

**VILLAGE OF CLARENCE
ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT**

JUNE 30, 2011

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Village of Clarence

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MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS for the Year Ended June 30, 2011

This section of the Village of Clarence's (hereafter referred to as the Village) annual financial report presents an overview and analysis of the Village's financial activities for the year ended June 30, 2011. The intent of the MD&A is to look at the Village's financial performance as a whole. It should, therefore, be read in conjunction with this report. Certain comparative information is presented to provide an overview of the Village's operations.

Financial Highlights

This annual report consists of a series of financial statements. The Statement of Net Assets and the Statement of Activities provide information about the activities of the Village as a whole and presents a longer-term view of the Village's finances. These statements tell how these services were financed in the short-term as well as what remains for future spending.

Government-Wide Financial Statements

- The Statement of Net Assets presents all of the Village's assets and liabilities, with the difference between the two reported as "net assets". Over time, increases or decreases in the Village's net assets may serve as a useful indicator of whether the financial position of the Village is improving or deteriorating.
- The Statement of Activities presents information showing how the Village's net assets changed during the current year. All changes in net assets are reported as soon as the underlying event giving rise to the change occurs, regardless of the timing of the related cash flows. Therefore, some revenues and some expenses that are reported in this statement will not result in cash flows until future years.

Fund Financial Statements

The services provided by the Village are financed through a governmental fund. 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 Village, like other state and local governments, uses fund accounting to ensure and demonstrate compliance with finance-related legal requirements. The Village conducts its day-to-day operations through a governmental fund, the General Fund, and a business-type activity, the Village's utility system. For the year ended June 30, 2011, the Village also has an LCDBG Fund used to record transactions for the utility system. These statements provide a short-term view of the Village's finances and assists in determining whether there will be adequate financial resources available to meet the current needs of the Village.

A summary of the basic government-wide financial statements is as follows:

Summary of Statement of Net Assets

	June 2011			June 2010		
	Governmental Activities	Business-Type Activities	Total	Governmental Activities	Business-Type Activities	Total
ASSETS:						
Current Assets	\$ 32,152	\$ 10,253	\$ 42,405	\$18,237	\$ 8,404	\$ 26,641
Restricted Assets	0	10,256	10,256	0	9,179	9,179
Capital Assets, Net of Accumulated Depreciation	<u>98,253</u>	<u>2,266,643</u>	<u>2,364,896</u>	<u>42,877</u>	<u>2,284,953</u>	<u>2,327,830</u>
Total Assets	<u>\$130,405</u>	<u>\$2,287,152</u>	<u>\$2,417,557</u>	<u>\$61,114</u>	<u>\$2,302,536</u>	<u>\$2,363,650</u>
LIABILITIES:						
Accounts Payable	\$ 2,663	\$ 2,377	\$ 5,040	\$ 1,456	\$ 3,237	\$ 4,693
Customers' Deposits Payable	0	5,031	5,031	0	5,596	5,596
Long Term Debt	<u>24,958</u>	<u>64,204</u>	<u>89,162</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>61,000</u>	<u>61,000</u>
Total Liabilities	<u>\$ 27,621</u>	<u>\$ 71,612</u>	<u>\$ 99,233</u>	<u>\$ 1,456</u>	<u>\$ 69,833</u>	<u>\$ 71,289</u>
NET ASSETS:						
Invested in Capital Assets, Net of Related Debt	\$ 73,295	\$2,202,439	\$2,275,734	\$42,877	\$2,223,953	\$2,266,830
Restricted for Debt Service	0	13,101	13,101	0	8,750	8,750
Unrestricted	<u>29,489</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>29,489</u>	<u>16,781</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>16,781</u>
NET ASSETS	<u>\$102,784</u>	<u>\$2,215,540</u>	<u>\$2,318,324</u>	<u>\$59,658</u>	<u>\$2,232,703</u>	<u>\$2,292,361</u>

Summary of Statement of Activities

	June 2011			June 2010		
	Governmental Activities	Business-Type Activities	Total	Governmental Activities	Business-Type Activities	Total
REVENUES:						
Charges for Services	\$ 22,594	\$137,219	\$159,813	\$ 22,760	\$120,591	\$143,351
Taxes	25,466	0	25,466	22,315	0	22,315
Fines	100,056	0	100,056	69,811	0	69,811
Grants	97,056	0	97,056	0	0	0
Contributions & Transfers	0	41,804	41,804	0	0	0
Other	<u>34,226</u>	<u>6,332</u>	<u>40,558</u>	<u>15,748</u>	<u>47</u>	<u>15,795</u>
Total Revenues	<u>\$279,398</u>	<u>\$185,355</u>	<u>\$464,753</u>	<u>\$130,634</u>	<u>\$120,638</u>	<u>\$251,272</u>
EXPENSES:						
Public Safety	\$ 64,357	\$ 0	\$ 64,357	\$ 49,387	\$ 0	\$ 49,387
General Government	114,477	0	114,477	83,143	0	83,143
Operating Expense	0	198,804	198,804	0	151,900	151,900
Grant Expenses	56,803	0	56,803	0	0	0
Interest Expense	<u>635</u>	<u>3,714</u>	<u>4,349</u>	<u>218</u>	<u>2,900</u>	<u>3,118</u>
Total Expenses	<u>\$236,272</u>	<u>\$202,518</u>	<u>\$438,790</u>	<u>\$132,748</u>	<u>\$154,800</u>	<u>\$287,548</u>
Change in Net Assets	<u>\$ 43,126</u>	<u>\$(17,163)</u>	<u>\$ 25,963</u>	<u>\$(2,114)</u>	<u>\$(34,162)</u>	<u>\$(36,276)</u>

Governmental Activities

- The Village's assets exceeded its liabilities by \$102,784 (net assets) for the year. This is an increase of \$43,126 from prior year.

Business Type Activities

- The Proprietary Fund (the water and sewer service) experienced a decrease in net assets of \$17,163 for the year.

General Fund Budgetary Highlights

At year end, actual revenues were \$127,445 more than budgeted revenues and actual expenditures were \$119,616 more than budgeted expenditures.

Economic Factors and Next Year's Budget

The Village has prepared its FY 2011/2012 budget for the General Fund on the assumption that revenues and expenditures will remain fairly constant next year. Both revenues and expenditures for the Utility Enterprise Fund should also remain constant during the next year.

Contacting the Village

This financial report is designed to provide our citizens, taxpayers, and creditors with a general overview of the Village's finances and to show the Village's accountability for the money it receives. Any questions about this report or requests for additional information may be directed to the Village at P. O. Box 309, Clarence, LA 71414.

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INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANT'S REVIEW REPORT

To the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of
the Village of Clarence

We have reviewed the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, and major funds of the Village of Clarence (the "Village") as of and for the year ended June 30, 2011, which collectively comprise the Village's basic financial statements as listed in the Table of Contents. A review includes primarily applying analytical procedures to management's financial data and making inquiries of the Village's personnel. A review is substantially less in scope than an audit, the objective of which is the expression of an opinion regarding the financial statements as a whole. Accordingly, we do not express such an opinion.

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 designing, implementing, and maintaining internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements.

Our responsibility is to conduct the review in accordance with *Statements on Standards for Accounting and Review Services* issued by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants. Those standards require us to perform procedures to obtain limited assurance that there are no material modifications that should be made to the financial statements. We believe that the results of our procedures provide a reasonable basis for our report.

Based on our review, we are not aware of any material modifications that should be made to the accompanying financial statements in order for them to be in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

The Management's Discussion and Analysis and budgetary comparison information on pages 1 through 4 and 33 through 34, are presented only for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the basic financial statements but are supplementary information required by the *Governmental Accounting Standards Board*. The information included in the budgetary comparisons has been subjected to the inquiry and analytical procedures applied in the review of the basic financial statements,

and we are not aware of any material modifications that should be made thereto. The information included in the Management's Discussion and Analysis has not been subjected to the inquiry and analytical procedures applied in the review of the basic financial statements, but were compiled from information that is the representation of management, without audit or review. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion or any other form of assurance on the management's discussion and analysis.

In accordance with the *Louisiana Governmental Audit Guide* and the provisions of state law, we have issued a report dated January 19, 2012, on the results of our agreed-upon procedures on page 36 through 38. Pages 39 through 43 present the Louisiana Attestation Questionnaire, our Management Letter and Management's Response.

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January 19, 2012

Natchitoches, LA 71457

BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

**GOVERNMENT-WIDE
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

Village of Clarence
Statement of Net Assets
June 30, 2011

	<u>Governmental Activities</u>	<u>Business-Type Activities</u>	<u>Total</u>
ASSETS:			
Current Assets:			
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ 26,266	\$ 1,066	\$ 27,332
Accounts Receivable	<u>5,886</u>	<u>9,187</u>	<u>15,073</u>
Total Current Assets	<u>\$ 32,152</u>	<u>\$ 10,253</u>	<u>\$ 42,405</u>
Noncurrent Assets:			
Restricted Assets:			
Customers' Meter Deposits	\$ 0	\$ 4,987	\$ 4,987
Bond Covenant Accounts	0	5,269	5,269
Capital Assets (net)	<u>98,253</u>	<u>2,266,643</u>	<u>2,364,896</u>
Total Noncurrent Assets	<u>\$ 98,253</u>	<u>\$2,276,899</u>	<u>\$2,375,152</u>
Total Assets	<u>\$130,405</u>	<u>\$2,287,152</u>	<u>\$2,417,557</u>
LIABILITIES:			
Current Liabilities:			
Accounts Payable	\$ 2,663	\$ 1,152	\$ 3,815
Accrued Interest	0	1,225	1,225
Current Portion - Long Term Debt	<u>9,219</u>	<u>10,436</u>	<u>19,655</u>
Total Current Liabilities	<u>\$ 11,882</u>	<u>\$ 12,813</u>	<u>\$ 24,695</u>
Noncurrent Liabilities:			
Payable from Restricted Assets-			
Customers' Deposits Payable	\$ 0	\$ 5,031	\$ 5,031
Long-Term Debt (Vehicles)	15,739	4,768	20,507
Long-Term Debt (Bond)	<u>0</u>	<u>49,000</u>	<u>49,000</u>
Total Noncurrent Liabilities	<u>\$ 15,739</u>	<u>\$ 58,799</u>	<u>\$ 74,538</u>
Total Liabilities	<u>\$ 27,621</u>	<u>\$ 71,612</u>	<u>\$ 99,233</u>
NET ASSETS:			
Invested in Capital Assets, Net of Related Debt	\$ 73,295	\$2,202,439	\$2,275,734
Restricted for Debt Service	0	13,101	13,101
Unrestricted	<u>29,489</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>29,489</u>
Total Net Assets	<u>\$102,784</u>	<u>\$2,215,540</u>	<u>\$2,318,324</u>

See accompanying notes and independent accountant's review report.

Village of Clarence
Statement of Activities
For the Year Ended June 30, 2011

Activities	Expenses	Program Revenues			Net (Expense) Revenue and Changes in Net Assets		Total
		Charges for Services	Operating Grants and Contributions	Capital Grants and Contributions	Government Activities	Business-Type Activities	
Governmental Activities:							
General Government	\$115,112	\$ 22,594	\$ 1,338	\$ 0	\$ (91,180)	\$ 0	\$ (91,180)
Water/Sewer	56,803	0	14,999	82,057	40,253	0	40,253
Public Safety	<u>64,357</u>	<u>109,844</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>45,487</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>45,487</u>
Total Governmental Activities	<u>\$236,272</u>	<u>\$132,438</u>	<u>\$16,337</u>	<u>\$ 82,057</u>	<u>\$ (5,440)</u>	<u>\$ 0</u>	<u>\$ (5,440)</u>
Business-Type Activities:							
Water/Sewer	\$202,518	\$137,219	\$ 0	\$ 41,804	\$ 0	\$ (23,495)	\$ (23,495)
Total Government	<u>\$438,790</u>	<u>\$269,657</u>	<u>\$16,337</u>	<u>\$123,861</u>	<u>\$ (5,440)</u>	<u>\$ (23,495)</u>	<u>\$ (28,935)</u>
General Revenues:							
Taxes					\$ 25,466	\$ 0	\$ 25,466
Interest & Miscellaneous					<u>23,100</u>	<u>6,332</u>	<u>29,432</u>
Total General Revenues					\$ 48,566	\$ 6,332	\$ 54,898
Change in Net Assets					\$ 43,126	\$ (17,163)	\$ 25,963
Net Assets July 1, 2010					<u>59,658</u>	<u>2,232,703</u>	<u>2,292,361</u>
Net Assets June 30, 2011					<u>\$102,784</u>	<u>\$2,215,540</u>	<u>\$2,318,324</u>

See accompanying notes and independent accountant's review report.

FUND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Village of Clarence
Balance Sheet-Governmental Funds
June 30, 2011

	<u>General Fund</u>	<u>LCDBG Fund</u>	<u>Total Funds</u>
ASSETS:			
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$26,266	\$0	\$26,266
Accounts Receivable	<u>5,886</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>5,886</u>
Total Assets	<u>\$32,152</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$32,152</u>
LIABILITIES:			
Accounts Payable	\$ 2,663	\$0	\$ 2,663
FUND BALANCES:			
Unassigned	<u>29,489</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>29,489</u>
Total Liabilities and Fund Balances	<u>\$32,152</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$32,152</u>

See accompanying notes and independent accountant's review report.

Village of Clarence
Reconciliation of the Governmental Funds
Balance Sheet to the Statement of Net Assets
June 30, 2011

Total Fund Balance for the Governmental Funds at June 30, 2011	\$ 29,489
Total Net Assets reported for Governmental Activities in the Statement of Net Assets is different because:	
Long-term Liabilities are not due and payable in the current period and, therefore, are not reported in the Governmental Funds Balance Sheet-	
Long-term Debt	(24,958)
Capital Assets used in Governmental Activities are not current financial resources and, therefore, are not reported in the Governmental Funds Balance Sheet. Those assets consist of:	
Land, Equipment, Buildings, and Vehicles,	159,711
Construction in Progress	40,253
Less, Accumulated Depreciation	<u>(101,711)</u>
Total Net Assets of Governmental Activities at June 30, 2011	\$ <u>102,784</u>

See accompanying notes and independent accountant's review report.

Village of Clarence
Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances
For the Year Ended June 30, 2011

	General Fund	LCDBG Fund	Total Funds
Revenues:			
Taxes	\$ 25,466	\$ 0	\$ 25,466
Licenses and Permits	22,594	0	22,594
Intergovernmental	58,141	40,253	98,394
Fines and Forfeits	100,056	0	100,056
Mayor's Court	9,788	0	9,788
Miscellaneous	<u>23,100</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>23,100</u>
Total Revenues	<u>\$239,145</u>	<u>\$40,253</u>	<u>\$279,398</u>
Expenditures:			
Current-			
General Government	\$108,237	\$ 0	\$108,237
Public Safety	56,921	0	56,921
Water/Sewer	56,803	0	56,803
Capital Outlay	28,799	40,253	69,052
Debt Service	<u>4,476</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>4,476</u>
Total Expenditures	<u>\$255,236</u>	<u>\$40,253</u>	<u>\$295,489</u>
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues over Expenditures	\$ (16,091)	\$ 0	\$ (16,091)
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES):			
Proceeds of Debt	<u>28,799</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>28,799</u>
Excess of Revenues and Other Sources over Expenditures and Other Uses	\$ 12,708	\$ 0	\$ 12,708
Fund Balance-Beginning of Year	<u>16,781</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>16,781</u>
Fund Balance-End of Year	<u>\$ 29,489</u>	<u>\$ 0</u>	<u>\$ 29,489</u>

See accompanying notes and independent accountant's review report.

Village of Clarence
Reconciliation of the Statement of Revenues, Expenditures
and Changes in Fund Balance of the Governmental Funds
to the Statement of Activities
For the Year Ended June 30, 2011

Total net change in fund balances at June 30, 2011, per Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances	\$ 12,708
The change in net assets reported for governmental activities in the Statement of Activities is different because:	
Governmental Funds report Capital Outlays as expenditures. However, in the Statement of Activities, the cost of these assets is allocated over their estimated useful lives as depreciation expense. The cost of capital assets recorded in the current period is	69,052
Depreciation expense on capital assets is reported in the Government-wide Financial Statements, but they do not require the use of current financial resources and are not reported in the Fund Financial Statements. Current year depreciation expense is	(13,677)
Proceeds of Long-term Debt are shown as revenues in the Governmental Funds, but the debt increases Long-term Liabilities in the Statement of Net Assets	(28,799)
Payments made on long-term debt are shown as expenditures in the governmental funds, but the payments reduce long-term liabilities in the Statement of Net Assets	<u>3,842</u>
Total changes in net assets at June 30, 2011, per Statement of Activities	<u>\$ 43,126</u>

See accompanying notes and independent accountant's review report.

Village of Clarence
Statement of Net Assets
Proprietary Fund
Year Ended June 30, 2011

ASSETS:

Current Assets:

Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ 1,066
Accounts Receivable	<u>9,187</u>
Total Current Assets	<u>\$ 10,253</u>

Noncurrent Assets:

Restricted Assets-	
Customers' Meter Deposits	\$ 4,987
Bond Covenant Accounts	5,269
Capital Assets-	
Capital Assets, Net	<u>2,266,643</u>
Total Noncurrent Assets	<u>\$2,276,899</u>

Total Assets \$2,287,152

LIABILITIES:

Current Liabilities:

Accounts Payable	\$ 1,152
Accrued Interest	1,225
Current Portion of Long-Term Debt	<u>10,436</u>
Total Current Liabilities	<u>\$ 12,813</u>

Noncurrent Liabilities:

Long-Term Debt (Bond)	\$ 49,000
Long-Term Debt (Vehicles)	4,768
Payable From Restricted Assets-	
Customers' Deposits Payable	<u>5,031</u>
Total Noncurrent Liabilities	<u>\$ 58,799</u>

Total Liabilities \$ 71,612

NET ASSETS:

Invested in Capital Assets, net of related debt	\$2,202,439
Restricted for Debt Service	<u>13,101</u>
Total Net Assets	<u>\$2,215,540</u>

See accompanying notes and independent accountant's review report.

Village of Clarence
Statement of Revenues, Expenses, and Changes in Net Assets
Proprietary Fund
For the Year Ended June 30, 2011

OPERATING REVENUES:	
Sales	\$ <u>137,219</u>
OPERATING EXPENSES:	
Depreciation	\$ 73,444
Personnel	43,059
Utilities/Telephone	45,954
Insurance	5,875
Repairs & Maintenance/Fuel	10,625
Supplies	660
Office	14,256
Testing	3,240
Miscellaneous	<u>1,691</u>
Total Operating Expenses	\$ <u>198,804</u>
Operating Income (Loss)	\$ <u>(61,585)</u>
NON-OPERATING REVENUES & EXPENSES:	
Interest Income	\$ 21
Miscellaneous Revenue	6,311
Interest Expense	<u>(3,714)</u>
Total Non-Operating Revenues (Expenses)	\$ <u>2,618</u>
CONTRIBUTIONS:	
Capital Contributions from Other Funds	\$ 41,804
Change in Net Assets	\$ (17,163)
Net Assets-Beginning of Year	<u>2,232,703</u>
Net Assets-End of Year	<u>\$2,215,540</u>

See accompanying notes and independent accountant's review report.

Village of Clarence
Statement of Cash Flows
Proprietary Fund
June 30, 2011

	<u>Business Type Activities</u>
Cash Flows From Operating Activities:	
Cash Received From Customers	\$134,804
Cash Payments to Suppliers for Goods and Services	(85,372)
Cash Payments to Employees	(42,423)
Cash - Customers Deposits	<u>1,160</u>
Net Cash Provided (Used) by Operating Activities	<u>\$ 8,169</u>
Cash Flows From Capital and Related Financing Activities:	
Principal Paid on Capital Debt	\$ 10,126
Interest Paid on Capital Debt	<u>(3,864)</u>
Net Cash Provided (Used) for Capital and Related Financing Activities	<u>\$ (13,990)</u>
Cash Flows From Investing Activities:	
Interest Income	\$ 21
Miscellaneous Revenue	<u>6,311</u>
Net Cash Provided (Used) for Investing Activities	<u>\$ 6,332</u>
Net Increase in Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ 511
Cash and Cash Equivalents at Beginning of Year	<u>10,811</u>
Cash and Cash Equivalents at End of Year	<u>\$ 11,322</u>

See accompanying notes and independent accountant's review report.

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Village of Clarence
Statement of Cash Flows
Proprietary Fund
June 30, 2011

	<u>Business Type Activities</u>
Reconciliation of Operating Loss to Net Cash Provided (Used) by Operating Activities:	
Operating Loss	\$(61,585)
Adjustments to Reconcile Operating Loss to Net Cash Provided (Used) by Operating Activities:	
Depreciation Expense	73,444
Changes in Assets and Liabilities:	
(Increase)/Decrease in Accounts Receivable	(2,415)
Increase/(Decrease) in Accounts Payable	(710)
Increase/(Decrease) in Other Payables	<u>(565)</u>
Net Cash Provided (Used) by Operating Activities	<u>\$ 8,169</u>

NONCASH INVESTING, CAPITAL AND FINANCING ACTIVITIES:

During the past year, the Proprietary Fund received Capital Assets with a net value of \$41,804 that were purchased and/or constructed by the Governmental Funds.

Reconciliation of Total Cash and Cash Equivalents:	
Current Assets-	
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ 1,066
Restricted Assets-	
Cash and Cash Equivalents	<u>10,256</u>
Total Cash and Cash Equivalents	<u>\$ 11,322</u>

See accompanying notes and independent accountant's review report.

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Village of Clarence
Notes to Financial Statements
June 30, 2011

Introduction:

The Village of Clarence, Louisiana, is incorporated under the Lawrason Act with a Mayor-Board of Aldermen form of government. The executive branch of government is headed by the Mayor and a Legislative branch consisting of Aldermen.

This report includes all funds which are controlled or dependent on the Village of Clarence's executive and legislative branches (the Mayor and Aldermen). Control by or dependence on the Village of Clarence was determined on the basis of budget adoption, taxing authority, authority to issue debt, election or appointment of government body, and other general oversight responsibility.

The Village's operations include police, streets and drainage, and general and administrative services. In addition, the Village operates a Utility System which provides water and sewer services.

1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies:

A. REPORTING ENTITY-

The Village is the basic level of government which has financial accountability and control over all activities related to the Village operations and services provided. The Village is not included in any other governmental "reporting entity" as defined by GASB pronouncements, since the Village Mayor and Board of Aldermen are elected by the public and have decision making authority to levy taxes, the power to designate management, the ability to significantly influence operations and primary accountability for fiscal matters. In addition, there are no component units as defined in Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement 14, which are included in the Village's reporting entity.

The financial statements of the Village of Clarence, Louisiana are prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP). The Village of Clarence's reporting entity applies all relevant Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) pronouncements. Proprietary funds and similar component units apply Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) pronouncements and Accounting Principles Board (APB) opinions issued on or before November 30, 1989, unless the pronouncements conflict with or contradict GASB pronouncements, in which case GASB prevails.

B. BASIS OF PRESENTATION-

Government-Wide Financial Statements (GWFS)

The Statement of Net Assets and Statement of Activities report information about the reporting government as a whole. They include all funds of the reporting entity. Governmental activities generally are financed through taxes, intergovernmental revenues, and other non-exchange revenues.

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The Statement of Activities presents a comparison between direct expenses and program revenues for each function of the Village's governmental activities. Direct expenses are those that are specifically associated with a program or function. Program revenues include (a) fees and charges paid by the recipient for goods or services offered by the program, and (b) grants and contributions that are restricted to meeting the operational or capital requirements of a particular program. Revenues that are not classified as program revenues, including all taxes, are presented as general revenues.

C. FUND ACCOUNTING-

The accounts of the Village are organized on the basis of funds. A fund is an independent fiscal and accounting entity with a separate set of self-balancing accounts. Fund accounting segregates funds according to their intended purpose and is used to aid management in demonstrating compliance with finance-related legal and contractual provisions. The minimum number of funds maintained is consistent with legal and managerial requirements.

The Village maintains three funds. They are categorized as governmental funds and a proprietary fund. The emphasis on fund financial statements is on major governmental and enterprise funds; each displayed in a separate column. A fund is considered major if it is the primary operating fund of the entity or meets the following criteria:

- a. Total assets, liabilities, revenues, or expenditures/expenses of that individual governmental or enterprise fund are at least 10 percent of the corresponding total for all funds of that category or type; and
- b. Total assets, liabilities, revenues, or expenditures/expenses of the individual governmental or enterprise fund are at least 5 percent of the corresponding total for all governmental and enterprise funds combined.

The Village considers all funds to be major.

Governmental Fund-

General Fund

The General Fund is the general operating fund of the Village. It is used to account for all financial resources except those required to be accounted for in another fund.

LCDBG Fund

The LCDBG Fund is used to account for grant money received to upgrade the Village utility system.

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Proprietary Fund-

Enterprise Fund

Enterprise funds are used to account 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 the 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. The Village's enterprise fund is the Utility Fund.

D. MEASUREMENT FOCUS/BASIS OF ACCOUNTING-

Basis of accounting refers to when revenues or expenditures/expenses are recognized in the accounts and reported in the financial statements. It relates to the timing of the measurements made regardless of the measurement focus applied.

Accrual Basis - Government-Wide Financial Statements (GWFS)

The Statement of Net Assets and the Statement of Activities display information about the Village as a whole. Both of these statements have been prepared using the economic measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting. Revenues, expenses, gains, losses, assets, and liabilities resulting from exchange and exchange-like transactions are recognized when the exchange takes place.

Modified Accrual Basis - Fund Financial Statements (FFS)

The accounting and financial reporting treatment applied to a fund is determined by its measurement focus. Governmental fund types use the flow of current financial resources measurement focus and the modified accrual basis of accounting. Under the modified accrual basis of accounting, revenues are recorded when susceptible to accrual; i.e., when they are both measurable and available. "Measurable" means the amount of the transaction can be determined and "available" means collectible within the current period or soon enough thereafter to pay liabilities of the current period. The Village considers all revenues "available" if they are collected within 60 days after year-end. Expenditures are generally recorded under the modified accrual basis of accounting when the related liability is incurred. The exceptions to this general rule are that (1) unmatured principal and interest on long-term debt, if any, are recorded when due and (2) claims and judgments and compensated absences are recorded as expenditures when paid with expendable available financial resources.

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E. CASH AND INTEREST-BEARING DEPOSITS-

For purposes of the Statement of Net Assets and Statement of Cash Flows, cash and interest-bearing deposits include all demand accounts and savings accounts of the Village.

F. CAPITAL ASSETS-

Capital assets, which include property, plant, and equipment, are reported in the governmental activities column in the government-wide financial statements. Capital assets are capitalized at historical cost or estimated cost if historical cost is not available. Donated assets are recorded as capital assets at their estimated fair market value at the date of donation. The Village maintains a threshold level of \$500 or more for capitalizing capital assets.

The costs of normal maintenance and repairs that do not add to the value of that asset or materially extend the life of that asset are not capitalized.

Depreciation of all exhaustible capital assets is recorded as an expense in the Statement of Activities, with accumulated depreciation reflected in the Statement of Net Assets. Depreciation is provided over the assets' estimated useful lives using the straight-line method of depreciation. The range of useful lives by type of asset is as follows:

Buildings and improvements	40 years
Equipment and vehicles	3-10 years
Utility system and improvements	10-50 years

In the fund financial statements, capital assets used in governmental fund operations are accounted for as capital outlay expenditures of the governmental fund upon acquisition. Capital assets used in proprietary fund operations are accounted for the same as in the government-wide statements.

G. RESTRICTED ASSETS-

Restricted assets include cash, interest-bearing deposits, and investments of the proprietary fund that are legally restricted as to their use. The restricted assets are related to customer deposits and bond covenants.

H. COMPENSATED ABSENCES-

There is no formal leave policy for the Village, therefore no entry is made to record compensated absences.

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I. EQUITY CLASSIFICATIONS-

In the government-wide statements, equity is classified as net assets and displayed in three components:

- a. Invested in capital assets, net of related debt---Consists of capital assets including restricted capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation and reduced by the outstanding balances of any bonds, mortgages, notes, or other borrowings that are attributable to the acquisition, construction, or improvement of those assets.
- b. Restricted net assets---Consists of net assets with constraints placed on their use either by (1) external groups such as creditors, grantors, contributors, or laws or regulations of other governments; or (2) law through constitutional provision or enabling legislation.
- c. Unrestricted net assets---All other net assets that do not meet the definition of "restricted" or "invested in capital assets, net of related debt".

In the fund statements, governmental fund equity is classified as fund balance. Beginning with fiscal year 2011, the Village implemented GASB Statement 54 "Fund Balance Reporting and Governmental Fund Type Definitions". This Statement provides more clearly defined fund balance categories to make the nature and extent of the constraints placed on a government's fund balance more transparent. The following classifications describe the relative strength of the spending constraints placed on the purposes for which resources can be used:

- a. Nonspendable fund balance - amounts that are not in a spendable form (such as prepaid expenses) or are required to be maintained intact;
- b. Restricted fund balance - amounts constrained to specific purposes by their providers (such as grantors, bondholders, and higher levels of government), through constitutional provisions, or by enabling legislation;
- c. Committed fund balance - 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;
- d. Assigned fund balance - 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;
- e. Unassigned fund balance - amounts that are available for any purpose. Only the General Fund would report positive amounts in unassigned fund balance.

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J. ESTIMATES-

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, require 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 statement and the reported amounts of revenue, expenditures, and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

K. OPERATING REVENUES AND EXPENSES-

Operating revenues and expenses for proprietary funds are those that result from providing services and producing and delivering goods and/or services. It also includes all revenue and expenses not related to capital and related financing, noncapital financing, or investing activities.

L. EXPENDITURES/EXPENSES-

In the government-wide financial statements, expenses are classified by function for both governmental and business-type activities.

In the fund financial statements, expenditures are classified as follows:

Governmental Funds - By Character
Proprietary Fund - By Operating and Nonoperating

In the fund financial statements, governmental funds report expenditures of financial resources. Proprietary funds report expenses relating to use of economic resources.

M. BUDGET-

Prior to the beginning of each fiscal year, the Village adopts a budget for the next fiscal year. The budget is open for public inspection. All budgetary appropriations lapse at the end of the fiscal year. The budget is prepared on the modified accrual basis of accounting.

2. Cash and Cash Equivalents:

For reporting purposes, cash and cash equivalents include demand deposits, and time deposits. At June 30, 2011, the Village had cash and cash equivalents (collected bank balances) totaling \$43,984. Cash and cash equivalents are stated at cost, which approximates market. Under Louisiana law, these deposits must be secured by federal deposit insurance or the pledge of securities owned by the bank. The market value of the pledged securities plus the federal deposit insurance must at all times equal the amount on deposit with the bank. These pledged securities are held in the name of the pledging bank in a holding or custodial bank in the form of safekeeping receipts held by the Village. The deposits at June 30, 2011, were fully secured by FDIC Insurance.

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3. Restricted Assets:

The Enterprise Fund has restricted assets as follows:

Water and Sewer Customer Deposits	\$ 4,987
Bond Covenant Accounts-	
Depreciation Contingency	1,002
Bond Reserve	948
Sinking Fund	<u>3,319</u>
 Total	 <u>\$10,256</u>

Under the terms of the bond indenture on outstanding Water Utility Bonds dated December 4, 1979, all income and revenues (hereinafter referred to as revenue) of every nature, earned or derived from operations of the Utility System, are pledged and dedicated to the retirement of said bonds and are to be set aside into the following funds:

- (a) Each month, there will be set aside into a fund called the Amortization Fund an amount constituting 1/12 of the next maturing installment of principal and interest on the outstanding bonds. Such transfers shall be fully sufficient to assure the prompt payment of principal and interest installments as they become due, and may be used only for such payments.
- (b) There shall also be set aside into a Reserve Fund an amount equal to 5% of the principal and interest payments required during the month until there shall have been accumulated in the Reserve Account an amount equal to the maximum principal and interest requirement in any one maturity year \$(13,850). Such amounts may be used only for the payment of maturing bonds and interest coupons for which sufficient funds are not on deposit in the Amortization Fund and as to which there would otherwise be default.
- (c) Funds will also be set aside into a Depreciation and Contingency Fund at the rate of \$55 per month. Money in this fund may be used for the making of extraordinary repairs or replacements to the system which are necessary to keep the system in operating condition and for which money is not available as a maintenance and operation expense.
- (d) All of the revenues received in any fiscal year that are not required to be paid in such fiscal year into any of the above noted funds shall be regarded as surplus and may be used for any lawful purpose.

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4. Capital Assets:

Capital asset activity for the year ended June 30, 2011, is as follows:

<u>Governmental Activities</u>	<u>Balance 07-01-10</u>	<u>Additions</u>	<u>Deletions</u>	<u>Balance 06-30-11</u>
Capital Assets not depreciated-				
Construction In Progress	\$ 0	\$ 40,253	\$0	\$ 40,253
Capital Assets depreciated-				
Building	\$ 46,751	\$ 0	\$0	\$ 46,751
Office Furniture, Fixtures & Equipment	9,274	0	0	9,274
Vehicles/Equipment	<u>74,887</u>	<u>28,799</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>103,686</u>
Total Capital Assets	<u>\$ 130,912</u>	<u>\$ 69,052</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$ 199,964</u>
Less, Accumulated Depreciation				
Building	\$ 30,400	\$ 1,169	\$0	\$ 31,569
Office Furniture, Fixtures & Equipment	9,017	258	0	9,275
Vehicles/Equipment	<u>48,617</u>	<u>12,250</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>60,867</u>
Total Accumulated Depreciation	<u>\$ 88,034</u>	<u>\$ 13,677</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$ 101,711</u>
Net Capital Assets	<u>\$ 42,878</u>	<u>\$ 55,375</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$ 98,253</u>
<u>Business-Type Activities</u>	<u>Balance 07-01-10</u>	<u>Additions</u>	<u>Deletions</u>	<u>Balance 06-30-11</u>
Capital Assets-				
Water System	\$2,195,919	\$ 0	\$0	\$2,195,919
Sewer System	14,567	0	0	14,567
Sewer System 2009	500,402	0	0	500,402
Buildings	0	1,815	0	1,815
Diesel Generator (Sewer)	0	17,500	0	17,500
2011 Improvements (Sewer)	0	20,685	0	20,685
2011 Improvements (Water)	0	1,804	0	1,804
Vehicles	<u>0</u>	<u>13,330</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>13,330</u>
Total Capital Assets	<u>\$2,710,888</u>	<u>\$ 55,134</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$2,766,022</u>

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Less, Accumulated Depreciation				
Water System	\$ 402,220	\$ 54,898	\$0	\$ 457,118
Sewer System	4,950	583	0	5,533
Sewer System 2009	18,765	12,510	0	31,275
Buildings	0	121	0	121
Diesel Generator (Sewer)	0	1,167	0	1,167
2011 Improvements (Sewer)	0	1,379	0	1,379
2011 Improvements (Water)	0	120	0	120
Vehicles	0	2,666	0	2,666
Total Accumulated Depreciation	<u>\$ 425,935</u>	<u>\$ 73,444</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$ 499,379</u>
Net Capital Assets	<u>\$2,284,953</u>	<u>\$(18,310)</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$2,266,643</u>

Depreciation expense of \$6,047 was charged to general government and \$7,630 to public safety. Depreciation expense for the enterprise fund was charged as follows:

Sewer	\$17,093
Water	<u>57,351</u>
Total	<u>\$73,444</u>

5. Changes in Long-Term Debt:

The following is a summary of bond transactions of the Village for the year ended June 30, 2011:

	<u>Revenue Bonds</u>
Bonds Payable at July 1, 2010	\$61,000
Less, Bonds Retired at 6-30-11	<u>(6,000)</u>
Bonds Payable at June 30, 2011	<u>\$55,000</u>

Bonds payable at June 30, 2011, are comprised of the following individual issues:

	<u>Issue</u> <u>Date</u>	<u>Final</u> <u>Maturity</u>	<u>Rate</u>	<u>Total</u>
1979 Water Revenue Bonds	12-08-1979	12-31-2019	5%	<u>\$55,000</u>

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The annual requirements to amortize all debt outstanding as of June 30, 2011, including interest payments of \$10,300 are as follows:

2012	\$ 8,450
2013	8,150
2014	7,850
2015	8,500
2016	8,150
Thereafter	<u>24,200</u>
Total	<u>\$65,300</u>

For the year ended June 30, 2011, the Village entered into two lease/purchase agreements for new vehicles. A 2010 Ford Ranger was purchased for \$19,995 at 7.25% APR for 36 months. A 2011 police car was purchased for \$22,134 at 6.15% APR for 36 months.

	<u>2010</u> <u>Ranger</u>	<u>2011</u> <u>Car</u>	<u>Total</u>
Leases Payable at July 1, 2010	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
Leases Incurred	19,995	22,134	42,129
Less, Leases Paid at June 30, 2011	<u>6,189</u>	<u>1,778</u>	<u>7,967</u>
Lease Payable at June 30, 2011	<u>\$13,806</u>	<u>\$20,356</u>	<u>\$34,162</u>

The police car will be paid from the General Fund. The Ford Ranger will be paid 1/3 from the General Fund and 2/3 from the Utility Fund.

Police car-

<u>June 30</u>	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Interest</u>	<u>Total</u>
2012	\$ 7,000	\$1,056	\$ 8,056
2013	7,443	613	8,056
2014	<u>5,913</u>	<u>159</u>	<u>6,072</u>
Total	<u>\$20,356</u>	<u>\$1,828</u>	<u>\$22,184</u>

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Utility truck-

<u>June 30</u>	<u>General Fund</u>		<u>Utility Fund</u>		<u>Total</u>
	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Interest</u>	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Interest</u>	
2012	\$2,218	\$245	\$4,436	\$492	\$ 7,391
2013	<u>2,384</u>	<u>80</u>	<u>4,768</u>	<u>159</u>	<u>7,391</u>
	<u>\$4,602</u>	<u>\$325</u>	<u>\$9,204</u>	<u>\$651</u>	<u>\$14,782</u>

6. Related Parties:

The Village had no identified related party transactions for the year ended June 30, 2011.

7. Compensation of Mayor and Aldermen:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Bobby Braxton	\$ 5,400
Natonya Pikes	2,400
Jamie Alexander	2,400
Frank Mitchell, Jr.	<u>2,400</u>
Total	<u>\$12,600</u>

8. Receivables:

The following is a summary of receivables at June 30, 2011:

<u>Class of Receivable</u>	<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Utility Fund</u>
Sales	\$ 0	\$9,187
Taxes	1,905	0
Intergovernmental	195	0
Fines	<u>3,786</u>	<u>0</u>
Total	<u>\$5,886</u>	<u>\$9,187</u>

9. Subsequent Events:

Management has evaluated events through January 19, 2012, the date which the financial statements were available for issue. There were no items to be reported as subsequent events.

**OTHER REQUIRED
SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**

Village of Clarence
General Fund
Budgetary Comparison Schedule
For the Year Ended June 30, 2011

	<u>Budget</u> <u>Original/Final</u>	<u>Actual</u>	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)
REVENUES:			
Taxes	\$ 37,300	\$ 25,466	\$ (11,834)
Licenses and Permits	7,100	22,594	15,494
Intergovernmental	1,500	58,141	56,641
Fines and Forfeits	65,000	100,056	35,056
Mayor's Court	0	9,788	9,788
Miscellaneous	<u>800</u>	<u>23,100</u>	<u>22,300</u>
Total Revenues	<u>\$111,700</u>	<u>\$239,145</u>	<u>\$ 127,445</u>
EXPENDITURES:			
General Government	\$ 80,120	\$108,237	\$ (28,117)
Public Safety	55,500	56,921	(1,421)
Water/Sewer	0	56,803	(56,803)
Capital Outlay	0	28,799	(28,799)
Debt Service	<u>0</u>	<u>4,476</u>	<u>(4,476)</u>
Total Expenditures	<u>\$135,620</u>	<u>\$255,236</u>	<u>\$(119,616)</u>
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues over Expenditures	\$ (23,920)	\$ (16,091)	\$ 7,829
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES:			
Proceeds of Debt	\$ 0	\$ 28,799	\$ 28,799
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues and Other Sources over Expenditures	\$ (23,920)	\$ 12,708	\$ 36,628
Fund Balance-Beginning of Year	<u>16,781</u>	<u>16,781</u>	<u>0</u>
Fund Balance-End of Year	<u>\$ (7,139)</u>	<u>\$ 29,489</u>	<u>\$ 36,628</u>

See independent accountant's review report.

Village of Clarence
LCDBG Fund
Budgetary Comparison Schedule
For the Year Ended June 30, 2011

	<u>Total Budget</u>	<u>Current Year Actual</u>	<u>Remaining Budget</u>
REVENUES:			
Intergovernmental Grant - State	\$257,900	\$40,253	\$217,647
EXPENDITURES:			
Capital Outlay	<u>257,900</u>	<u>40,253</u>	<u>217,647</u>
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues over Expenditures	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
Fund Balance-Beginning of Year	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Fund Balance-End of Year	<u>\$ 0</u>	<u>\$ 0</u>	<u>\$ 0</u>

See independent accountant's review report.

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INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANT'S REPORT ON APPLYING AGREED-UPON PROCEDURES

To the Board of Aldermen of
the Village of Clarence

We have performed the procedures included in the *Louisiana Governmental Audit Guide* and enumerated below, which were agreed to by the management of the Village of Clarence and the Legislative Auditor, State of Louisiana, solely to assist the users in evaluating management's assertions about the Village of Clarence's compliance with certain laws and regulations during the year ended June 30, 2011, included in the Louisiana Attestation Questionnaire. This agreed-upon procedures engagement was performed in accordance with standards established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants and applicable standards of *Government Auditing Standards*. The sufficiency of these procedures is solely the responsibility of the specified users of the report. Consequently, we make no representation regarding the sufficiency of the procedures described below either for the purpose for which this report has been requested or for any other purpose.

PUBLIC BID LAW

1. Select all expenditures made during the year for materials and supplies exceeding \$30,000, or public works exceeding \$150,000, and determine whether such purchases were made in accordance with LSA-RS 38:2211-2251 (the public bid law).

No expenditures found to be in violation.

CODE OF ETHICS FOR PUBLIC OFFICIALS AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES

2. Obtain from management a list of the immediate family members of each board member as defined by LSA-RS 42:1101-1124 (the code of ethics), and a list of outside business interests of all board members and employees, as well as their immediate families.

Management provided us with the required list including the noted information.

3. Obtain from management a listing of all employees paid during the period under examination.

Management provided the requested information.

4. Determine whether any of those employees included in the listing obtained from management in agreed-upon procedures (3) were also included on the listing obtained from management in agreed-upon procedures (2) as immediate family members.

None of the employees included in procedure (3) appeared in procedure (2) as immediate family members.

BUDGETING

5. Obtain a copy of the legally adopted budget and all amendments.

Management provided us with a copy of the original budget. There were no amendments to the budget during the year.

6. Trace the budget adoption to the minute book.

We traced the adoption of the budget to the minutes of the Village. The budget was adopted by a unanimous decision.

7. Compare the revenues and expenditures of the final budget to actual revenues and expenditures to determine if actual revenues failed to meet budgeted revenues by 5% or more or if actual expenditures exceed budgeted amounts by 5% or more.

We compared the revenues and expenditures of the budget to actual revenues and expenditures. For the year ended June 30, 2011, actual expenditures exceeded the budgeted expenditures by an amount that exceeded the 5% variance allowed. Also, Louisiana state law requires that the budget for the General Fund must be prepared so that the total of proposed expenditures shall not exceed the total of estimated funds available, i.e. beginning fund balance plus budgeted revenue cannot be less than the total of the budgeted expenditures. For the year ended June 30, 2011, the Village had approved a budget in which the total expenditures exceeded the total available funds for the year.

ACCOUNTING AND REPORTING

8. Randomly select 6 disbursements made during the period under examination and:

- (a) trace payments to supporting documentation as to proper amount and payee:

We examined supporting documentation for each of the six disbursements and found that the payments were for the proper amount and made to the correct payee.

- (b) determine if payments were properly coded to the correct fund and general ledger account:

Each disbursement appeared to be coded correctly.

- (c) determine whether payments received approval from proper authorities:

Inspection of supporting documentation showed written approval.

MEETINGS

9. Examine evidence indicating that agendas for meetings recorded in the minute book were posted or advertised as required by LSA-RS 42:1 through 42:12 (the open meetings law).

The Village is only required to post a notice of each meeting and the accompanying agenda on the door of the Village's office building. Management has asserted that such documents were properly posted.

DEBT

10. Examine bank deposits for the period under examination and determine whether any such deposits appear to be proceeds of bank loans, bonds or any other indebtedness which have not been approved by the State Bond Commission.

We inspected copies of all bank deposits for the period under examination and noted no deposits that appeared to be proceeds of bank loans, bonds, or other indebtedness that had not been approved by the State Bond Commission.

ADVANCES AND BONUSES

11. Examine payroll records and minutes for the year to determine whether any payments have been made to employees that may constitute bonuses, advances, or gifts.

There were none.

Our prior report dated December 23, 2010, contained three findings which have not been cleared.

We were not engaged to, and did not, perform an examination, the objective of which would be the expression of an opinion on management's assertions. Accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. Had we performed additional procedures, other matters might have come to our attention that would have been reported to you.

This report is intended solely for the use of management of the Village of Clarence and the Legislative Auditor, State of Louisiana, and should not be used by those who have not agreed to the procedures and taken responsibility for the sufficiency of the procedures for their purposes. Under Louisiana Revised Statute 24:513, this report is distributed by the Legislative Auditor as a public document.

Johnson, Thomas & Cunningham
Johnson, Thomas & Cunningham, CPA's

January 19, 2012
Natchitoches, Louisiana

VILLAGE OF CLARENCE

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LOUISIANA ATTESTATION QUESTIONNAIRE

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In connection with your review of our financial statements as of June 30, 2011, and for the period then ended, and as required by Louisiana Revised Statute 24:513 and the *Louisiana Governmental Audit Guide*, we make the following representations to you. We accept full responsibility for our compliance with the following laws and regulations and the internal controls over compliance with such laws and regulations. We have evaluated our compliance with the following laws and regulations prior to making these representations.

These representations are based on the information available to us as of 7-20-11.

Public Bid Law

It is true that we have complied with the public bid law, R.S. Title 38:2211-2296, and, where applicable, the regulations of the Division of Administration and the State Purchasing Office.

Yes No

Code of Ethics for Public Officials and Public Employees

It is true that no employees or officials have accepted anything of value, whether in the form of a service, loan, or promise, from anyone that would constitute a violation of R.S. 42:1101-1124.

Yes No

It is true that no member of the immediate family of any member of the governing authority, or the chief executive of the governmental entity, has been employed by the governmental entity after April 1, 1980, under circumstances that would constitute a violation of R.S. 42:1119.

Yes No

Budgeting

We have complied with the state budgeting requirements of the Local Government Budget Act (R.S. 39:1301-16), R.S. 39:33, or the budget requirements of R.S. 39:1331-1342, as applicable.

Yes No

Accounting and Reporting

All non-exempt governmental records are available as a public record and have been retained for at least three years, as required by R.S. 44:1, 44:7, 44:31, and 44:36.

Yes No

We have filed our annual financial statements in accordance with R.S. 24:514, and 33:463, where applicable.

Yes No

We have had our financial statements reviewed in accordance with R.S. 24:513.

Yes No

Meetings

We have complied with the provisions of the Open Meetings Law, provided in R.S. 42:1 through 42:13.

Yes No

Debt

It is true we have not incurred any indebtedness, other than credit for 90 days or less to make purchases in the ordinary course of administration, nor have we entered into any lease-purchase agreements, without the approval of the State Bond Commission, as provided by Article VII, Section 8 of the 1974 Louisiana Constitution, Article VI, Section 33 of the 1974 Louisiana Constitution, and R.S. 39:1410.60-1410.65.

Yes No

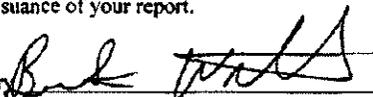
Advances and Bonuses

It is true we have not advanced wages or salaries to employees or paid bonuses in violation of Article VII, Section 14 of the 1974 Louisiana Constitution, R.S. 14:138, and AG opinion 79-729.

Yes No

We have disclosed to you all known noncompliance of the foregoing laws and regulations, as well as any contradictions to the foregoing representations. We have made available to you documentation relating to the foregoing laws and regulations.

We have provided you with any communications from regulatory agencies or other sources concerning any possible noncompliance with the foregoing laws and regulations, including any communications received between the end of the period under examination and the issuance of this report. We acknowledge our responsibility to disclose to you any known noncompliance that may occur subsequent to the issuance of your report.

Secretary 

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January 19, 2012

The Honorable Bobby Braxton, Mayor
and Village Aldermen
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RE: Review Report - June 30, 2011
Management Letter

Dear Mayor Braxton,

We have performed our review of the Village of Clarence and have applied certain agreed-upon procedures. As part of those procedures, we have the following information to report to you.

1. Louisiana State Law requires that a budget be amended whenever actual revenues are less than budgeted revenues by more than 5% and/or actual expenditures are more than budgeted expenditures by 5% or more. For the year ended June 30, 2011, actual expenditures were more than budgeted expenditures, in the General Fund, by more than the 5% allowed and the budget was not amended.
2. The Village is required to have an annual audit performed and submitted to the Legislative Auditor within six (6) months after the close of their fiscal year. For the year ended June 30, 2011, this requirement was not met.
3. Louisiana state law requires that each political subdivision prepare a budget each fiscal year for its General Fund, to include the beginning fund balance, all sources of revenues and all categories of expenditures for the year. In addition, the total of proposed expenditures shall not exceed the total of estimated funds available for the ensuring year.

For the year ended June 30, 2011, the Village had approved a budget for the General Fund in which budgeted expenditures exceeded the estimated available funds for the year.

From the 2009 audit, there are three findings that have not been resolved as of June 30, 2011. These are:

1. Computer System-

The Village's current computer system is not being used to its full potential.

2. Control over Financial Reporting-

The general ledgers for the General Fund and Water and Sewer Fund did not balance as not all transactions had been posted correctly.

3. Non-compliance with Bond Covenants-

The Village is required by the terms of the Water Utility bonds dated December 4, 1979, to deposit monthly certain amounts into three separate funds, the Reserve Fund, Depreciation and Contingency Fund, and Amortization Fund. This requirement has not been met.

Sincerely,

Johnson, Thomas & Cunningham

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Re: Management Letter
Review Report-June 30, 2011

The following is our response to the management letter issued to us by the firm Johnson, Thomas & Cunningham, CPA's for the year ended June 30, 2011:

Management's Corrective action Plan

1. We will ensure that in the future, the budget will be amended if either actual revenue or actual expenditures do not meet the 5% variance between actual and budgeted amounts.
2. We will make the Village's books available to the auditor within 45 days after the end of the fiscal year.
3. We will institute procedures to ensure that when preparing or amending the budget, all state laws will be followed.

As to the three unresolved findings from the 2009 audit, the following is submitted:

1. We will, to the extent possible, try to increase the use of the computer in our financial accounting.
2. We will review our procedures to ensure that the manual ledgers are in balance.
3. Procedures will be put in place so that the required monthly transfers, as required by the Water Bond, are done.

Thank you,



Bobby Braxton
Mayor

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