	31,855	-	20,444	11,411
2013-2014	13,515	-	5,502	8,013
2012-2013	7,883	-	1,275	6,608
2011-2012	6,056	-	1,019	5,037
2010-2011	3,115	-	139	2,976
2009-2010	2,017	-	128	1,889
2008-2009	1,826	-	55	1,771
2007-2008	1,860	-	72	1,788
2006-2007	1,151	-	23	1,128
2005-2006	1,925	-	1,925	-
	<u>\$ 71,203</u>	<u>\$ 1,697,993</u>	<u>\$ 1,691,796</u>	77,400
Less allowance for uncollectible accounts:				
General Fund				<u>14,494</u>
Ad valorem taxes receivable-net				<u>62,906</u>
Reconcilement with revenues:				
Ad valorem taxes - General Fund				1,684,158
Reconciling items				
Interest collected				(8,753)
Discounts allowed				13,106
Taxes written off				<u>3,285</u>
Total collections and credits				<u>\$ 1,691,796</u>

TOWN OF CHINA GROVE, NORTH CAROLINA
ANALYSIS OF CURRENT TAX LEVY
TOWN-WIDE LEVY
For the Year Ended June 30, 2016

	Town-wide		Total Levy		
	Property Valuation	Rate	Total Levy	Property Excluding Registered Motor Vehicles	Registered Motor Vehicles
Original levy:					
Property taxed at current					
Current year's rate	\$288,486,191	\$.58	\$1,673,056	\$ 1,546,729	\$ 126,327
Prior year's rate	4,479,850	.56	25,190		25,190
Penalties	-		799	799	
Total	<u>292,966,041</u>		<u>1,699,045</u>	<u>1,547,528</u>	<u>151,517</u>
Abatements	<u>(587,680)</u>		<u>(1,052)</u>	<u>(449)</u>	<u>(603)</u>
Total property valuation	<u><u>\$292,378,361</u></u>				
Net levy			1,697,993	1,547,079	150,914
Uncollected taxes at June 30, 2016			<u>(36,779)</u>	<u>(36,779)</u>	<u>-</u>
Current year's taxes collected			<u>\$1,661,214</u>	<u>\$ 1,510,300</u>	<u>\$ 150,914</u>
Current levy collection percentage			<u>97.83%</u>	<u>97.62%</u>	<u>100.00%</u>

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REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER FINANCIAL REPORTING AND ON COMPLIANCE AND OTHER MATTERS BASED ON AN AUDIT OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS PERFORMED IN ACCORDANCE WITH GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

The Honorable Mayor and
Town Council
Town of China Grove, North Carolina

We have audited, in accordance with the auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in Government Auditing Standards issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities and each major fund and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Town of China Grove, North Carolina, as of and for the year ended June 30, 2016, and the related notes to the financial statement, which collectively comprises the Town of China Grove's basic financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated October 10, 2016.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered the Town of China Grove's internal control over financial reporting (internal control) to determine the audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing our opinions on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the on the effectiveness of the Town of China Grove's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the Town's internal control.

A deficiency in internal control exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent or detect and correct misstatements on a timely basis. A material weakness is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control such that there is a reasonable possibility that a material misstatement of the entity's financial statements will not be prevented, or detected and corrected on a timely basis. A significant deficiency is a deficiency, or combination of deficiencies, in internal control that is less severe than a material weakness, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance.

Our consideration of the internal control was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies and therefore, material weaknesses or significant deficiencies may exist that were not identified. Given these limitations, during our audit we did not identify any deficiencies in internal control that we consider to be material weaknesses. However, material weaknesses may exist that have not been identified. We consider the following to be significant deficiencies in internal control.

Provide Oversight of the Preparation of Financial Statements

Management is responsible for establishing and maintaining internal controls and for the fair presentation of the financial position, results of operations, cash flows, and disclosures in the financial statements, in conformity with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP). The Town does not have a system of internal controls that would enable management to conclude the financial statements and related disclosures are complete and presented in accordance with GAAP. As such, management requested us to prepare a draft of the financial statements, including the related footnote disclosures. The outsourcing of these services is not unusual in entities of your size and is a result of management's cost benefit decision to rely on our accounting expertise rather than incurring this internal resource cost. The Town agrees with this finding.

Monitoring Service Provider

The Town has chosen Rowan County to provide significant services in preparing the tax scroll, creating the tax levy and tax bills, collection of taxes, and preparation of the detailed underlying accounting for this process. Monitoring is a process that assesses whether the controls used by the service provider are operating as intended, controls at the Town are modified as appropriate for changed conditions, monthly reports received are reviewed and reconciled, and that information recorded in the Town's accounting system reflects the activity that transpires. Because limited monitoring activities now occur, the Town should develop a monitoring plan to accomplish the above objective. The Town agrees with this finding.

Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the Town of China Grove's financial statements are free of material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the determination of financial statement amounts. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit and, accordingly we do not express such an opinion. The results of our test disclosed no instances of noncompliance or other matters that are required to be reported under Government Auditing Standards.

Purpose of this Report

The purpose of this report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control and compliance and the result of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control or on compliance. This report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with Government Auditing Standards in considering the entity's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose.

Sherrill & Smith, CPAs, PA

Salisbury, North Carolina
October 10, 2016