

TOWN OF PAWLEYS ISLAND
SOUTH CAROLINA

**BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
AND SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION**

FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2015

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Mayor and Members of Town Council
Town of Pawleys Island, South Carolina

Report on the Financial Statements

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities and each major fund of the Town of Pawleys Island, South Carolina, as of and for the year ended December 31, 2015, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Town'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 of 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 *Government 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 from 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 to 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 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 and each major fund of the Town of Pawleys Island, South Carolina, as of December 31, 2015, and the respective changes in financial position 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 the management's discussion and analysis and budgetary comparison information on pages 3 through 11 and 31 through 36 be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board, who considers it to be an essential part of 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.

Other Information

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the Town's basic financial statements. The supplemental schedules, as listed in the table of contents, are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the basic financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements. The 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, the information is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the basic financial statements taken as a whole.

Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated July 6, 2016 on our consideration of the Town's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that 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 the 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's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

Harper, Poston & Moree, P.A.

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Certified Public Accountants

Pawleys Island, South Carolina
July 6, 2016

**TOWN OF PAWLEYS ISLAND, SOUTH CAROLINA
MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS (MD&A)
YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2015**

The discussion and analysis of The Town of Pawleys Island's financial performance provides an overall review of the Town's financial activities for the year ended December 31, 2015. We encourage readers to consider this information in conjunction with the additional information in the Town's financial statements and the accompanying notes to those financial statements.

We hope that the financial comparisons provided this year will be more meaningful to the reader and will be of assistance in explaining the Town's financial position and results of operations.

FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

- The Town's total net position increased \$785,075, which represents a 10.7% increase from fiscal year end 2014.
- The unrestricted net position totaled \$2,007,216 at year-end compared to \$1,705,364 at the end of 2014. This is the excess of the Town's unrestricted assets over its liabilities and may be used to meet ongoing obligations to its citizens and creditors.
- Total revenues totaled \$1,583,703 compared to \$1,425,782 at the end of 2014, an increase of 11.1%. The increase is primarily the result of property owner donations toward the underground wire project. These donations accounted for \$335,615 in revenue for 2015. The town collected 7.6% more in total Accommodations Tax revenue, a positive sign after receiving 5.1% less in 2014 than 2013.
- Total expenditures totaled \$824,496 compared to \$1,988,104 at the end of 2014. The decrease in expenditures is primarily the result of there not being a payment due to Santee Cooper for the underground wire project. Expenditures for general government increased by \$39,428 primarily as a result of increased need for professional services, additional spending on ordinance codification and promoting the Assistant Administrator to Administrator.
- Our principal operating fund, the General Fund, had \$847,951 in year 2015 revenues versus \$757,680 in year 2014. The increase was primarily the result of property owner donations toward the underground wire project amounting to \$335,615, a \$92,105 increase from the previous year. Other operating income consisted of inter-governmental revenues, interest, and accommodations tax and license fee income. The General Fund had \$406,164 in expenditures versus \$1,594,719 in 2014 as previously mentioned, the decrease is attributed to the

absence of payment due to Santee Cooper on the underground wire project in 2015.

- The Town did not have any long-term debt outstanding at year-end.

OVERVIEW OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

This discussion and analysis is intended to serve as an introduction to the Town's basic financial statements. The Town's basic financial statements comprise three components: 1) government-wide financial statements, 2) fund financial statements, and 3) notes to the financial statements. This report also contains other supplementary information in addition to the basic financial statements themselves. A description of these statements and some related definitions follow:

Government-wide Financial Statements: The government-wide financial statements are designed to provide readers with a broad overview of the Town's finances, in a manner similar to a private sector business. These statements outline functions of the Town that are principally supported by general revenue items and intergovernmental revenues (governmental activities). The Town imposed no property taxes in 2015. The governmental activities of the Town include general government, public safety, street and sanitation; tourism and promotion; and beach re-nourishment. The government-wide financial statements can be found on pages 12 and 13 of this report.

Statement of Net Position: The statement of net position presents information on all of the Town's assets and liabilities with the difference between the two reported as net position. Over time, increases or decreases in net position may serve as a useful indicator of whether the financial position of the Town is improving or deteriorating.

Statement of Activities: The statement of activities presents information showing how the Town's net position changed during the most recent year. All changes in net position are reported as soon as the underlying event giving rise to the change occurs, regardless of the timing of related cash flows. Thus, revenues and expenses are reported in this statement for some items that will only result in cash flows in future periods.

Fund Financial Statements: 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 uses fund accounting to ensure and demonstrate compliance with finance-related legal requirements. All of the funds of the Town can be classified as governmental funds.

Governmental Funds: Governmental funds are used to account for essentially the same functions reported as governmental activities in the government-wide financial statements. However, unlike the government-wide financial statements, governmental fund financial statements focus on near-term inflows and outflows of spend-able resources, as well as on balances of spend-able resources available at the end of the year.

Such information may be useful in evaluating the Town's near-term financing requirements.

Because the focus of governmental funds is narrower than that of the government-wide financial statements, it is useful to compare the information presented for governmental funds with similar information presented for governmental activities in the government-wide financial statements. By doing so, readers may better understand the long-term impact of the Town's near-term financing decisions. Both the governmental fund balance sheet and the governmental fund statement of revenues, expenditures, and changes in fund balances provide a reconciliation to facilitate this comparison between governmental funds and governmental activities. These reconciliations can be found on pages 15 and 17 of this report.

The Town maintains three individual governmental funds. Information is presented separately in the governmental fund balance sheet and in the governmental fund statement of revenues, expenditures, and changes in fund balances for the general fund, accommodations tax fund, and the beach re-nourishment fund, all of which are considered to be major funds.

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 can be found on pages 18-30 of this report.

Other Information: In addition to the basic financial statements and accompanying notes, this report also presents Budgetary Comparison Schedules as required supplementary information for the general fund, accommodations tax fund, and beach re-nourishment fund, all of which have annual appropriated budgets. Required supplementary information can be found on pages 31-36 of this report.

FINANCIAL ANALYSIS OF THE TOWN AS A WHOLE

Net position may serve over time as a useful indicator of a government's financial position. In the case of the Town, assets exceeded liabilities by \$8,122,930 as of December 31, 2015, an increase of 10.7% over the net position of \$7,337,855 as of December 31, 2014.

The major portion of the Town's net position (67.6%) is its investment in specific restricted funds, which represents resources that are subject to internal and external restrictions on how they may be used. The Town uses these funds to designate assets for specific future expenditures, primarily beach re-nourishment; consequently, these assets are not available for future spending on other items. The second largest portion of the Town's net position (24.7%) reflects its unrestricted part of the net position that can be used to finance day-to-day operations without constraints established by debt covenants, enabling legislation, or other requirements.

The following table presents a summary of the Town's net position for the year ended December 31, 2015 and December 31, 2014:

NET POSITION
GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES

	2015	2014
Current and Other Assets	\$ 7,527,303	\$ 6,868,670
Capital Assets	627,456	602,694
Total Assets	\$ 8,154,759	\$ 7,471,364
Current Liabilities	\$ 31,829	\$ 133,509
Total Liabilities	\$ 31,829	\$ 133,509
Net Position:		
Net Investment in Capital Assets	\$ 627,456	\$ 602,694
Restricted	5,488,258	5,029,797
Unrestricted	2,007,216	1,705,364
Total Net Position	\$ 8,122,930	\$ 7,337,855

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Changes in Net Position and Revenues and Expenses of Governmental Activities: The following table presents the revenues and expenses from the Governmental Activities of the Town and the resulting increase in net position as a result of those activities:

CHANGE IN NET POSITION
GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES

	2015	2014
Revenues:		
Program Revenues:		
Charges for Services	\$ 40,421	\$ 44,508
Operating Grants and Contributions	369,817	263,260
Capital Grants and Contributions	9,500	-
General Revenues:		
Accommodations Taxes	739,811	687,374
Franchise Fees	50,483	45,736
State Shared Revenues, Fees in Lieu of Taxes	363,531	375,322
Other Revenues	10,140	9,582
Total Revenues	\$ 1,583,703	\$ 1,425,782
Expenses:		
General Government	\$ 210,627	\$ 172,715
Public Safety	424,620	408,570
Streets and Sanitation	33,530	1,310,737
Tourism and Promotion	91,922	84,188
Beach Renourishment	37,929	34,898
Total Expenses	\$ 798,628	\$ 2,011,108
 Increase (Decrease) in Net Position	 \$ 785,075	 \$ (585,326)
Net Position – Beginning	7,337,855	7,923,181
Net Position – Ending	\$ 8,122,930	\$ 7,337,855

Governmental activities: The following table presents the cost of the five major Town functional activities: general government, public safety, street and sanitation, tourism and promotion and beach re-nourishment.

The table also shows each function's net cost (total cost less charges for services generated by the activities and grants and contributions provided for specific programs). The net cost shows the financial burden that was placed on the Town's taxpayers by each of these functions.

	<u>2015</u>		<u>2014</u>	
	<u>Total Expenses</u>	<u>Net (Expense) Revenue</u>	<u>Total Expenses</u>	<u>Net (Expense) Revenue</u>
General Government	\$ 210,627	\$ (183,710)	\$ 172,715	\$ (148,729)
Public Safety	424,620	(401,616)	408,570	(388,048)
Streets and Sanitation	33,530	302,085	1,310,737	(1,067,227)
Tourism and Promotion	91,922	(91,922)	84,188	(84,188)
Beach Renourishment	<u>37,929</u>	<u>(3,727)</u>	<u>34,898</u>	<u>(15,148)</u>
Totals	<u>\$ 798,628</u>	<u>\$ (378,890)</u>	<u>\$ 2,011,108</u>	<u>\$ (1,703,340)</u>

As seen from the above table, the total net cost of the Town's activities for 2015 was \$378,890 as opposed to \$1,703,340 for the year 2014, a decrease of \$1,324,450. Some of the costs were paid by those who directly benefited from the activities or by contributions and grants. Total expenses decreased by \$1,212,480 primarily because no payments were due to Santee Cooper on the underground wire project in 2015. Program revenue increased by \$111,970 as a result of increased donations by property owners to cover their share of the underground wire project.

The amount that the taxpayers financed through accommodations taxes for the year 2015 amounted to \$739,811 as opposed to \$687,374 for the year 2014. The Town paid the remaining costs of governmental activities with franchise and license fees, interest, state-shared revenues, contributions and other unrestricted miscellaneous revenue sources and charges.

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 spend-able resources. Such information is useful in assessing the Town's financing requirements. In particular, unassigned fund balance may serve as a useful measure of the Town's net resources available for spending at the end of the year.

The General Fund is the principal operating fund of the Town. The General Fund's fund balance increased from \$1,726,525 as of December 31, 2014 to \$2,168,312 as of December 31, 2015. Of this amount, \$1,793,000 constitutes an "assigned" fund balance, approved by Council to be used towards completion costs of the underground wire project. \$145,476 is reported as "non-spendable" or "restricted" to indicate it is not available for new spending. The remaining \$229,836 is reported as "unassigned" and may be used at the Town's discretion.

The increase in total combined fund balances of all governmental funds by \$759,495 can be attributed to the following factors:

- Total revenues in 2015 totaled \$1,583,991 compared to \$1,428,622 at the end of 2014. The increase is primarily the result of property owner donations for their portion of the underground wire project. A significant number of owners who started with an extended payment plan chose to abandon this option and pay off the full balance of their expected contribution.
- Total expenditures totaled \$824,496 compared to \$1,988,104 at the end of 2014. This decrease is primarily attributed to the absence of payment due to Santee Cooper on the underground wire project.

Total combined fund balances of all governmental funds at year-end amounted to \$7,497,079 an increase of 11.3% from 2014. Of this amount, \$5,462,240 represents restricted fund balances, primarily restricted by Town Ordinance for future beach re-nourishment expenditures.

BUDGETARY HIGHLIGHTS

Over the course of the year, the actual expenditures in the general fund were less than the final budget by \$24,644 or 5.7%. Expenses were impacted by less than budgeted costs for streets and sanitation, maintenance of police vehicles and capital outlay projects. Actual revenues exceeded final budget by \$201,351 or 31.1%. Revenues were impacted predominately by greater than budgeted revenues in certain license tax programs and underground wire project donations.

A schedule showing the original and final budget amounts compared to the Town's actual financial activity for the general fund, as well as the accommodations tax fund and beach re-nourishment fund, is provided in this report as required supplementary information. Local and State accommodations taxes exceeded budget by \$39,811 because of an increase in homes available for rent and improved occupancy rate. For the past 4 years the Town has had a policy that, on an annual basis when tourism related expenditures exceed State A-tax revenues, the General Fund will pay the excess Tourism related expenditures without expectation of the A-tax fund ever repaying the General Fund. The Town recently passed an ordinance that discontinues this practice; the result of this was a "Due to General Fund" liability of \$368,143 in the State Accommodations Tax Fund. The Town anticipates that \$224,000 of this balance will be repaid to the General Fund during 2016.

Variations between original and final budgeted amounts are a result of supplemental appropriations and expenditure revisions approved by Council during the year. During 2015, there was a net decrease in expenditure appropriations of approximately \$881,908 for the general fund, primarily the result of underground wire construction delays pushing the second project payment due to Santee Cooper into 2016.

CAPITAL ASSETS AND DEBT ADMINISTRATION

Capital Assets: As of December 31, 2015, the Town had invested \$627,456 in net capital assets, including land, buildings and improvements, and other vehicles and equipment. Total capital assets increased by \$24,762 with depreciation expense for the year of \$22,764.

The following schedule presents capital asset balances net of depreciation for the year ended December 31, 2015 and December 31, 2014.

**CAPITAL ASSETS
(NET OF DEPRECIATION)
GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES**

	2015	2014
Land and Improvements	\$ 526,689	\$ 530,061
Buildings and Improvements	5,241	5,751
Vehicles, Furniture, and Equipment	95,526	66,882
Total Capital Assets, Net	\$ 627,456	\$ 602,694

Additional information on the Town’s capital assets can be found in Note 5 of this audit report.

Debt Administration: At year-end, the Town had no long-term liabilities.

ECONOMIC FACTORS AND NEXT YEAR’S BUDGET

The 2016 fiscal year will show an increase of about 3% in rental revenue expected for accommodations on which Accommodations Taxes are based, as well as revenue from license and fee programs consistent with 2015. Voluntary property owner donations to the underground wire project is predicted to be lower by about \$60,000 since last year a significant number of property owners elected to discontinue the payment plan and pay off the full balance of their expected contribution. Fine and fee income will remain consistent with last year, and interest income will increase as a function of improving yields from the Town’s funds on deposit.

Expenses are expected to increase about \$1,250,000 over 2015 predominately because the second payment to Santee Cooper for phase 2 of the underground wire project will be due. The increase also includes \$250,000 allocated to beach renourishment in the 2016 budget that will be used to repair the damage our beaches sustained from Hurricane Joaquin, and funding necessary to explore options for future beach renourishment.

CONTACTING THE TOWN’S FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

This financial report is designed to provide our citizens, taxpayers, customers, investors, and creditors with a general overview of the Town’s finances and to show accountability for the money it receives. Questions concerning any of the information provided in this report should be addressed to the Town’s Administrator at 321 Myrtle Avenue, Pawleys Island, SC 29585.

TOWN OF PAWLEYS ISLAND, SOUTH CAROLINA
STATEMENT OF NET POSITION
DECEMBER 31, 2015

	<u>Governmental Activities</u>
ASSETS	
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ 323,326
Investments	1,669,465
Receivables (Net of Allowance for Uncollectibles)	85,342
Prepaid Items	1,333
Restricted Assets:	
Cash and Cash Equivalents	95,603
Investments	5,352,234
Capital Assets:	
Nondepreciable - Land	503,500
Depreciable (Net of Accumulated Depreciation)	
Land Improvements	23,189
Buildings and Improvements	5,242
Vehicles and Equipment	95,525
Total Assets	<u>\$ 8,154,759</u>
LIABILITIES	
Accounts Payable	\$ 18,496
Salaries and Benefits Payable	10,091
Compensated Absences Payable	3,242
Total Liabilities	<u>\$ 31,829</u>
NET POSITION	
Net Investment In Capital Assets	\$ 627,456
Restricted For:	
Tourism and Promotion	26,018
Beach Renourishment	5,462,240
Unrestricted	2,007,216
Total Net Position	<u><u>\$ 8,122,930</u></u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

**TOWN OF PAWLEYS ISLAND, SOUTH CAROLINA
STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2015**

FUNCTIONS/PROGRAMS	Expenses	Charges for Services	Program Revenues		Capital Grants and Contributions	Net (Expense) Revenue and Change in Net Position Governmental Activities
			Operating Grants and Contributions			
Governmental Activities:						
General Government	\$ 210,627	\$ 26,917	\$ -		\$ -	\$ (183,710)
Public Safety	424,620	13,504	-		9,500	(401,616)
Streets and Sanitation	33,530	-	335,615		-	302,085
Tourism and Promotion	91,922	-	-		-	(91,922)
Beach Renourishment	37,929	-	34,202		-	(3,727)
Total Governmental Activities	\$ 798,628	\$ 40,421	\$ 369,817	\$ 9,500	\$	\$ (378,890)
GENERAL REVENUES						
					\$	
Accommodations Taxes						739,811
Franchise Fees						50,483
State Shared Revenues and Fees in Lieu of Taxes						363,531
Unrestricted Investment Earnings						8,895
Miscellaneous Revenues						1,245
Total General Revenues					\$	1,163,965
CHANGE IN NET POSITION						\$ 785,075
NET POSITION - BEGINNING						7,337,855
NET POSITION - ENDING						\$ 8,122,930

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

TOWN OF PAWLEYS ISLAND, SOUTH CAROLINA
BALANCE SHEET
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
DECEMBER 31, 2015

	General Fund	Accommodations Tax Fund	Beach Renourishment Fund	Total Governmental Funds
ASSETS				
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ 114,674	\$ 208,652	\$ -	\$ 323,326
Cash and Cash Equivalents - Restricted	-	-	95,603	95,603
Investments	1,669,465	-	-	1,669,465
Investments - Restricted	-	-	5,352,234	5,352,234
Receivables (Net)	33,651	37,168	14,523	85,342
Prepays	1,333	-	-	1,333
Due From Other Funds	224,000	-	-	224,000
Advances To Other Funds	144,143	-	-	144,143
Total Assets	\$ 2,187,266	\$ 245,820	\$ 5,462,360	\$ 7,895,446
LIABILITIES, DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES, AND FUND BALANCES				
Liabilities				
Accounts Payable	\$ 7,226	\$ 11,150	\$ 120	\$ 18,496
Salaries and Benefits Payable	10,091	-	-	10,091
Due To Other Funds	-	224,000	-	224,000
Advances From Other Funds	-	144,143	-	144,143
Total Liabilities	\$ 17,317	\$ 379,293	\$ 120	\$ 396,730
Deferred Inflows of Resources				
Unavailable Police Fine Revenues	\$ 1,637	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,637
Total Deferred Inflows of Resources	\$ 1,637	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,637
Fund Balances				
Nonspendable:				
Prepaid Items	\$ 1,333	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,333
Advances	144,143	-	-	144,143
Restricted For:				
Beach Renourishment	-	-	5,462,240	5,462,240
Assigned For:				
Underground Conversion	1,793,000	-	-	1,793,000
Unassigned	229,836	(133,473)	-	96,363
Total Fund Balances	\$ 2,168,312	\$ (133,473)	\$ 5,462,240	\$ 7,497,079
Total Liabilities, Deferred Inflows of Resources, and Fund Balances	\$ 2,187,266	\$ 245,820	\$ 5,462,360	\$ 7,895,446

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

TOWN OF PAWLEYS ISLAND, SOUTH CAROLINA
RECONCILIATION OF THE BALANCE SHEET OF GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS TO THE
STATEMENT OF NET POSITION
DECEMBER 31, 2015

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

Ending fund balances - governmental funds balance sheet	\$	7,497,079
Capital assets used in governmental activities are not financial resources and, therefore, are not reported in the funds.		627,456
Other long-term assets, such as taxes, fines, and fees receivable, are not available to pay for current period expenditures and, therefore, are reported as deferred inflows in the funds.		1,637
Long-term liabilities, such as compensated absences, are not due and payable in the current period and, therefore, are not reported in the funds.		<u>(3,242)</u>
Net position of governmental activities	\$	<u><u>8,122,930</u></u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

TOWN OF PAWLEYS ISLAND, SOUTH CAROLINA
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2015

	General Fund	Accommodations Tax Fund	Beach Renourishment Fund	Total Governmental Funds
REVENUES				
Accommodations Tax	\$ 38,018	\$ 247,351	\$ 454,442	\$ 739,811
Franchise Fees	50,483	-	-	50,483
Fines and Fees	13,792	-	-	13,792
Local Government State Aid	2,186	-	-	2,186
Interest Income	8,850	45	26,309	35,204
MASC Programs	361,345	-	-	361,345
Special Events	26,917	-	-	26,917
Donations - Police	9,500	-	-	9,500
Donations - Underground Wire	335,615	-	-	335,615
Grants	-	-	7,893	7,893
Miscellaneous	1,245	-	-	1,245
Total Revenues	\$ 847,951	\$ 247,396	\$ 488,644	\$ 1,583,991
EXPENDITURES				
Current				
General Government	\$ 133,830	\$ 70,968	\$ -	\$ 204,798
Public Safety	196,280	204,488	-	400,768
Streets and Sanitation	20,039	13,491	-	33,530
Tourism and Promotion	-	91,922	-	91,922
Beach Renourishment	-	-	37,463	37,463
Capital Outlay				
General Government	2,478	-	-	2,478
Public Safety	53,537	-	-	53,537
Total Expenditures	\$ 406,164	\$ 380,869	\$ 37,463	\$ 824,496
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF				
REVENUES OVER EXPENDITURES	\$ 441,787	\$ (133,473)	\$ 451,181	\$ 759,495
NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCES	\$ 441,787	\$ (133,473)	\$ 451,181	\$ 759,495
FUND BALANCES - BEGINNING	1,726,525	-	5,011,059	6,737,584
FUND BALANCES - ENDING	\$ 2,168,312	\$ (133,473)	\$ 5,462,240	\$ 7,497,079

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

**TOWN OF PAWLEYS ISLAND, SOUTH CAROLINA
RECONCILIATION OF THE STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND
CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES OF GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
TO THE STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2015**

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

Net change in fund balances - total governmental funds	\$	759,495
<p style="margin-left: 40px;">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 amount is the amount by which capital outlay exceeded depreciation expense in the current period.</p>		
		24,762
<p style="margin-left: 40px;">Revenues in the statement of activities, such as taxes, fines, and fees that will not be collected for several months after year end and do not provide for current financial resources, are not reported as revenues in the funds.</p>		
		(288)
<p style="margin-left: 40px;">Some expenses, such as compensated absences, reported in the statement of activities do not require the use of current financial resources and, therefore, are not recognized as expenditures in the governmental funds.</p>		
		1,106
Change in net position of governmental activities	\$	785,075

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

TOWN OF PAWLEYS ISLAND, SOUTH CAROLINA
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
DECEMBER 31, 2015

NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The accounting policies of the Town of Pawleys Island, South Carolina conform to accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America as applicable to governments. The following is a summary of the more significant accounting policies:

Reporting Entity

The Town of Pawleys Island, South Carolina (the Town) was incorporated on September 4, 1985 as a municipal corporation under the laws of the State of South Carolina. The Town's governing body consists of an elected mayor and four-member council. The Town operates under the Council form of government.

The financial reporting entity consists of the primary government, organizations for which the primary government is financially accountable, and other organizations for which the nature and significance of their relationship with the primary government are such that exclusion could cause the financial statements to be misleading or incomplete. A component unit is included in the reporting entity if it is both fiscally dependent on the primary government and there is potential for the component unit to provide specific financial benefits to, or impose specific financial burdens on the primary government. Based on this criteria the Town has determined it has no component units and is not a component unit of any other organization. Therefore, the Town reports as a primary entity.

Government-Wide and Fund Financial Statements

The financial statement presentation for the Town meets the requirements of Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement No. 34, *Basic Financial Statements - and Management's Discussion and Analysis - for State and Local Governments* and related amendments, interpretations, and pronouncements. The financial statement presentation provides a comprehensive, entity-wide perspective of the Town's net position, revenues, expenses and changes in net position that replaces the fund-group perspective previously required.

The government-wide financial statements (i.e., the statement of net position and the statement of activities) report information on all of the nonfiduciary activities of the primary government. For the most part, the effect of interfund activity has been removed from these statements. *Governmental activities*, which normally are supported by taxes and intergovernmental revenues, are reported separately from *business-type activities*, which rely to a significant extent on fees and charges for support.

The statement of activities demonstrates the degree to which the direct expenses of a given function or segment are offset by program revenues. *Direct expenses* are those that are clearly identifiable with a specific function or segment. Indirect expense allocations are eliminated for the statement of activities.

Program revenues include 1) charges to customers or applicants who purchase, use or directly benefit from goods, services, or privileges provided by a given function or segment, 2) operating grants and contributions, and 3) capital grants and contributions that are restricted to meeting the operational or capital requirements of a particular function or segment. Taxes and other items not properly included among program revenues are reported instead as *general revenues*. Internally dedicated resources are also reported as general revenues.

TOWN OF PAWLEYS ISLAND, SOUTH CAROLINA
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
DECEMBER 31, 2015

NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

The Town segregates transactions related to certain functions or activities in separate funds in order to aid financial management and demonstrate legal compliance. Separate fund financial statements are presented for governmental, proprietary, and fiduciary activities (even though the latter are excluded from the government-wide financial statements). The emphasis in the fund financial statements is on *major funds*. Major individual funds are reported as separate columns in the fund financial statements. All nonmajor funds are aggregated and reported in a single column on each of the fund financial statements. Major funds are determined in accordance with criteria established by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board.

Measurement Focus, Basis of Accounting, and Financial Statement Presentation

The government-wide financial statements are reported using the *economic resources measurement focus* and the *accrual basis of accounting*. Revenues are recorded when earned and expenses are recorded when a liability is incurred, regardless of the timing of related cash flows. Grants and similar items are recognized as revenue as soon as all eligibility requirements imposed by the provider have been met. When both restricted and unrestricted resources are available for use, it is the Town's policy to use restricted resources first, then unrestricted resources as they are needed.

Governmental fund financial statements are reported using the *current financial resources measurement focus* and the *modified accrual basis of accounting*. Revenues are recognized as soon as they are both measurable and available. Revenues are considered to be *available* when they are collectible within the current period or soon enough thereafter to pay liabilities of the current period. For this purpose, the Town considers revenues to be available if they are collected within 60 days of the end of the current fiscal period. Expenditures generally are recorded when a liability is incurred, as under accrual accounting. However, debt service expenditures, as well as expenditures related to compensated absences and claims and judgments, are recorded only when payment is due.

The Town considers taxes, certain fines and fees, intergovernmental revenues, and interest to be susceptible to accrual. Major revenues that are determined not to be susceptible to accrual because they are either not available soon enough to pay liabilities of the current period or are not objectively measurable includes licenses and permits.

The Town utilizes the following governmental funds:

General Fund: The general fund is the primary operating fund of the Town. The general fund accounts for all financial resources except those that are required to be reported in another fund.

Special Revenue Fund: The special revenue fund accounts for the proceeds of specific revenue sources that are legally restricted to expenditures for specified purposes. The Town uses the following special revenue funds:

Accommodations Tax Fund: Used to account for revenue received from state revenue sharing which finances the costs of Town tourism and promotion.

Beach Renourishment Fund: Used to account for the collection of local accommodations tax which is legally restricted by Town ordinance to finance the costs of public and private beach renourishment projects.

TOWN OF PAWLEYS ISLAND, SOUTH CAROLINA
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DECEMBER 31, 2015

NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

The Town reports the General Fund, Accommodations Tax Fund, and the Beach Renourishment Fund as major governmental funds.

Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amount of assets, liabilities, and deferred outflows/inflows of resources at the date of the financial statements and revenues, expenditures/expenses, and other sources and uses recognized during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those amounts.

Cash, Cash Equivalents, and Investments

The Town's cash and cash equivalents are considered to be cash on hand, demand deposits and short-term investments with original maturities of three months or less from the date of acquisition.

State statutes authorize the Town to invest in obligations of the United States and its agencies, general obligations of the State of South Carolina and its subdivisions, savings and loan associations to the extent of federal depository insurance, certificates of deposit collaterally secured, and repurchase agreements secured by the foregoing obligations.

The fair value of the Town's position in the South Carolina Local Government Investment Pool (SCLGIP) is the same as the value of the pool shares. The SCLGIP is not registered with the Securities and Exchange Commission as an investment company. The State Treasurer is responsible for oversight of the SCLGIP.

Receivables

All receivables are shown at their gross value and where appropriate, are reduced by the estimated portion that is expected to be uncollectible. Such allowances are estimated based upon such factors as length of delinquency, historical analysis, and available means for collection enforcement.

Interfund Receivables and Payables

Transactions between funds that are representative of lending/borrowing arrangements outstanding at the end of the fiscal year are referred to as either "due to/from other funds" (i.e., the current portion of interfund loans) or "advances to/from other funds" (i.e., the non-current portion of interfund loans). All other outstanding balances between funds are reported as "due to/from other funds." Interfund receivables and payables outstanding at year end are eliminated upon consolidation of governmental activities in the government-wide statement of net position.

Advances between funds, as reported in the fund financial statements, are offset by a nonspendable fund balance account in applicable governmental funds to indicate they are not available for appropriation and are not expendable available financial resources.

**TOWN OF PAWLEYS ISLAND, SOUTH CAROLINA
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
DECEMBER 31, 2015**

NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

Prepaid Items

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

Restricted Assets

Certain assets of the Town are classified as restricted on the balance sheet when specific limitations are placed upon their use. Restricted assets of the Town include cash deposits and investments set aside as required by state statute for providing services to victims and witnesses of crimes; the underground conversion project; and beach renourishment projects.

Capital Assets

Capital assets, which include property, plant, equipment, and infrastructure assets (e.g., roads, bridges, sidewalks, and similar items), are reported in the government-wide financial statements. Capital assets are defined by the government as assets with an initial, individual cost of more than \$2,500 and an estimated useful life in excess of one year. Such assets are recorded at historical cost or estimated historical cost if purchased or constructed. Donated capital assets are recorded at estimated fair market value at the date of donation. The costs 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 of the Town are depreciated using the straight line method over the following estimated useful lives:

Asset	Years
Land Improvements	10 - 40
Buildings and Improvements	10 - 40
Vehicles and Equipment	5 - 10
Furniture and Fixtures	10

Depreciation for capital assets that can be specifically identified with a function is included in the direct expenses for that function. Depreciation for capital assets that serve essentially all functions is included in the statement of activities as a separate line item “depreciation - unallocated.”

GASB Statement No. 34 requires governments to report and depreciate new infrastructure effective with the year of implementation. Infrastructure assets include roads, bridges, sidewalks, etc. Neither their historical cost nor related depreciation has been previously reported in the financial statements. The Town is not required to implement the retroactive reporting provisions of GASB Statement No. 34 and has elected not to do so.

TOWN OF PAWLEYS ISLAND, SOUTH CAROLINA
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DECEMBER 31, 2015

NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

Compensated Absences

It is the Town's policy to permit employees to accumulate earned but unused vacation and sick pay benefits; however, there is no liability for unpaid accumulated sick leave since the Town does not have a policy to pay any amounts when employees separate from service with the Town. All vacation pay is accrued when incurred in the government-wide financial statements. A liability is reported in the governmental funds only if they have matured, for example, as a result of employee resignations and retirements. The Town's entire liability for compensated absences at December 31, 2015 is considered to be a current liability.

Deferred Outflows/Inflows of Resources

In addition to assets, the statement of net position and or balance sheet 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(s) and so will not be recognized as an outflow of resources (expense/expenditure) until then.

In addition to liabilities, the statement of net position and or balance sheet 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(s) and so will not be recognized as an inflow of resources (revenue) until that time.

Net Position/Fund Balances

The Town's net position in the government-wide financial statements is classified as follows:

Net Investment in Capital Assets: This represents the Town's total investment in capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation, reduced by the outstanding debt obligations related to those capital assets. To the extent debt has been incurred but not yet expended for capital assets, such amounts are not included.

Restricted Net Position: Restricted net position includes resources in which the Town is legally or contractually obligated to spend in accordance with restrictions externally imposed by third parties or imposed by law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation, including that passed by the government itself.

Unrestricted Net Position: Any remaining balance of net position is reported as unrestricted, including management assignments and commitments.

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TOWN OF PAWLEYS ISLAND, SOUTH CAROLINA
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
DECEMBER 31, 2015

NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

In the governmental fund financial statements, equity is classified as fund balance. The following classifications describe the relative strength of the spending constraints placed on the purposes for which resources can be used:

Nonspendable Fund Balance – Consists of amounts that are not in a spendable form (such as inventory) or are required to be maintained intact.

Restricted Fund Balance – Consists of amounts constrained to specific purposes by their providers (such as grantors, bondholders, and higher levels of government), through constitutional provisions, or by enabling legislation.

Committed Fund Balance – Consists of amounts constrained to specific purposes by a government itself, using its highest level of decision-making authority; to be reported as committed, amounts cannot be used for any other purpose unless the government takes the same highest level action to remove or change the constraint.

Assigned Fund Balance – Consists of amounts a government intends to use for a specific purpose; intent can be expressed by the governing body or by an official or body to which the governing body delegates the authority.

Unassigned Fund Balance – Consists of amounts that are available for any purpose; positive amounts are reported only in the general fund.

Town Council establishes (and modifies or rescinds) fund balance commitments by passage of an ordinance or resolution. Assigned fund balance is established by Town Council through adoption or amendment of the budget as intended for a specific purpose. When fund balance resources are available for a specific purpose in more than one classification, it is the Town of Pawleys Island's policy to use the most restrictive funds first in the following order: restricted, committed, assigned, and unassigned as they are needed.

Nonexchange Transactions

The standards established by GASB Statement No. 33, "*Accounting and Financial Reporting for Nonexchange Transactions*", provide accounting and reporting for the following four categories of nonexchange transactions: 1) derived tax revenues, 2) imposed nonexchange revenues, 3) government-mandated nonexchange transactions, and 4) voluntary nonexchange transactions. Nonexchange transactions involve financial or capital resources in which the government either gives value to another party without directly receiving equal value in exchange or receives value from another party without directly giving equal value in exchange.

Assets from derived tax revenues are recognized when the underlying exchange has occurred or when the resources are received, whichever first. Revenues are recognized when the underlying exchange has occurred and resources are available to the government.

TOWN OF PAWLEYS ISLAND, SOUTH CAROLINA
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
DECEMBER 31, 2015

NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

Assets from imposed nonexchange revenues are recognized when an enforceable legal claim has arisen or when resources are received, whichever occurs first. Revenues are recognized when resources are required to be used or the first period that use is permitted. Resources must also be available to the government.

Assets, liabilities, deferred outflows/inflows of resources, revenues, and expenditures from government-mandated and voluntary nonexchange transactions are generally recognized when all eligibility requirements have been met. Resources received before eligibility requirements are fulfilled are reported as unearned revenues or deferred inflows of resources, as appropriate, depending upon whether time requirements have been met. Eligibility requirements can include one or more of the following:

1. The recipient has the characteristics specified by the provider.
2. Time requirements specified by the provider have been met.
3. The provider offers resources on a reimbursement basis and allowable costs have been incurred.
4. The provider's offer of resources is contingent upon a specified action of the recipient and that action has occurred.

NOTE 2 - CASH & INVESTMENTS

Deposits

At year end, the Town's carrying amount of deposits with financial institutions (including certificates of deposit) was \$5,265,738 excluding petty cash of \$100, and the corresponding bank balance was \$5,272,306.

Custodial Credit Risk – For deposits, this is the risk that in the event of a bank failure, the government's deposits may not be recovered. The Town does not have a deposit policy for custodial credit risk, but follows the investment policy statutes of the State of South Carolina. As of December 31, 2015, \$2,679,348 of the Town's bank balance of \$5,272,306 was exposed to custodial credit risk because it was uninsured, although collateralized with securities held by the pledging bank's trust department or agent in the Town's name. As of December 31, 2015, \$7,561 of the Town's bank balance was uninsured and uncollateralized.

For purposes of risk categorization, certificates of deposit not meeting the criteria for cash and cash equivalents are included with deposits.

Investments

State statutes authorize the Town to invest in obligations of the United States and agencies thereof, general obligations of the State of South Carolina or any of its political units, savings and loan associations to the extent that the same are insured by an agency of the federal government, certificates of deposit where the certificates are collaterally secured by securities of the type described above, or deposit accounts with banking institutions. The statutes provide that all authorized investments shall have maturities consistent with the time or times when the invested monies will be needed in cash. Statutes also allow the State Treasurer to assist local governments in investing funds. The Town is under no contractual agreements that restrict investment alternatives.

**TOWN OF PAWLEYS ISLAND, SOUTH CAROLINA
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
DECEMBER 31, 2015**

NOTE 2 - CASH & INVESTMENTS (continued)

As of December 31, 2015, the Town's investments consisted of deposits with the South Carolina Local Government Investment Pool (SCLGIP) in the amount of \$2,174,791 and the corresponding account balance was \$2,174,791. It is the policy of the State Treasurer that the weighted average maturity of the LGIP portfolio not exceed 60 days.

Custodial Credit Risk - For investments, this is the risk that, in the event of the failure of the counterparty, the Town will not be able to recover the value of its investments or collateral securities that are in the possession of an outside party. Since deposits with the SCLGIP are not evidenced by securities that exist in physical or book-entry form, they are not exposed to custodial credit risk.

Credit Risk - The Town's investment in the SCLGIP was unrated. Funds deposited into the State Treasurer's investment pool are used to purchase: 1) direct obligations of the U.S. government, 2) federal agency securities, 3) repurchase agreements secured by the U.S. government and/or federal agency securities and 4) commercial paper rated A1/P1 (S&P/Moody's highest rating). Because the Town only invests in the SCLGIP, it does not have a policy regarding credit risk of its investment portfolio.

Concentration of Credit Risk - The Town's investment policy places no limit on the amount it may invest in any one issuer. Investments issued or explicitly guaranteed by the U.S. government and investments in external investment pools are excluded from this disclosure requirement.

Interest Rate Risk - The Town's investment policy is to mitigate interest rate risk and ensure the preservation of capital in the overall portfolio. The Town manages its exposure to declines in fair values by limiting the weighted average maturity of its investment portfolio. Currently, the Town only invests in the external investment pool of the State Treasurer that limits its weighted average maturity to 60 days or less.

NOTE 3 - RESTRICTED ASSETS

Restricted assets of the Town at December 31, 2015 consist of the following:

		<u>Beach Renourishment</u>
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$	95,603
Investments		<u>5,352,234</u>
Total	\$	<u><u>5,447,837</u></u>

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TOWN OF PAWLEYS ISLAND, SOUTH CAROLINA
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DECEMBER 31, 2015

NOTE 4 - RECEIVABLES

Receivables as of year-end for individual major funds are as follows. There were no allowances for uncollectible amounts associated with any receivable at year end.

	<u>General</u>	<u>A-Tax</u>	<u>Beach Renourishment</u>	<u>Total</u>
Receivables:				
Franchise Fees	\$ 23,096	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 23,096
Fines and Fees	3,062	-	-	3,062
Intergovernmental	4,666	-	7,893	12,559
Interest	2,827	-	-	2,827
A-Tax	<u>-</u>	<u>37,168</u>	<u>6,630</u>	<u>43,798</u>
Gross Receivables	\$ 33,651	\$ 37,168	\$ 14,523	\$ 85,342
Less: Allowance for Uncollectible	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Net Receivables	<u>\$ 33,651</u>	<u>\$ 37,168</u>	<u>\$ 14,523</u>	<u>\$ 85,342</u>

NOTE 5 - CAPITAL ASSETS

Capital asset activity for the year ended December 31, 2015 was as follows:

	<u>Beginning Balance</u>	<u>Increases</u>	<u>Decreases</u>	<u>Ending Balance</u>
Capital Assets, Not Depreciated				
Land	\$ 503,500	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 503,500
Total Capital Assets, Not Depreciated	<u>\$ 503,500</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 503,500</u>
Capital Assets, Being Depreciated				
Land Improvements	\$ 50,591	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 50,591
Buildings and Improvements	20,972	-	-	20,972
Vehicles, Furniture, and Equipment	<u>138,760</u>	<u>47,526</u>	<u>(7,122)</u>	<u>179,164</u>
Total Capital Assets, Being Depreciated	\$ 210,323	\$ 47,526	\$ (7,122)	\$ 250,727
Less Accumulated Depreciation For:				
Land Improvements	\$ (24,030)	\$ (3,372)	\$ -	\$ (27,402)
Buildings and Improvements	(15,221)	(510)	-	(15,731)
Vehicles, Furniture, and Equipment	<u>(71,878)</u>	<u>(18,882)</u>	<u>7,122</u>	<u>(83,638)</u>
Total Accumulated Depreciation	\$ (111,129)	\$ (22,764)	\$ 7,122	\$ (126,771)
Total Capital Assets, Being Depreciated, Net	<u>\$ 99,194</u>	<u>\$ 24,762</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 123,956</u>
Capital Assets, Net	<u>\$ 602,694</u>	<u>\$ 24,762</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 627,456</u>

**TOWN OF PAWLEYS ISLAND, SOUTH CAROLINA
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
DECEMBER 31, 2015**

NOTE 5 - CAPITAL ASSETS (continued)

Depreciation expense was charged to functions/programs of the Town as follows:

Governmental Activities:	
General Government	\$ 3,416
Public Safety	18,882
Beach Renourishment	<u>466</u>
Total Depreciation Expense - Governmental Activities	<u><u>\$ 22,764</u></u>

NOTE 6 - INTERFUND RECEIVABLES, PAYABLES, AND TRANSFERS

Outstanding balances between funds result mainly from the time lag between the dates that (1) interfund goods and services are provided or reimbursable expenditures occur, (2) transactions are recorded in the accounting system, and (3) payments between funds are made. The composition of interfund balances as of December 31, 2015 follows. The balance of \$144,143 is not expected to be repaid within the following year and has been appropriately classified as “advances” in the financial statements.

	Due From Other Funds	Due To Other Funds
General Fund	\$ 224,000	\$ -
A-Tax Fund	<u>-</u>	<u>224,000</u>
Total	<u><u>\$ 224,000</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 224,000</u></u>

	Advances To Other Funds	Advances From Other Funds
General Fund	\$ 144,143	\$ -
A-Tax Fund	<u>-</u>	<u>144,143</u>
Total	<u><u>\$ 144,143</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 144,143</u></u>

NOTE 7 - RETIREMENT PLAN

The Town contributes to a defined contribution pension plan established under the provisions of IRS Code Section 401(A) for its full-time employees. The plan is administered by Metlife.

Benefit terms, including contribution requirements, for the plan are established and may be amended by Town Council. Both employees and the employer are required to contribute to the plan at the rates listed below as established in the plan document. Each employee is allowed to voluntarily contribute to the plan an amount equal to the individual voluntary rate established by the agreement. Employee contributions qualify for federal income tax treatment permitted by and made pursuant to IRS Code Section 414(h)(2). Each participant directs the investment of their individual plan account. For the year ended December 31, 2015, required employee contributions totaled \$27,689, and the Town recognized pension expense of \$29,035.

**TOWN OF PAWLEYS ISLAND, SOUTH CAROLINA
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DECEMBER 31, 2015**

NOTE 7 - RETIREMENT PLAN (continued)

	Employee	Employer
Chief of Police	10.0%	10.5%
Administrator	10.0%	10.5%
Police Officers and Clerk	6.0%	6.5%

Employees are immediately vested in their own contributions and earnings on those contributions and become vested in Town contributions and earnings on Town contributions after five years of credited service with the Town. Nonvested Town contributions are forfeited upon termination of employment. There were no forfeitures for the current year. As of December 31, 2015, the Town reported a liability of \$7,829 for normal required contributions to the plan.

For the year beginning January 1, 2016 the Town changed the administrator of the defined contribution plan and adopted a 457 deferred compensation arrangement to be used in conjunction with the defined contribution plan. The required contribution rates for the employees and the employer remain the same.

NOTE 8 - RISK MANAGEMENT

The Town is exposed to various risks of losses related to torts; theft of, damage to, and destruction of assets; errors and omissions; injuries to employees; and natural disasters. To insure against casualty risks, the Town is a member of the State of South Carolina Insurance Reserve Fund, a public entity risk pool currently operating as a common risk management and insurance program for local governments in South Carolina.

The Town pays annual premiums to the State Insurance Reserve Fund for its general insurance. The State Insurance Reserve Fund is self-sustaining through member premiums and reinsures through commercial companies for certain claims.

The Town acquires insurance for job related injury and illness (workers' compensation). Workers' compensation is insured under a retrospectively rated policy where premiums paid are estimated throughout the year and adjusted subsequent to the policy period based on actual experience. General blanket and fidelity bond insurance was also maintained.

During December 31, 2015, the Town did not experience any uninsured claims. There is no liability or expenditure recorded for other actual claims and management does not believe any provision for unasserted claims is necessary. There were no significant reductions in coverage from the previous year and no settlements have exceeded insurance coverage for the past three years ended December 31, 2015, 2014, and 2013.

NOTE 9 - NET POSITION RESTRICTED BY ENABLING LEGISLATION

The Town has restricted total net position of its governmental activities in the amount of \$5,462,240 through enabling legislation for beach renourishment.

**TOWN OF PAWLEYS ISLAND, SOUTH CAROLINA
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
DECEMBER 31, 2015**

NOTE 10 - CONTINGENCIES

In the opinion of Town management, after consultation with legal counsel, there are no material claims or litigation against the Town that are not covered by insurance or whose settlement would materially affect the Town's financial position.

The Town also participates in certain federal and/or state assisted grant programs. These programs are subject to program compliance audits by grantors or their representatives. Liability for reimbursement, if any, which may arise as a result of these audits is not believed to be material.

NOTE 11 – OPERATING LEASES

The Town leases office equipment under an operating lease agreement. Total cost for the lease for the year ended December 31, 2015 was \$1,152. Future minimum lease payments are as follows:

<u>Year Ending December 31,</u>	<u>Amount</u>
2016	\$ 1,152
2017	<u>1,152</u>
Total	<u><u>\$ 2,304</u></u>

NOTE 12 – HURRICANE AND STORM DAMAGE REDUCTION PROJECT

A cost-sharing agreement has been entered into with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers for the Hurricane and Storm Damage Reduction project. Total project costs of the design phase are estimated to be \$597,000 of which the Town's cost share requirement is 25% of total project costs which is equal to \$149,250. As of December 31, 2015, \$113,400 has been paid by the Town of which \$16,937 still remains on deposit with the Corps of Engineers for the design phase of the project.

NOTE 13 - UNDERGROUND WIRE PROJECT

In March of 2014, Town Council approved a project with Santee Cooper that expands the initial underground wire project and places all of the remaining electrical lines on the island underground. Following is an analysis of the construction costs at December 31, 2015:

	<u>Estimated Completion Date</u>	<u>Total Estimated Project Costs</u>	<u>Project Costs Net of Available Franchise Funds</u>	<u>Less: Spent To Date</u>	<u>Remaining Balance</u>
Underground Wire Project	Summer 2018	\$ <u>3,500,000</u>	\$ <u>3,071,426</u>	\$ <u>1,278,426</u>	\$ <u>1,793,000</u>
		\$ <u><u>3,500,000</u></u>	\$ <u><u>3,071,426</u></u>	\$ <u><u>1,278,426</u></u>	\$ <u><u>1,793,000</u></u>

**TOWN OF PAWLEYS ISLAND, SOUTH CAROLINA
 NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
 DECEMBER 31, 2015**

NOTE 13 - UNDERGROUND WIRE PROJECT (continued)

The Town anticipates funding the \$3,500,000 project as follows:

Voluntary Property Owner Contributions - To be collected over 10 year period	\$	1,452,500
Franchise Funds (described below)		567,000
Town Share		1,480,500
Total Project Costs	\$	<u><u>3,500,000</u></u>

In April of 2005, the Town Council approved an extension of the Santee Cooper Franchise agreement and raised its franchise fee to 5%. As part of the extension agreement, Santee Cooper is obligated to match 40% of the franchise fees collected from the date of the extension of the franchise. This matching fund is being held by Santee Cooper for the purpose of defraying future costs of putting the electrical lines on the island underground. Santee Cooper will discontinue their franchise match at the completion of the third phase of the underground wire project. The Town will continue its 5% franchise fee and use it towards final project costs. As of December 31, 2015 the “Underground Facilities Franchise Fund” held by Santee Cooper contained \$683,721 which included a contribution of \$1,278,426 made by the Town in 2014 for Phase I of the new project.

NOTE 14 - SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

Because of significant beach and dune damage from Hurricane Joaquin, Town Council approved a sand scraping project to restore the beach and dune structure. Total project costs were \$113,457 and it was completed April 4, 2016.

**TOWN OF PAWLEYS ISLAND, SOUTH CAROLINA
REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION
BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE
GENERAL FUND
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2015**

	<u>Budgeted Amounts</u>		<u>Actual</u>	<u>Variance With Final Budget Positive (Negative)</u>
	<u>Original</u>	<u>Final</u>		
REVENUES				
State Accommodations Tax	\$ 37,000	\$ 37,000	\$ 38,018	\$ 1,018
Franchise Fees	38,000	38,000	50,483	12,483
Fines and Fees	16,100	16,100	13,792	(2,308)
Local Government State Aid	1,500	1,500	2,186	686
Interest Income	14,000	14,000	8,850	(5,150)
MASC Programs	340,000	340,000	361,345	21,345
Special Events	22,000	22,000	26,917	4,917
Donations - Police	-	-	9,500	9,500
Donations - Underground Wire	178,000	178,000	335,615	157,615
Miscellaneous	-	-	1,245	1,245
Total Revenues	\$ <u>646,600</u>	\$ <u>646,600</u>	\$ <u>847,951</u>	\$ <u>201,351</u>
EXPENDITURES				
General Government				
Advertising	\$ 500	\$ 500	\$ 241	\$ 259
Bank Charges	75	75	126	(51)
Capital Outlay	5,000	5,000	2,478	2,522
Communications	1,500	1,500	1,237	263
Computer	2,000	2,000	1,673	327
Decorations	1,200	1,200	850	350
Dues and Subscriptions	1,250	1,250	1,115	135
Election Expenses	1,400	1,400	1,913	(513)
Health Insurance	3,600	3,600	3,600	-
Wellness Program	700	700	63	637
Insurance	14,000	14,000	13,754	246
Mileage Reimbursement	1,500	1,500	835	665
Miscellaneous	1,500	1,500	1,572	(72)
Ordinance Review/Revision	3,000	9,000	10,413	(1,413)
Postage	600	600	221	379
Printing	2,350	2,350	1,940	410
Professional Services	24,400	24,400	20,034	4,366
Rent	1,045	1,045	1,045	-
Repairs and Maintenance	3,500	3,500	2,315	1,185
Retirement	4,967	4,967	5,169	(202)
Salaries and Labor	41,295	44,225	44,725	(500)
Special Events	14,450	14,450	12,726	1,724
Supplies	3,200	3,200	2,565	635
Taxes and Licenses	6,250	6,250	3,648	2,602
Telephone	2,100	2,100	754	1,346
Training and Seminars	500	500	238	262
Utilities	1,500	1,650	1,058	592
Total General Government	\$ <u>143,382</u>	\$ <u>152,462</u>	\$ <u>136,308</u>	\$ <u>16,154</u>

**TOWN OF PAWLEYS ISLAND, SOUTH CAROLINA
REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION
BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE
GENERAL FUND
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2015**

	<u>Budgeted Amounts</u>		<u>Actual</u>	<u>Variance With Final Budget Positive (Negative)</u>
	<u>Original</u>	<u>Final</u>		
EXPENDITURES (continued)				
Public Safety				
Automotive	\$ 21,500	\$ 21,500	\$ 17,526	\$ 3,974
Beach Access Security	2,220	4,520	3,977	543
Capital Outlay	44,350	44,350	53,537	(9,187)
Communications	2,100	2,100	2,396	(296)
Computer	2,500	2,500	1,164	1,336
Dues and Subscriptions	600	600	473	127
Health Insurance	10,560	10,560	10,560	-
Wellness Program	1,400	1,400	671	729
Insurance	8,000	8,000	7,922	78
Magistrate	2,160	2,160	2,160	-
Mileage Reimbursement	1,300	1,300	793	507
Miscellaneous	2,250	2,250	1,997	253
Printing	1,000	1,000	-	1,000
Repairs and Maintenance	1,700	1,700	286	1,414
Retirement	7,404	7,404	7,833	(429)
Salaries and Labor	110,807	111,459	109,757	1,702
Supplies	3,350	3,350	2,920	430
Tag Readers	4,000	6,560	6,568	(8)
Taxes and Licenses	10,293	10,293	9,097	1,196
Telephone	2,280	2,280	3,371	(1,091)
Training and Seminars	2,200	2,200	2,768	(568)
Uniforms	4,000	4,000	3,515	485
Victim Services	500	500	526	(26)
Total Public Safety	\$ <u>246,474</u>	\$ <u>251,986</u>	\$ <u>249,817</u>	\$ <u>2,169</u>
Streets and Sanitation				
Animal Control	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000	\$ 415	\$ 585
Annual Cleanup	960	960	990	(30)
Mowing	1,500	1,500	1,714	(214)
Park Maintenance	2,000	2,000	1,902	98
Repairs and Maintenance	8,400	8,400	5,165	3,235
Street Sign Work	1,500	3,000	3,065	(65)
Supplies	3,500	3,500	1,592	1,908
Trash Removal	3,000	3,000	3,079	(79)
Underground Conversion	901,000	3,000	2,117	883
Total Streets and Sanitation	\$ <u>922,860</u>	\$ <u>26,360</u>	\$ <u>20,039</u>	\$ <u>6,321</u>
Total Expenditures	\$ <u>1,312,716</u>	\$ <u>430,808</u>	\$ <u>406,164</u>	\$ <u>24,644</u>
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF REVENUES OVER EXPENDITURES	\$ <u>(666,116)</u>	\$ <u>215,792</u>	\$ <u>441,787</u>	\$ <u>225,995</u>

**TOWN OF PAWLEYS ISLAND, SOUTH CAROLINA
REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION
BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE
GENERAL FUND
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2015**

	<u>Budgeted Amounts</u>		<u>Actual</u>	<u>Variance With Final Budget Positive (Negative)</u>
	<u>Original</u>	<u>Final</u>		
NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCE	\$ (666,116)	\$ 215,792	\$ 441,787	\$ 225,995
FUND BALANCE - BEGINNING	<u>1,726,525</u>	<u>1,726,525</u>	<u>1,726,525</u>	<u>-</u>
FUND BALANCE - ENDING	<u>\$ 1,060,409</u>	<u>\$ 1,942,317</u>	<u>\$ 2,168,312</u>	<u>\$ 225,995</u>

**TOWN OF PAWLEYS ISLAND, SOUTH CAROLINA
REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION
BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE
ACCOMMODATIONS TAX FUND
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2015**

	<u>Budgeted Amounts</u>		<u>Actual</u>	<u>Variance With Final Budget Positive (Negative)</u>
	<u>Original</u>	<u>Final</u>		
REVENUES				
State Accommodations Tax	\$ 228,000	\$ 228,000	\$ 247,351	\$ 19,351
Interest Income	-	-	45	45
Total Revenues	<u>\$ 228,000</u>	<u>\$ 228,000</u>	<u>\$ 247,396</u>	<u>\$ 19,396</u>
EXPENDITURES				
General Government				
Salaries and Benefits	\$ 66,811	\$ 69,742	\$ 68,150	\$ 1,592
Telephone	1,470	1,470	1,760	(290)
Utilities	1,500	1,650	1,058	592
Total General Government	<u>\$ 69,781</u>	<u>\$ 72,862</u>	<u>\$ 70,968</u>	<u>\$ 1,894</u>
Advertising and Promotion				
Contributions	\$ 12,000	\$ 12,000	\$ 12,105	\$ (105)
Advertising and Promotion Organization	68,400	68,400	78,111	(9,711)
Brochure	2,000	2,000	-	2,000
Website	2,500	2,500	1,706	794
Total Advertising and Promotion	<u>\$ 84,900</u>	<u>\$ 84,900</u>	<u>\$ 91,922</u>	<u>\$ (7,022)</u>
Public Safety				
Insurance	\$ 12,000	\$ 12,000	\$ 11,882	\$ 118
Salaries and Benefits	195,414	196,393	192,606	3,787
Total Public Safety	<u>\$ 207,414</u>	<u>\$ 208,393</u>	<u>\$ 204,488</u>	<u>\$ 3,905</u>
Streets and Sanitation				
Annual Cleanup	\$ 2,240	\$ 2,240	\$ 2,310	\$ (70)
Mowing	3,500	3,500	3,998	(498)
Trash Removal	7,000	7,000	7,183	(183)
Total Streets and Sanitation	<u>\$ 12,740</u>	<u>\$ 12,740</u>	<u>\$ 13,491</u>	<u>\$ (751)</u>
Total Expenditures	<u>\$ 374,835</u>	<u>\$ 378,895</u>	<u>\$ 380,869</u>	<u>\$ (1,974)</u>
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF REVENUES OVER EXPENDITURES	<u>\$ (146,835)</u>	<u>\$ (150,895)</u>	<u>\$ (133,473)</u>	<u>\$ 17,422</u>
NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCE	\$ (146,835)	\$ (150,895)	\$ (133,473)	\$ 17,422
FUND BALANCE - BEGINNING	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
FUND BALANCE - ENDING	<u>\$ (146,835)</u>	<u>\$ (150,895)</u>	<u>\$ (133,473)</u>	<u>\$ 17,422</u>

**TOWN OF PAWLEYS ISLAND, SOUTH CAROLINA
REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION
BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE
BEACH RENOURISHMENT FUND
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2015**

	<u>Budgeted Amounts</u>		<u>Actual</u>	<u>Variance With Final Budget Positive (Negative)</u>
	<u>Original</u>	<u>Final</u>		
REVENUES				
Local Accommodations Tax	\$ 435,000	\$ 435,000	\$ 454,442	\$ 19,442
Interest Income	16,000	16,000	26,309	10,309
FEMA Grants	-	-	7,893	7,893
Total Revenues	<u>\$ 451,000</u>	<u>\$ 451,000</u>	<u>\$ 488,644</u>	<u>\$ 37,644</u>
EXPENDITURES				
Beach Renourishment Projects				
Beach Management	\$ 1,000	\$ 15,000	\$ 20,088	\$ (5,088)
Beach Renourishment	-	33,528	16,178	17,350
Sand Fence Project	2,000	2,000	822	1,178
Terminal Groin Support	45,000	2,500	375	2,125
Total Beach Renourishment	<u>\$ 48,000</u>	<u>\$ 53,028</u>	<u>\$ 37,463</u>	<u>\$ 15,565</u>
Total Expenditures	<u>\$ 48,000</u>	<u>\$ 53,028</u>	<u>\$ 37,463</u>	<u>\$ 15,565</u>
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF REVENUES OVER EXPENDITURES	<u>\$ 403,000</u>	<u>\$ 397,972</u>	<u>\$ 451,181</u>	<u>\$ 53,209</u>
NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCE	\$ 403,000	\$ 397,972	\$ 451,181	\$ 53,209
FUND BALANCE - BEGINNING	<u>5,011,059</u>	<u>5,011,059</u>	<u>5,011,059</u>	<u>-</u>
FUND BALANCE - ENDING	<u><u>\$ 5,414,059</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 5,409,031</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 5,462,240</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 53,209</u></u>

**TOWN OF PAWLEYS ISLAND, SOUTH CAROLINA
NOTES TO REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2015**

NOTE 1 - BUDGETS AND BUDGETARY ACCOUNTING

Annual budgets are prepared and adopted on a basis consistent with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP) as applicable to governments for all governmental funds maintained by the Town. Amounts presented in the “*Original*” budget column in the budgetary comparison schedule reflect amounts originally adopted by ordinance. Amounts presented in the “*Final*” budget column include any supplemental appropriations or amendments formally authorized by Town Council. All annual appropriations lapse at year end.

In establishing the budget, individual departments submit their proposed budgets to Mayor and Council. The Mayor and Council in turn consider the budgets of individual departments and the Town as a whole. The overall legally enacted budget ordinance is formally approved after two public readings. Public readings allow individual citizens of the Town an opportunity to have input in the budgetary process. The Mayor has the authority to amend line item transfers in the budget without Council’s approval; however, any change to total budgeted revenues or expenditures requires Council’s authorization.

Formal budgetary accounting is employed as a management control for funds of the Town. Encumbrance accounting, under which purchase orders, contracts, and other commitments for the expenditure of money are recorded in order to reserve that portion of the applicable appropriations, is not utilized by the Town and is not part of budgetary integration.

NOTE 2 - PRESENTATION

The budgetary comparison schedule presents the general fund and each major individual special revenue fund for which an annual budget is legally adopted.

NOTE 3 - EXPENDITURES IN EXCESS OF BUDGET

Actual expenditures of the Accommodations Tax Fund exceeded budgetary appropriations by \$1,974 for the year ended December 31, 2015.

**TOWN OF PAWLEYS ISLAND, SOUTH CAROLINA
SCHEDULE OF FINES, ASSESSMENTS, AND SURCHARGES
GENERAL FUND
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2015**

COURT FINES

Court Fines Collected	\$	15,314
Court Fines Retained by Town		<u>(15,314)</u>
 Court Fines Remitted to the State Treasurer	 \$	 <u><u>-</u></u>

COURT ASSESSMENTS

Court Assessments Collected	\$	2,434
Court Assessments Retained by Town		<u>(272)</u>
 Court Assessments Remitted to the State Treasurer	 \$	 <u><u>2,162</u></u>

COURT SURCHARGES

Court Surcharges Collected	\$	1,560
Court Surcharges Retained by Town		<u>(150)</u>
 Court Surcharges Remitted to the State Treasurer	 \$	 <u><u>1,410</u></u>

DPS PULLOUTS

DPS Pullouts Collected	\$	100
DPS Pullouts Retained by Town		<u>-</u>
 DPS Pullouts Remitted to the State Treasurer	 \$	 <u><u>100</u></u>

VICTIMS SERVICES

Court Assessments Allocated to Victim Services	\$	272
Court Surcharges Allocated to Victim Services		<u>150</u>
 Total Funds Allocated to Victim Services	 \$	 422
Victim Services Expenditures		(515)
Prior Year Carryforward		<u>93</u>
 Victim Services Funds Available for Carryforward	 \$	 <u><u>-</u></u>



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**INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S 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**

To the Mayor and Members of Town Council
Town of Pawleys Island, South Carolina

We have audited, in accordance with 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 financial statements of the governmental activities and each major fund of the Town of Pawleys Island, South Carolina as of and for the year ended December 31, 2015, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Town's basic financial statements and have issued our report thereon dated July 6, 2016.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered the Town'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 effectiveness of the Town'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 a 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 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. We did identify the deficiency 2015-001, described in the accompanying schedule of findings and responses that we consider to be a material weakness.

Compliance and Other Matters

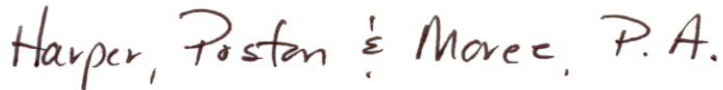
As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the Town’s financial statements are free from material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect 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 tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance or other matters that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*.

Auditee’s Response to Findings

The Town’s response to the findings identified in our audit are described in the accompanying schedule of findings and responses. The Town’s response was not subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements and, accordingly, we express no opinion on it.

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 results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity’s internal control or on compliance. The 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.



Harper, Poston & Moree, P.A.
Certified Public Accountants

Pawleys Island, South Carolina
July 6, 2016

**TOWN OF PAWLEYS ISLAND, SOUTH CAROLINA
SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND RESPONSES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2015**

A. Summary of Audit Results

1. The auditor's report expresses an unmodified opinion on the basic financial statements.
2. One control deficiency was disclosed during the audit of the basic financial statements. This deficiency is reported as a material weakness.
3. No instances of material noncompliance were disclosed during the audit of the financial statements.
4. There were no major federal award programs for the year ended December 31, 2015; therefore, no control deficiencies were disclosed for major federal award programs.
5. There were no major federal award programs for the year ended December 31, 2015; therefore, no auditor's report on compliance for major federal award programs was issued.
6. There were no major federal award programs for the year ended December 31, 2015; therefore, no audit findings relative to major federal award programs are disclosed in the following schedule.
7. No federal award programs were required to be tested as major programs.
8. The Town did not fall under the requirements of OMB's Uniform Guidance; therefore, there was no threshold for distinguishing between Types A and B programs.
9. Risk relative to major federal award programs was not assessed.

B. Findings - Financial Statement Audit

2015-001 Financial Statement Preparation

Control Deficiency: The Town's accounting staff does not prepare the year-end entries necessary to convert its cash basis records to the accrual basis of accounting and does not prepare the financial statements and related note disclosures.

Criteria: Controls over the preparation of year-end adjusting entries and the financial statements are necessary in preventing and detecting misstatements that could occur in the financial statements.

Cause: Town personnel do not possess the technical skills necessary to prepare accrual basis financial statements.

Effect: Errors or misstatements could occur and not be detected by management.

Recommendation: Management should continue to consult with outside accountants on significant accounting matters and take steps towards gaining the experience needed to prepare financial statements that are presented in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles.

**TOWN OF PAWLEYS ISLAND, SOUTH CAROLINA
SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND RESPONSES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2015**

B. Findings - Financial Statement Audit (continued)

2015-001 Financial Statement Preparation (continued)

Management's Response: Management has evaluated the cost/benefit of employing personnel with the technical skills necessary to prepare financial statements on the full accrual basis of accounting and has determined that the cost to the Town outweighs its benefit at the present time. To help mitigate the risk of material misstatement in the financial statements, management ensures that all journal entries are reviewed prior to posting and the financial statements are approved prior to issuance.

C. Findings and Questioned Costs - Federal Award Program Audit

Not applicable.