TOWN OF ALTO
ALTO, GEORGIA

ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2021

WITH AUDITOR'S REPORT
DECEMBER 30, 2022

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Honorable Mayer and Council
Town of Alto, Georgia

Opinions

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, and each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Town of Alto, Georgia, as of and for the year ended December 31, 2021, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Town of Alto, Georgia's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, and each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Town of Alto, Georgia, as of December 31, 2021, and the respective changes in financial position and, where applicable, cash flows thereof for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Basis for Opinions

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are required to be independent of the Town of Alto, Georgia, and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audit. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinions.

Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, and for 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.

In preparing the financial statements, management is required to evaluate whether there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the Town of Alto, Georgia's ability to continue as a going concern for twelve months beyond the financial statement date, including any currently known information that may raise substantial doubt shortly thereafter.

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinions. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Misstatements are considered material if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, they would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user based on the financial statements.

In performing an audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards, we:

- Exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements.

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- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit 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 Town of Alto, Georgia's internal control. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluate the overall presentation of the financial statements.
- Conclude whether, in our judgment, there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the Town of Alto, Georgia's ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

We are required to communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit, significant audit findings, and certain internal control-related matters that we identified during the audit.

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 3-9 and 36-37 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.

Supplementary Information

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the Town of Alto, Georgia's basic financial statements. The budget comparison schedule for capital projects fund on page 38 and the schedules of projects financed with special purpose local option sales tax and TSPLOST on pages 43 and 44 are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the basic financial statements.

The budget comparison schedule for capital projects fund and the schedules of projects financed with special purpose local option sales tax and TSPLOST are the responsibility of management and were derived from and relate directly to, the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the 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, the budget comparison schedule for capital projects fund and the schedules of projects financed with special purpose local option sales tax and TSPLOST are fairly stated in all material aspects in relation to the basic financial statements taken as a whole.

Other Reporting Required by Governmental Auditing Standards

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards,* we have also issued our report dated December 30, 2022 on our consideration of the Town of Alto, Georgia's internal control over financial reporting and our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, 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 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 of Alto, Georgia's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

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Lavonia, Georgia
December 30, 2022

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MANAGEMENT DISCUSSION & ANALYSIS

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Basic Financial Statements

In general, the purpose of financial reporting is to provide external parties that read financial statements with information that will help them to make decisions or draw conclusions about an entity. There are many external parties that read the Town of Alto's financial statements; however, these parties do not always have the same specific objectives. In order to address the needs of as many parties as reasonably possible, the Town, in accordance with required reporting standards, presents (1) government-wide financial statements and (2) fund financial statements.

Government-Wide Financial Statements

The focus of government-wide financial statements is on the overall financial position and activities of the Town of Alto. These financial statements are constructed around the concept of a primary government, the Town, and if applicable, its component units, except for fiduciary funds. The Town has no component units and no fiduciary funds.

The Town's government-wide financial statements include the statement of net position and statement of activities, which are prepared using accounting principles that are similar to commercial enterprises. The purpose of the statement of net position is to attempt to report all of the assets held and liabilities owed by the Town. The Town reports all of its assets when it acquires ownership over the assets and reports all of its liabilities when they are incurred. For example, the Town reports buildings and their capital assets, even though they are not available to pay the obligations incurred by the Town. On the other hand, the Town reports liabilities, such as litigation claims, even though these liabilities might not be paid until several years into the future.

The difference between the Town's total assets and total liabilities is labeled as *net position* and this difference is similar to the total owners' equity presented by a commercial enterprise. Although the purpose of the Town is not to accumulate net position, in general, as this amount increases it indicates that the financial position of the Town is improving over time.

The purpose of the statement of activities is to present the revenues and expenses of the Town. Again, the items presented on the statement of activities are measured in a manner similar to the approach used by a commercial enterprise in that revenues are recognized when earned or the established criteria are satisfied and expenses are reported when incurred by the Town. Thus, revenues are reported even when they may not be collected for several months after the end of the accounting period and expenses are recorded even though they may not have used cash during the current period.

Although the statement of activities looks different from a commercial enterprise's income statement, the financial statements are different only in format, not substance. Whereas the bottom line in a commercial enterprise is its net income, the Town reports an amount described as *change in net position,* essentially the same thing.

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The focus of the statement of activities is on the *net cost* of various activities provided by the Town. The statement begins with a column that identifies the cost of each of the Town's major function. Another column identifies the revenues that are specifically related to the classified governmental functions. The difference between the expenses and revenues related to specific program/activities computes the net cost or benefits of the program/activities, which identifies the extent to which each function of the Town draws from general revenues or is self-financing through fees, intergovernmental aid, and other sources of resources.

The Town's government-wide financial statements are divided into the primary government and its component units. The Town of Alto has no component units. The primary government is further divided into governmental activities and business-type activities. Governmental activities are generally financed through taxes, inter-governmental revenues, and other non-exchange revenues, while business-type activities are financed to some degree by charging external parties for the goods or services they acquire from the Town. Governmental activities include programs/activities such as general government, public safety, public works and recreation. Business-type activities, an integral part of the Town's activities and responsibilities, include the Town's Water Department.

The Town's government-wide financial statements are presented on pages 10-11.

Fund Financial Statements

Unlike government-wide financial statements, the focus of fund financial statements is directed to specific activities of the Town rather than the Town as a whole. Except for the General Fund, a specific fund is established to satisfy managerial control over resources or to satisfy finance-related legal requirements established by external parties or governmental statutes or regulations. The Town's fund financial statements are divided into two broad categories, namely (1) governmental funds and (2) proprietary funds.

Governmental funds: Governmental fund financial statements consist of a balance sheet and statement of revenues, expenditures, and change in fund balances and are prepared on an accounting basis that is significantly different from that used to prepare the government-wide financial statements.

In general, these financial statements have a short-term emphasis and, for the most part, measure and account for cash and other assets that can easily be converted to cash. For example, amounts reported on the balance sheet include items such as cash and receivables collectible within a very short period of time, but do not include capital assets such as land and buildings. Fund liabilities include amounts that are to be paid within a very short period after the end of the year. The difference between a fund's total assets and total liabilities is labeled as the fund balance, and generally indicates the amount that can be used to finance the next year's activities. Likewise, the operating statement for governmental funds reports only those revenues and expenditures that were collected in cash or paid with cash, respectively, during the current period or very shortly after the end of the year.

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For the most part, the balances and activities accounted for in governmental funds are also reported in the governmental activity columns of the government-wide financial statements; however, because different accounting bases are used to prepare fund financial statements, and government-wide financial statements, there are often significant differences between the totals presented in these financial statements. For this reason, there is an analysis on the page following the statement of revenues, expenditures and changes in fund balances that reconciles the total change in fund balances for all governmental funds to the change in net position as reported in the governmental activities' column in the statement of activities.

The Town's only funds are the General Fund, SPLOST Fund, and the TSPLOST Fund.

The Town's governmental fund financial statements are presented on pages 12-15.

Proprietary funds: Proprietary fund financial statements consist of a statement of net position, statement of revenues, expenses, and changes in fund net position and statement of cash flows and are prepared on an accounting basis that is similar to the basis used to prepare the government-wide financial statements. For financial reporting purposes, proprietary funds are grouped into Enterprise Funds and Internal Service Funds. The Town has no Internal Service Funds.

The Town uses Enterprise Funds to account for business-type activities that charge fees to customers for the use of specific goods or services. For the most part, the balances and activities accounted for in the Town's Enterprise Funds are also reported in the business-type activities columns of the government-wide financial statements.

The Town's only enterprise fund is the Water Utility Fund. A statement of cash flows is presented at the fund financial statement level for proprietary funds, but no equivalent statement is presented in the government-wide financial statements for either governmental activities or business-type activities.

The Town's proprietary fund financial statements are presented on pages 16-18.

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Overview of the Town's Financial Position and Operations

The Town's overall financial position and operations for the past two years are summarized as follows based on the information included in the government-wide financial statements (see pages 10-11).

Financial Position	**Governmental Activities**		**Business-Type Activities**		**Total**	
	2021	2020	2021	2020	2021	2020
Current and Other Assets	$1,000,795	$ 575,027	$ 584,193	$ 789,059	$ 1,584,988	$ 1,364,086
Capital Assets	1,020,928	1,029,788	1,556,947	1,240,458	2,577,875	2,270,246
Total Assets	$2,021,723	$1,604,815	$2,141,140	$2,029,517	$4,162,863	$3,634,332

Long-Term Liabilities	$ 56,972	$ 70,400	$ 247,511	$ 266,522	$ 304,483	$ 336,922
Other Liabilities	31,403	39,926	128,226	216,825	159,629	256,751
Total Liabilities	$ 88,375	$ 110,326	$ 375,737	$ 483,347	$ 464,112	$ 593,673
Net Position:						
Net Investment In Capital Assets	$ 963,956	$ 959,388	$ 1,309,436	$ 973,936	$ 2,273,392	$ 1,933,324
Restricted	645,538	471,214	---	---	645,538	471,214
Unrestricted	323,854	63,887	455,967	572,234	779,821	636,121
Total Net Position	$1,933,348	$1,494,489	$ 1,765,403	$ 1,546,170	$ 3,698,751	$ 3,040,659

In 2021, the total net position of the Town increased by $658,092 (22%) from $3,040,659 to $3,698,751. The increase was caused by an increase of $438,859 (30%) in the net position related to governmental activities plus an increase of $219,233 (15%) of business-type activities. Net investment in capital assets, increased by $340,068 (18%), and unrestricted net position increased by $143,700 (23%). The net position increase in governmental activities was due to an increase in cash on hand that is restricted for capital assets. This increase in cash was a result of unspent SPLOST and TSPLOST funding as well as the first portion of the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds received which had not all been expended yet. The net position increase in business-type activities was an increase in water sales revenue due to the increase in water fee schedule and funding from ARPA. We also received the Hazard Mitigation grant funding for the generators placed at each well site to keep the water system operating in emergency situations.

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Operations	**Governmental Activities**		**Business-Type Activities**		**Total**	
	2021	2020	2021	2020	2021	2020
Revenues						
Program Revenues:						
Charges for Services	$ 557,775	$ 428,595	$ 420,198	$ 412,002	$ 977,973	$ 840,597
Fines & Forfeitures	124,064	101,705	---	---	124,064	101,705
Operating Grants and Contributions	223,689	---	---	---	223,689	---
Capital Grants and Contributions	367,509	427,922	251,262	---	618,771	427,922
General Revenues:						
Property Taxes	65,845	62,250	---	---	65,845	62,250
Franchise Taxes	30,540	32,360	---	---	30,540	32,360
Other Taxes	211,921	200,284	---	---	211,921	200,284
Other General Revenues	13,367	22,194	3,166	4,980	16,533	27,174
Total Revenues	$ 1,594,710	$ 1,275,310	$ 674,626	$ 416,982	$2,269,336	$ 1,692,292

Program Expenses:						
General	$ 296,039	$ 296,760	$ ---	$ ---	$ 296,039	$ 296,760
Public Safety / Public Works	694,831	571,037	---	---	694,831	571,037
Cultural & Recreation	11,070	11,997	---	---	11,070	11,997
Water	---	---	609,311	530,520	609,311	530,520
Total Expenses	$ 1,001,940	$ 879,794	$ 609,311	$ 530,520	$ 1,611,251	$ 1,410,314
Changes in Net Position Before Other Items	$ 592,770	$ 395,516	$ 65,315	$ (113,538)	$ 658,085	$ 281,978
Transfers (Net)	(153,911)	---	153,911	---	---	---
Increase (Decrease) in Net Position	$ 438,859	$ 395,516	$ 219,226	$ (113,538)	$ 658,085	$ 281,978

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Governmental Activities

Net position increased this year by $43,343 (11%). Revenues were up by $319,400 (25%). This increase in revenue was due to the increase in charges for services, fines & forfeitures, and operating grants and contributions, property taxes and franchise taxes and other taxes which exceeded the increase in expenses for Public Safety / Public Works. The increase was due to the extra requests for background checks since the job market recovered to some degree and an increase in fines and forfeitures. Expenses were up by $122,146 (14%). There was an increase of the cost of labor for Public Safety / Public Works to cover the increased demand for services, law enforcement and public works labor.

Business-Type Activities

Net position increased this year by $332,764. Revenues were up by $257,644 (62%) due to increased water fee schedules and the Hazard Mitigation Grant reimbursement for generators. Expenses were up by $78,791 (15%) for the year. There were increases in repairs and maintenance performed on the water system, but we didn't have to purchase hardly any water for resale which helped to offset the increase in expenses. The revenue will have to be increased in the future with an additional increase to the fee schedule to help fund the updating of waterlines that are aging and need to be larger for increased demand.

General Fund Budgetary Highlights

The original budget was revised twice during the year. Following is a recap of the final budget and actual revenues and expenditures for the 2021 year.

Revenues	Original Budget	Final Budget	Actual	Variance
Taxes & Assessments	$ 269,710	$ 267,712	$ 267,712	$ ---
License & Permits	11,350	8,476	8,476	---
Fines & Forfeitures	78,250	124,063	124,063	---
Charges for Services	450,590	549,299	549,299	---
Intergovernmental Revenues	---	223,689	223,689	---
Grants & Awards	21,247	21,247	21,247	---
Proceeds from Sale of Assets	---	3,401	3,401	---
Insurance Recovery	---	6,865	6,865	---
Miscellaneous	4,790	3,101	3,101	---

Expenses	Original Budget	Final Budget	Actual	Variance
General Government	$ 225,137	$ 277,208	$ 277,208	$ ---
Public Safety/Public Works	601,025	648,939	648,939	---
Culture & Recreation	9,775	7,700	7,700	---
Debt Service		15,100	15,100	

The amended budget was prepared much later this year, so the Town was able to do a better job of adjusting to the final figures for the year.

Capital Asset and Debt Administration

Capital Assets

The Town has invested $2,577,875 in capital assets (net of depreciation). Approximately 61% of this investment is related to business-type activities and includes waterlines, wells, buildings, equipment, vehicles and land. Business-type capital assets increased by $316,489 (26%) from the previous year, and capital assets held for governmental activities decreased by $(8,860) (-1%). Capital assets held by the Town at the end of the current and previous year are summarized as follows:

Capital Assets (net of depreciation)

	Governmental Activities		Business-Type Activities		Total	
	2021	**2020**	**2021**	**2020**	**2021**	**2020**
Land	$ 126,743	$ 126,743	$ 73,200	$ 73,200	$ 199,943	$ 199,943
Construction in Progress	---	---	67,247	35,772	67,247	35,772
Buildings/Improvements	569,569	591,116	18,233	20,924	587,802	612,040
Infrastructure	131,032	138,231	---	---	131,032	138,231
Equipment and Vehicles	193,584	173,698	313,155	77,107	506,739	250,805

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Waterlines, Wells & Tanks	---	---	1,085,112	1,033,455	1,085,112	1,033,455
Totals	$1,020,928	$1,029,788	$1,556,947	$1,240,458	$ 2,577,875	$ 2,270,246

For more detail on Capital Assets, see Note 3 to the financial statements.

Long-Term Obligations

At the end of 2021, $247,511 was owed to GEFA for waterline expansion related to business-type activities and $56,972 was owed to the USDA for a loan to purchase three new vehicles for the police department, a governmental activity.

The Town had no material long-term liabilities related to compensated absences on claims and judgments.

For more detail on Long-Term Obligations, see Note 4 to the financial statements.

Economic Factors and Next Year's Budget and Rates

The Town of Alto water system has continued to improve its productivity this year by making repairs and doing more overall maintenance to the wells including updating the security of the wellhouse buildings along with the installation of the generators. We had been awarded a grant through FEMA/GEMA to place generators at eight of our wells and one at the Police Department to maintain operations in case of a power outage due to an emergency or disaster. A new industry has moved into the old textile mill and is about to boost the water sales again.

With the decrease of the COVID 19 pandemic in 2022, our Police Department has seen a significant increase in the number of background check requests for new hires and we have seen an increase in revenue through fines/tickets and probation collections. We have begun to offer probation services to other municipalities and are looking at other revenue sources.

The recovery in the economy that we have seen has increased demands for building type permits and water services plus increased values of homes on the market in our area resulting in several residents doing maintenance and additions to their homes. This also brought an increase in property tax revenue.

Each of these contributing factors will be considered in deciding how much to update our fee schedule in 2022.

Request for Information

This financial report is designed to provide various interested parties with a general overview of the Town's finances and to show the Town's accountability for the money it receives. If you have any questions about this report or need additional financial information, contact the Town Financial Officer at (706) 778-8035.

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BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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TOWN OF ALTO
STATEMENT OF NET POSITION
DECEMBER 31, 2021

	Governmental Activities	Business-Type Activities	Total
ASSETS			
Current Assets:			
Cash and Cash Equivalents	$ 980,000	$ 149,815	$ 1,129,815
Investments	8,010	-	8,010
Taxes Receivables (Net)	49,388	-	49,388
Accounts Receivable (Net)	85,005	53,256	138,261
Grant Receivable	-	251,262	251,262
Internal Balances	(126,686)	126,686	-
Prepaid Items	5,078	3,174	8,252
Total Current Assets	$ 1,000,795	$ 584,193	$ 1,584,988
Capital Assets:			
Land, Non-Depreciable Improvements, and Construction in Progress	$ 126,743	$ 140,447	$ 267,190
Other Capital Assets, Net of Depreciation	894,185	1,416,500	2,310,685
Total Capital Assets	$ 1,020,928	$ 1,556,947	$ 2,577,875
TOTAL ASSETS	$ 2,021,723	$ 2,141,140	$ 4,162,863
LIABILITIES			
Current Liabilities:			
Accounts Payable	$ 29,120	$ 17,614	$ 46,734
Accrued Expenses & Withholdings	2,283	2,357	4,640
Customer Deposits	-	108,255	108,255
Long-Term Liabilities:			
Due Within One Year	13,746	19,227	32,973
Due in More Than One Year	43,226	228,284	271,510
TOTAL LIABILITIES	$ 88,375	$ 375,737	$ 464,112
NET POSITION			
Net Investment in Capital Assets	$ 963,956	$ 1,309,436	$ 2,273,392
Restricted for:			
Capital Projects - SPLOST	287,753	-	287,753
Capital Projects - T SPLOST	357,785	-	357,785
Unrestricted	323,854	455,967	779,821
TOTAL NET POSITION	$ 1,933,348	$ 1,765,403	$ 3,698,751
TOTAL LIABILITIES & NET POSITION	$ 2,021,723	$ 2,141,140	$ 4,162,863

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THE ACCOMPANYING NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS ARE AN INTEGRAL PART OF THIS STATEMENT

TOWN OF ALTO
STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2021

Functions/Programs	Expenses	Program Revenues: Charges for Services	Program Revenues: Operating Grants and Contributions	Program Revenues: Capital Grants and Contributions	Net (Expense) Revenue and Changes in Net Position: Primary Government: Governmental Activities	Primary Government: Business-Type Activities	Primary Government: Total
Primary Government:							
Governmental Activities:							
General Government	$ 296,039	$ 8,476	$ -	$ -	$ (287,563)	$ -	$ (287,563)
Public Safety/Public Works	693,159	673,363	223,689	367,509	571,402	-	571,402
Cultural and Recreation	11,070	-	-	-	(11,070)	-	(11,070)
Interest on Long-Term Debt	1,672	-	-	-	(1,672.00)	-	(1,672.00)
Total Governmental Activities (See Note 1)	$ 1,001,940	$ 681,839	$ 223,689	$ 367,509	$ 271,097	$ -	$ 271,097
Business-Type Activities:							
Water and Sewer	$ 609,304	$ 420,198	$ -	$ 251,262	$ -	$ 62,156	$ 62,156
Total Business-Type Activities	$ 609,304	$ 420,198	$ -	$ 251,262	$ -	$ 62,156	$ 62,156
Total Primary Government	$ 1,611,244	$ 1,102,037	$ 223,689	$ 618,771	$ 271,097	$ 62,156	$ 333,253
General Revenues:							
Taxes:							
Property Taxes, Levied for General Purpose					$ 65,845	$ -	$ 65,845
Franchise Taxes					30,540	-	30,540
Local Option Sales & Use Tax					100,634	-	100,634
Other Taxes					111,287	-	111,287
Unrestricted Investment Earnings					10	3,166	3,176
Miscellaneous					13,357	-	13,357
Transfers (Net)					(153,911)	153,911	-
Total General Revenues and Transfers					$ 167,762	$ 157,077	$ 324,839
Change in Net Position					$ 438,859	$ 219,233	$ 658,092
Net Position, Beginning					1,494,489	1,546,170	3,040,659
Net Position, Ending					$ 1,933,348	$ 1,765,403	$ 3,698,751

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TOWN OF ALTO
BALANCE SHEET
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
DECEMBER 31, 2021

	GENERAL FUND	SPLOST CAPITAL PROJECTS	TSPLOST CAPITAL PROJECTS	TOTAL GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
ASSETS:				
Cash and Cash Equivalents	$ 334,462	$ 287,753	$ 357,785	$ 980,000
Investments	8,010	-	-	8,010
Taxes Receivable	49,388	-	-	49,388
Accounts Receivable	85,005	-	-	85,005
Prepaid Items	5,078	-	-	5,078
Due from Water Fund	32	-	-	32
TOTAL ASSETS	$ 481,975	$ 287,753	$ 357,785	$ 1,127,513
LIABILITIES, DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES AND FUND BALANCES:				
LIABILITIES:				
Accounts Payable	$ 29,120	$ -	$ -	$ 29,120
Payroll Taxes Payable & Other Withholdings	2,283	-	-	2,283
Advances from Water Fund	126,718	-	-	126,718
TOTAL LIABILITIES	$ 158,121	$ -	$ -	$ 158,121
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES:	45,524	-	-	45,524
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES	$ 203,645	$ -	$ -	$ 203,645
FUND BALANCES (DEFICIT):				
Nonspendable:				
Prepaid Items	$ 5,078	$ -	$ -	$ 5,078
Restricted - SPLOST / T SPLOST	-	287,753	357,785	645,538
Unassigned	273,252	-	-	273,252
TOTAL FUND BALANCES (DEFICIT)	$ 278,330	$ 287,753	$ 357,785	$ 923,868
TOTAL LIABILITIES, DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES AND FUND BALANCES	$ 481,975	$ 287,753	$ 357,785	$ 1,127,513

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TOWN OF ALTO
RECONCILIATION OF THE BALANCE SHEET OF GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
TO THE STATEMENT OF NET POSITION
DECEMBER 31, 2021

TOTAL GOVERNMENTAL FUND BALANCES		$ 923,868
Amounts Reported for Governmental Activities in The Statement of Net Position Are Different Because:		
Capital assets used in governmental activities are not financial resources and therefore are not reported in the funds:		
Cost	$ 1,500,105	
Less Accumulated Depreciation	(479,177)	1,020,928
Revenues in the statement of activities that do not provide current financial resources are reported as deferred inflows of resources or unavailable revenue in the funds.		
Property Taxes		45,524
Long-term liabilities are not due and payable in the current period and therefore are not reported in the governmental funds.		(56,972)
Interfund receivables and payables between governmental funds are reported on the fund balance sheet but eliminated on the government-wide statement of net assets:		
Interfund receivables		126,686
Interfund payables		(126,686)
NET POSITION OF GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES		$ 1,933,348

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TOWN OF ALTO
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2021

	GENERAL FUND	SPLOST	T-SPLOST	TOTAL
REVENUES:				
Taxes & Assessments	$ 267,712	$ -	$ -	$ 267,712
Licenses & Permits	8,476	-	-	8,476
Fines & Forfeitures	124,063	-	-	124,063
Charges for Services	549,299	-	-	549,299
Intergovernmental Revenues	223,689	214,283	131,980	569,952
Grants and Other Funds	21,247	-	-	21,247
Miscellaneous	3,101	-	-	3,101
TOTAL REVENUES	$ 1,197,587	$ 214,283	$ 131,980	$ 1,543,850
EXPENDITURES:				
Current Operating:				
General Government	$ 254,604	$ -	$ -	$ 254,604
Public Safety/Public Works	609,739	-	-	609,739
Culture & Recreation	7,700	-	-	7,700
Capital Outlay:				-
General Government	22,604	-	-	22,604
Public Safety/Public Works	39,200	57,560	-	96,760
Culture & Recreation	-	-	-	-
Debt Service:				
Principal	13,428	-	-	13,428
Interest	1,672	-	-	1,672
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	$ 948,947	$ 57,560	$ -	$ 1,006,507
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF REVENUES OVER EXPENDITURES	$ 248,640	$ 156,723	$ 131,980	$ 537,343
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES):				
Proceeds on Sale of Capital Assets	$ 3,401	$ -	$ -	$ 3,401
Proceeds from Insurance Recovery	6,865	-	-	6,865
Transfers from/(to) Water Fund	(39,532)	(114,379)	-	(153,911)
TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)	$ (29,266)	$ (114,379)	$ -	$ (143,645)
NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCES	$ 219,374	$ 42,344	$ 131,980	$ 393,698
FUND BALANCES (DEFICIT):				
Beginning of Year	58,956	245,409	225,805	530,170
End of Year	$ 278,330	$ 287,753	$ 357,785	$ 923,868

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TOWN OF ALTO
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, 2021

NET CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES-TOTAL GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS		$ 393,698
Amounts Reported for Governmental Activities in the Statement of Activities Are Different Because:		
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 as depreciation expense. This is the amount by which the depreciation expense exceeded the capital outlay in the current period.		
Capital Outlay	$ 61,804	
Depreciation Expense	(70,664)	
		(8,860)
Governmental funds do not present revenues (such as deferred property taxes) that are not available to pay current obligations. In contrast, such revenues are reported in the Government-Wide Statement of Activities when earned.		40,593
Debt proceeds provide current financial resources to governmental funds, but issuing debt increases long-term liabilities in the statement of net position. Repayment of debt principal is an expenditure in the governmental funds, but the repayment reduces long-term liabilities in the statement of net position. This is the amount which payments exceed proceeds.		13,428
TOTAL CHANGES IN NET POSITION OF GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES		$ 438,859

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TOWN OF ALTO
STATEMENT OF NET POSITION
PROPRIETARY FUNDS
DECEMBER 31, 2021

	WATER UTILITY FUND	
ASSETS:		
CURRENT ASSETS:		
Cash and Cash Equivalents	$ 149,815	
Accounts Receivable	53,256	
Grant Receivable	251,262	
Prepaid Expenses	3,174	
Current Portion of Advances to General Fund	24,869	
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS		$ 482,376
NONCURRENT ASSETS:		
Long-Term Advances to General Fund	$ 101,817	
Land and Construction in Progress	140,447	
Depreciable Capital Assets, Net	1,416,500	
TOTAL NONCURRENT ASSETS		1,658,764
TOTAL ASSETS		$ 2,141,140
LIABILITIES AND NET POSITION:		
LIABILITIES:		
CURRENT LIABILITES:		
Accounts Payable	$ 17,614	
Customer Deposits	108,255	
Current Portion of Long Term Debt	19,227	
Payroll Taxes Withheld & Payable	2,357	
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES		$ 147,453
LONG-TERM LIABILITIES:		
Note Payable - GEFA	$ 228,284	
TOTAL LONG-TERM LIABILITIES		228,284
TOTAL LIABILITIES		$ 375,737
NET POSITION:		
Net Investment in Capital Assets	$ 1,309,436	
Unrestricted	455,967	
TOTAL NET POSITION		1,765,403
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET POSITION		$ 2,141,140

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TOWN OF ALTO
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENSES AND CHANGES IN FUND NET POSITION
PROPRIETARY FUNDS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2021

	WATER UTILITY FUND	
OPERATING REVENUES:		
Water Sales	$ 404,223	
Other	15,975	
TOTAL OPERATING REVENUES		$ 420,198
OPERATING EXPENSES:		
Water for Resale	$ 591	
Salaries	203,071	
Payroll Taxes	16,995	
Utilities	44,524	
Materials & Supplies	19,276	
Professional & Technical Service	26,585	
Insurance	47,850	
Repairs & Maintenance	65,640	
Gas	6,539	
Dues & Fees	8,525	
Contract Labor	33,538	
Miscellaneous	18,029	
Depreciation	115,228	
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES		606,391
OPERATING INCOME (LOSS)		$ (186,193)
NON-OPERATING REVENUES (EXPENSES):		
Interest Income	$ 3,166	
Grants - Other	251,262	
Interest Expense	(2,913)	
TOTAL NON-OPERATING REVENUES (EXPENSES)		251,515
INCOME (LOSS) BEFORE TRANSFERS		$ 65,322
Transfers from SPLOST Fund		114,379
Transfers from General Fund		39,532
CHANGE IN NET POSITION		$ 219,233
NET POSITION:		
Beginning Balance		1,546,170
Ending Balance		$ 1,765,403

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TOWN OF ALTO
STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
PROPRIETARY FUNDS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2021

CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES:		
Cash Received from Customers	$ 425,980	
Cash Payments for Personnel Services	(219,757)	
Cash Payments for Goods and Services	(364,640)	
NET CASH USED BY OPERATING ACTIVITIES		$ (158,417)
CASH FLOWS FROM NON-CAPITAL FINANCING ACTIVITIES:		
Payments Received from General Fund	$ 24,408	
Transfers from General Fund	153,911	
TOTAL CASH PROVIDED BY NON-CAPITAL FINANCING ACTIVITIES		178,319
CASH FLOWS FROM CAPITAL AND RELATED FINANCING ACTIVITIES:		
Interest Paid	$ (2,913)	
Principal Paid on GEFA Loan	(19,011)	
Payments for Capital Acquisitions	(431,717)	
TOTAL CASH USED BY CAPITAL AND RELATED FINANCING ACTIVITIES		(453,641)
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES:		
Cash Received from Sale of Investments	$ 102,597	
Investment Earnings	3,166	
NET CASH PROVIDED BY INVESTING ACTIVITIES		105,763
NET DECREASE IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS		$ (327,975)
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AT BEGINNING OF YEAR		477,790
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AT END OF YEAR		$ 149,815
RECONCILIATION OF OPERATING INCOME TO NET CASH PROVIDED BY OPERATING ACTIVITIES		
Operating Income (Loss)	$ (186,193)	
Adjustments to Reconcile Operating Income to Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities:		
Depreciation	115,228	
Increase in Accounts Receivable	(784)	
Decrease in Prepaid Expenses	1,931	
Decrease in Accounts Payable	(93,543)	
Increase in Customer Deposits	4,635	
Increase in Accrued Payroll & Taxes Withheld & Payable	309	
NET CASH USED BY OPERATING ACTIVITIES		$ (158,417)

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NOTES TO BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The Town of Alto operates under a Mayor and Council form of government. The accounting policies of the Town of Alto conform to generally accepted accounting principles as applicable to governments. The Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) is the accepted standard-setting body for governmental accounting and financial reporting. The following is a summary of the more significant policies:

A. Principles Determining Scope of Reporting Entity

The financial statements of the Town of Alto consist of the general fund, the water utility fund, the SPLOST fund, and the TSPLOST fund. The Town is not financially accountable for any other governmental entity since no other entities are considered to be controlled by or dependent on the Town. Control or dependence is determined on the basis of budget adoption, taxing authority, funding, and appointment of the respective governing board.

B. Basis of Presentation - Fund Accounting

In June 1999, GASB issued Statement No. 34, *Basic Financial Statements – and Management's Discussion and Analysis – for State and Local Governments*. The statement, known as the "Reporting Model" statement, affects the way the Town prepares financial information. State and Local governments traditionally have used a financial reporting model substantially different from the one used to prepare private sector financial reports. GASB Statement No. 34 establishes new requirements and a new reporting model for the annual financial reports of state and local governments. The Statement was developed to make annual reports easier to understand and more useful to the people who use governmental financial information to make decisions.

The basic financial statements include both government-wide (based on the Town as a whole) and fund financial statements. While the previous model emphasized fund types (the total of all funds of a particular type), in the new reporting model the focus is on either the Town as a whole or major individual funds (within the fund financial statements). Both the government-wide and fund financial statements (within the basic financial statements) categorized primary activities as either governmental or business-type. In the government-wide Statement of Net Position, both the governmental and business-type activities columns (a) are presented on a consolidated basis by column, and (b) are reflected, on a full accrual, economic resource basis, which incorporates long-term assets and receivables as well as long-term debt and obligations.

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SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

The government-wide Statement of Activities, presented on the accrual basis, reflects both the gross and net cost per functional category (recreation, public safety, streets and sanitation, etc.) which is otherwise being supported by general government revenues (property, certain intergovernmental revenues, fines, permits and charges, etc.)

The Statement of Activities reduces gross expenses (including depreciation) by related program revenues, operating and capital grants, and contributions. The program revenues must be directly associated with the function (public safety, public works, recreation, etc.) or a business-type activity. The operating grants include operating-specific and discretionary (either operating or capital) grants while the capital grants column reflects capital-specific grants.

The governmental funds major fund statements in the fund financial statements are presented on a current financial resource and modified accrual basis of accounting. This is the manner in which these funds are normally budgeted.

Since the governmental funds are presented on a different measurement focus and basis of accounting than the government-wide statement's governmental column, a reconciliation is presented which briefly explains the adjustment necessary to reconcile funds based on financial statements with the governmental column of the government-wide presentation.

The accounts of the Town are organized on the basis of funds, each of which is considered a separate accounting entity. The operations of each fund are accounted for with a separate set of self-balancing accounts that comprise its assets, liabilities, fund equity, revenues, and expenditures, or expenses, as appropriate. Government resources are allocated to and accounted for in individual funds based upon the purposes for which they are to be spent and the means by which spending activities are controlled. The various funds are grouped, in financial statements in this report, in fund types and categories as follows:

GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS:

All governmental funds are accounted for using the modified accrual basis of accounting and the current financial resources measurement focus. Under this basis, revenues are recognized in the accounting period in which they become measurable and available. Expenditures are recognized in the accounting period in which the fund liability is incurred, if measurable. Governmental Funds are those through which most governmental functions typically are financed.

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SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

Fund Balance

In accordance with Government Accounting Standards Board 54, fund equity at the governmental fund financial reporting level is classified as "fund balance" whereas fund equity for all other reporting is classified as "net position". In the fund financial statements, governmental funds report fund classifications that comprise a hierarchy based primarily on the extent to which the Town is bound to honor constraints on the specific purposes for which amounts in those funds can be spent. Fund balances are classified as follows:

- Nonspendable – Fund balances are reported as nonspendable when amounts cannot be spent because they are either (a) not in spendable form (i.e., items that are not expected to be converted to cash) or (b) legally or contractually required to be maintained intact.

- Restricted – Fund balances are reported as restricted when there are limitations imposed on their use either through the enabling legislation adopted by the Town or through external restrictions imposed by creditors, grantors or laws or regulations of other governments.

- Committed – Fund balances are reported as committed when they can be used only for specific purposes pursuant to constraints imposed by formal action of the Town Council, the Town's highest level of decision making authority, through the adoption of a resolution. The Town Council also may modify or rescind the commitment.

- Assigned – Fund balances are reported as assigned when amounts are constrained by the Town's intent to be used for specific purposes, but are neither restricted nor committed.

- Unassigned – Fund balances are reported as unassigned as the residual amount when the balances do not meet any of the above criterion. The Town reports positive unassigned fund balance only in the general fund. Negative unassigned fund balances may be reported in all funds.

Flow Assumptions

When both restricted and unrestricted amounts of fund balances are available for use for expenditures incurred, it is the Town's policy to use restricted amounts first and then unrestricted amounts as they are needed.

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SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

Revenue Recognition

In applying the susceptible to accrual concept under the modified accrual basis, the following revenue sources are deemed both measurable and available (i.e., collectible within the current year or within sixty days of year-end and available to pay obligations of the current period). This includes investment earnings, property taxes, income taxes withheld by employers, estate taxes, fines and forfeitures and state levied locally shared taxes (including motor vehicle fees). Reimbursements due for federally funded projects are accrued as revenue at the time the expenditures are made, or when received in advance, deferred until expenditures are made.

Other revenues, including licenses and permits, certain charges for services, and miscellaneous revenues, are recorded as revenue when received in cash because they are generally not measurable until actually received.

Expenditures Recognition

On the accrual basis of accounting, expenses are recognized at the time they are incurred. On the modified accrual basis, expenditures generally are recognized in the accounting period in which the related fund liability is incurred and due, if measurable.

General Fund – This is a major governmental fund of the Town of Alto. The General Fund is the general operating fund of the Town. It is used to account for all financial resources except those required to be accounted for in another fund. Included in the General Fund this year are CARES Act grants that were received in response to the COVID-19 pandemic

SPLOST Capital Projects Fund – This is a major governmental fund of the Town of Alto. The SPLOST Fund is used to account for capital expenditures and projects financed by the passage of the special purpose local option sales tax passed by the Banks County 2012, Banks County 2017 and Habersham County 2014 referendums.

TSPLOST Capital Projects Fund – This a major governmental fund of the Town of Alto. The TSPLOST Fund is used to account for capital expenditures and projects financed by the passage of the TSPLOST passed by Banks County in 2018. The TSPLOST funds will be used for the Wynn Shoals Road Project.

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SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

PROPRIETARY FUNDS:

Proprietary Funds are used to account for activities that are similar to those often found in the private sector. All assets, liabilities, equities, revenues, expenses, and transfers relating to the government's business activities are accounted for through proprietary funds. The measurement focus is on determination of net income, financial position, and cash flows. Operating revenues include charges for services. Subsidies and grants to proprietary funds, which finance either capital or current operations, are recorded as non-operating revenue when earned.

Operating Expenses include cost of services as well as, materials, contracts, personnel, and depreciation. In accordance with Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement No. 20, the Town has elected to follow GASB statements issued after November 30, 1989, rather than the Financial Accounting Standards Board, in accounting for proprietary funds.

Enterprise Funds – The Water Utility Fund is the major enterprise fund of the Town of Alto. It provides water services for the Town residents and others in Habersham and Banks County. The fund accounts for operations (a) that are financed and operated in a manner similar to private business enterprises; where the intent of the governing body is that costs (expenses, including depreciation) of providing goods or services to the general public on a continuing basis be financed or recovered primarily through user charges, or (b) where the governing body has decided that periodic determination of revenues earned, expenses incurred and/or net income is appropriate for capital maintenance, public policy, management control, accountability, or other purposes.

C. Basis of Accounting

The government-wide statements of net position and statements of activities and all proprietary funds are accounted for on a flow of economic resources measurement focus and 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. Non-exchange transactions, in which the Town gives (or receives) value without directly receiving (or giving) equal value in exchange, include property and sales taxes, grants, entitlements and donations. Those revenues susceptible to accrual are property taxes, local option sales taxes, other taxes, intergovernmental revenue, interest revenue and charges for services. Fines, licenses and permits and miscellaneous revenues are not susceptible to accrual because generally they are not measurable until received in cash.

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SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

Basis of Accounting (Continued)

The accounting and financial reporting treatment applied to a fund is determined by its measurement focus. All governmental funds are accounted for using the current financial resources measurement focus; only current assets and current liabilities generally are included on the balance sheet in the fund statements. Long-term assets and long-term liabilities are included in the government-wide statements. Operating statements of these funds present increases (i.e., revenues and other financing sources) and decreases (i.e., expenditures and other financing uses) in net current assets.

The fund financial statements of the General Fund is maintained and reported on the modified accrual basis of accounting. Under this method of accounting, revenues are recognized in the period in which they become measurable and available. With respect to real and personal property tax revenue and other local taxes, the term “available” is limited to collection within sixty days of the year-end.

Levies made prior to the year-end but which are not available are deferred. Interest income is recorded as earned. Federal and State reimbursement-type grants are recorded as revenues when related eligible expenditures are incurred. Expenditures, other than accrued interest on long-term debt, are recorded when the fund liability is incurred.

The statements of net position, statements of activities, and financial statements of the Proprietary Fund are presented on the accrual basis of accounting. Under this method of accounting, revenues are recognized when earned and expenses are recorded when liabilities are incurred without regard to receipt or disbursement of cash. Operating revenues in the proprietary funds are those revenues that are generated from the primary operations of the fund. All other revenues are reported as non-operating revenues. Operating expenses are those expenses that are essential to the primary operations of the fund. All other expenses are reported as non-operating expenses.

D. Budgets and Budgetary Accounting

The Town of Alto prepares a budget for all Town funds. The budget shows a comparison of current year revenues and expenditures with the proposed revenues and expenditures of the upcoming year.

The Town sets the date of submission of the proposed budget to the governing body. On that date a copy of the proposed budget is placed for public inspection during regular business hours. Also, at this time, a notice is published in the local newspaper stating the time and place of a public hearing on the proposed budget.

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SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

Budgets and Budgetary Accounting (Continued)

The budget hearing precedes the formal adoption of the budget by at least one week. The budget is then formally adopted at a public meeting.

Any amendments to the Town budget are approved by the Town Council and adopted by resolution. The Town Chief Financial Officer is authorized to make changes within the department level, however changes for each department must be approved by the Town Council.

The budget for the General Fund is prepared on the modified accrual basis of accounting, and the budget for the Water Utility Fund is prepared on the accrual basis of accounting.

E. Encumbrances

Encumbrances represent commitments related to unperformed contracts for goods or services. Encumbrance accounting – under which purchase orders, contracts and other commitments for the expenditures are recorded to reserve that portion of the applicable appropriation, is not utilized by the Town of Alto.

F. Cash and Cash Equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include amounts in demand deposits as well as short-term investments with a maturity date within three months of the date acquired by the Town.

G. Deposits and Investments

Custodial Credit Risk
Custodial risk is the risk that in the event of a financial failure, the Town's deposits may not be returned. The Town has no formal policy but follows the State of Georgia requirement that all deposits be federally insured or fully collateralized. All deposits are required to be insured or collateralized with securities held by the government or by its agent in the government's name.

The Town's investment policy allows investments only in:

1. Obligations of the United States and the State of Georgia or their agencies;
2. Other obligations, the principal of and interest on which are unconditionally guaranteed by the United States;
3. Certificates of deposit issued by the state and national banks that are insured by the FDIC or secured by obligations described above.

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SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

Deposits and Investments (Continued)

The Town has no investments other than Certificates of Deposit. At the end of 2021, the Town had no uninsured funds that were uncollateralized.

Interest Rate Risk
The Town does not have a formal investment policy that limits investment maturities as a means of managing it exposure to fair value losses arising from increasing interest rates.

Credit Risk
State of Georgia law limits investments to include certificates of deposit, repurchase agreements, direct and agency obligations of the United States, obligations of the State of Georgia, and pooled investment programs of the State of Georgia. The Town has no investment policy that would further limit its investment choices. Investments are normally reported at fair value.

Concentration of Credit Risk
The City has no formal policy on the amount the Town may invest in any one issuer.

H. Receivables

All receivables are reported net of uncollectibles.

I. Inventory and Prepaid Items

Expendable supplies are recorded as expenditures at the time items are purchased. The Town does not record inventories of supplies on the books. Certain prepaid expenditures are recognized in the period that they benefit.

J. Capital Assets

Capital outlays are recorded as expenditures of the General Fund and as assets in the government-wide financial statements to the extent of the Town's capitalization threshold is met. The Town capitalizes asset purchases valued at $2,500 or more. Depreciation is recorded on general capital assets on a government-wide basis. Capital outlays of the Proprietary Fund are recorded as capital assets and depreciated over their estimated useful lives on a straight-line basis on both the fund basis and the government-wide basis. All capital assets are valued at historical cost or estimated historical cost if actual cost was not available. Donated capital assets are valued at their estimated fair market value on the date donated.

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SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

Capital Assets (Continued)

The estimated useful lives are as follows:

Buildings	20-40 Years
Infrastructure	25-40 Years
Utility and Plant System	20-40 Years
Land Improvements	15 Years
Equipment	5-10 Years

Maintenance, repairs, and minor equipment are charged to operations when incurred. Expenditures that materially change capacities or extend useful lives are capitalized. Upon sale or retirement of land, buildings, and equipment, the cost and related accumulated depreciation, if applicable, are eliminated from the respective accounts and any resulting gain or loss is included in the results of operations. General infrastructure assets acquired prior to July 1, 2003 are not reported in the basic financial statements. General infrastructure assets would include all roads and bridges. A capitalization threshold of $25,000 is used for infrastructure assets.

K. Long-Term Obligations

The Town reports long-term debt of governmental funds at face value in the Government-wide Statement of Net Position. Long-term debt is not reported for governmental activities in the fund financial statements. Long-term debt and other obligations financed by proprietary funds are reported as liabilities in both the Government-wide and Fund Financial Statements.

L. Deferred Outflows/Inflows of Resources

In addition to assets, the Statement of Financial Position will sometimes report a separate section of 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. Currently, the Town does not have any items that qualify for reporting in this category.

In addition to liabilities, the Statement of Financial Position will sometimes report a separate section of 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. The government has one item, which arises under the modified accrual basis of accounting that qualifies for reporting in this category. Accordingly, deferred property taxes are reported only in the governmental funds balance sheet.

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SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

M. Net Position Flow Assumption

Sometimes the government will fund outlays for a particular purpose from both restricted and unrestricted resources. In order to calculate the amounts to report as restricted – net position and unrestricted – net position in the government-wide and proprietary fund financial statements, a flow assumption must be made about the order in which the resources are considered to be applied. It is the government's policy to consider restricted – net position to have been depleted before unrestricted – net position is applied.

N. Fund Balance Flow Assumption

Sometimes the government will fund outlays for a particular purpose from both restricted and unrestricted resources (the total of committed, assigned, and unassigned fund balance). In order to calculate the amounts to report as restricted, committed, assigned and unassigned fund balance in the governmental fund financial statements, a flow assumption must be made about the order in which the resources are considered to be applied. It is the government's policy to consider restricted fund balance to have been depleted before using any of the components of unrestricted fund balance.

Further, when the components of unrestricted fund balance can be used for the same purpose, committed fund balance is depleted first, followed by assigned fund balance. Unassigned fund balance is applied last.

O. Fund Equity/Net Position

In the Government-wide Financial Statements, net positions are classified in the following categories:

Net Investment in Capital Assets – This category groups all capital assets into one component of net position. Accumulated depreciation and the outstanding balance of debt that are attributable to the acquisition, construction, or improvement of these assets reduce this category.

Restricted Net Positions – This category presents external restrictions imposed by bond ordinances, through the enabling legislation adopted by the Town or through external restrictions imposed by creditors, grantors or laws or regulations of other governments. At the end of the year, there was $287,753 restricted from SPLOST funds received for capital outlay projects and $357,785 restricted from TSPLOST funds received for capital outlay projects.

Unrestricted Net Positions – This category represents the net positions of the Town, which are not restricted for any project or other purpose.

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SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

P. Use of Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

Q. Internal Activity

Interfund transactions are reflected as either loans, services provided, reimbursements or transfers. Loans are reported as receivables and payables as appropriate, are subject to elimination upon consolidation and 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 noncurrent portion of interfund loans). Any residual balances outstanding between the governmental activities and the business-type activities are reported in the government-wide financial statements as "internal balances". Advances between funds, as reported in the fund financial statements, are offset by a fund balance reserve account in applicable governmental funds to indicate that they are not available for appropriation and are not available financial resources. Services provided, deemed to be at market or near market rates, are treated as revenues and expenditures/expenses.

Reimbursements are when one fund incurs a cost, charges the appropriate benefiting fund and reduces its related cost as a reimbursement.

All other interfund transactions are treated as transfers. Transfers between governmental or proprietary funds are netted as part of the reconciliation to the government-wide presentation.

R. 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. The Town pays insurance premiums for insurance coverage to an independent insurance agency for property, general liability, automobile, public employee and public official bonds. The Town has joined together with other municipalities in the state as part of the Workers' Compensation Self-Insurance Fund (WCSIF), a public entity risk pool currently operating as common risk management and insurance program for member local governments. The Georgia Municipal Association (GMA) administers this risk pool.

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SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

Risk Management (Continued)

As part of this risk pool, the Town is obligated to pay all contributions and assessments as prescribed by the pool to cooperate with the pool's agents and attorneys, to follow loss reduction procedures established by the fund, and to report as promptly as possible, and in accordance with any coverage descriptions issued, all incidents which could result in the funds being required to pay any claim of loss. The Town is also to allow the pool's agents and attorneys to represent the Town in investigation, settlement discussions and all levels of litigation arising out of any claim made against the Town within the scope of loss protection furnished by the funds.

The fund is to defend and protect the members of the fund against liability or loss in accordance with the workers' compensation laws of Georgia. The fund is to pay all cost taxed against members in any legal proceeding defended by the members, all interest accruing after entry of judgment, and all expenses incurred for investigation, negotiation or defense.

The Town has not had significant reductions in insurance coverage over the last three years, nor have they had any insurance settlement that has exceeded its coverage over the past three years.

2. RECEIVABLES

Receivables:	General	Enterprise	Total
Taxes	$ 49,388	$ -	$ 49,388
Charges for Services	85,005	-	85,005
Water Services	-	53,256	53,256
	$ 134,393	$ 53,256	$ 187,649

Property taxes are assessed as of January 1 on property values. Tax was levied on property November 1, 2021. Tax bills were mailed on December 31, 2021 and were due on February 28, 2022. Penalties and interest were assessed after April 15, 2022 and a lien will be placed against the property on August 1, 2023.

Property tax revenues in governmental funds are recognized when they become available. Available includes those property tax receivables expected to be collected within 60 days after year-end. Property tax is recognized in the year that it is levied in the Government-wide Financial Statements. Delinquent taxes are considered fully collectible and therefore no allowance for uncollectible taxes is provided.

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3. CAPITAL ASSETS

The following is a summary of changes in the governmental activities at December 31, 2021

Non-Depreciable Assets	12/31/2020	Additions	Deletions	12/31/2021
Land	$ 126,743	$ -	$ -	$ 126,743
Construction in Progress	-	-	-	-
Total Non-Depreciable Assets	$ 126,743	$ -	$ -	$ 126,743
Other Capital Assets:				
Building / Improvements	$ 629,557	$ -	$ -	$ 629,557
Playground Equipment	63,834	-	-	63,834
Machinery & Equipment	135,406	39,200		174,606
Trucks & Vehicles	168,306		(24,275)	144,031
Infrastructure	179,987			179,987
Land Improvements	90,414			90,414
Office Equipment	68,329	22,604	-	90,933
			-	-
Total Depreciable Assets	$ 1,335,833	$ 61,804	$ (24,275)	$ 1,373,362
Less Accumulated Depreciation for:				
Building / Improvements	$ (101,459)	$ (15,713)		$ (117,172)
Playground Equipment	(45,699)	(3,370)		(49,069)
Machinery & Equipment	(95,575)	(9,111)		(104,686)
Trucks & Vehicles	(94,167)	(16,748)	24,275	(86,640)
Infrastructure	(41,756)	(7,199)		(48,955)
Land Improvements	(27,396)	(5,834)		(33,230)
Office Equipment	(26,736)	(12,689)	-	(39,425)
Total Accum Depreciation	$ (432,788)	$ (70,664)	$ 24,275	$ (479,177)
Net Depreciable Assets	$ 903,045	$ (8,860)	$ -	$ 894,185

Governmental Activities Depreciation Expense:	
General Government	$ 41,435
Public Safety/Works	25,859
Culture & Recreation	3,370
Total Depreciation	$ 70,664

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The following is a summary of proprietary fund type capital assets at December 31, 2021:

Non-Depreciable Assets	12/31/2020	Additions	Deletions	12/31/2021
Land	$ 73,200	$ -	$ -	$ 73,200
Construction in Progress	35,772	31,475	-	67,247
Total Non-Depreciable Assets	$ 108,972	$ 31,475	$ -	$ 140,447
Other Capital Assets:				
Building / Improvements	$ 62,423	$ -	$ -	$ 62,423
Water Tanks	524,118	-	-	524,118
Wells & Waterlines	2,385,429	128,839		2,514,268
Machinery & Equipment	325,770	262,353		588,123
Trucks & Vehicles	46,185	9,050		55,235
Office Equipment	5,731	-	-	5,731
			-	-
Total Depreciable Assets	$ 3,349,656	$ 400,242	$ -	$ 3,749,898
Less Accumulated Depreciation for:				
Building / Improvements	$ (41,499)	$ (2,691)	$ -	$ (44,190)
Water Tanks	(514,113)	(4,001)	-	(518,114)
Wells & Waterlines	(1,361,979)	(73,181)	-	(1,435,160)
Machinery & Equipment	(258,380)	(30,409)	-	(288,789)
Trucks & Vehicles	(36,468)	(4,946)	-	(41,414)
Office Equipment	(5,731)	-	-	(5,731)
Total Accum Depreciation	$ (2,218,170)	$ (115,228)	$ -	$ (2,333,398)
Net Depreciable Assets	$ 1,131,486	$ 285,014	$ -	$ 1,416,500

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4. LONG-TERM DEBT

Governmental Activities Debt

There are long term advances from the Water Fund to the General Fund. See Interfund Receivables and Payables. The Town also has a loan with the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) that was used to purchase three police vehicles. The loan balance was $56,972 at 12/31/21. The loan is to be paid back over five years, with annual payments of $15,100 payable on June 19 of each year. The note carries an annual interest rate of 2.375%.

LONG-TERM DEBT (Continued)

The debt service requirements to maturity are as follows:

Year Ending December 31	Principal	Interest	Total
2022	$ 13,746	$ 1,354	$ 15,100
2023	14,072	1,028	15,100
2024	14,407	693	15,100
2025	14,747	353	15,100
	$ 56,972	$ 3,428	$ 60,400

Business Activities Type Debt:

As of December 31, 2021, the Town owed the Georgia Environmental Finance Authority (GEFA) a total of $247,511. Payments of $1,827 at 1.13% are to be paid over the next 20 years. This loan started on February 1, 2014 and matures on January 1, 2034. Interest paid on long-term debt during the year was $2,913.

Debt service requirements to maturity, including principal and interest for this note payable are as follows:

Year Ending	Principal	Interest	Total
2022	19,227	2,698	21,925
2023	19,445	2,479	21,924
2024	19,666	2,258	21,924
2025	19,889	2,035	21,924
2026	20,115	1,809	21,924
2027-2031	104,055	5,565	109,620
2032-2034	45,114	554	45,668
	247,511	17,398	264,909

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Changes in Long-Term Debt:

The following is a summary of the changes in long-term debt of the Town for the year ended December 31, 2021:

	Balance 12/31/2020	Additions	Deductions	Balance 12/31/2021	Due Within 1 Year
Business-type Activities:					
Notes Payable	$ 266,522	$ -	$ 19,011	$ 247,511	$ 19,227

5. INTERFUND RECEIVABLES AND PAYABLES (INTERNAL BALANCES)

There were interfund receivables and payables in the amount of $126,686 at the end of the year between the Water Fund and General Fund. Of this amount, $32 is for expenditures paid by the General Fund on behalf of the Water Fund while $126,718 is for two advances made by the Water Fund to the General Fund. These interfund transactions occurred because the water fund paid for capital expenditures on behalf of the general fund. The amounts payable to the Water Fund from the General Fund relate to loans made to cover the purchase of the new city hall and police station and are payable over a period of 10 years at 2% with monthly payments of $833 and $1,435.

Debt maturity for the long-term advances from the Water Fund to the General Fund, including principal and interest are as follows:

Year Ending	Principal	Interest	Total
2022	$ 24,901	$ 2,307	$ 27,208
2023	25,404	1,804	27,208
2024	25,916	1,292	27,208
2025	26,440	768	27,208
2026	24,057	239	24,296
	$126,718	$ 6,410	$133,128

6. INTERFUND TRANSFERS

During the 2021 year, the General Fund transferred a total of $39,532 to the Water Fund. This money was to reimburse the Water Fund for purchase and installation of a generator for the Police Department. The SPLOST Fund transferred $114,379 to the Water Fund. This money was used for capital improvements and waterline upgrades at Alto Mud Creek Road. This increased the size and capacity of that line to accommodate additional demand due to a new church and its school and a few new residents.

7. COMPENSATED ABSENCES AND RETIREMENT PLANS

It is the policy of the Town to award one week vacation for the Town's employees after one year of service and two weeks' vacation after three years of service. There was no accrued vacation payable at December 31, 2021. In 2000, the Town adopted a formal sick leave policy of one day per month for each eligible employee. No amount is accrued for sick leave at December 31, 2021, as the amount was immaterial. The Town has no retirement plan for its employees.

8. COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENT LIABILITIES

The Town has entered into various agreements and contracts in the normal course of business. Such agreements do not give rise to any assets or liabilities considered to be material to the Town's financial statements at December 31, 2021.

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9. JOINT VENTURE

Under Georgia law, the Town, in conjunction with other cities and thirteen counties in the Northeast Georgia area, is a member of the Georgia Mountains Regional Commission (RC) and is required to pay annual dues thereto. During its year ended December 31, 2021, the Town paid $804.80 in such dues. Membership in an RC is required by the Official Guide of Georgia Annotated (OCGA) Section 50-8-34 which provides for the organizational structure of the RC in Georgia. The RC Board membership includes the chief elected official of each county and municipality of the area. OCGA 50-8-39.1 provides that the member governments are liable for any debts or obligations of an RC. Separate financial statements may be obtained from: Georgia Mountains Regional Commission, P.O. Box 1720, Gainesville, Georgia 30503.

10. SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

Subsequent events were evaluated through December 30, 2022, which is the date that the financials are available to be issued. The Town does not believe that there are any subsequent events that need to be disclosed in the financial statements at this time.

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REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

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TOWN OF ALTO
BUDGET COMPARISON SCHEDULE
GENERAL FUND
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2021

	ORIGINAL BUDGET	FINAL BUDGET	ACTUAL	VARIANCE FROM AMENDED
REVENUES:				
Taxes & Assessments	$ 269,710	$ 267,712	$ 267,712	$ -
Licenses & Permits	11,350	8,476	8,476	-
Fines & Forfeitures	78,250	124,063	124,063	-
Charges for Services	450,590	549,299	549,299	-
Intergovernmental Revenues	-	223,689	223,689	-
Grants & Awards	21,247	21,247	21,247	-
Miscellaneous	4,790	3,101	3,101	-
TOTAL REVENUES	$ 835,937	$ 1,197,587	$ 1,197,587	$ -
EXPENDITURES:				
Current Operating:				
General Government	$ 225,137	$ 277,208	$ 277,208	$ -
Public Safety/Public Works	601,025	648,939	648,939	-
Culture & Recreation	9,775	7,700	7,700	-
Debt Service:				
Principal	-	13,428	13,428	-
Interest Expense	-	1,672	1,672	-
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	$ 835,937	$ 948,947	$ 948,947	$ -
EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER EXPENDITURES	$ -	$ 248,640	$ 248,640	$ -
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES):				
Proceeds from Sale of Capital Assets	$ -	$ 3,401	$ 3,401	$ -
Proceeds from Insurance Recovery	-	6,865	6,865	-
Transfers to Water Fund	-	(39,532)	(39,532)	-
TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)	$ -	$ (29,266)	$ (29,266)	$ -
NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCE	$ -	$ 219,374	$ 219,374	$ -
FUND BALANCES:				
Beginning of Year	-	-	58,956	-
End of Year	$ -	$ -	$ 278,330	$ -

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TOWN OF ALTO

NOTES TO THE REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION
DECEMBER 31, 2021

1. Budgets and Budgetary Accounting

The Town of Alto prepares a budget for all Town Funds. The budget shows a comparison of current year revenues and expenditures with the proposed revenues and expenditures of the upcoming year.

The Town sets the date of submission of the proposed budget to the governing body. On that date a copy of the proposed budget is placed for public inspection during regular business hours. Also, at this time, a notice is published in the local newspaper stating the time and place of a public hearing on the proposed budget.

The budget hearing precedes the formal adoption of the budget by at least one week. The budget is then formally adopted at a public meeting.

Any amendments to the Town budget are approved by the Town Council and adopted by resolution. The Town Chief Financial Officer is authorized to make changes within the department level; however, changes for each department must be approved by the Town Council.

The budget for the General Fund is prepared on the modified accrual basis of accounting, and the budget for the Water Utility Fund is prepared on the accrual basis of accounting.

Expenditures may not legally exceed budgeted appropriations at the departmental level in the General Fund. All departmental levels were within budget for the 2021 budget year.

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OTHER SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

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TOWN OF ALTO
BUDGET COMPARISON SCHEDULE
CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2021

	ORIGINAL BUDGET	FINAL BUDGET	ACTUAL	VARIANCE FROM AMENDED
REVENUES:				
SPLOST Funds - Habersham	$ 89,095	$ 101,360	$ 101,360	-
TSPLOST Funds - Banks	109,000	131,980	131,980	-
SPLOST Funds - Banks	109,500	112,923	112,923	-
TOTAL REVENUES	$ 307,595	$ 346,263	$ 346,263	$ -
EXPENDITURES:				
Current Operating:				
General Government	$ 27,500	$ -	$ -	$ -
Public Safety/Public Works	15,000	57,560	57,560	-
Culture & Recreation	5,000	-	-	-
Debt Service:				
Contingency & Amortization	260,095			-
Interest Expense	-	-	-	-
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	$ 307,595	$ 57,560	$ 57,560	$ -
EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER EXPENDITURES	$ -	$ 288,703	$ 288,703	$ -
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES):				
Transfers of SPLOST to Water Fund	$ -	$ (114,379)	$ (114,379)	$ -
TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)	$ -	$ (114,379)	$ (114,379)	$ -
NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCE	$ -	$ 174,324	$ 174,324	$ -
FUND BALANCES:				
Beginning of Year	-	-	471,214	-
End of Year	$ -	$ -	$ 645,538	$ -

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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 Honorable Mayor and Council
Town of Alto
Alto, Georgia

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 financial statements of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, and each major fund of the Town of Alto, Georgia, as of and for the year ended December 31, 2021, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Town of Alto, Georgia's basic financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated December 30, 2022.

Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered Town of Alto, Georgia'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 Town of Alto, Georgia's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of Town of Alto, Georgia'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. Given these limitations, during our audit we did not identify a deficiencies in internal control that we consider to be material weaknesses. We identified a certain deficiency in internal control, described in the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs as item 2021-001 that we consider to be significant deficiency.

Report on Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether Town of Alto, Georgia'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.

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Town of Alto, Georgia's Response to Findings

Government Auditing Standards require the auditor to perform limited procedures on the Town of Alto, Georgia's response to the findings identified in our audit and described in the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs. The Town of Alto, Georgia's response was not subjected to the other auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements and, accordingly, we express no opinion on the response.

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. 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.

Ed K. Burton, LLC

Ed K. Burton, LLC
Certified Public Accountants
Lavonia, Georgia
December 30, 2022

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TOWN OF ALTO
SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2021

AUDIT FINDINGS – GENERALLY ACCEPTED GOVERNMENTAL AUDITING STANDARDS

INTERNAL CONTROL

Finding # 2021-001

Criteria:	The City is responsible for preparing annual financial statements in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP).
Condition:	Due to the lack of controls surrounding the year-end financial close procedures, certain adjustments are not getting made in a timely manner, hence management may not be able to make operating and financial decisions in an efficient and reliable time frame.
Cause:	As a result of our testing, audit adjustments were required that affected the bottom line due to reclassifications related to capital assets and various expense accounts.
Effect:	Failure to make timely adjustments and year-end closing could lead to decisions that are being made by management based off figures that are not reliable. This could mean that incorrect information is being used to make decisions.
Recommendation:	We recommend the City implement and/or strengthen internal controls surrounding the year-end financial close out procedures.
Response:	We concur with the finding. The finance department will take necessary steps to implement internal controls surrounding the year-end financial close out procedures.

COMPLIANCE AND OTHER MATTERS

No Findings as it relates to Compliance and Other Matters

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TOWN OF ALTO
SCHEDULE OF PRIOR YEAR FINDINGS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2021

Prior Year Findings

There were no findings in the prior year.

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TOWN OF ALTO
SCHEDULE OF PROJECTS FINANCED WITH
SPECIAL PURPOSE LOCAL OPTION SALES TAX
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2021

	Estimated Cost*		Expenditures			% of
Project	Original	Current	Prior Years	Current Year	Total	Completion
Habersham #6						
Public Safety	$ 42,000	$ 39,703	$ 39,703	$ -	$ 39,703	100.00%
Water	106,648	114,379	-	114,379	114,379	100.00%
Recreation	82,796	82,749	82,749	-	82,749	100.00%
Capital Outlay Projects	104,281	103,921	103,921	-	103,921	100.00%
Roads	107,153	104,413	104,413	-	104,413	100.00%
Total	$ 442,878	$ 445,165	$ 330,786	$ 114,379	$ 445,165	100.00%

	Estimated Cost*		Expenditures			% of
Project	Original	Current	Prior Years	Current Year	Total	Completion
Banks County - 2012 SPLOST						
Streets & Bridges	$ 20,000	$ 20,000	$ 19,160	$ -	$ 19,160	95.80%
Water	40,000	40,000	36,052	-	36,052	90.13%
Total	$ 60,000	$ 60,000	$ 55,212	$ -	$ 55,212	92.02%

	Estimated Cost*		Expenditures			% of
Project	Original	Current	Prior Years	Current Year	Total	Completion
Banks County - 2017 SPLOST						
Streets & Bridges	$ 115,758	$ 115,758	$ 44,557	$ 57,560	$ 102,117	88.22%
Water	231,515	231,515	-	-	-	0.00%
Total	$ 347,273	$ 347,273	$ 44,557	$ 57,560	$ 102,117	29.41%

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TOWN OF ALTO
SCHEDULE OF PROJECTS FINANCED WITH
TSPLOST FUNDS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2021

Project	Estimated Cost*		Expenditures			% of
	Original	Current	Prior Years	Current Year	Total	Completion
Banks County - 2018 TSPLOST						
Phase I Wynn Shoals Rd	$ 59,500	$ 59,500	$ -	$ -	$ -	0.00%
Phase II Wynn Shoals Rd	218,000	218,000				0.00%
Repave Existing Rd	68,000	68,000				0.00%
2.2 Miles Repair & Repave	194,756	194,756	-	-	-	0.00%
Total	$ 540,256	$ 540,256	$ -	$ -	$ -	0.00%

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