

# Comprehensive Annual Financial Report



**Fiscal Year Ended**

**June 30, 2015**

**TOWN OF ASHLAND, VIRGINIA**

**COMPREHENSIVE ANNUAL  
FINANCIAL REPORT**

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## **INTRODUCTORY SECTION**



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November 6, 2015

The Honorable Members of Town Council  
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Ashland, Virginia 23005

Dear Members of Town Council:

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MAYOR

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HENSON, III  
VICE MAYOR

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TOWN MANAGER

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TOWN ATTORNEY

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KIMBLE  
CLERK OF COUNCIL

## Introduction

The Comprehensive Annual Financial Report of the Town of Ashland, Virginia for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2015, is submitted herewith as required by the Code of Virginia. This report was prepared by the Finance Office in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP) as set forth in the pronouncements of the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB).

Responsibility for both the accuracy of the presented data and the completeness and fairness of the presentation, including all disclosures, rests with the Town.

Included in these financial statements is the General Fund, Capital Projects Fund, and a fund for Other Postemployment Benefits. These funds are included in the financial statements because they meet the control and dependence criteria. The Town adopts budgets, has taxing authority, is obligated for debts, and must finance any deficits that occur in the above funds.

GAAP requires that management provide a narrative introduction, overview, and analysis to accompany the basic financial statements in the form of a Management's Discussion and Analysis (MD&A). The letter of transmittal is designed to complement the MD&A and should be read in conjunction with it. The MD&A can be found immediately following the report of the independent auditors.

### Significant Local Events

Within the metropolitan Richmond area, as with the rest of the Country, the economy is slowly rebounding. Retail development has picked up slightly in Ashland and the Richmond region. As the only incorporated town in the Richmond area, Ashland finds itself the subject of attention of those seeking a small town atmosphere, with easy access to multiple modes of transportation in which to live or work.

In terms of the local economy, the level of activity in and around the Town has increased slightly during the 2014-15 fiscal year. The number of vacant commercial and industrial properties has decreased slightly during the last fiscal year, and this trend is expected to continue in the coming years.

Three industrial parks are located within the Town, all of them located between Washington Highway (U.S. Route 1) and Interstate 95. The Ashland Business Park is the largest of these having a total of one hundred eighty-seven acres. The second and final phase of the park will have more direct access to Interstate 95, and potential for up to two million square feet of commercial and industrial space.

The ninety-acre Ashcake Village Industrial Park has a variety of contractors, wholesalers and small manufacturers as does Ashland Park, a forty-five acre industrial park. All of the industrial parks are privately owned, indicating the strength of the local private sector. The Virginia Transportation Center on U.S. Route 1 in north Ashland provides an additional eighty-three acre park with an emphasis on distribution and logistics hubs. This particular business park was developed as a major distribution site for a second national retailer in FY2014 which opened in February 2015.

As mentioned previously, commercial building activity has slowly improved during FY2015 with few new businesses occupying space in existing buildings and very little construction of new buildings. Twenty-three commercial certificates of occupancy (CO's) were issued during the year, which is eight more than approved in FY2014. CO's are only necessary when a change of use in an existing building occurs or for new construction. Commercial CO's primarily came from tenant up-fits for new uses in existing buildings. Thirty-six new business licenses were approved in FY2015. Commercial activity has been equalized in the downtown area with recent closings of existing businesses and openings of new businesses. Vacancy rates in downtown have held steady with a minimum amount of space available for lease or purchase. Office space vacancy rates remain higher than retail, particularly in the Hill Carter Parkway area.

While slow, the commercial building activity that has occurred is very beneficial to the community. Construction finished on a distribution center for Republic National, a national distributor of wine and spirits. Little Caesars Pizza began construction on a new facility on an empty parcel in the Ashland Junction shopping center. Reines RV Center retrofitted the former location of Sheehy Ford. Finally, Randolph-Macon College continued to make substantial investments in improving their campus. They completed construction of a third new modern dormitory. They also made improvements to the interiors of other existing structures on campus. These improvements will contribute to the attractiveness of the college and allow it to thrive into the future.

Residential construction has continued through both an infill process of construction of a small number of houses on previously subdivided lots and in new smaller subdivisions, such as Lance and Bridle. Twenty-three certificates of occupancy were issued for residential units in Ashland during the year, representing a 92 percent annual increase in the total number of residential units compared to the previous fiscal year. Residential development continues to occur immediately around the Town to the north and east.

### Prospects for the Future

With the national economy turning the corner, and a regional economy expanding at a much slower rate, the vacant commercial and industrial sites and buildings in Ashland provide an opportunity for some growth in the future. The service industry will open several new businesses that will expand the meals and transient occupancy taxes. Activity has stabilized in many industries, including manufacturing, distribution and professional offices.

The Town Council has maintained one of the lowest property tax rates in the Commonwealth while broadening the tax base through other revenue sources. Property tax rates have been substantially reduced over the past decade. For FY 2002 and 2005, the Town reduced both the real property tax rate and the business and professional occupation license rate. The Town Council did increase the real property tax rate by \$.02 to bring the rate to \$.09 for the 2008-09 fiscal year. The Town increased the meals tax and the transient occupancy tax in FY 2005 to 5%. In FY 2010, the Town Council instituted a cigarette tax of \$.19/pack. For FY2014 the Town Council raised the cigarette tax to \$.22/pack and the Transient Occupancy tax rate from 5% to 7%. Continued growth in the overall tax base has allowed the Town to maintain an unreserved fund balance to cover certain capital projects, emergencies and to provide adequate cash flow.

Another objective of Town Council has been to address major service needs and infrastructure repairs. These projects were funded from a variety of sources including cash reserves, state recreation grants, and state road maintenance funds. Continued sidewalk, street, and curb/gutter improvements are featured in the FY 2015 budget. In addition to these infrastructure improvements, the Town paid off its last piece of outstanding debt in FY2013 while continuing to fund infrastructure projects on a pay-as-you-go basis.



## Financial Information

We believe the data, as presented herein, is accurate in all material respects; is presented in a manner designed to fairly set forth the financial position and results of operations of the Town as measured by the financial activity of its various funds; and that all disclosures necessary to enable the reader to gain the maximum understanding of the Town's financial affairs have been included.

In accordance with the requirements of the Governmental Accounting Standards Board, the financial reporting entity consists of the primary government, as well as its component unit, which is a legally separate organization for which the Town is financially accountable. The discretely presented component unit qualifying for inclusion in this report is the Town of Ashland Economic Development Authority. The Economic Development Authority of the Town of Ashland is a discretely presented component unit and reported separately in the financial statements to emphasize that it is legally separate from the primary government and to differentiate their financial position, and results of operations from those of the primary government.

## Accounting System and Budgetary Control

In developing and evaluating the Town's accounting system, consideration is given to the adequacy of the Town's internal control structure. The internal control structure is designed to provide reasonable, but not absolute, assurance regarding: (1) the safeguarding of assets against loss from unauthorized use or disposition; and (2) the reliability of financial records for preparing financial statements and maintaining accountability for assets. The concept of reasonable assurance recognizes that: (1) the cost of a control should not exceed the benefits likely to be derived; and (2) the evaluation of costs and benefits requires estimates and judgments by management.

All internal control evaluations occur within the above framework. We believe the Town's internal control structure adequately safeguards assets and provides reasonable assurance of proper recording of financial transactions.

Administrative budgetary control is maintained at the line item level of expenditures prior to the release of purchase orders to vendors.

## History and Description of Government

Ashland, the only incorporated town in Hanover County, is located approximately fifteen miles north of Richmond, Virginia. Interstate 95, a major north-south highway, is located in the eastern portion of Ashland. The 2010 census indicated Ashland is split into two census tracts; the north tract (#320602) and the south tract (#320601). In 2010, population in the north tract was 3,098 and population in the south tract was 4,243, for a total population of 7,341. This represents a growth in population of 17.6% since the 2000 census. The total population of Hanover County in 2010 was 99,863 which is a 15.7% increase in ten years. Ashland's population represented approximately seven and one-half percent of Hanover's 2010 population of 99,863.

The government of the Town is under the direction of a Town Council elected by Town voters. The Town Council is made up of five members elected for staggered four-year terms. The Council elects the Mayor from its membership for a two-year term of office. Council elects a Vice Mayor from among the four remaining members.

The Town owns and maintains all public roads within Ashland except the Interstate highway. It also provides planning and zoning control, drainage facilities, garbage, brush and recycling collection, police protection, and parks, as well as other services to its residents.

The Town operates under the Council-Manager form of government where the Council appoints a Town Manager to act as administrative head of the Town. The Manager serves at the pleasure of Council, carries out its policies, directs business procedures, and has the power of appointment and removal of heads of all departments and employees of the Town.

The Council also appoints the Town Attorney and Clerk of Council. The assessment of real estate is by the County Assessor while the Commissioner of Revenue of Hanover County, who is elected by the voters, handles assessments of personal property.

The Town is a part of Hanover County, and the residents of the Town are, in most cases, subject to taxation by both the Town and the County. The Town pre-empts County taxation in the following revenue sources: vehicle licensing, business license taxes, and consumer utility taxes. Among the services the County provides that benefit Town residents are: public schools, water and sewer service, health services, public assistance, libraries and the Sheriff's Department.

The Town was originally founded as a summer community by the Richmond, Fredericksburg and Potomac Railroad Company. A few years later, Randolph-Macon College moved to the Town bringing additional growth. After the construction of U.S. Route 1 in the early 1900s, an increase in tourist-related growth began. Tourism continued to grow with the opening of Interstate 95 in 1963 and, in the 1970s, of Kings Dominion, a large amusement park eight miles north of Ashland. The expansion of the Richmond metropolitan area throughout the 1980's and 1990's has brought added development activity to the Ashland/Hanover area.

Most of the employers in the Town are retail, service, or government related. The major employers within the immediate area include the Hanover County School Board; Randolph-Macon College, a private coeducational college of 1,200 students, and Wal-Mart (which are all located within the Town); Produce Source Partners; Acosta Sales & Marketing; Tyson's; Commonwealth of Virginia; and Altria Group, Inc. (parent company of Philip Morris, U.S.). A large number of citizens are also employed in the Hanover Airpark, just south of Ashland, the City of Richmond, and Henrico County.

### Independent Audit

The Commonwealth of Virginia requires an annual audit of the financial records and transactions of the Town and all of its departments by independent certified public accountants selected by the Town Council. The requirement has been complied with and the auditor's opinion follows this report.

### Certificate of Achievement

The Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada (GFOA) awarded a Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting to the Town of Ashland for its Comprehensive Annual Financial Report for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2014. The Certificate of Achievement is a prestigious national award recognizing conformance with the highest standards for preparation of state and local government financial reports.

In order to be awarded a Certificate of Achievement, a government unit must publish an easily readable and efficiently organized comprehensive annual financial report, whose contents conform to program standards. Such reports must satisfy both GAAP and applicable legal requirements.

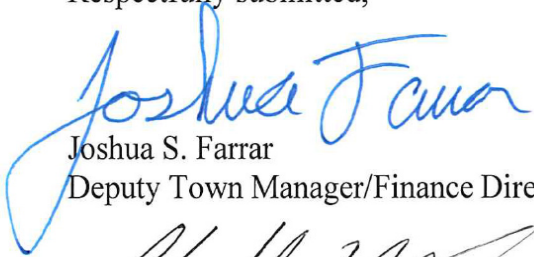
A Certificate of Achievement is valid for a period of one year only. The Town of Ashland has received a Certificate of Achievement for the last twenty-eight consecutive years (fiscal years ended 1987 - 2014). We believe our current report continues to conform to the Certificate of Achievement program requirements, and we are submitting it to the GFOA.

### Acknowledgments

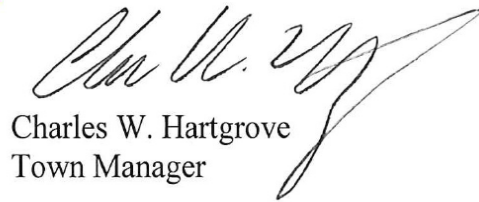
The preparation of this report on a timely basis could not have been accomplished without the efficient and dedicated services of the entire staff of the Finance Office. We would like to express our appreciation to all those who assisted in and contributed to the preparation of this report.

We would also like to thank the members of Town Council for their interest and support in planning and conducting the financial operations of the Town in a responsible and progressive manner.

Respectfully submitted,



Joshua S. Farrar  
Deputy Town Manager/Finance Director



Charles W. Hartgrove  
Town Manager

## **TOWN OF ASHLAND, VIRGINIA**

### ***Directory of Principal Officials***

#### ***OFFICIALS***

Dr. George F. Spagna

Mayor

Edward L. “Ned” Henson, III

Vice-Mayor

#### ***MEMBERS OF COUNCIL***

James Murray

Faye O. Prichard

Steven P. Trivett

#### ***OTHER OFFICIALS***

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Town Manager

Joshua Farrar

Deputy Town Manager/Finance Director

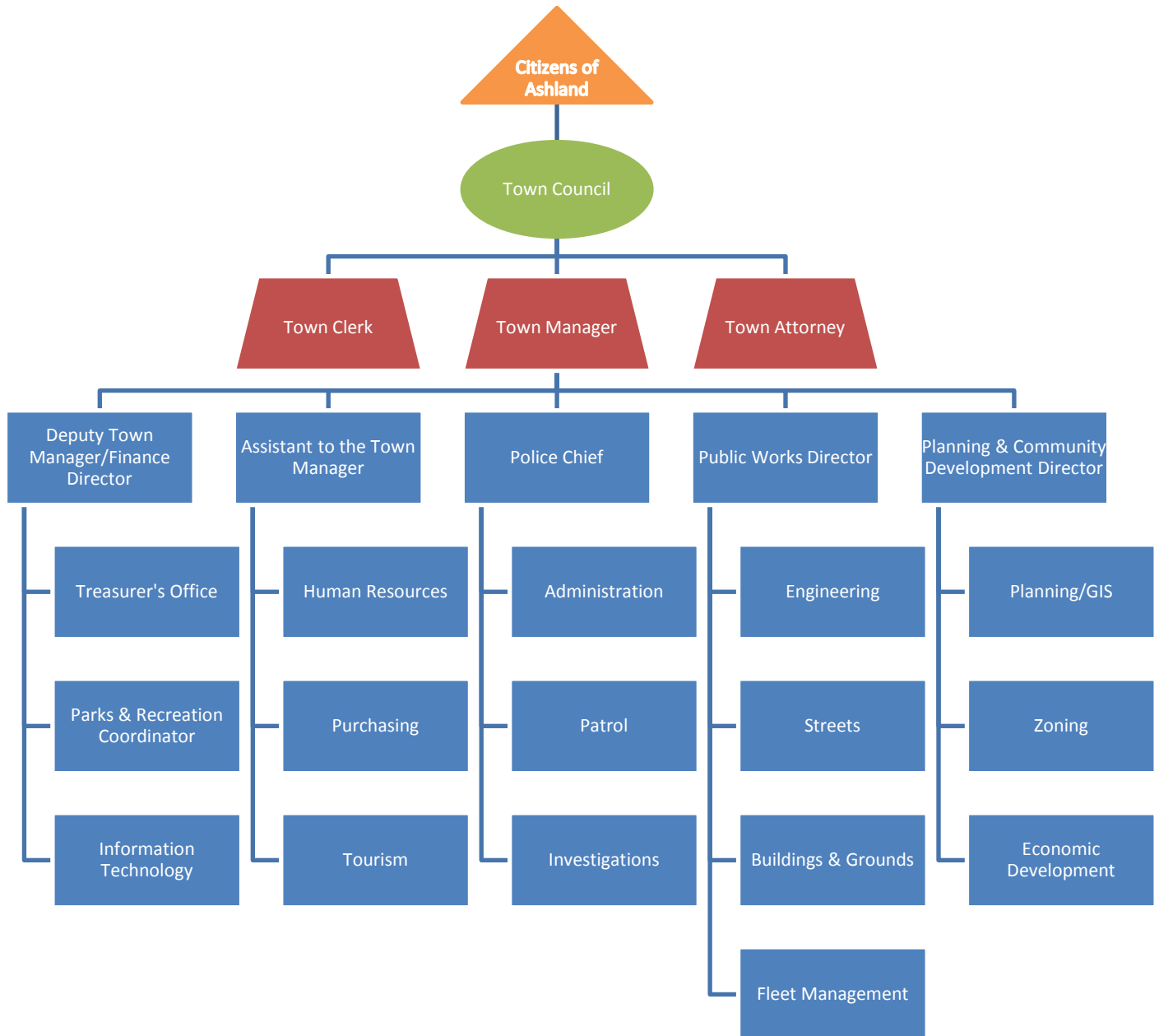
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Clerk of the Council

Andrea G. Erard

Town Attorney

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**June 30, 2014**

Executive Director/CEO

## **FINANCIAL SECTION**





## **INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT**

To the Honorable Mayor and Members of Council  
Town of Ashland, Virginia  
Ashland, Virginia

### **Report on the Financial Statements**

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, the discretely presented component unit, each major fund, and the remaining fund information of the Town of Ashland, Virginia (Town), as of and for the year ended June 30, 2015, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Town's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

### **Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements**

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

### **Auditor's Responsibility**

Our responsibility is to express opinions on these financial statements based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America; the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States; and the *Specifications for Audits of Counties, Cities and Towns* issued by the Auditor of Public Accounts of the Commonwealth of Virginia. Those standards and specifications require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

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

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

## **Opinions**

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, the discretely presented component unit, each major fund, and the remaining fund information of the Town, as of June 30, 2015, and the respective changes in financial position for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

## **Emphasis of Matter**

### *Change in Accounting Principle*

As discussed in Note 14 to the financial statements, the Town restated net position of the Governmental Activities to record the net pension liability and related components in accordance with the implementation of GASB Statements No. 68 and 71.

## **Other Matters**

### *Required Supplementary Information*

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the Management's Discussion and Analysis and the required supplementary information on pages 4-9 and 54-56, respectively, be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. We have applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, which consisted of inquiries of management about the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. We do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide us with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance.

### *Other Information*

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the Town's basic financial statements. The accompanying schedules listed in the table of contents as supplementary information, supplemental schedules, introductory section, and statistical section are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the basic financial statements.

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

The introductory and statistical sections, as listed in the table of contents, have not been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements, and accordingly, we do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on them.

### **Other Reporting Required by *Government Auditing Standards***

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated November 6, 2015 on our consideration of the Town's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the Town's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

*PBMares, LLP*

Harrisonburg, Virginia  
November 6, 2015

## **Town of Ashland, Virginia Management's Discussion and Analysis**

As management of the Town of Ashland, Virginia (Town), we offer readers of the Town's financial statements this narrative overview and analysis of the financial activities of the Town for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2015. Please read it in conjunction with the transmittal letter at the front of this report and with the Town's basic financial statements, which follow this section.

### **FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS**

#### **Government-Wide Financial Statements**

The assets and deferred outflows of resources of the Town exceeded its liabilities and deferred inflows of resources at the close of the most recent fiscal year by \$23,917,826 (net position).

#### **Fund Financial Statements**

The governmental funds, on a current financial resource basis, reported revenues and other financing sources in excess of expenditures and other financing uses of \$528,626.

- As of the close of the current fiscal year, the Town's funds reported ending fund balances of \$8,451,823, an increase of \$528,626 in comparison with the prior year.
- At the end of the current fiscal year, unassigned fund balance for the General Fund was \$5,228,516, or approximately 64.9% of total General Fund expenditures and other uses.
- Long-term obligations of the Town comprised of compensated absences and net pension liability increased by \$1,407,578 during the current fiscal year.

### **OVERVIEW OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

This discussion and analysis is intended to serve as an introduction to the Town's basic financial statements. The Town's basic financial statements comprise three components:

1. Government-wide financial statements;
2. Fund financial statements; and
3. Notes to the financial statements.

This report also contains supplementary information, required supplementary information and supplemental schedules in addition to the basic financial statements themselves.

## **OVERVIEW OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)**

Government-wide financial statements - The government-wide financial statements are designed to provide readers with a broad overview of the Town's finances, in a manner similar to a private sector business.

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

The Statement of Activities presents information showing how the Town's net position changed during the most recent fiscal year. All changes in net position are reported as soon as the underlying event giving rise to the change occurs, regardless of the timing of related cash flows. Thus, revenues and expenses are reported in the statement for some items that will only result in cash flows in future fiscal periods (e.g., uncollected taxes and earned but unused vacation leave).

Both of the government-wide financial statements distinguish functions of the Town that are principally supported by taxes and intergovernmental revenues (governmental activities) from other functions that are intended to recover all or a significant portion of their costs through user fees and charges (business-type activities). The governmental activities of the Town include general government, police protection, street maintenance, sanitation, building and grounds maintenance, recreation, and community development.

The government-wide financial statements include not only the Town of Ashland, Virginia itself (known as the primary government), but also a legally separate economic development authority for which the Town is financially accountable. Financial information for the component unit is reported separately from the financial information presented for the primary government.

Fund financial statements - A fund is a grouping of related accounts that is used to maintain control over resources that have been segregated for specific activities or objectives. The Town, like other governments, uses fund accounting to ensure and demonstrate compliance with finance-related requirements. All of the funds of the Town fall under the category of governmental funds.

Governmental funds - Governmental funds are used to account for essentially the same functions or services reported as governmental activities in the government-wide financial statements. The government-wide financial statements are prepared on the accrual basis of accounting, whereas the governmental fund financial statements are prepared on the modified accrual basis of accounting. The focus of modified accrual reporting is on a near-term inflows and outflows of financial resources and the balance of financial resources available at the end of the fiscal year. Since the governmental funds focus is more narrow than that of the government-wide financial statements, a reconciliation between the two methods is provided at the succeeding page of the governmental fund Balance Sheet and the governmental fund Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances. The Town has two major governmental funds - the General Fund and the Capital Projects Fund.

Notes to the financial statements - The notes to financial statements provide additional information that is essential to a full understanding of the data provided in the government-wide and fund financial statements.

Other information - In addition to the basic financial statements and accompanying notes to financial statements, this report also presents certain supplementary information for budgetary comparison schedules.

## GOVERNMENT-WIDE FINANCIAL ANALYSIS

As noted earlier, net position may serve over time as a useful indicator of a Town's financial position. In the case of the Town, assets and deferred outflow of resources exceeded liabilities and deferred inflow of resources by \$23,917,826 at the close of the most recent fiscal year. The following table summarizes the Town's Statements of Net Position:

### Summary Statements of Net Position June 30, 2015 and 2014

	Governmental Activities		Increase	%
	2015	2014	(Decrease)	Change
Current and other assets	\$ 9,562,004	\$ 8,526,688	\$ 1,035,316	12.1%
Capital assets, net	17,276,925	17,097,569	179,356	1.0%
<b>Total assets</b>	<b>26,838,929</b>	<b>25,624,257</b>	<b>1,214,672</b>	<b>4.7%</b>
<b>Total deferred outflow of resources</b>	<b>398,440</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>398,440</b>	<b>100%</b>
Current liabilities	852,319	338,002	514,317	152.2%
Noncurrent liabilities	1,735,142	327,564	1,407,578	429.7%
<b>Total liabilities</b>	<b>2,587,461</b>	<b>665,566</b>	<b>1,921,895</b>	<b>288.8%</b>
<b>Total deferred inflow of resources</b>	<b>732,082</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>732,082</b>	<b>100%</b>
Net position:				
Net investment in capital assets	17,276,925	17,097,569	179,356	1.0%
Unrestricted	6,640,901	7,861,122	(1,220,221)	-15.5%
<b>Total net position</b>	<b>\$ 23,917,826</b>	<b>\$ 24,958,691</b>	<b>\$ (1,040,865)</b>	<b>-4.2%</b>

## GOVERNMENT-WIDE FINANCIAL ANALYSIS (Continued)

The Town's Net Position decreased by \$896,102 during the current fiscal year. The following table summarizes the Town's Statements of Changes in Net Position:

### Summary Statements of Changes in Net Position Years Ended June 30, 2015 and 2014

	<u>Governmental Activities</u>		<u>Increase</u>	<u>%</u>
	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>(Decrease)</u>	<u>Change</u>
Revenues:				
Program revenues:				
Charges for services	\$ 235,629	\$ 227,944	\$ 7,685	3.4%
Operating grants and contributions	612,856	605,249	7,607	1.3%
Capital grants and contributions	1,672,886	1,613,559	59,327	3.7%
General revenues:				
General property taxes	1,076,547	981,908	94,639	9.6%
Other local taxes	4,293,200	4,178,867	114,333	2.7%
Grants and contributions not restricted	491,787	522,807	(31,020)	-5.9%
Other	152,458	419,757	(267,299)	-63.7%
<b>Total revenues</b>	<b>8,535,363</b>	<b>8,550,091</b>	<b>(14,728)</b>	<b>-0.2%</b>
Expenses:				
General government administration	1,028,107	974,966	53,141	5.5%
Public safety	2,609,198	2,650,596	(41,398)	-1.6%
Public works	3,304,844	3,480,524	(175,680)	-5.0%
Parks, recreation and cultural	176,107	193,899	(17,792)	-9.2%
Community development	521,005	503,721	17,284	3.4%
<b>Total expenses</b>	<b>7,639,261</b>	<b>7,803,706</b>	<b>(164,445)</b>	<b>-2.1%</b>
<b>Change in net position</b>	<b>896,102</b>	<b>746,385</b>	<b>149,717</b>	<b>20.1%</b>
Net Position, beginning of year, as restated	<u>23,021,724</u>	<u>24,212,306</u>	<u>(1,190,582)</u>	<u>-4.9%</u>
Net Position, end of year	<u>\$ 23,917,826</u>	<u>\$ 24,958,691</u>	<u>\$ (1,040,865)</u>	<u>-4.2%</u>

Ending net position at June 30, 2014 does not match beginning net position as of July 1, 2014. This is due to implementation of GASB Statements No. 68 and 71. Information needed to restate fiscal year 2014 is not available.

## **FINANCIAL ANALYSIS OF THE TOWN'S FUNDS**

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

Governmental funds - The focus of the Town's governmental funds is to provide information on near-term inflows, outflows, and balances of available resources. Such information is useful in assessing the Town's financing requirements. In particular, unreserved fund balance may serve as a useful measure of a Town's net resources available for spending at the end of the fiscal year.

As of the end of the current fiscal year, the Town's governmental funds reported fund balances of \$8,451,823, an increase of \$528,626 in comparison with the prior year. Increases in local tax revenue collections contributed substantially to this addition to fund balance along with lower than anticipated expenditures for public works. Approximately 61.9% of the total fund balance constitutes unassigned General Fund balance, which is available for spending at the Town's discretion.

The Town's Capital Projects Fund accounts for all major general public improvements. At the end of the current fiscal year, the fund balance was \$3,223,307, all of which was committed for current or future capital projects.

## **GENERAL FUND BUDGETARY HIGHLIGHTS**

The changes in revenues and expenditures between the original and final General Fund budget was the appropriation of an additional \$100,000 in new transfers to the Capital Projects Fund and \$8,435 in the public safety.

During the year, revenues exceeded budgetary estimates by \$577,361. Expenditures were less than budgetary estimates by \$322,221, resulting in a positive variance of \$899,582.

## **CAPITAL ASSET AND LONG-TERM OBLIGATIONS**

Capital assets - The Town's investment in capital assets for its governmental operations as of June 30, 2015 amounted to \$17,276,925 (net of accumulated depreciation and amortization). This investment in capital assets includes land, buildings and improvements, machinery and equipment, and infrastructure.

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

Long-term obligations - At the end of the current fiscal year, the Town had total long-term obligations of \$1,735,142. The Town made its final bond debt payment on August 1, 2012.

During the current fiscal year, the Town's long-term obligations increased by \$1,407,578. The increase was the result of an increase in the liability for compensated absences of \$55,217 and the Town's implementation of a new accounting pronouncement, which resulted in a new net pension liability in the amount of \$1,352,361.

Additional information on the Town's long-term obligations can be found in Note 7 and Note 9 of this report.



## **ECONOMIC FACTORS AND NEXT YEAR'S BUDGETS AND RATES**

The following factors were considered in preparing the Town's budget for the 2016 fiscal year:

- The unemployment rate for the County of Hanover, which includes the Town of Ashland, was 4.4% at June 30, 2015. The Commonwealth of Virginia's unemployment rate was 4.9% as of the same date.
- Inflationary trends in the region compare favorably to national indexes.

The fiscal year 2016 budget increased by approximately 2.8% compared to the Town's amended budget for fiscal year 2015.

## **REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION**

This financial report is designed to provide a general overview of the Town's finances for all those with an interest. Questions concerning any of the information provided in this report or requests for additional information should be addressed to the Town Manager, 101 Thompson Street, Ashland, Virginia, 23005.

## **BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**TOWN OF ASHLAND, VIRGINIA**

**STATEMENT OF NET POSITION**  
**June 30, 2015**

	Primary Government	Component Unit
	Governmental Activities	Economic Development Authority
<b>ASSETS</b>		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 8,621,772	\$ 251,113
Receivables, net:		
Property taxes	155,310	-
Other accounts	297,421	-
Due from other governments	360,158	-
Prepaid:		
Other postemployment benefits	127,343	-
Capital assets:		
Land	2,542,575	-
Buildings and improvements	2,430,821	-
Machinery and equipment	2,791,007	-
Infrastructure	17,800,366	-
Software	119,585	-
Construction in progress	557,521	-
Less: accumulated depreciation and amortization	(8,964,950)	-
<b>Total assets</b>	<b>26,838,929</b>	<b>251,113</b>
<b>DEFERRED OUTFLOW OF RESOURCES</b>		
Pension plan	398,440	-
<b>LIABILITIES</b>		
Accounts payable	677,694	-
Accrued payroll and benefits	74,880	-
Unearned revenue	10,362	-
Performance bond payable	89,383	-
Noncurrent liabilities:		
Due within one year:		
Compensated absences	38,278	-
Due in more than one year:		
Compensated absences	344,503	-
Net pension liability	1,352,361	-
<b>Total liabilities</b>	<b>2,587,461</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>DEFERRED INFLOW OF RESOURCES</b>		
Pension plan	732,082	-
<b>NET POSITION</b>		
Net investment in capital assets	17,276,925	-
Unrestricted	6,640,901	251,113
<b>Total net position</b>	<b>\$ 23,917,826</b>	<b>\$ 251,113</b>

See Notes to Financial Statements.

**TOWN OF ASHLAND, VIRGINIA**

**STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES**  
**Year Ended June 30, 2015**

Entity/Functions/Programs	Program Revenues				Net (Expense) Revenue and Changes in Net Position	
	Expenses	Charges for Services	Operating Grants and Contributions	Capital Grants and Contributions	Primary Government	Component Unit
					Governmental Activities	Economic Development Authority
Primary Government:						
Governmental activities:						
General government administration	\$ 1,028,107	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (1,028,107)	\$ -
Public safety	2,609,198	180,092	209,102	10,480	(2,209,524)	-
Public works	3,304,844	1,644	398,754	1,575,206	(1,329,240)	-
Parks, recreation and cultural	176,107	53,893	-	-	(122,214)	-
Community development	521,005	-	5,000	87,200	(428,805)	-
<b>Total governmental activities</b>	<b>7,639,261</b>	<b>235,629</b>	<b>612,856</b>	<b>1,672,886</b>	<b>(5,117,890)</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total primary government</b>	<b>\$ 7,639,261</b>	<b>\$ 235,629</b>	<b>\$ 612,856</b>	<b>\$ 1,672,886</b>	<b>(5,117,890)</b>	<b>-</b>
Component Unit:						
Economic Development Authority	\$ 37,949	\$ 47,923	\$ -	\$ -	-	9,974
<b>Total component unit</b>	<b>\$ 37,949</b>	<b>\$ 47,923</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>9,974</b>
General Revenues:						
Taxes:						
General property taxes					1,076,547	-
Other local taxes:						
Meals					1,945,952	-
Transient occupancy					609,619	-
Business license					465,772	-
Local sales and use					489,115	-
Other					782,742	-
Intergovernmental, non-categorical aid					491,787	-
Use of money and property					25,428	1,117
Miscellaneous					127,030	-
Total general revenues					6,013,992	1,117
<b>Change in net position</b>					896,102	11,091
Net position, beginning, as restated					23,021,724	240,022
Net position, ending					<b>\$ 23,917,826</b>	<b>\$ 251,113</b>

See Notes to Financial Statements.

**TOWN OF ASHLAND, VIRGINIA****BALANCE SHEET  
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS  
June 30, 2015**

	General	Capital Projects	Total Governmental Funds
<b>ASSETS</b>			
Cash, cash equivalents and temporary cash investments	\$ 5,338,334	\$ 3,283,438	\$ 8,621,772
Receivables, net:			
Property taxes	155,310	-	155,310
Other accounts	297,421	-	297,421
Due from other governments	145,532	214,626	360,158
<b>Total assets</b>	<b>\$ 5,936,597</b>	<b>\$ 3,498,064</b>	<b>\$ 9,434,661</b>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>			
Accounts payable	\$ 402,937	\$ 274,757	\$ 677,694
Accrued payroll and benefits	74,880	-	74,880
Performance bond payable	89,383	-	89,383
Unearned revenue	10,362	-	10,362
<b>Total liabilities</b>	<b>577,562</b>	<b>274,757</b>	<b>852,319</b>
<b>DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES</b>			
Unavailable revenue - property taxes	130,519	-	130,519
<b>Total deferred inflows of resources</b>	<b>130,519</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>130,519</b>
<b>FUND BALANCES</b>			
Committed:			
Capital projects	-	3,223,307	3,223,307
Unassigned	5,228,516	-	5,228,516
<b>Total fund balances</b>	<b>5,228,516</b>	<b>3,223,307</b>	<b>8,451,823</b>
<b>Total liabilities, deferred inflows of resources and fund balances</b>	<b>\$ 5,936,597</b>	<b>\$ 3,498,064</b>	<b>\$ 9,434,661</b>

**TOWN OF ASHLAND, VIRGINIA**

**RECONCILIATION OF THE BALANCE SHEET OF THE GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS  
TO THE STATEMENT OF NET POSITION  
June 30, 2015**

	Governmental Funds	
Total fund balances - governmental funds	\$	8,451,823
Amounts reported for governmental activities in the Statement of Net Position are different because:		
Capital assets used in governmental activities are not current financial resources and, therefore, are not reported in the governmental funds.		
Governmental capital assets	\$	26,241,875
Less: accumulated depreciation and amortization		<u>(8,964,950)</u>
Net capital assets		17,276,925
Deferred outflows of resources represent a consumption of net position that applies to a future period and, therefore, are not recognized as expenditures in the governmental funds until then.		
		398,440
Other long-term assets are not available to pay for current period expenditures and, therefore, are reported as unavailable revenue in the governmental funds.		
		130,519
Other postemployment benefits (OPEB) assets (obligations) are not current financial resources and, therefore, are not reported in the governmental funds.		
		127,343
Long-term liabilities are not due and payable in the current period and, therefore, are not reported as liabilities in the governmental funds.		
Net pension liability	(1,352,361)	
Compensated absences	<u>(382,781)</u>	
		(1,735,142)
Deferred inflows of resources represent an acquisition of net position that applies to a future period and, therefore, are not recognized as revenue in the governmental funds until then.		
		<u>(732,082)</u>
<b>Net position of governmental activities</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b><u>23,917,826</u></b>

# TOWN OF ASHLAND, VIRGINIA

## STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS Year Ended June 30, 2015

	General	Capital Projects	Total Governmental Funds
Revenues:			
General property taxes	\$ 1,116,629	\$ -	\$ 1,116,629
Other local taxes	4,293,200	-	4,293,200
Permits, privilege fees and regulatory licenses	29,010	14,841	43,851
Fines and forfeitures	123,379	-	123,379
Use of money and property	22,592	2,836	25,428
Charges for services	53,893	-	53,893
Miscellaneous	127,030	-	127,030
Recovered costs	14,506	-	14,506
Intergovernmental	2,301,409	388,920	2,690,329
<b>Total revenues</b>	<b>8,081,648</b>	<b>406,597</b>	<b>8,488,245</b>
Expenditures:			
Current:			
General government administration	1,039,415	-	1,039,415
Public safety	2,577,099	-	2,577,099
Public works	2,800,297	-	2,800,297
Parks, recreation and cultural	143,928	-	143,928
Community development	494,581	-	494,581
Capital projects	-	904,299	904,299
<b>Total expenditures</b>	<b>7,055,320</b>	<b>904,299</b>	<b>7,959,619</b>
<b>Revenues over (under) expenditures</b>	<b>1,026,328</b>	<b>(497,702)</b>	<b>528,626</b>
Other financing sources (uses):			
Transfers in (out)	(1,005,408)	1,005,408	-
<b>Total other financing sources (uses)</b>	<b>(1,005,408)</b>	<b>1,005,408</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Net change in fund balances</b>	<b>20,920</b>	<b>507,706</b>	<b>528,626</b>
Fund balances, beginning	5,207,596	2,715,601	7,923,197
Fund balances, ending	\$ 5,228,516	\$ 3,223,307	\$ 8,451,823

**TOWN OF ASHLAND, VIRGINIA**

**RECONCILIATION OF THE STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES  
AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES OF GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS  
TO THE STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES  
Year Ended June 30, 2015**

	Governmental Funds	
Net change in fund balances - total governmental funds	\$	528,626
Reconciliation of amounts reported for governmental activities in the Statement of Activities:		
Governmental funds report capital outlays as expenditures. However, in the Statement of Activities, the cost of those assets is allocated over their estimated useful lives and reported as depreciation and amortization expense. This is the amount by which capital outlays exceeded depreciation and amortization in the current period.		
Expenditures for capital assets	\$	881,368
Less: depreciation and amortization expense		(789,212)
Excess of capital outlays over depreciation and amortization		92,156
The net effect of transactions involving capital assets (i.e. disposals, donations, and transfers) is to increase net position		87,200
Revenues in the Statement of Activities that do not provide current financial resources and are not reported as revenues in the governmental funds.		(40,082)
Deferred outflows of resources - pension contributions		398,440
Some expenses reported in the Statement of Activities do not require the use of current financial resources and, therefore, are not reported as expenditures in governmental funds.		
Pension expense	(147,476)	
Compensated absences	(55,217)	
Other postemployment benefits	32,455	
		(170,238)
<b>Change in net position of governmental activities</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>896,102</b>



**TOWN OF ASHLAND, VIRGINIA**

**STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE -  
BUDGET AND ACTUAL - GENERAL FUND  
Year Ended June 30, 2015**

	General Fund			Variance with Final Budget Over (Under)
	Budgeted Amounts		Actual Amounts	
	Original	Final		
Revenues:				
General property taxes	\$ 977,500	\$ 977,500	\$ 1,116,629	\$ 139,129
Other local taxes	4,004,000	4,004,000	4,293,200	289,200
Permits, privilege fees and regulatory licenses	20,000	23,000	29,010	6,010
Fines and forfeitures	100,000	100,000	123,379	23,379
Use of money and property	21,300	21,300	22,592	1,292
Charges for services	50,000	50,000	53,893	3,893
Miscellaneous	19,436	23,436	127,030	103,594
Recovered costs	23,500	23,500	14,506	(8,994)
Intergovernmental	2,277,116	2,281,551	2,301,409	19,858
<b>Total revenues</b>	<b>7,492,852</b>	<b>7,504,287</b>	<b>8,081,648</b>	<b>577,361</b>
Expenditures:				
Current:				
General government administration	1,001,323	1,001,323	1,039,415	38,092
Public safety	2,515,483	2,523,918	2,577,099	53,181
Public works	3,015,992	3,015,992	2,800,297	(215,695)
Parks, recreation and cultural	153,719	153,719	143,928	(9,791)
Community development	521,593	521,593	494,581	(27,012)
Nondepartmental	160,996	160,996	-	(160,996)
<b>Total expenditures</b>	<b>7,369,106</b>	<b>7,377,541</b>	<b>7,055,320</b>	<b>(322,221)</b>
<b>Revenues over expenditures</b>	<b>123,746</b>	<b>126,746</b>	<b>1,026,328</b>	<b>899,582</b>
Other financing uses:				
Transfers out	(905,408)	(1,005,408)	(1,005,408)	-
<b>Total other financing uses</b>	<b>(905,408)</b>	<b>(1,005,408)</b>	<b>(1,005,408)</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Net change in fund balance</b>	<b>\$ (781,662)</b>	<b>\$ (878,662)</b>	<b>20,920</b>	<b>\$ 899,582</b>
Fund balance, beginning			5,207,596	
Fund balance, ending			<u>\$ 5,228,516</u>	

**TOWN OF ASHLAND, VIRGINIA**

**STATEMENT OF FIDUCIARY NET POSITION**  
**FIDUCIARY FUND**  
**June 30, 2015**

	OPEB Trust Fund
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<b>ASSETS</b>	
Cash, cash equivalents, and temporary cash investments	\$ 743,084
<b>Total assets</b>	<u>743,084</u>
<b>NET POSITION</b>	
Held in trust for other postemployment benefits (OPEB)	<u><u>\$ 743,084</u></u>

**TOWN OF ASHLAND, VIRGINIA**

**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN FIDUCIARY NET POSITION  
FIDUCIARY FUND  
Year Ended June 30, 2015**

	OPEB Trust Fund
Additions:	
Contributions:	
Employer	\$ 125,500
Plan members	30,768
<b>Total contributions</b>	<b>156,268</b>
Investment income:	
From investment activities:	
Interest and dividends earned on investments	379
Net increase in fair value of investments	17,906
<b>Total income from investment activities</b>	<b>18,285</b>
<b>Total additions</b>	<b>174,553</b>
Deductions:	
Administrative fees	2,152
Benefits paid	30,768
<b>Total deductions</b>	<b>32,920</b>
<b>Change in net position</b>	<b>141,633</b>
Net Position, beginning	601,451
Net Position, ending	\$ 743,084

## TOWN OF ASHLAND, VIRGINIA

### NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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#### Note 1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

##### A. Reporting Entity

The Town of Ashland, Virginia (the “Town”) is governed by an elected five member Council. The Town provides a full range of services for its citizens. These services include police protection, refuse collection services, and recreational activities.

The financial statements of the Town have been prepared in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP) as applied to governmental entities. The Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) is the accepted standard-setting body for establishing governmental accounting and financial reporting principles.

In determining how to define the financial reporting entity, management considered all potential component units using the standards prescribed under GASB Statement No. 61, *The Financial Reporting Entity: Omnibus, an Amendment of GASB Statements No. 14 and 34*. Component units include any legally separate organizations for which the Town Council is financially accountable. Financial accountability results where there is 1) fiscal dependence and a financial benefit or burden relationship, 2) a voting majority of the organization’s governing body appointed by the Town Council and a financial benefit or burden relationship, or 3) a voting majority of the organization’s governing body appointed by Town Council and the Town Council has the ability to impose its will on the organization.

Even if financial accountability is not established, a potential component unit may still need to be reported simply because it would be misleading to exclude it.

Blended component units, although legally separate entities, are, in substance, part of the Town’s operations and functions as an integral part of the primary government, so data from these units would be combined with data of the Town. The Town has no blended component units at June 30, 2015. Each discretely presented component unit, on the other hand, is reported in a separate column in the combined financial statements to emphasize it is legally separate from the Town.

##### Discretely Presented Component Unit

The Town of Ashland’s Economic Development Authority (the “Authority”) was created by Town Council to administer the issuance of industrial development revenue bonds and provide economic development activities for the Town. The Authority may also acquire property and issue debt in its own name and may also enter into lease/purchase arrangements with the Town. The Town appoints all seven of the members of the Authority’s Board of Directors, the Town Manager serves as the Secretary of the Authority, and the Town has the ability to impose its will on the Authority. Due to these factors, the Town has the ability to significantly influence the fiscal affairs of the Authority. The Authority does not issue separate financial statements but is included in the Town’s financial statements for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2015 as a discretely presented component unit.

## TOWN OF ASHLAND, VIRGINIA

### NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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#### Note 1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

##### A. Reporting Entity (Continued)

###### Jointly Governed Organizations

Jointly governed organizations are regional governments or other multi-governmental arrangements that are governed by representation from each of the governments that create the organizations, and the participants do not retain an ongoing financial interest or responsibility in the organization.

The following entities are jointly governed organizations and are excluded from the accompanying basic financial statements:

Central Virginia Waste Authority: The Counties of Charles City, Chesterfield, Goochland, Hanover, Henrico, New Kent, Powhatan and Prince George and the Municipalities of Colonial Heights, Hopewell, Petersburg, Richmond and the Town of Ashland provide financial support for the Authority and appoint its governing Board, in which is vested the ability to execute contracts and to budget and expend funds. The Town appoints one or more members to the Board. No one locality contributes more than 50% of the Authority's funding or has oversight responsibility over its operations. The Town has no equity interest in the Authority. Complete financial statements can be obtained from the office of the Central Virginia Waste Authority.

Pamunkey Regional Jail Authority: The Pamunkey Regional Jail Authority (Jail Authority) is a political subdivision of the Commonwealth of Virginia. The participating jurisdictions of the Jail Authority are the Counties of Caroline and Hanover and the Town of Ashland. The Jail Authority is governed by a five-member board comprised of two members each from the Counties of Caroline and Hanover and one from the Town of Ashland. Management and accountability for fiscal matters rest with the Jail Authority. The County of Hanover serves as fiscal agent for the Jail Authority; however, the board formulates and approves its own budget. The Town of Ashland does not bear any direct or indirect liabilities for the operation of the Jail Authority and has no equity interest in it. The purpose of the Jail Authority is to maintain and operate a regional jail facility to meet the needs of the participating jurisdictions for jail facilities. The participating jurisdictions have entered into a Service Agreement which is a long-term contract which regulates usage of the Jail and establishes payment terms applicable to participating jurisdictions. Under the Service Agreement, the Town is obligated to commit all of its prisoners to the Jail at a per diem rate to be determined annually by the Jail. Hanover County has agreed to pay the per diem rate for all prisoners of the Town, therefore, the Town made no contributions in fiscal year 2015. Complete financial statements for the Jail can be obtained from the office of the Pamunkey Regional Jail Authority.

## TOWN OF ASHLAND, VIRGINIA

### NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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#### Note 1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

##### B. Measurement Focus, Basis of Accounting and Financial Statement Presentation

###### **Basis of Presentation**

*Government-wide Statements:* The Statement of Net Position and the Statement of Activities display information about the primary government (the Town) and its component unit. These statements include the financial activities of the overall government, except fiduciary activities. For the most part, the effect of interfund activity has been removed. Governmental activities generally are financed through taxes, intergovernmental revenues, and other nonexchange transactions. The primary government is reported separately from its legally separate component unit for which the primary government is financially accountable.

*Fund Financial Statements:* The fund financial statements provide information about the Town's funds, including its fiduciary funds. Separate statements for each fund category – governmental and fiduciary – are presented. The emphasis of fund financial statements is on major governmental funds, each displayed in a separate column.

The Town reports the following major governmental funds:

###### General Fund

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

###### Capital Projects Fund

This fund accounts for financial resources to be used for capital outlays and construction. This fund is always considered major for public interest reasons.

The Town also reports the following fund type:

###### Fiduciary Fund

Fiduciary funds (trust and agency funds) account for assets held by the Town in a trustee capacity or as an agent for individuals, private organizations, other governmental units, or other funds. These funds utilize the accrual basis of accounting and economic resources measurement focus. Fiduciary funds are not included in the government-wide financial statements. The Town's sole fiduciary fund is the Other Postemployment Benefits (OPEB) Trust Fund which accounts for activities of the Town's other postemployment benefits. This fund accumulates resources for health insurance for retired employees.

## TOWN OF ASHLAND, VIRGINIA

### NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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#### Note 1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

##### B. Measurement Focus, Basis of Accounting and Financial Statement Presentation (Continued)

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

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

*Governmental Fund Financial Statements:* Governmental funds are reported using the current financial resources measurement focus and the modified accrual basis of accounting. Under this method, revenues are recognized when measurable and available. The Town considers all revenues reported in the governmental funds to be available if the revenues are collected within 60 days after year-end, except property taxes which are recognized as revenue if they have been collected within 45 days after year-end. All taxes and interest are considered to be susceptible to accrual. Expenditures are recorded when the related fund liability is incurred, except for principal and interest on general long-term debt, claims and judgments, and compensated absences, which are recognized as expenditures to the extent they have matured. General capital asset acquisitions are reported as expenditures in governmental funds. Proceeds of general long-term debt and acquisitions under capital leases are reported as other financing sources.

##### C. Budgetary Data

Demonstrating compliance with the adopted budget is an important component of a government's accountability to the public. Many citizens participate in one way or another in the process of establishing the annual operating budgets of state and local governments, and have a keen interest in following the actual financial progress of their governments over the course of the year. Many governments revise their original budgets over the course of the year for a variety of reasons. Under the GASB 34 reporting model, governments provide budgetary comparison information in their annual reports, including the original budget and a comparison of final budget and actual results.

## TOWN OF ASHLAND, VIRGINIA

### NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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#### Note 1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

##### C. Budgetary Data (Continued)

The following procedures are used by the Town in establishing the budgetary data reflected in the financial statements:

1. On or before May 1, the Town Manager submits to the Town Council a proposed operating and capital budget for the fiscal year commencing the following July 1. The operating and capital budget includes proposed expenditures and the means of financing them.
2. Public hearings are conducted to obtain citizen comments.
3. Prior to July 1, the budget is legally enacted through passage of an Appropriations Resolution.
4. The Appropriations Resolution places legal restrictions on expenditures at the department or category level for the General Fund and the Capital Projects fund. The appropriation for each department or category can be revised only by the Town Council. The Town Manager is authorized to transfer budgeted amounts within general government departments.
5. All budgets are adopted on a basis consistent with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.
6. Appropriations lapse on June 30 every year.
7. All budgetary data presented in the accompanying financial statements is the revised budget as of June 30, 2015, as adopted, appropriated and legally amended.
8. The expenditure budget is enacted through an annual appropriations ordinance. If budget amendments exceed 1% of the original adopted budget, the Town Council may legally amend the budget only by following procedures used in the adoption of the original budget. There were no budget amendments in the General Fund during the year that exceeded 1% of the original budget.



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## NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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### Note 1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

#### D. Assets, Liabilities and Equity

##### 1) Deposits and Investments

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 government.

The Town participates in a local government investment pool which is reported at the pool's share price as the investment pool is a 2a7-like pool.

##### 2) Property Taxes

The tax calendars for real and personal property taxes are summarized below:

	<u>Real Property</u>	<u>Personal Property</u>
Levy	January 1	January 1
Due date	January 15 of the following year	January 15 of the following year
Lien date	February 16	February 16

The portion of the taxes receivable which is not collected within 45 days after June 30 is shown as deferred revenue. A penalty of 10% of the tax is assessed after the applicable payment date. The total amount of any taxes or levies and penalty shall bear interest at a rate of 10% per annum from the day after the due date which, for property taxes, is January sixteenth until paid.

The Town bills and collects its own property taxes.

##### 3) Capital Assets

Capital assets, which include property, equipment, infrastructure, and intangible assets, are reported in the applicable governmental columns in the government-wide financial statements. Capital assets and infrastructure are defined by the Town as assets with an initial individual cost of more than \$5,000 and an estimated useful life in excess of two years. Such assets are recorded at historical cost or estimated historical cost if purchased or constructed. Donated capital assets are recorded at estimated fair market value at the date of donation.

Maintenance, repairs and minor renewals are charged to operations when incurred. Expenditures/expenses which materially increase values or extend useful lives are capitalized.

## TOWN OF ASHLAND, VIRGINIA

### NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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#### Note 1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

##### D. Assets, Liabilities and Equity (Continued)

##### 3) Capital Assets (Continued)

As allowed by GASB standards, the Town has elected not to capitalize infrastructure already in place as of June 30, 2003. Effective July 1, 2003, the Town is capitalizing all infrastructure additions that meet the aforementioned capitalization requirements.

The Town's intangible assets include software and are subject to amortization over its useful life.

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

Buildings and improvements	10 - 40 years
Machinery and equipment	5 - 10 years
Infrastructure	20 - 40 years
Software	5 years

##### 4) Deferred Outflows/Inflows of Resources

In addition to assets, the Statement of Net Position will sometimes report a separate section for deferred outflows resources. This separate financial statement element, deferred outflows of resources, represents a consumption of net position that applies to a future period and so will not be recognized as an outflow of resources (expenditure) until then. The Town only has one item that qualifies for reporting in this category. It is the employer's fiscal year 2015 Virginia Retirement System contributions and is reported in the government-wide Statement of Net Position.

In addition to liabilities, the Statement of Net Position will sometimes report a separate section for deferred inflows of resources. This separate financial statement element, deferred inflows of resources, represents an acquisition of net position that applies to a future period and so will not be recognized as an inflow of resources (revenue) until that time. The Town has two types of items that qualify for reporting in this category. Accordingly, one item, unavailable revenue, which arises under the modified accrual basis of accounting, is reported only in the governmental funds Balance Sheet. The governmental funds report unavailable revenue from property taxes. This amount is deferred and recognized as an inflow of resources in the period that the amounts become available. The second item, the net difference between projected and actual earnings on the Virginia Retirement System's plan investments, is only reported in the government-wide Statement of Net Position.

## TOWN OF ASHLAND, VIRGINIA

### NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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#### Note 1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

##### D. Assets, Liabilities and Equity (Continued)

###### 5) Compensated Absences

Vested or accumulated vacation leave that is expected to be liquidated with expendable available financial resources is reported as an expenditure and a fund liability of the governmental fund that will pay it. Amounts of vested or accumulated vacation leave that are not expected to be liquidated with expendable available financial resources are reported as an expense in the Statement of Activities and a long-term obligation in the Statement of Net Position. In accordance with the provisions of Governmental Accounting Standards No. 16, *Accounting for Compensated Absences*, no liability is recorded for nonvesting accumulating rights to received sick pay benefits. However, a liability is recognized for that portion of accumulating sick leave benefits that is estimated will be taken as “terminal leave” prior to retirement.

###### 6) Long-Term Obligations

In the government-wide financial statements, long-term debt and other long-term obligations are reported as liabilities in the applicable governmental activities. Bond premiums and discounts are deferred and amortized over the life of the bonds using the straight line method. Bonds payable are reported net of the applicable bond premium or discount.

In the fund financial statements, governmental fund types recognize bond premiums and discounts during the current period. The face amount of debt issued is reported as other financing sources. Premiums received on debt issuances are reported as other financing sources while discounts on debt issuances are reported as other financing uses. Issuance costs, whether or not withheld from the actual debt proceeds received, are reported as debt service expenditures.

###### 7) Fund Equity

In the fund financial statements, governmental funds report classifications of fund balance as follows:

- *Nonspendable fund balance* – amounts that are not in spendable form or are required to be maintained intact;
- *Restricted fund balance* – amounts constrained to specific purposes by their providers (such as grantors, creditors, or laws and regulations of other governments), or by law through constitutional provisions, or by enabling legislation;
- *Committed fund balance* – amounts that can be used only for specific purposes determined by a formal action of the Town’s highest level of decision-making authority. The Town Council is the highest level of decision-making authority that can, by adoption of an ordinance, prior to the end of the fiscal year, commit fund balance. Once adopted, the limitation imposed by the ordinance remains in place until a similar action is taken (the adoption of another ordinance) to remove or revise the limitation.

## TOWN OF ASHLAND, VIRGINIA

### NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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#### Note 1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

##### D. Assets, Liabilities and Equity (Continued)

###### 7) Fund Equity (Continued)

- *Assigned fund balance* – amounts constrained by the Town's intent but are neither restricted or committed; and
- *Unassigned fund balance* – residual balance of the General Fund that has not been restricted, committed, or assigned to specific purposes within the General Fund.

When fund balance resources are available for a specific purpose in more than one classification, it is the Town's policy to use the most restrictive funds first in the following order: restricted, committed, assigned, and unassigned as they are needed.

In the General Fund, the Town strives to maintain an unassigned fund balance to be used for unanticipated emergencies of approximately 50% of the actual GAAP basis expenditures and other financing sources.

###### 8) Net Position

Net position represents the difference between assets and deferred outflows of resources and liabilities and deferred inflows of resources. Net investment in capital assets consists of capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation and amortization, reduced by the outstanding balances of any borrowings used for the acquisition, construction or improvement of those assets. Net investment in capital assets excludes unspent debt proceeds. Net position is reported as restricted when there are limitations imposed on its 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.

###### 9) Pensions

For purposes of measuring the net pension liability, deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions, and pension expense, information about the fiduciary net position of the Town's retirement plan and the additions to/deductions from the Town's retirement plan net fiduciary position have been determined on the same basis as they were reported by the Virginia Retirement System (VRS). For this purpose, benefit payments (including refunds of employee contributions) are recognized when due and payable in accordance with the benefit terms. Investments are reported at fair value.

##### E. Use of Estimates

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

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#### Note 2. Deposits and Investments

Deposits: Deposits with banks are covered by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) and collateralized in accordance with the Virginia Security for Public Deposits Act (the "Act"), Section 2.2-4400 et., seq. of the *Code of Virginia*. Under the Act, banks and savings institutions holding public deposits in excess of the amount insured by the FDIC must pledge collateral to the Commonwealth of Virginia Treasury Board. Financial institutions may choose between two collateralization methodologies and depending upon that choice, will pledge collateral that ranges in the amounts from 50% to 130% of excess deposits. Accordingly, all deposits are considered fully collateralized.

Custodial Credit Risk (Deposits): This is the risk that in the event of a bank failure, the Town's deposits may not be returned to the Town. The Town requires all deposits to comply with the Act. At year-end, none of the other Town's deposits were exposed to custodial credit risk.

Investments: Statutes authorize local governments and other public bodies to invest in obligations of the United States or its agencies thereof, obligations of the Commonwealth of Virginia or political subdivisions thereof, obligations of the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development (World Bank), the Asian Development Bank, the African Development Bank, "prime quality" commercial paper and certain corporate notes); bankers' acceptances, repurchase agreements and the State Treasurer's Local Government Investment Pool (LGIP).

The Town has investments in the LGIP. The LGIP is a professionally managed money market fund which invests in qualifying obligations and securities as permitted by Virginia statutes. Pursuant to Section 2.2-4605 of the *Code of Virginia*, the Treasury Board of the Commonwealth sponsors the LGIP and has delegated certain functions to the State Treasurer. The LGIP reports to the Treasury Board at their regularly scheduled monthly meetings. The fair value of the LGIP is the same as the value of the pool shares, i.e., the LGIP maintains a stable net asset value of \$1 per share. The LGIP has been assigned an "AAAm" rating by Standard & Poors. The maturity of the LGIP is less than one year.

Investment Policy: The goal of the Town is to attain market rates of return on its investments, consistent with constraints imposed by its safety objectives, cash flow considerations, and laws of the Commonwealth that restrict placement of certain public funds.

# TOWN OF ASHLAND, VIRGINIA

## NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

### Note 2. Deposits and Investments (Continued)

Credit Risk: The Town's investments as of June 30, 2015 were rated by Standard & Poor's, and the ratings are presented below using the Standard & Poor's rating scale:

	Fair Quality Ratings		
	AAA	AAAm	Unrated
Local Government Investment Pool	\$ -	\$ 7,366,453	\$ -
Repurchase Agreements – Underlying:			
Mortgage securities	863,620	-	-
VML/VACO Pooled OPEB Trust	-	-	743,084
Total	\$ 863,620	\$ 7,366,453	\$ 743,084

The Town does not have a formal policy related to credit risk.

Interest Rate Risk: Interest rate risk is defined as the risk that changes of interest rates will adversely affect the fair value of an investment. The Town does not have a formal policy related to interest rate risk.

### Investment Maturities (in years)

Investment Type	Fair Value	Less Than One Year
Repurchase Agreements – Underlying:		
Mortgage securities	\$ 863,620	\$ 863,620
Total	\$ 863,620	\$ 863,620

Interest rate risk does not apply to the Local Government Investment Pool since it is a 2a-7-like pool.

### Note 3. Receivables and Unearned Revenues

Receivables at June 30, 2015 for the Town, including the allowance for uncollectible accounts, are as follows:

	General Fund
Property taxes	\$ 232,632
Other accounts	297,421
<b>Gross receivables</b>	530,053
Less allowance for uncollectable accounts (property taxes)	(77,322)
<b>Net receivables</b>	<b>\$ 452,731</b>

The Town determines its allowance for uncollectible accounts using historical collection data and specific account analysis. The total allowance for uncollectible accounts amounted to \$77,322 as of June 30, 2015.

## TOWN OF ASHLAND, VIRGINIA

### NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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#### Note 3. Receivables and Unearned Revenues (Continued)

Governmental funds report unavailable revenue in connection with receivables for revenues that are not considered to be available to liquidate liabilities of the current period. Governmental funds also defer revenue recognition in connection with resources that have been received, but not yet earned. At the end of the current year, the various components of unavailable revenue and unearned revenue reported in the governmental funds were as follows:

	Unavailable	Unearned
Delinquent property taxes receivable	\$ 130,519	\$ -
Advance collection of 2015 - 2016 taxes	-	10,362
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 130,519</b>	<b>\$ 10,362</b>

#### Note 4. Due from Other Governments

Due from other governments includes the following:

	Primary Government
General Fund:	
Other local governments:	
County of Hanover:	
Local sales and use taxes	\$ 86,998
Fines and forfeitures	3,659
	<u>90,657</u>
Commonwealth of Virginia:	
Mobile home titling taxes	1,110
Communications sales and use taxes	45,743
Automobile rental tax	8,022
	<u>54,875</u>
<b>Total General Fund</b>	<u>145,532</u>
Capital Projects Fund:	
Commonwealth of Virginia:	
DEQ Historical BMP Grant	<u>2,664</u>
Federal government:	
Safe Routes to School Grant	195,485
National Fish and Wildlife Foundation	16,477
	<u>211,962</u>
<b>Total Capital Projects Fund</b>	<u>214,626</u>
<b>Total due from other governments</b>	<u>\$ 360,158</u>

# TOWN OF ASHLAND, VIRGINIA

## NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

### Note 5. Capital Assets

Capital asset activities for the year ended June 30, 2015 are as follows:

	Beginning Balance July 1, 2014	Additions	Deletions	Transfers	Ending Balance June 30, 2015
Primary Government:					
Capital assets, not being depreciated or amortized:					
Land	\$ 2,455,375	\$ 87,200	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,542,575
Construction in progress	769,803	662,237	-	(874,519)	557,521
<b>Total capital assets, not being depreciated or amortized</b>	<b>3,225,178</b>	<b>749,437</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>(874,519)</b>	<b>3,100,096</b>
Capital assets being depreciated or amortized:					
Buildings and improvements	2,420,012	10,809	-	-	2,430,821
Machinery and equipment	2,673,749	208,322	(91,064)	-	2,791,007
Infrastructure	16,925,847	-	-	874,519	17,800,366
Software	119,585	-	-	-	119,585
<b>Total capital assets being depreciated or amortized</b>	<b>22,139,193</b>	<b>219,131</b>	<b>(91,064)</b>	<b>874,519</b>	<b>23,141,779</b>
Less accumulated depreciation or amortization for:					
Buildings and improvements	1,252,377	85,123	-	-	1,337,500
Machinery and equipment	1,943,728	249,466	(91,064)	-	2,102,130
Infrastructure	4,989,962	448,054	-	-	5,438,016
Software	80,735	6,569	-	-	87,304
<b>Total accumulated depreciation or amortization</b>	<b>8,266,802</b>	<b>789,212</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>8,964,950</b>
<b>Total capital assets being depreciated or amortized, net</b>	<b>13,872,391</b>	<b>(570,081)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>874,519</b>	<b>14,176,829</b>
<b>Governmental activities capital assets, net</b>	<b>\$ 17,097,569</b>	<b>\$ 179,356</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 17,276,925</b>

Depreciation and amortization expense was charged to functions/programs as follows:

Governmental activities:	
General government administration	\$ 27,461
Public safety	158,214
Public works	565,721
Parks, recreation and cultural	34,047
Community development	3,769
<b>Total depreciation and amortization expense – governmental activities</b>	<b>\$ 789,212</b>



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#### Note 6. Interfund Transfers

Interfund transfers for the year ended June 30, 2015 consisted of the following:

Fund	Transfers In	Transfers Out
General Fund	\$ -	\$ 1,005,408
Capital Projects Fund	1,005,408	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 1,005,408</b>	<b>\$ 1,005,408</b>

The transfer from the General Fund to the Capital Projects Fund was for a variety of capital projects to be completed by the Town.

#### Note 7. Long-Term Obligations

The following is a summary of long-term liability activity for the year ended June 30, 2015:

	Beginning Balance	Increases	Decreases	Ending Balance	Due Within One Year
Government Activities:					
Compensated absences payable	\$ 327,564	\$ 410,916	\$ 355,699	\$ 382,781	\$ 38,278
Governmental activities long-term liabilities	\$ 327,564	\$ 410,916	\$ 355,699	\$ 382,781	\$ 38,278

At June 30, 2015, the Town had a legal debt margin of \$77,539,922.

The General Fund has been used in prior years to liquidate the liability for compensated absences.

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#### **Note 8. Risk Management**

The Town is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts; theft of, damage to, and destruction of assets; errors and omissions; injuries to employees and others; and natural disasters. To reduce insurance costs and the need for self-insurance, the Town has joined with other municipalities in the Commonwealth of Virginia in several public entity risk pools that operate as common risk management and insurance programs for member municipalities. The Town is not self-insured.

The Town has coverage with the Virginia Municipal League Insurance Program (the “Pool”) for all insurable risks identified by the Town. Each Pool member jointly and severally agrees to assume, pay and discharge any liability. The Town pays the Pool contributions and assessments based upon classifications and rates into a designated cash reserve fund out of which expenses of the Pool and claims and awards are to be paid. In the event of a loss deficit and depletion of all available excess insurance, the Pool may assess all members in the proportion which the premium of each bears to the total premiums of all members in the year in which such deficit occurs.

The Town continues to carry commercial insurance for all other risks of losses. Settled claims from these risks have not exceeded commercial coverage in any of the last three fiscal years.

#### **Note 9. Defined Benefit Pension Plan**

Name of Plan: Virginia Retirement System (VRS)

Identification of Plan: Agent Multiple-Employer Pension Plan

Administering Entity: Virginia Retirement System (System)

##### **A. Plan Description**

All full-time, salaried permanent employees of the Town are automatically covered by VRS Retirement Plan upon employment. This plan is administered by the Virginia Retirement System (the System) along with plans for other employer groups in the Commonwealth of Virginia. Members earn one month of service credit for each month they are employed and for which they and their employer pay contributions to VRS. Members are eligible to purchase prior service, based on specific criteria as defined in the *Code of Virginia*, as amended. Eligible prior service that may be purchased includes prior public service, active military service, certain periods of leave, and previously refunded service.

The System administers three different benefit structures for covered employees – Plan 1, Plan 2, and, Hybrid. Each of these benefit structures has a different eligibility criteria. The specific information for each plan and the eligibility for covered groups within each plan are set out in the table below:

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**Note 9. Defined Benefit Pension Plan (Continued)**

A. Plan Description (Continued)

<b>Plan 1</b>	<b>Plan 2</b>	<b>Hybrid Retirement Plan</b>
<p><b>About Plan 1</b> Plan 1 is a defined benefit plan. The retirement benefit is based on a member's age, creditable service and average final compensation at retirement using a formula. Employees are eligible for Plan 1 if their membership date is before July 1, 2010, and they were vested as of January 1, 2013.</p>	<p><b>About Plan 2</b> Plan 2 is a defined benefit plan. The retirement benefit is based on a member's age, creditable service and average final compensation at retirement using a formula. Employees are eligible for Plan 2 if their membership date is on or after July 1, 2010, or their membership date is before July 1, 2010, and they were not vested as of January 1, 2013.</p>	<p><b>About the Hybrid Retirement Plan</b> The Hybrid Retirement Plan combines the features of a defined benefit plan and a defined contribution plan. Most members hired on or after January 1, 2014 are in this plan, as well as Plan 1 and Plan 2 members who were eligible and opted into the plan during a special election window. (See "Eligible Members")</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The defined benefit is based on a member's age, creditable service and average final compensation at retirement using a formula.</li><li>• The benefit from the defined contribution component of the plan depends on the member and employer contributions made to the plan and the investment performance of those contributions.</li><li>• In addition to the monthly benefit payment payable from the defined benefit plan at retirement, a member may start receiving distributions from the balance in the defined contribution account, reflecting the contributions, investment gains or losses, and any required fees.</li></ul>

**TOWN OF ASHLAND, VIRGINIA**

**NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**Note 9. Defined Benefit Pension Plan (Continued)**

**A. Plan Description (Continued)**

<b>Plan 1</b>	<b>Plan 2</b>	<b>Hybrid Retirement Plan</b>
<p><b>Eligible Members</b> Employees are in Plan 1 if their membership date is before July 1, 2010, and they were vested as of January 1, 2013.</p>	<p><b>Eligible Members</b> Employees are in Plan 2 if their membership date is on or after July 1, 2010, or their membership date is before July 1, 2010, and they were not vested as of January 1, 2013.</p>	<p><b>Eligible Members</b> Employees are in the Hybrid Retirement Plan if their membership date is on or after January 1, 2014. This includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Political subdivision employees.*</li> <li>• Members in Plan 1 or Plan 2 who elected to opt into the plan during the election window held January 1 through April 30, 2014; the plan's effective date for opt-in members was July 1, 2014.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Hybrid Opt-In Election</b> VRS non-hazardous duty covered Plan 1 members were allowed to make an irrevocable decision to opt into the Hybrid Retirement Plan during a special election window held January 1 through April 30, 2014.</p>	<p><b>Hybrid Opt-In Election</b> Eligible Plan 2 members were allowed to make an irrevocable decision to opt into the Hybrid Retirement Plan during a special election window held January 1 through April 30, 2014.</p>	<p><b>*Non-Eligible Members</b> Some employees are not eligible to participate in the Hybrid Retirement Plan. They include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Political subdivision employees who are covered by enhanced benefits for hazardous duty employees.</li> </ul>
<p>The Hybrid Retirement Plan's effective date for eligible Plan 1 members who opted in was July 1, 2014.</p>	<p>The Hybrid Retirement Plan's effective date for eligible Plan 2 members who opted in was July 1, 2014.</p>	<p>Those employees eligible for an optional retirement plan (ORP) must elect the ORP plan or the Hybrid Retirement Plan. If these members have prior service under Plan 1 or Plan 2, they are not eligible to elect the Hybrid Retirement Plan and must select Plan 1 or Plan 2 (as applicable) or ORP.</p>
<p>If eligible deferred members returned to work during the election window, they were also eligible to opt into the Hybrid Retirement Plan.</p>	<p>If eligible deferred members returned to work during the election window, they were also eligible to opt into the Hybrid Retirement Plan.</p>	
<p>Members who were eligible for an optional retirement plan (ORP) and had prior service under Plan 1 were not eligible to elect the Hybrid Retirement Plan and remain as Plan 1 or ORP.</p>	<p>Members who were eligible for an optional retirement plan (ORP) and have prior service under Plan 2 were not eligible to elect the Hybrid Retirement Plan and remain as Plan 2 or ORP.</p>	

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## NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

### Note 9. Defined Benefit Pension Plan (Continued)

#### A. Plan Description (Continued)

Plan 1	Plan 2	Hybrid Retirement Plan
<p><b>Retirement Contributions</b> Members contribute 5% of their compensation each month to their member contribution account through a pre-tax salary reduction. Some political subdivisions elected to phase in the required 5% member contribution, but all employees will be paying the full 5% by July 1, 2016. Member contributions are tax-deferred until they are withdrawn as part of a retirement benefit or as a refund. The employer makes a separate actuarially determined contribution to VRS for all covered employees. VRS invests both member and employer contributions to provide funding for the future benefit payment.</p>	<p><b>Retirement Contributions</b> Employees contribute 5% of their compensation each month to their member contribution account through a pre-tax salary reduction. Some political subdivisions elected to phase in the required 5% member contribution; all employees will be paying the full 5% by July 1, 2016.</p>	<p><b>Retirement Contributions</b> A member's retirement benefit is funded through mandatory and voluntary contributions made by the member and the employer to both the defined benefit and the defined contribution components of the plan. Mandatory contributions are based on a percentage of the employee's creditable compensation and are required from both the member and the employer. Additionally, members may choose to make voluntary contributions to the defined contribution component of the plan, and the employer is required to match those voluntary contributions according to specified percentages.</p>
<p><b>Creditable Service</b> Creditable service includes active service. Members earn creditable service for each month they are employed in a covered position. It also may include credit for prior service the member has purchased or additional creditable service the member was granted. A member's total creditable service is one of the factors used to determine their eligibility for retirement and to calculate their retirement benefit. It also may count toward eligibility for the health insurance credit in retirement, if the employer offers the health insurance credit.</p>	<p><b>Creditable Service</b> Same as Plan 1.</p>	<p><b>Creditable Service</b> <u><b>Defined Benefit Component</b></u> Under the defined benefit component of the plan, creditable service includes active service. Members earn creditable service for each month they are employed in a covered position. It also may include credit for prior service the member has purchased or additional creditable service the member was granted. A member's total creditable service is one of the factors used to determine their eligibility for retirement and to calculate their retirement benefit. It also may count toward eligibility for the health insurance credit in retirement, if the employer offers the health insurance credit.</p> <p><u><b>Defined Contribution Component</b></u> Under the defined contribution component, creditable service is used to determine vesting for the employer contribution portion of the plan.</p>

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Note 9. Defined Benefit Pension Plan (Continued)

A. Plan Description (Continued)

Plan 1	Plan 2	Hybrid Retirement Plan
<p><b>Vesting</b></p> <p>Vesting is the minimum length of service a member needs to qualify for a future retirement benefit. Members become vested when they have at least five years (60 months) of creditable service. Vesting means members are eligible to qualify for retirement if they meet the age and service requirements for their plan. Members also must be vested to receive a full refund of their member contribution account balance if they leave employment and request a refund.</p> <p>Members are always 100% vested in the contributions that they make.</p>	<p><b>Vesting</b></p> <p>Same as Plan 1.</p>	<p><b>Vesting</b></p> <p><b><u>Defined Benefit Component</u></b></p> <p>Defined benefit vesting is the minimum length of service a member needs to qualify for a future retirement benefit. Members are vested under the defined benefit component of the Hybrid Retirement Plan when they reach five years (60 months) of creditable service. Plan 1 or Plan 2 members with at least five years (60 months) of creditable service who opted into the Hybrid Retirement Plan remain vested in the defined benefit component.</p> <p><b><u>Defined Contribution Component</u></b></p> <p>Defined contribution vesting refers to the minimum length of service a member needs to be eligible to withdraw the employer contributions from the defined contribution component of the plan.</p> <p>Members are always 100% vested in the contributions that they make.</p> <p>Upon retirement or leaving covered employment, a member is eligible to withdraw a percentage of employer contributions to the defined contribution component of the plan, based on service.</p>

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**NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**Note 9. Defined Benefit Pension Plan (Continued)**

**A. Plan Description (Continued)**

<b>Plan 1</b>	<b>Plan 2</b>	<b>Hybrid Retirement Plan</b>
		<p><b>Vesting (Continued)</b></p> <p><b><u>Defined Contribution Component (Continued)</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• After two years, a member is 50% vested and may withdraw 50% of employer contributions.</li> <li>• After three years, a member is 75% vested and may withdraw 75% of employer contributions.</li> <li>• After four or more years, a member is 100% vested and may withdraw 100% of employer contributions.</li> </ul> <p>Distribution is not required by law until age 70 1/2.</p>
<p><b>Calculating the Benefit</b></p> <p>The Basic Benefit is calculated based on a formula using the member's average final compensation, a retirement multiplier and total service credit at retirement. It is one of the benefit payout options available to a member at retirement.</p> <p>An early retirement reduction factor is applied to the Basic Benefit if the member retires with a reduced retirement benefit or selects a benefit payout option other than the Basic Benefit.</p>	<p><b>Calculating the Benefit</b></p> <p>See definition under Plan 1.</p>	<p><b>Calculating the Benefit</b></p> <p><b><u>Defined Benefit Component</u></b></p> <p>See definition under Plan 1.</p> <p><b><u>Defined Contribution Component</u></b></p> <p>The benefit is based on contributions made by the member and any matching contributions made by the employer, plus net investment earnings on those contributions.</p>
<p><b>Average Final Compensation</b></p> <p>A member's average final compensation is the average of the 36 consecutive months of highest compensation as a covered employee.</p>	<p><b>Average Final Compensation</b></p> <p>A member's average final compensation is the average of their 60 consecutive months of highest compensation as a covered employee.</p>	<p><b>Average Final Compensation</b></p> <p>Same as Plan 2. It is used in the retirement formula for the defined benefit component of the plan.</p>

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NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Note 9. Defined Benefit Pension Plan (Continued)

A. Plan Description (Continued)

Plan 1	Plan 2	Hybrid Retirement Plan
<p><b>Service Retirement Multiplier</b> The retirement multiplier is a factor used in the formula to determine a final retirement benefit. The retirement multiplier for non-hazardous duty members is 1.70%.</p>	<p><b>Service Retirement Multiplier</b> Same as Plan 1 for service earned, purchased or granted prior to January 1, 2013. For non-hazardous duty members the retirement multiplier is 1.65% for creditable service earned, purchased or granted on or after January 1, 2013.</p>	<p><b>Service Retirement Multiplier</b> <b><u>Defined Benefit Component</u></b> The retirement multiplier for the defined benefit component is 1.0%.</p> <p>For members that opted into the Hybrid Retirement Plan from Plan 1 or Plan 2, the applicable multipliers for those plans will be used to calculate the retirement benefit for service credited in those plans.</p>
<p><b>Political subdivision hazardous duty employees:</b> The retirement multiplier of eligible political subdivision hazardous duty employees other than sheriffs and regional jail superintendents is 1.70% or 1.85% as elected by the employer.</p>	<p><b>Political subdivision hazardous duty employees:</b> Same as Plan 1.</p>	<p><b>Political subdivision hazardous duty employees:</b> Not applicable.</p>
<p><b>Normal Retirement Age</b> Age 65.</p>	<p><b>Normal Retirement Age</b> Normal Social Security retirement age.</p>	<p><b>Normal Retirement Age</b> <b><u>Defined Benefit Component</u></b> Same as Plan 2.</p>
<p><b>Political subdivisions hazardous duty employees:</b> Age 60.</p>	<p><b>Political subdivisions hazardous duty employees:</b> Same as Plan 1.</p>	<p><b>Political subdivisions hazardous duty employees:</b> Not applicable.</p>
		<p><b><u>Defined Contribution Component</u></b> Members are eligible to receive distributions upon leaving employment, subject to restrictions.</p>
<p><b>Earliest Unreduced Retirement Eligibility</b> Age 65 with at least five years (60 months) of creditable service or at age 50 with at least 30 years of creditable service.</p>	<p><b>Earliest Unreduced Retirement Eligibility</b> Normal Social Security retirement age and have at least 5 years (60 months) of creditable service or when their age and service equal 90.</p>	<p><b>Earliest Unreduced Retirement Eligibility</b> <b><u>Defined Benefit Component</u></b> Normal Social Security retirement age and have at least 5 years (60 months) of creditable service or when their age and service equal 90.</p>
<p><b>Political subdivisions hazardous duty employees:</b> Age 60 with at least five years of creditable service or age 50 with at least 25 years of creditable service.</p>	<p><b>Political subdivisions hazardous duty employees:</b> Same as Plan 1.</p>	<p><b>Political subdivisions hazardous duty employees:</b> Not applicable.</p>
		<p><b><u>Defined Contribution Component</u></b> Members are eligible to receive distributions upon leaving employment, subject to restrictions.</p>



TOWN OF ASHLAND, VIRGINIA

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Note 9. Defined Benefit Pension Plan (Continued)

A. Plan Description (Continued)

Plan 1	Plan 2	Hybrid Retirement Plan
<p><b>Earliest Reduced Retirement Eligibility</b> Age 55 with at least five years (60 months) of creditable service or age 50 with at least 10 years of creditable service.</p> <p><b>Political subdivisions hazardous duty employees:</b> Age 50 with at least five years of creditable service.</p>	<p><b>Earliest Reduced Retirement Eligibility</b> Age 60 with at least five years (60 months) of creditable service.</p> <p><b>Political subdivisions hazardous duty employees:</b> Same as Plan 1.</p>	<p><b>Earliest Reduced Retirement Eligibility</b> <b><u>Defined Benefit Component</u></b> Members may retire with a reduced benefit as early as age 60 with at least five years (60 months) of creditable service.</p> <p><b>Political subdivisions hazardous duty employees:</b> Not applicable.</p> <p><b><u>Defined Contribution Component</u></b> Members are eligible to receive distributions upon leaving employment, subject to restrictions.</p>
<p><b>Cost-of-Living Adjustment (COLA) in Retirement</b> The Cost-of-Living Adjustment (COLA) matches the first 3% increase in the Consumer Price Index for all Urban Consumers (CPI-U) and half of any additional increase (up to 4%) up to a maximum COLA of 5%.</p> <p><b><u>Eligibility:</u></b> For members who retire with an unreduced benefit or with a reduced benefit with at least 20 years of creditable service, the COLA will go into effect on July 1 after one full calendar year from the retirement date.</p> <p>For members who retire with a reduced benefit and who have less than 20 years of creditable service, the COLA will go into effect on July 1 after one calendar year following the unreduced retirement eligibility date.</p>	<p><b>Cost-of-Living Adjustment (COLA) in Retirement</b> The Cost-of-Living Adjustment (COLA) matches the first 2% increase in the Consumer Price Index for all Urban Consumers (CPI-U) and half of any additional increase (up to 2%) up to a maximum COLA of 3%.</p> <p><b><u>Eligibility:</u></b> Same as Plan 1.</p>	<p><b>Cost-of-Living Adjustment (COLA) in Retirement</b> <b><u>Defined Benefit Component</u></b> Same as Plan 2.</p> <p><b><u>Defined Contribution Component</u></b> Not applicable.</p> <p><b><u>Eligibility:</u></b> Same as Plan 1 and Plan 2.</p>

**TOWN OF ASHLAND, VIRGINIA**

**NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**Note 9. Defined Benefit Pension Plan (Continued)**

A. Plan Description (Continued)

<b>Plan 1</b>		<b>Plan 2</b>		<b>Hybrid Retirement Plan</b>	
<b>Cost-of-Living (COLA) in Retirement (Continued)</b>	<b>Adjustment in Retirement</b>	<b>Cost-of-Living (COLA) in Retirement (Continued)</b>	<b>Adjustment in Retirement</b>	<b>Cost-of-Living (COLA) in Retirement (Continued)</b>	<b>Adjustment in Retirement</b>
<b><u>Exceptions to COLA Effective Dates:</u></b>		<b><u>Exceptions to COLA Effective Dates:</u></b>		<b><u>Exceptions to COLA Effective Dates:</u></b>	
The COLA is effective July 1 following one full calendar year (January 1 to December 31) under any of the following circumstances:		Same as Plan 1.		Same as Plan 1 and Plan 2.	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The member is within five years of qualifying for an unreduced retirement benefit as of January 1, 2013.</li> <li>• The member retires on disability.</li> <li>• The member retires directly from short-term or long-term disability under the Virginia Sickness and Disability Program (VSDP).</li> <li>• The member is involuntarily separated from employment for causes other than job performance or misconduct and is eligible to retire under the Workforce Transition Act or the Transitional Benefits Program.</li> <li>• The member dies in service and the member's survivor or beneficiary is eligible for a monthly death-in-service benefit. The COLA will go into effect on July 1 following one full calendar year (January 1 to December 31) from the date the monthly benefit begins.</li> </ul>					

**TOWN OF ASHLAND, VIRGINIA**

**NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**Note 9. Defined Benefit Pension Plan (Continued)**

**A. Plan Description (Continued)**

<b>Plan 1</b>	<b>Plan 2</b>	<b>Hybrid Retirement Plan</b>
<p><b>Disability Coverage</b></p> <p>Members who are eligible to be considered for disability retirement and retire on disability, the retirement multiplier is 1.7% on all service, regardless of when it was earned, purchased or granted.</p> <p>VSDP members are subject to a one-year waiting period before becoming eligible for non-work related disability benefits.</p>	<p><b>Disability Coverage</b></p> <p>Members who are eligible to be considered for disability retirement and retire on disability, the retirement multiplier is 1.65% on all service regardless of when it was earned, purchased or granted.</p> <p>Virginia Sickness and Disability Program (VSDP) members are subject to a one-year waiting period before becoming eligible for non-work related disability benefits.</p>	<p><b>Disability Coverage</b></p> <p>Employees of political subdivisions (including Plan 1 and Plan 2 opt-ins) participate in the Virginia Local Disability Program (VLDP) unless their local governing body provides an employer-paid comparable program for its members.</p> <p>Hybrid members (including Plan 1 and Plan 2 opt-ins) covered under VLDP are subject to a one-year waiting period before becoming eligible for non-work related disability benefits.</p>
<p><b>Purchase of Prior Service</b></p> <p>Members may be eligible to purchase service from previous public employment, active duty military service, an eligible period of leave or VRS refunded service as creditable service in their plan. Prior creditable service counts toward vesting, eligibility for retirement and the health insurance credit. Only active members are eligible to purchase prior service. When buying service, members must purchase their most recent period of service first. Members also may be eligible to purchase periods of leave without pay.</p>	<p><b>Purchase of Prior Service</b></p> <p>Same as Plan 1.</p>	<p><b>Purchase of Prior Service</b></p> <p><b><u>Defined Benefit Component</u></b></p> <p>Same as Plan 1, with the following exceptions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Hybrid Retirement Plan members are ineligible for ported service.</li> <li>• The cost for purchasing refunded service is the higher of 4% of creditable compensation or average final compensation.</li> <li>• Plan members have one year from their date of hire or return from leave to purchase all but refunded prior service at approximate normal cost. After that one year period, the rate for most categories of service will change to actuarial cost.</li> </ul> <p><b><u>Defined Contribution Component</u></b></p> <p>Not applicable.</p>

## TOWN OF ASHLAND, VIRGINIA

### NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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#### Note 9. Defined Benefit Pension Plan (Continued)

##### A. Plan Description (Continued)

###### Employees Covered by Benefit Terms

As of the June 30, 2013 actuarial valuation, the following employees were covered by the benefit terms of the pension plan:

	Number
Inactive members or their beneficiaries currently receiving benefits	45
Inactive Members:	
Vested	12
Non-vested	18
Active elsewhere in VRS	44
Total inactive members	74
Active members	57
Total covered employees	176

###### Contributions

The contribution requirement for active employees is governed by Section 51.1-145 of the *Code of Virginia*, as amended, but may be impacted as a result of funding options provided to political subdivisions by the Virginia General Assembly. Employees are required to contribute 5.00% of their compensation toward their retirement. Prior to July 1, 2012, all or part of the 5.00% member contribution may have been assumed by the employer. Beginning July 1, 2012, new employees were required to pay the 5.00% member contribution. In addition, for existing employees, employers were required to begin making the employee pay the 5.00% member contribution. This could be phased in over a period of up to 5 years and the employer is required to provide a salary increase equal to the amount of the increase in the employee-paid member contribution.

The Town's contractually required contribution rate for the year ended June 30, 2015 was 13.16% of covered employee compensation. This rate was based on an actuarially determined rate from an actuarial valuation as of June 30, 2013.

This rate, when combined with employee contributions, was expected to finance the costs of benefits earned by an employee during the year, with an additional amount to finance any unfunded accrued liability. Contributions to the pension plan from the Town were \$398,440 and \$393,953 for the years ended June 30, 2015 and 2014, respectively.

##### B. Net Pension Liability

The Town's net pension liability was measured as of June 30, 2014. The total pension liability used to calculate the net pension liability was determined by an actuarial valuation performed as of June 30, 2013, using updated actuarial assumptions, applied to all periods included in the measurement and rolled forward to the measurement date of June 30, 2014.

## TOWN OF ASHLAND, VIRGINIA

### NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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#### Note 9. Defined Benefit Pension Plan (Continued)

##### B. Net Pension Liability (Continued)

##### **Actuarial Assumptions – General Employees**

The total pension liability for General Employee's in the Town's retirement plan was based on an actuarial valuation as of June 30, 2013, using the Entry Age Normal Actuarial cost method and the following assumptions, applied to all periods included in the measurement and rolled forward to the measurement date of June 30, 2014.

Inflation	2.50%
Salary increases, including inflation	3.50% - 5.35%
Investment rate of return	7.0%, net of pension plan investment expense, including inflation*

\*Administrative expenses as a percent of the market value of assets for the last experience study were found to be approximately 0.06% of the market assets for all of the VRS plans. This would provide an assumed investment return rate for GASB purposes of slightly more than the assumed 7.0%. However, since the difference was minimal, and a more conservative 7.0% investment return assumption provided a projected plan net position that exceeded the projected benefit payments, the long-term expected rate of return on investments was assumed to be 7.0% to simplify preparation of pension benefits.

Mortality Rates:	14% of deaths are assumed to be service related.
– Pre-retirement:	RP-2000 Employee Mortality Table Projected with Scale AA to 2020 with males set forward 4 years and females set back 2 years.
– Post-retirement:	RP-2000 Combined Mortality Table Projected with Scale AA to 2020 with males set forward 1 year.
– Post-disablement:	RP-2000 Disabled Life Mortality Table Projected to 2020 with males set back 3 years and no provision for future mortality improvement.

The actuarial assumptions used in the June 30, 2013 valuation were based on the results of an actuarial experience study for the period from July 1, 2008 through June 30, 2012. Changes to the actuarial assumptions as a result of the experience study are as follows:

- Update mortality table
- Decrease in rates of service retirement
- Decrease in rates of disability retirement
- Reduce rates of salary increase by 0.25% per year

## TOWN OF ASHLAND, VIRGINIA

### NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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#### Note 9. Defined Benefit Pension Plan (Continued)

##### B. Net Pension Liability (Continued)

###### **Actuarial Assumptions – Public Safety Employees**

The total pension liability for Public Safety employees in the Town's retirement plan was based on an actuarial valuation as of June 30, 2013, using the Entry Age Normal actuarial cost method and the following assumptions, applied to all periods included in the measurement and rolled forward to the measurement date as of June 30, 2014.

Inflation	2.50%
Salary increases, including inflation	3.50% - 4.75%
Investment rate of return	7.0%, net of pension plan investment expense, including inflation*

\*Administrative expenses as a percent of the market value of assets for the last experience study were found to be approximately 0.06% of the market assets for all of the VRS plans. This would provide an assumed investment return rate for GASB purposes of slightly more than the assumed 7.0%. However, since the difference was minimal, and a more conservative 7.0% investment return assumption provided a projected plan net position that exceeded the projected benefit payments, the long-term expected rate of return on investments was assumed to be 7.0% to simplify preparation of pension liabilities.

Mortality Rates:	60% of deaths are assumed to be service related.
– Pre-retirement:	RP-2000 Employee Mortality Table Projected with Scale AA to 2020 with males set back 2 years and females set back 2 years.
– Post-retirement:	RP-2000 Combined Mortality Table Projected with Scale AA to 2020 with males set forward 1 year.
– Post-disablement:	RP-2000 Disabled Life Mortality Table Projected to 2020 with males set back 3 years and no provision for future mortality improvement.

The actuarial assumptions used in the June 30, 2013 valuation were based on the results of an actuarial experience study for the period from July 1, 2008 through June 30, 2012. Changes to the actuarial assumptions as a result of the experience study are as follows:

- Update mortality table
- Adjustments to rates of service retirement for females
- Increase in rates of withdrawal
- Decrease in male and female rates of disability

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## NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

### Note 9. Defined Benefit Pension Plan (Continued)

#### B. Net Pension Liability (Continued)

##### Long-Term Expected Rate of Return

The long-term expected rate of return on pension System investments was determined using a log-normal distribution analysis in which best-estimate ranges of expected future real rates of return (expected returns, net of pension System investment expense and inflation) are developed for each major asset class. These ranges are combined to produce the long-term expected rate of return by weighting the expected future real rates of return by the target asset allocation percentage and by adding expected inflation. The target asset allocation and best estimates of arithmetic real rates of return for each major asset class are summarized in the following table:

Asset Class (Strategy)	Target Allocation	Arithmetic Long-Term Expected Rate of Return	Weighted Average Long-Term Expected Rate of Return
U.S. Equity	19.50%	6.46%	1.26%
Developed Non-U.S. Equity	16.50%	6.28%	1.04%
Emerging Market Equity	6.00%	10.00%	0.60%
Fixed Income	15.00%	0.09%	0.01%
Emerging Debt	3.00%	3.51%	0.11%
Rate Sensitive Credit	4.50%	3.51%	0.16%
Non-Rate Sensitive Credit	4.50%	5.00%	0.23%
Convertibles	3.00%	4.81%	0.14%
Public Real Estate	2.25%	6.12%	0.14%
Private Real Estate	12.75%	7.10%	0.91%
Private Equity	12.00%	10.41%	1.25%
Cash	1.00%	-1.50%	-0.02%
Total	100.00%		5.83%
	Inflation		2.50%
	* Expected arithmetic nominal return		8.33%

\* Using stochastic projection results provides an expected range of real rates of return over various time horizons. Looking at one year results produces an expected real return of 8.33% but also has a high standard deviation, which means there is high volatility. Over larger time horizons, the volatility declines significantly and provides a median return of 7.44%, including expected inflation of 2.50%.

**TOWN OF ASHLAND, VIRGINIA**

**NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**Note 9. Defined Benefit Pension Plan (Continued)**

**B. Net Pension Liability (Continued)**

**Discount Rate**

The discount rate used to measure the total pension liability was 7.00%. The projection of cash flows used to determine the discount rate assumed that System member contributions will be made per the VRS Statutes and the employer contributions will be made in accordance with the VRS funding policy at rates equal to the difference between actuarially determined contribution rates adopted by the VRS Board of Trustees and the member rate. Through the fiscal year ending June 30, 2018, the rate contributed by the employer for the Town's retirement plan will be subject to the portion of the VRS Board-certified rates that are funded by the Virginia General Assembly. From July 1, 2018 on, participating employers are assumed to contribute 100% of the actuarially determined contribution rates. Based on those assumptions, the pension plan's fiduciary net position was projected to be available to make all projected future benefit payments of current active and inactive employees. Therefore, the long-term expected rate of return was applied to all periods of projected benefit payments to determine the total pension liability.

**C. Changes in the Net Pension Liability**

	Total Pension Liability	Plan Fiduciary Net Position	Net Pension Liability
Balances at June 30, 2013	\$ 12,675,247	\$ 10,344,327	\$ 2,330,920
Changes for the Year:			
Service cost	370,012	-	370,012
Interest	868,776	-	868,776
Contributions – employer	-	393,953	(393,953)
Contributions – employee	-	191,125	(191,125)
Net investment income	-	1,640,891	(1,640,891)
Benefit payments, including refunds of employee contributions	(528,309)	(528,309)	-
Administrative expense	-	(8,708)	8,708
Other changes	-	86	(86)
Net changes	710,479	1,689,038	(978,559)
Balances at June 30, 2014	\$ 13,385,726	\$ 12,033,365	\$ 1,352,361



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### NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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#### Note 9. Defined Benefit Pension Plan (Continued)

##### C. Changes in the Net Pension Liability (Continued)

###### **Sensitivity of the Net Pension Liability to Changes in the Discount Rate**

The following presents the net pension liability of the Town, using the discount rate of 7.00%, as well as what the Town's net pension liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is 1-percentage-point lower (6.00%) or 1-percentage-point higher (8.00%) than the current rate:

	1% Decrease (6.00%)	Current Discount Rate (7.00%)	1% Increase (8.00%)
Town's net pension liability (asset)	\$ 3,201,735	\$ 1,352,361	\$ (174,015)

Detailed information about the pension plan's fiduciary net position is available in the separately issued VRS financial report. Additional financial information supporting the preparation of the VRS Political Subdivision Plan Schedules (including the unmodified audit opinion on the financial statements and required supplementary information) is presented in the separately issued VRS 2014 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR). A copy of the 2014 VRS CAFR is publicly available through the About VRS link on the VRS website at [www.varetire.org](http://www.varetire.org), or a copy may be obtained by submitting a request to the VRS Chief Financial Officer at P.O. Box 2500, Richmond, Virginia 23218-2500.

##### D. Pension Expense and Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources Related to Pensions

For the year ended June 30, 2015, the Town recognized pension expense of \$147,476. The Town also reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources from the following sources:

	Deferred Outflows of Resources	Deferred Inflows of Resources
Net difference between projected and actual earnings on pension plan investments	\$ -	\$ 732,082
Employer contributions subsequent to the measurement date	398,440	-
Total	\$ 398,440	\$ 732,082

\$398,440 reported as deferred outflows of resources related to pensions resulting from the Town's contributions subsequent to the measurement date will be recognized as a reduction of the net pension liability in the year ended June 30, 2016.

## TOWN OF ASHLAND, VIRGINIA

### NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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#### Note 9. Defined Benefit Pension Plan (Continued)

##### D. Pension Expense and Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources Related to Pensions (Continued)

Amounts reported as deferred inflows of resources related to pensions will be recognized in pension expense as follows:

<u>Year Ending June 30,</u>	<u>Amount</u>
2016	\$ 183,021
2017	183,021
2018	183,020
2019	183,020
	<u>\$ 732,082</u>

#### Note 10. Trust for Other Postemployment Benefits

The Town has established an irrevocable trust pursuant to Section 15.2-1544 of the *Code of Virginia*, as amended, for the purpose of accumulating and investing assets to fund Other Postemployment Benefits and to participate in the Virginia Pooled OPEB Trust Fund and has established a Local Finance Board to become a Participating Employer in the Trust Fund. The Trust Fund provides administrative, custodial and investment services to the Participating Employers in the Trust Fund. For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2015, the Town and Plan members contributed \$156,268 to the Trust Fund. Administrative expenses allocated to the Trust Fund during the fiscal year ended June 30, 2015 totaled \$2,152. The Trust Fund issues a separate report, which can be obtained by writing to VML/VACO Finance Program, 1108 East Main Street, Richmond, Virginia, 23219.

#### Note 11. Postemployment Benefits Other Than Pensions

##### A. Plan Description

Other postemployment benefits provided by the Town include a multiple employer defined benefit retiree health insurance premium plan. The Town allows retirees who are eligible to retire with a pension benefit from the System and have at least 15 years of full-time service with the Town to remain on their health insurance plan once they retire. Health benefits include medical, dental and vision coverage. Any amendments to the plan must be approved by Town Council.

##### B. Funding Policy

The contributions to the OPEB Trust Fund are established and may be amended by Town Council. The contributions are typically based on projected pay-as-you-go financing requirements, with an additional amount to prefund benefits. GASB Statement No. 45 requires recognition of the current expense of OPEB based on the annual required contribution, but does not require funding of the related liability.

## TOWN OF ASHLAND, VIRGINIA

### NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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#### Note 11. Postemployment Benefits Other Than Pensions (Continued)

##### B. Funding Policy (Continued)

For retirees who are under age 65 and have at least 25 years of full-time service, the Town pays the cost of the retiree only portion of the medical premium. For retirees who are at least age 65 and have at least 25 years of full-time service, the Town pays the Medicare premium.

For retirees who have less than 25 years of full-time service, the Town pays \$35 and an additional \$3 for each year of full-time service for life.

All retirees must pay the difference between the premium for their selected medical options and tiers and the amount paid by the Town.

##### C. Annual OPEB Cost and Net OPEB Obligation

In accordance with GASB Statement No. 45, an actuarial valuation was performed calculating the postemployment healthcare costs as of July 1, 2012. The actuarial valuation estimated the Unfunded Actuarial Accrued Liability (UAAL) at \$990,100 and an Annual Required Contribution (ARC) of \$125,500. The annual cost of OPEB is calculated based on the annual required contribution or ARC, an amount actuarially determined in accordance with the parameters of GASB Statement No. 45. The ARC represents a level of funding that, if paid on an on-going basis, is projected to cover normal cost each year and amortize any unfunded actuarial liabilities (or funding excess) over a period not to exceed 30 years. The 30 year amortization period is open.

The following tables shows the components of the annual OPEB cost, the amount actually contributed for the year, and the change in the net OPEB obligation (asset):

Annual required contribution (ARC)	\$	125,500
Interest on net OPEB obligation (asset)		(7,117)
Actuarial adjustment		5,430
Annual OPEB cost		<u>123,813</u>
Contributions made		<u>(156,268)</u>
Increase in net OPEB obligation (asset)		(32,455)
Net OPEB obligation (asset), beginning of year		<u>(94,888)</u>
Net OPEB obligation (asset), end of year	\$	<u><u>(127,343)</u></u>

#### **Trend Information**

Trend information is as follows:

Fiscal Year Ended	Annual OPEB Costs	Percentage of Annual OPEB Cost Contributed	Net OPEB Asset
June 30, 2013	\$ 112,011	126.3%	\$ 58,550
June 30, 2014	116,619	131.2%	94,888
June 30, 2015	123,813	126.2%	127,343

## TOWN OF ASHLAND, VIRGINIA

### NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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#### Note 11. Postemployment Benefits Other Than Pensions (Continued)

##### D. Funding Status and Funding Progress

As of July 1, 2012, the most recent actuarial date, the plan was 22.61% funded. The actuarial accrued liability for benefits was \$1,279,400, and the actuarial value of assets was \$289,300 resulting in an unfunded actuarial accrued liability of \$990,100. The covered payroll (annual payroll of active employees covered by the plan) was \$2,823,500, and the ratio of the unfunded actuarial accrued liability to the covered payroll was 35.07%.

The projection of future benefit payments for an ongoing plan involves estimates of the value of reported amounts and assumptions about the probability of occurrence of events far into the future. Examples include assumptions about future employment, mortality, and the healthcare cost trend. Amounts determined regarding the funded status of the plan and the annual required contributions of the employer are subject to continual revision as actual results are compared with past expectations and new estimates are made for the future. The schedules of funding progress, presented as Required Supplementary Information following the notes to the financial statements, present multi-year trend information about whether the actuarial value of plan assets is increasing or decreasing over time relative to the actuarial accrued liabilities for benefits.

##### E. Methods and Assumptions

Projections of benefits for financial reporting purposes are based on the substantive plan (the plan as understood by the employer and the plan members) and include the types of benefits provided at the time of each valuation and the historical pattern of sharing of benefit costs between the employer and plan members at that point. The actuarial methods and assumptions used include techniques that are designed to reduce the effects of short-term volatility in actuarial accrued liabilities and the actuarial value of assets, consistent with the long-term perspective of the calculations.

The following simplifying assumptions were made:

*Retirement age for active employees:* Retirement age was estimated based on tables used for the VRS pension valuation and assumed that participants begin to retire when they become eligible to receive healthcare benefits.

*Mortality:* Life expectancies were based on mortality tables from the RP-2000 Combined Healthy mortality tables for males and females projected to 2012 using Scale AA.

*Coverage elections:* The actuary assumed that 90% of eligible retirees will elect coverage and that 30% of retirees who elect coverage will cover a spouse.

Actuarial assumptions also include a 7.50% investment rate of return, general inflation rate of 3%, payroll growth of 3.75% per year, and health cost trend assumption of 7.5% graded to 4.80% over 83 years using the Getzen Trend Model.

Based on the historical and expected returns of the Town's short-term investment portfolio, a discount of 4.0% was used. In addition, the projected unit credit actuarial cost method was used. The unfunded actuarial accrued liability is being amortized as a level percentage of projected payroll on an open basis. The remaining amortization period at July 1, 2012 was 30 years.

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#### **Note 12. Pending GASB Statements**

At June 30, 2015, the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) had issued statements not yet implemented by the Town. The statements which might impact the Town are as follows:

GASB Statement No. 72, *Fair Value Measurement and Application*, will improve measurement and application by state and local governments for fair value. Statement No. 72 will be effective for fiscal years beginning after June 15, 2015.

GASB Statement No. 73, *Accounting and Financial Reporting for Pensions and Related Assets That Are Not within the Scope of GASB Statement 68, and Amendments to Certain Provisions of GASB Statements 67 and 68*, will improve accounting and financial reporting by state and local governments for pensions. It will also improve the comparability of pension-related information. Statement No. 73 will be effective for fiscal years beginning after June 15, 2015.

GASB Statement No. 74, *Financial Reporting for Postemployment Benefit Plans Other Than Pension Plans*, will improve financial reporting by state and local governments for OPEB. It also provides information for changes in OPEB liabilities from year to year. Statement No. 74 will be effective for fiscal years beginning after June 15, 2016.

GASB Statement No. 75, *Accounting and Financial Reporting for Postemployment Benefits Other Than Pensions*, will improve accounting and financial reporting by state and local governments for OPEB. It will also require the recognition of the entire OPEB liability and a comprehensive measure of OPEB expense. Statement No. 75 will be effective for fiscal years beginning after June 15, 2017.

GASB Statement No. 76, *The Hierarchy of Generally Accepted Accounting Principles for State and Local Governments*, will improve financial reporting for state and local governments by providing greater reporting guidance to provide less variation in financial reporting. Statement No. 76 will be effective for fiscal years beginning after June 15, 2015.

GASB Statement No. 77, *Tax Abatement Disclosures*, requires a state or local government to disclose information about tax abatement. Statement No. 77 will be effective for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2015.

#### **Note 13. Contingencies**

##### Federal and State-Assisted Programs

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

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**NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

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**Note 14. Restatement**

The following adjustment was made to beginning net position at July 1, 2014:

Net position, beginning of year, as previously reported	\$ 24,958,691
Change in accounting principle for the implementation of GASB Statements No. 68 and 71 – to record VRS net pension liability and related components	<u>1,936,967</u>
Net position, beginning of year, as restated	<u>\$ 23,021,724</u>

## **REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**

**TOWN OF ASHLAND, VIRGINIA**

**SCHEDULE OF FUNDING PROGRESS  
OTHER POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS**

Actuarial Valuation Date	Actuarial Value of Assets	Actuarial Accrued Liability	Unfunded Actuarial Accrued Liability	Funded Ratio	Covered Payroll	Unfunded Actuarial Accrued Liability as a Percentage of Covered Payroll
July 1, 2009	\$ -	\$ 1,224,200	\$ 1,224,200	0.00%	\$ 3,059,500	40.01%
July 1, 2012	289,300	1,279,400	990,100	22.61%	2,823,500	35.07%

**SCHEDULE OF EMPLOYER CONTRIBUTIONS  
OTHER POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS**

Fiscal Year Ended	Annual Required Contribution	Actual Contribution	Percent Contributed
June 30, 2013	\$ 112,800	\$ 141,492	125.44%
June 30, 2014	119,000	152,957	128.54%
June 30, 2015	125,500	156,268	124.52%



## TOWN OF ASHLAND, VIRGINIA

### SCHEDULE OF CHANGES IN THE TOWN'S NET PENSION LIABILITY AND RELATED RATIOS - VIRGINIA RETIREMENT SYSTEMS

As of  
June 30, 2014

Total Pension Liability	
Service cost	\$ 370,012
Interest	868,776
Benefit payments, including refunds of employee contributions	(528,309)
<b>Net change in total pension liability</b>	<b>710,479</b>
Total pension liability - beginning	12,675,247
Total pension liability - ending (a)	<b>\$ 13,385,726</b>
Plan Fiduciary Net Position	
Contributions - employer	\$ 393,953
Contributions - employee	191,125
Net investment income	1,640,891
Benefit payments, including refunds of employee contributions	(528,309)
Administrative expense	(8,708)
Other	86
<b>Net change in plan fiduciary net position</b>	<b>1,689,038</b>
Plan fiduciary net position - beginning	10,344,327
Plan fiduciary net position - ending (b)	<b>\$ 12,033,365</b>
The Town's net pension liability - ending (a) - (b)	<b>\$ 1,352,361</b>
Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total pension liability	89.90%
Covered-employee payroll	\$ 3,068,170
The Town's net pension liability as a percentage of covered-employee payroll	44.08%

#### Notes to Schedule:

- (1) **Changes of benefit terms:** There have been no significant changes to the System benefit provisions since the prior actuarial valuation. A hybrid plan with changes to the defined benefit plan structure and a new defined contribution component were adopted in 2012. The hybrid plan applies to most new employees hired on or after January 1, 2014 and not covered by enhanced hazardous duty benefits. The liabilities presented do not reflect the hybrid plan since it covers new members joining the System after the valuation date of June 30, 2013 and the impact on the liabilities as of the measurement date of June 30, 2014 are minimal.
- (2) **Changes of assumptions:** The following changes in actuarial assumptions were made effective June 30, 2013 based on the most recent experience study of the System for the four-year period ended June 30, 2012:
 

LEOS:	NON-LEOS:
a. Update mortality table	a. Update mortality table
b. Adjustments to rates of service retirement for females	b. Decrease in rates of service retirement
c. Increase in rates of withdrawal	c. Decrease in rates of disability retirement
d. Decrease in male and female rates of disability	d. Reduce rates of salary increases by 0.25% per year
- (3) This schedule is presented to illustrate the requirement to show information for 10 years. However, until a full 10-year trend is compiled, the Town will present information for those years for which information is available.

## TOWN OF ASHLAND, VIRGINIA

### SCHEDULE OF TOWN CONTRIBUTIONS - VIRGINIA RETIREMENT SYSTEMS

	Fiscal Year June 30, 2014
Contractually required contribution (CRC)	\$ 393,953
Contributions in relation to the CRC	<u>393,953</u>
Contribution deficiency (excess)	<u><u>\$ -</u></u>
Employer's covered-employee payroll	\$ 3,068,170
Contributions as a percentage of covered-employee payroll	12.84%

#### Notes to Schedule:

- (1) Valuation date: June 30, 2014
- (2) Actuarially determined contribution rates are calculated as of June 30, two years prior to the end of the fiscal year in which contributions are reported.
- (3) Methods and assumptions used to determine contribution rates:

Actuarial cost method	Entry age
Amortization method	Level percentage of payroll, closed
Remaining amortization period	20-29 years
Asset valuation method	5-year smoothed market
Cost-of-living adjustments	2.25%-2.50%
Projected salary increases	3.50%-5.35%, including inflation at 2.50%
Investment rate of return	7.0%, including inflation at 2.50%
- (4) This schedule is presented to illustrate the requirement to show information for 10 years. However, until a full 10-year trend is compiled, the Town will present information for those years for which information is available.

## **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**

**TOWN OF ASHLAND, VIRGINIA**

**SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE -  
BUDGET AND ACTUAL - CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND  
Year Ended June 30, 2015**

	Capital Projects Fund			Variance with Final Budget Over (Under)
	Budgeted Amounts		Actual Amounts	
	Original	Final		
Revenues:				
Use of money	\$ 3,700	\$ 3,700	\$ 2,836	\$ (864)
Permits, privilege fees and regulatory licenses	-	-	14,841	14,841
Intergovernmental	581,500	1,134,979	388,920	(746,059)
<b>Total revenues</b>	585,200	1,138,679	406,597	(732,082)
Expenditures:				
Capital projects	4,086,480	4,335,770	904,299	(3,431,471)
<b>Total expenditures</b>	4,086,480	4,335,770	904,299	(3,431,471)
<b>Revenues under expenditures</b>	(3,501,280)	(3,197,091)	(497,702)	2,699,389
Other financing sources:				
Transfers in	905,408	1,005,408	1,005,408	-
<b>Net change in fund balance</b>	(2,595,872)	(2,191,683)	507,706	2,699,389
Fund balance, beginning	2,595,872	2,191,683	2,715,601	523,918
Fund balance, ending	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3,223,307	\$ 3,223,307

## **SUPPLEMENTAL SCHEDULES**

**SCHEDULE OF REVENUES - BUDGET AND ACTUAL  
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS  
Year Ended June 30, 2015**

Entity, Fund, Major and Minor Revenue Source	Budgeted Amounts		Actual Amounts	Variance with Final Budget Over (Under)
	Original	Final		
Primary Government:				
General Fund:				
Revenue from local sources:				
General property taxes:				
Real estate taxes	\$ 652,000	\$ 652,000	\$ 671,725	\$ 19,725
Real and personal public service corporation property taxes	30,000	30,000	42,323	12,323
Personal property taxes	255,000	255,000	347,117	92,117
Mobile home taxes	1,500	1,500	1,599	99
Machinery and tools taxes	12,000	12,000	19,402	7,402
Penalties	17,000	17,000	20,753	3,753
Interest	10,000	10,000	13,710	3,710
<b>Total general property taxes</b>	<b>977,500</b>	<b>977,500</b>	<b>1,116,629</b>	<b>139,129</b>
Other local taxes:				
Local sales and use taxes	435,000	435,000	489,115	54,115
Consumer utility taxes	124,000	124,000	139,098	15,098
Consumption taxes	35,000	35,000	47,471	12,471
Business license taxes	450,000	450,000	465,772	15,772
Motor vehicle taxes	120,000	120,000	122,891	2,891
Cigarette taxes	260,000	260,000	234,217	(25,783)
Bank stock taxes	200,000	200,000	239,065	39,065
Meals taxes	1,810,000	1,810,000	1,945,952	135,952
Transient occupancy taxes	570,000	570,000	609,619	39,619
<b>Total other local taxes</b>	<b>4,004,000</b>	<b>4,004,000</b>	<b>4,293,200</b>	<b>289,200</b>
Permits, privilege fees and regulatory licenses:				
Permits and other licenses	20,000	23,000	29,010	6,010
Fines and forfeitures	100,000	100,000	123,379	23,379
Use of money and property:				
Revenue from use of money	4,000	4,000	4,828	828
Revenue from use of property	17,300	17,300	17,764	464
<b>Total use of money and property</b>	<b>21,300</b>	<b>21,300</b>	<b>22,592</b>	<b>1,292</b>
Charges for services:				
Parks and recreation	50,000	50,000	53,893	3,893
Miscellaneous	19,436	23,436	127,030	103,594
Recovered costs:				
County of Hanover	21,000	21,000	11,737	(9,263)
Randolph Macon College	2,000	2,000	1,644	(356)
Other	500	500	1,125	625
<b>Total recovered costs</b>	<b>23,500</b>	<b>23,500</b>	<b>14,506</b>	<b>(8,994)</b>
<b>Total revenue from local sources</b>	<b>5,215,736</b>	<b>5,222,736</b>	<b>5,780,239</b>	<b>557,503</b>

**SCHEDULE OF REVENUES - BUDGET AND ACTUAL  
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS  
Year Ended June 30, 2015**

Entity, Fund, Major and Minor Revenue Source	Budgeted Amounts		Actual Amounts	Variance with Final Budget Over (Under)
	Original	Final		
Primary Government:				
General Fund:				
Intergovernmental:				
Revenue from the Commonwealth:				
Non-categorical aid:				
Mobile home titling taxes	\$ 6,500	\$ 6,500	\$ 10,417	\$ 3,917
Auto rental taxes	110,000	110,000	84,593	(25,407)
Communication sales and use taxes	282,000	282,000	273,820	(8,180)
Personal property tax relief	111,310	111,310	111,774	464
Rolling stock taxes	11,300	11,300	11,183	(117)
<b>Total non-categorical aid</b>	<b>521,110</b>	<b>521,110</b>	<b>491,787</b>	<b>(29,323)</b>
Categorical aid:				
DJCP law enforcement assistance	165,320	165,320	165,320	-
Fire programs	20,606	20,606	22,890	2,284
Hanover Cares strategic prevention	-	-	4,807	4,807
Litter control	3,330	3,330	3,325	(5)
Arts grant	5,000	5,000	5,000	-
Street and highway maintenance	1,538,750	1,538,750	1,581,715	42,965
<b>Total categorical aid</b>	<b>1,733,006</b>	<b>1,733,006</b>	<b>1,783,057</b>	<b>50,051</b>
<b>Total revenue from the Commonwealth</b>	<b>2,254,116</b>	<b>2,254,116</b>	<b>2,274,844</b>	<b>20,728</b>
Revenue from the federal government:				
Categorical aid:				
Bulletproof vest grant	3,000	3,000	5,825	2,825
Transportation safety	15,000	15,000	16,085	1,085
Local law enforcement block grant	5,000	9,435	4,655	(4,780)
<b>Total revenue from the federal government</b>	<b>23,000</b>	<b>27,435</b>	<b>26,565</b>	<b>(870)</b>
<b>Total intergovernmental revenue</b>	<b>2,277,116</b>	<b>2,281,551</b>	<b>2,301,409</b>	<b>19,858</b>
<b>Total General Fund</b>	<b>\$ 7,492,852</b>	<b>\$ 7,504,287</b>	<b>\$ 8,081,648</b>	<b>\$ 577,361</b>

**SCHEDULE OF REVENUES - BUDGET AND ACTUAL  
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS  
Year Ended June 30, 2015**

Entity, Fund, Major and Minor Revenue Source	Budgeted Amounts		Actual Amounts	Variance with Final Budget Over (Under)
	Original	Final		
Primary Government:				
Capital Projects Fund:				
Revenue from local sources:				
Revenue from use of money	\$ 3,700	\$ 3,700	\$ 2,836	\$ (864)
<b>Total revenue from use of money</b>	<b>3,700</b>	<b>3,700</b>	<b>2,836</b>	<b>(864)</b>
Permits, privilege fees and regulatory licenses:				
Stormwater management permits	-	-	14,841	14,841
<b>Total permits, privilege fees and regulatory licenses</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>14,841</b>	<b>14,841</b>
<b>Total revenue from local sources</b>	<b>3,700</b>	<b>3,700</b>	<b>17,677</b>	<b>13,977</b>
Intergovernmental:				
Revenue from the Commonwealth:				
Categorical aid:				
VDOT revenue sharing	-	350,000	23,987	(326,013)
Stormwater Local Assistance Fund	-	157,500	-	(157,500)
Stormwater best management practices	-	-	2,664	2,664
<b>Total categorical aid</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>507,500</b>	<b>26,651</b>	<b>(480,849)</b>
<b>Total revenue from the Commonwealth</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>507,500</b>	<b>26,651</b>	<b>(480,849)</b>
Revenue from the federal government:				
Categorical aid:				
Chesapeake Bay grant	157,500	-	-	-
Safe routes to schools	396,000	403,750	281,131	(122,619)
DCR grant for stormwater management	-	1,621	-	(1,621)
National fish & wildlife grant	-	200,000	57,451	(142,549)
DEQ grant for stormwater	28,000	22,108	23,687	1,579
<b>Total revenue from the federal government</b>	<b>581,500</b>	<b>627,479</b>	<b>362,269</b>	<b>(265,210)</b>
<b>Total intergovernmental revenue</b>	<b>581,500</b>	<b>1,134,979</b>	<b>388,920</b>	<b>(746,059)</b>
<b>Total Capital Projects Fund</b>	<b>\$ 585,200</b>	<b>\$ 1,138,679</b>	<b>\$ 406,597</b>	<b>\$ (732,082)</b>
<b>Grand Total Revenues - Primary Government</b>	<b>\$ 8,078,052</b>	<b>\$ 8,642,966</b>	<b>\$ 8,488,245</b>	<b>\$ (154,721)</b>



**SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES - BUDGET AND ACTUAL  
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS  
Year Ended June 30, 2015**

Entity, Fund, Function, Activity and Elements	Budgeted Amounts		Actual Amounts	Variance with Final Budget Over (Under)
	Original	Final		
Primary Government:				
General Fund:				
General government administration:				
Legislative:				
Town Council	\$ 40,557	\$ 40,557	\$ 40,134	\$ (423)
General and financial administration:				
Town manager	454,078	454,078	514,960	60,882
Tourism	132,765	132,765	132,083	(682)
Treasurer	257,423	257,423	249,109	(8,314)
Information technology	116,500	116,500	103,129	(13,371)
<b>Total general and financial administration</b>	<b>960,766</b>	<b>960,766</b>	<b>999,281</b>	<b>38,515</b>
<b>Total general government administration</b>	<b>1,001,323</b>	<b>1,001,323</b>	<b>1,039,415</b>	<b>38,092</b>
Public safety:				
Law enforcement and traffic control:				
Police	2,463,877	2,472,312	2,531,027	58,715
Fire and rescue services:				
Fire department	46,606	46,606	41,072	(5,534)
Ambulance and rescue services	5,000	5,000	5,000	-
<b>Total fire and rescue services</b>	<b>51,606</b>	<b>51,606</b>	<b>46,072</b>	<b>(5,534)</b>
<b>Total public safety</b>	<b>2,515,483</b>	<b>2,523,918</b>	<b>2,577,099</b>	<b>53,181</b>
Public works:				
Maintenance of highways, streets, bridges and sidewalks:				
Engineering/administration	696,315	696,315	733,417	37,102
Street maintenance	1,521,947	1,521,947	1,427,447	(94,500)
Storm drainage	30,500	30,500	15,954	(14,546)
Snow and ice removal	43,500	43,500	39,507	(3,993)
Traffic engineering	52,000	52,000	28,036	(23,964)
Streetlights	56,000	56,000	53,868	(2,132)
<b>Total maintenance of highways, streets, bridges and sidewalks</b>	<b>2,400,262</b>	<b>2,400,262</b>	<b>2,298,229</b>	<b>(102,033)</b>
Sanitation and waste removal:				
Refuse collection and disposal	260,500	260,500	190,961	(69,539)
Maintenance of general buildings and grounds:				
General properties	186,344	186,344	170,715	(15,629)
Vehicle maintenance	168,886	168,886	140,392	(28,494)
<b>Total public works</b>	<b>3,015,992</b>	<b>3,015,992</b>	<b>2,800,297</b>	<b>(215,695)</b>

**SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES - BUDGET AND ACTUAL  
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS  
Year Ended June 30, 2015**

Entity, Fund, Function, Activity and Elements	Budgeted Amounts		Actual Amounts	Variance with Final Budget Over (Under)
	Original	Final		
Primary Government:				
General Fund:				
Parks, recreation and cultural:				
Supervision of parks and recreation	\$ 153,719	\$ 153,719	\$ 143,928	\$ (9,791)
Community development:				
Planning and zoning	381,524	381,524	396,353	14,829
Economic development	140,069	140,069	98,228	(41,841)
<b>Total community development</b>	<b>521,593</b>	<b>521,593</b>	<b>494,581</b>	<b>(27,012)</b>
Nondepartmental:				
Contribution to fund OPEB	160,996	160,996	-	(160,996)
<b>Total General Fund</b>	<b>\$ 7,369,106</b>	<b>\$ 7,377,541</b>	<b>\$ 7,055,320</b>	<b>\$ (322,221)</b>
Capital Projects Fund:				
Residential streets improvement program	\$ 25,199	\$ 25,199	\$ -	\$ (25,199)
Sidewalks, curb and gutter	179,300	253,256	-	(253,256)
Ashland Theatre	289,000	292,516	9,715	(282,801)
Drainage improvements	49,081	69,081	1,000	(68,081)
Stormwater management program	75,000	71,876	(1,206)	(73,082)
Route 1 / Route 54 intersection improvements	450,000	450,000	-	(450,000)
Downtown campus maintenance fund	101,712	101,712	49,402	(52,310)
Public works facilities	85,000	112,579	13,687	(98,892)
Ashland PD Parking Lot	315,000	357,500	58,107	(299,393)
SRTS - Duncan & Stebbins	396,000	384,929	372,934	(11,995)
Public works vehicle replacement fund	307,263	308,401	104,324	(204,077)
VSMP Phase II Grant	28,000	17,631	17,615	(16)
Route 1 / Vitamin Shoppe Way intersection improvements	700,000	700,000	50,646	(649,354)
Downtown sidewalks	400,086	471,896	56,868	(415,028)
Trails	10,000	10,000	-	(10,000)
Dejarnette Park	5,000	5,000	-	(5,000)
DEQ Best Management Practices	-	-	20,205	20,205
S. Taylor Street park maintenance	10,000	8,086	1,053	(7,033)
Pool renovation	200,000	190,964	62,484	(128,480)
Economic develop incentive	25,000	75,000	-	(75,000)
Carter Park	15,707	20,707	-	(20,707)
Skateboard Park	20,000	9,803	-	(9,803)
Pufferbelly Park maintenance	16,591	16,591	-	(16,591)
Gateway and wayfinding	157,760	156,355	-	(156,355)
Contingencies	128,140	128,737	-	(128,737)
Police vehicle replacement fund	97,641	97,951	87,465	(10,486)
<b>Total Capital Projects Fund</b>	<b>\$ 4,086,480</b>	<b>\$ 4,335,770</b>	<b>\$ 904,299</b>	<b>\$ (3,431,471)</b>
<b>Grand Total Expenditures - Primary Government</b>	<b>\$ 11,455,586</b>	<b>\$ 11,713,311</b>	<b>\$ 7,959,619</b>	<b>\$ (3,753,692)</b>

## **STATISTICAL SECTION**

## TOWN OF ASHLAND, VIRGINIA

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**TOWN OF ASHLAND, VIRGINIA**

**Table 1**

**NET POSITION/ASSETS BY COMPONENT**

**Last Ten Fiscal Years**

*(accrual basis of accounting)*

**(Unaudited)**

	Fiscal Year June 30,									
	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
Governmental activities:										
Invested in capital assets, net of related debt	\$ 12,078,320	\$ 15,626,765	\$ 17,135,185	\$ 17,202,531	\$ 16,675,804	\$ 17,152,529	\$ 16,895,598	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Net investment in capital assets	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	16,744,175	17,097,569	17,276,925
Restricted	2,318,880	2,907,777	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Unrestricted	4,506,800	3,851,573	5,973,141	6,228,168	7,077,987	6,689,174	6,996,858	7,468,131	7,861,122	6,640,901
<b>Total governmental activities net assets</b>	<b>\$ 18,904,000</b>	<b>\$ 22,386,115</b>	<b>\$ 23,108,326</b>	<b>\$ 23,430,699</b>	<b>\$ 23,753,791</b>	<b>\$ 23,841,703</b>	<b>\$ 23,892,456</b>			
<b>Total governmental activities net position</b>								<b>\$ 24,212,306</b>	<b>\$ 24,958,691</b>	<b>\$ 23,917,826</b>
								(2)		

Notes:

- (1) The Town implemented GASB Statement No. 63 in fiscal year 2013, which changed descriptions and definitions. "Net assets" is now "Net position" and "Invested in capital assets, net of related debt" is now "Net investment in capital assets." The new statement also changed how these amounts are calculated.
- (2) June 30, 2014 net position was restated for the implementation of GASB Statements No. 68 and 71 which reduced net position by \$1,936,967.

TOWN OF ASHLAND, VIRGINIA

CHANGES IN NET POSITION/ASSETS

Last Ten Fiscal Years

(accrual basis of accounting)

(Unaudited)

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	Fiscal Year June 30,									
	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
Primary government:										
Expenses:										
Governmental activities:										
General government administration	\$ 703,671	\$ 822,305	\$ 1,023,605	\$ 1,080,181	\$ 1,079,252	\$ 1,144,531	\$ 989,332	\$ 967,749	\$ 974,966	\$ 1,028,107
Public safety	1,854,281	2,225,167	2,262,606	2,334,043	2,315,497	2,395,351	2,413,532	2,410,269	2,650,596	2,609,198
Public works	2,289,263	2,703,070	3,041,304	2,925,473	2,915,958	2,876,909	3,367,934	3,777,614	3,480,524	3,304,844
Health and welfare	-	-	-	-	5,950	(3,089)	-	-	-	-
Parks, recreation and cultural	239,301	225,253	208,075	174,949	176,640	196,264	202,295	196,080	193,899	176,107
Community development	530,371	472,345	508,235	547,544	465,452	435,808	460,829	508,743	503,721	521,005
Interest	7,552	6,575.00	5,575	4,520	3,460	2,351	751	571	-	-
<b>Total governmental activities</b>	<b>5,624,439</b>	<b>6,454,715.00</b>	<b>7,049,400</b>	<b>7,066,710</b>	<b>6,962,209</b>	<b>7,048,125</b>	<b>7,434,673</b>	<b>7,861,026</b>	<b>7,803,706</b>	<b>7,639,261</b>
<b>Total primary government expenses</b>	<b>5,624,439</b>	<b>6,454,715.00</b>	<b>7,049,400</b>	<b>7,066,710</b>	<b>6,962,209</b>	<b>7,048,125</b>	<b>7,434,673</b>	<b>7,861,026</b>	<b>7,803,706</b>	<b>7,639,261</b>
Program revenues:										
Governmental activities:										
Charges for services:										
Public safety	35,321	105,552	135,783	168,106	182,895	182,576	220,380	178,349	168,009	180,092
Public works	10,970	-	-	-	-	-	2,152	2,041	3,080	1,644
Parks, recreation and cultural	59,464	64,878	65,355	62,179	53,789	63,284	66,347	50,577	56,855	53,893
Operating grants and contributions	2,565,640	1,431,412	1,468,155	1,599,898	1,576,377	1,628,978	580,068	657,038	605,249	612,856
Capital grants and contributions	-	2,924,497	876,165	332,763	-	-	1,152,183	1,118,665	1,613,559	1,672,886
<b>Total governmental activities</b>	<b>2,671,395</b>	<b>4,526,339</b>	<b>2,545,458</b>	<b>2,162,946</b>	<b>1,813,061</b>	<b>1,874,838</b>	<b>2,021,130</b>	<b>2,006,670</b>	<b>2,446,752</b>	<b>2,521,371</b>
<b>Total primary government program revenues</b>	<b>2,671,395</b>	<b>4,526,339</b>	<b>2,545,458</b>	<b>2,162,946</b>	<b>1,813,061</b>	<b>1,874,838</b>	<b>2,021,130</b>	<b>2,006,670</b>	<b>2,446,752</b>	<b>2,521,371</b>
Net (expense) revenue:										
Governmental activities	(2,953,044)	(1,928,376)	(4,503,942)	(4,903,764)	(5,149,148)	(5,173,287)	(5,413,543)	(5,854,356)	(5,356,954)	(5,117,890)
<b>Total primary government net expense</b>	<b>(2,953,044)</b>	<b>(1,928,376)</b>	<b>(4,503,942)</b>	<b>(4,903,764)</b>	<b>(5,149,148)</b>	<b>(5,173,287)</b>	<b>(5,413,543)</b>	<b>(5,854,356)</b>	<b>(5,356,954)</b>	<b>(5,117,890)</b>

TOWN OF ASHLAND, VIRGINIA

CHANGES IN NET POSITION/ASSETS

Last Ten Fiscal Years

(accrual basis of accounting)

(Unaudited)

Table 2

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	Fiscal Year June 30,									
	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
General revenues:										
Governmental activities:										
Taxes:										
General property	\$ 674,320	\$ 824,846	\$ 713,793	\$ 1,016,610	\$ 1,112,194	\$ 960,473	\$ 925,815	\$ 1,056,984	\$ 981,908	\$ 1,076,547
Local sales and use	440,046	469,870	484,839	334,098	318,926	338,717	353,643	438,114	460,355	489,115
Business license	531,374	500,578	459,209	467,741	441,166	434,134	434,888	500,256	478,934	465,772
Transient occupancy	581,342	594,716	591,906	531,333	480,558	451,943	456,153	446,241	584,443	609,619
Meals	1,740,219	1,750,879	1,884,529	1,815,232	1,764,723	1,769,105	1,824,826	1,814,498	1,850,129	1,945,952
Other	987,307	745,668	747,064	750,646	1,141,773	824,267	852,914	806,048	805,006	782,742
Use of money and property	217,810	282,466	224,211	85,775	32,426	27,958	23,517	27,630	23,519	25,428
Miscellaneous	(8,845)	13,684	43,226	14,019	(15,008)	(17,371)	75,201	563,133	396,238	127,030
Intergovernmental, non-categorical aid	218,466	27,784	209,491	210,683	195,482	486,050	517,339	521,302	522,807	491,787
Loss on disposal of capital assets	-	-	(132,116)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total governmental activities</b>	<b>5,382,039</b>	<b>5,210,491</b>	<b>5,226,152</b>	<b>5,226,137</b>	<b>5,472,240</b>	<b>5,275,276</b>	<b>5,464,296</b>	<b>6,174,206</b>	<b>6,103,339</b>	<b>6,013,992</b>
<b>Total primary government</b>	<b>5,382,039</b>	<b>5,210,491</b>	<b>5,226,152</b>	<b>5,226,137</b>	<b>5,472,240</b>	<b>5,275,276</b>	<b>5,464,296</b>	<b>6,174,206</b>	<b>6,103,339</b>	<b>6,013,992</b>
Changes in net position/assets:										
Governmental activities	2,428,995	3,282,115	722,210	322,373	323,092	101,989	50,753	319,850	746,385	896,102
<b>Total primary government</b>	<b>\$ 2,428,995</b>	<b>\$ 3,282,115</b>	<b>\$ 722,210</b>	<b>\$ 322,373</b>	<b>\$ 323,092</b>	<b>\$ 101,989</b>	<b>\$ 50,753</b>	<b>\$ 319,850</b>	<b>\$ 746,385</b>	<b>\$ 896,102</b>

Note:

- (1) Net (expense) revenue is the difference between the expenses and program revenues. This difference indicates the degree to which a function or program is supported with its own fees and program-specific grants versus its reliance upon funding from taxes and other general revenues. Numbers in a parenthesis are net expenses indicating that expenses were greater than program revenues and, therefore, general revenues were needed to finance that function or program. Numbers without parentheses are net revenues, demonstrating that program revenues were more than sufficient to cover expenses.

TOWN OF ASHLAND, VIRGINIA

Table 3

FUND BALANCES, GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS

Last Ten Fiscal Years

(modified accrual basis of accounting)

(Unaudited)

		Fiscal Year June 30,				
		2006	2007	2008	2009	2010
General Fund:						
Unreserved		\$ 4,664,398	\$ 3,943,785	\$ 4,020,537	\$ 4,310,763	\$ 4,914,679
<b>Total General Fund</b>		<b>\$ 4,664,398</b>	<b>\$ 3,943,785</b>	<b>\$ 4,020,537</b>	<b>\$ 4,310,763</b>	<b>\$ 4,914,679</b>
All Other Governmental Funds:						
Reserved		\$ 2,318,880	\$ 2,907,777	\$ 2,101,370	\$ 2,127,040	\$ 2,392,999
<b>Total all other governmental funds</b>		<b>\$ 2,318,880</b>	<b>\$ 2,907,777</b>	<b>\$ 2,101,370</b>	<b>\$ 2,127,040</b>	<b>\$ 2,392,999</b>
		Fiscal Year June 30,				
		2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
General Fund:						
Unreserved		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Unassigned		4,806,186	4,722,404	4,857,433	5,207,596	5,228,516
<b>Total General Fund</b>		<b>\$ 4,806,186</b>	<b>\$ 4,722,404</b>	<b>\$ 4,857,433</b>	<b>\$ 5,207,596</b>	<b>\$ 5,228,516</b>
All Other Governmental Funds:						
Reserved		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Committed		1,962,268	2,407,828	2,626,208	2,715,601	3,223,307
<b>Total all other governmental funds</b>		<b>\$ 1,962,268</b>	<b>\$ 2,407,828</b>	<b>\$ 2,626,208</b>	<b>\$ 2,715,601</b>	<b>\$ 3,223,307</b>

Note:

- (1) In fiscal year 2011, the Town implemented GASB Statement No. 54, *Fund Balance Reporting and Governmental Fund Type Definitions*, which effectively changed the classifications used to report fund balances. The terms reserved and unreserved are no longer used to describe fund balance. Fund balance is now classified as nonspendable, restricted, committed, assigned, or unassigned.



TOWN OF ASHLAND, VIRGINIA

CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES, GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS

Last Ten Fiscal Years

(modified accrual basis of accounting)

(Unaudited)

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	Fiscal Year June 30,									
	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
Revenues:										
General property taxes	\$ 655,553	\$ 746,254	\$ 770,247	\$ 1,037,166	\$ 979,608	\$ 974,627	\$ 962,153	\$ 971,843	\$ 1,027,076	\$ 1,116,629
Other local taxes	4,040,223	4,061,711	4,167,547	3,899,050	4,147,146	3,818,166	3,922,424	4,005,157	4,178,867	4,293,200
Permits, privilege fees and regulatory licenses	10,970	30,131	46,294	60,361	47,854	37,309	58,518	46,392	36,833	43,851
Fines and forfeitures	35,321	75,421	89,489	107,745	135,041	145,267	144,895	113,461	114,293	123,379
Use of money and property	217,810	282,466	224,211	85,775	32,426	27,958	23,517	27,630	23,519	25,428
Charges for services	59,464	64,878	65,355	62,179	53,789	63,284	66,347	50,577	56,855	53,893
Miscellaneous	(8,845)	13,684	43,226	14,019	(15,008)	(17,371)	75,201	563,133	396,238	127,030
Recovered costs	617,957.00	300,485	131,893	64,733	55,946	29,543	19,751	20,537	19,963	14,506
Intergovernmental:										
Commonwealth	1,578,683.00	1,646,159	1,669,652	1,766,533	1,724,707	2,090,328	2,161,129	2,191,523	2,245,864	2,301,495
Federal	1,205,423.00	2,937,534	884,159	376,811	47,152	24,700	87,829	105,482	265,751	388,834
<b>Total revenues</b>	<b>8,412,559</b>	<b>10,158,723</b>	<b>8,092,073</b>	<b>7,474,372</b>	<b>7,208,661</b>	<b>7,193,811</b>	<b>7,521,764</b>	<b>8,095,735</b>	<b>8,365,259</b>	<b>8,488,245</b>
Expenditures:										
General government administration	721,080	1,158,148	1,059,054	1,111,174	1,031,702	1,038,230	926,453	944,518	945,908	1,039,415
Public safety	1,798,840	2,238,848	2,260,400	2,222,091	2,188,271	2,184,073	2,253,606	2,318,596	2,608,009	2,577,099
Public works	2,208,547	2,447,839	2,720,737	2,486,865	2,358,561	2,365,844	2,676,727	2,688,144	2,597,852	2,800,297
Parks, recreation and cultural	181,026	172,933	141,123	115,135	117,621	137,974	131,565	142,935	144,852	143,928
Community development	521,458	460,483	501,435	489,879	451,049	410,881	446,579	507,332	491,261	494,581
Nondepartmental	-	-	-	-	-	128,400	160,069	-	-	-
Capital projects	1,728,983	3,771,095	2,112,901	691,337	150,646	1,361,105	524,312	1,100,272	1,137,821	904,299
Debt service:										
Principal	175,000	34,111	35,085	37,034	37,034	38,984	38,983	39,958	-	-
Interest and fiscal charges	40,827	6,982	5,993	4,961	3,902	2,815	1,692	571	-	-
<b>Total expenditures</b>	<b>7,375,761</b>	<b>10,290,439</b>	<b>8,836,728</b>	<b>7,158,476</b>	<b>6,338,786</b>	<b>7,668,306</b>	<b>7,159,986</b>	<b>7,742,326</b>	<b>7,925,703</b>	<b>7,959,619</b>
<b>Revenues over (under) expenditures</b>	<b>1,036,798</b>	<b>(131,716)</b>	<b>(744,655)</b>	<b>315,896</b>	<b>869,875</b>	<b>(474,495)</b>	<b>361,778</b>	<b>353,409</b>	<b>439,556</b>	<b>528,626</b>
Other financing sources (uses):										
Transfers in	755,000	1,128,293	250,000	350,000	410,000	901,167	966,998	705,000	787,500	1,005,408
Transfers out	(755,000)	(1,128,293)	(250,000)	(350,000)	(410,000)	(901,167)	(966,998)	(705,000)	(787,500)	(1,005,408)
Sale of capital assets	-	-	15,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total other financing sources, net</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>15,000</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Net change in fund balances</b>	<b>\$ 1,036,798</b>	<b>\$ (131,716)</b>	<b>\$ (729,655)</b>	<b>\$ 315,896</b>	<b>\$ 869,875</b>	<b>\$ (474,495)</b>	<b>\$ 361,778</b>	<b>\$ 353,409</b>	<b>\$ 439,556</b>	<b>\$ 528,626</b>

**TOWN OF ASHLAND, VIRGINIA**

**CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES, GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS**

**Last Ten Fiscal Years**

*(modified accrual basis of accounting)*

**(Unaudited)**

**Table 4**

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	Fiscal Year June 30,									
	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
Debt service as a percentage of noncapital expenditures:										
<b>Total debt service</b>	\$ 215,827	\$ 41,093	\$ 41,078	\$ 41,995	\$ 40,936	\$ 41,799	\$ 40,675	\$ 40,529	\$ -	\$ -
Total expenditures	\$ 7,375,761	\$ 10,290,439	\$ 8,836,728	\$ 7,158,476	\$ 6,338,786	\$ 7,668,306	\$ 7,159,986	\$ 7,742,326	\$ 7,925,703	\$ 7,959,619
Less: capital outlay	(1,728,983)	(3,771,095)	(2,112,901)	(691,337)	(150,646)	(1,145,407)	(346,148)	(505,190)	(864,221)	(881,368)
<b>Noncapital expenditures</b>	\$ 5,646,778	\$ 6,519,344	\$ 6,723,827	\$ 6,467,139	\$ 6,188,140	\$ 6,522,899	\$ 6,813,838	\$ 7,237,136	\$ 7,061,482	\$ 7,078,251
<b>Debt service as a percentage of noncapital expenditures</b>	3.82%	0.63%	0.61%	0.65%	0.66%	0.64%	0.60%	0.56%	0.00%	0.00%

TOWN OF ASHLAND, VIRGINIA

Table 5

TAX REVENUES BY SOURCE, GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS

Last Ten Fiscal Years

(modified accrual basis of accounting)

(Unaudited)

Fiscal Year June 30,	Property (1)	Local Sales and Use	Consumer Utility	Consumption	Communications (2)(3)	Franchise	Business License	Motor Vehicle	Bank Stock	Cigarette	Transient Occupancy	Meals	Totals
2006	\$ 634,414	\$ 440,046	\$ 341,277	\$ 37,019	\$ -	\$ 72,220	\$ 531,374	\$ 126,064	\$ 170,662	\$ -	\$ 581,342	\$ 1,740,219	\$ 4,674,637
2007	720,182	469,870	232,124	37,719	134,363	40,870	500,578	152,892	147,700	-	594,716	1,750,879	4,781,893
2008	744,824	484,839	111,119	38,834	313,337	-	459,209	130,336	153,438	-	591,906	1,884,529	4,912,371
2009	1,010,261	334,098	118,332	37,787	284,695	(48)	467,741	134,370	175,510	-	531,333	1,815,232	4,909,311
2010	954,557	318,926	146,860	33,899	286,484	-	441,166	127,049	204,290	343,191	480,558	1,764,723	5,101,703
2011	949,713	338,717	112,095	44,451	-	-	434,134	123,063	235,104	309,554	451,943	1,769,105	4,767,879
2012	935,109	353,643	116,526	39,055	-	-	434,888	116,645	213,271	367,417	456,153	1,824,826	4,857,533
2013	934,390	438,114	124,085	38,992	-	-	500,256	124,961	214,712	303,298	446,241	1,814,498	4,939,547
2014	989,035	460,355	127,593	39,967	-	-	478,934	129,015	255,722	252,709	584,443	1,850,129	5,167,902
2015	1,082,166	489,115	139,098	47,471	-	-	465,772	122,891	239,065	234,217	609,619	1,945,952	5,375,366
Change 2006-2015	70.58%	11.15%	-59.24%	28.23%		-100.00%	-12.35%	-2.52%	40.08%	100.00%	4.86%	11.82%	14.99%

Notes:

(1) Property tax revenue does not include penalties and interest collected on delinquent tax collections.

(2) Beginning January 1, 2007, the Commonwealth of Virginia began collecting Consumer Utility and Cable Franchise taxes on behalf of the Town.  
This revenue is shown as Communication Sales and Use through June 30, 2010.

(3) In fiscal year 2011, the Town implemented the Auditor of Public Accounts' requirement that communication sales and use tax be reported as non-categorical state aid instead of other local taxes as described in Note 2.

# TOWN OF ASHLAND, VIRGINIA

**Table 6**

## ASSESSED VALUE AND ESTIMATED ACTUAL VALUE OF TAXABLE PROPERTY

### Last Ten Fiscal Years

(Unaudited)

Fiscal Year June 30,	Real Estate	Personal Property	Mobile Homes (1)	Machinery and Tools	Public Service Real Estate	Public Service Personal Property	Total Taxable Assessed Value	Percent Growth	Estimated Actual Taxable Value	Assessed Value as a Percentage of Actual Value	Combined Total Direct Tax Rate
2006	\$ 499,097,100	\$ 51,403,965	\$ 2,960,580	\$ 1,031,000	\$ 31,115,065	\$ 32,338	\$ 585,640,048	9.91%	\$ 585,640,048	100.00%	\$ 1.70
2007	576,599,600	52,822,578	3,556,555	1,233,445	30,532,788	93,934	664,838,900	13.52%	664,838,900	100.00%	1.70
2008	628,077,300	52,599,056	2,796,945	1,597,520	33,120,340	155,892	718,347,053	8.05%	718,347,053	100.00%	1.70
2009	697,544,000	57,137,205	2,645,140	1,452,390	26,520,966	2,998,358	788,298,059	9.74%	788,298,059	100.00%	1.72
2010	716,419,003	53,651,879	2,532,915	2,502,665	29,286,101	2,426,266	806,818,829	2.35%	806,818,829	100.00%	1.72
2011	723,174,800	51,532,330	2,339,545	2,738,555	27,303,212	163,500	807,251,942	0.05%	807,251,942	100.00%	1.70
2012	727,199,100	50,773,355	2,265,115	3,044,170	29,305,939	133,790	812,721,469	0.68%	812,721,469	100.00%	1.70
2013	712,071,800	54,050,955	2,186,100	2,617,210	27,647,987	81,291	798,655,343	-1.73%	798,655,343	100.00%	1.70
2014	709,453,800	54,210,340	1,834,200	1,966,935	33,400,523	47,159	800,912,957	0.28%	800,912,957	100.00%	1.70
2015	728,714,300	66,026,805	2,120,935	3,568,060	46,684,917	42,521	847,157,538	5.77%	847,157,538	100.00%	1.70

Notes:

(1) Real and personal property tax assessments are made by the Commissioner of the Revenue for the County of Hanover, Virginia for current use of the County and Town property. Real and personal property taxes of public service corporations are assessed by the State Corporation Commission.

(2) Town assesses taxes at 100% of total assessed value.

(3) Reassessments effective January 1, 2006, 2010 and 2014.

**TOWN OF ASHLAND, VIRGINIA**

**Table 7**

**DIRECT AND OVERLAPPING PROPERTY TAX RATES**

**Last Ten Fiscal Years**

**(Unaudited)**

Fiscal Year June 30,	Direct Tax Rates - Town						Overlapping Tax Rates - County						Tax Rates - Total Direct and Overlapping Rates					
	Real Property	Personal Property	Mobile Homes	Machinery and Tools	Total Direct Rate		Real Property	Personal Property	Mobile Homes	Machinery and Tools	Merchants' Capital	Total Overlapping Rate	Real Property	Personal Property	Mobile Homes	Machinery and Tools	Merchants' Capital	Total
2006	\$ 0.09	\$ 0.77	\$ 0.07	\$ 0.77	\$ 1.70		\$ 0.86	\$ 3.64	\$ 0.86	\$ 3.64	\$ 1.90	\$ 10.90	\$ 0.95	\$ 4.41	\$ 0.93	\$ 4.41	\$ 1.90	\$ 12.60
2007	0.09	0.77	0.07	0.77	1.70		0.81	3.57	0.81	3.57	1.90	10.66	0.90	4.34	0.88	4.34	1.90	12.36
2008	0.09	0.77	0.07	0.77	1.70		0.81	3.57	0.81	3.57	1.90	10.66	0.90	4.34	0.88	4.34	1.90	12.36
2009	0.09	0.77	0.09	0.77	1.72		0.81	3.57	0.81	3.57	1.90	10.66	0.90	4.34	0.90	4.34	1.90	12.38
2010	0.09	0.77	0.09	0.77	1.72		0.81	3.57	0.81	3.57	1.90	10.66	0.90	4.34	0.90	4.34	1.90	12.38
2011	0.09	0.77	0.07	0.77	1.70		0.81	3.57	0.81	3.57	1.90	10.66	0.90	4.34	0.88	4.34	1.90	12.36
2012	0.09	0.77	0.07	0.77	1.70		0.81	3.57	0.81	3.57	1.90	10.66	0.90	4.34	0.88	4.34	1.90	12.36
2013	0.09	0.77	0.07	0.77	1.70		0.81	3.57	0.81	3.57	1.90	10.66	0.90	4.34	0.88	4.34	1.90	12.36
2014	0.09	0.77	0.07	0.77	1.70		0.81	3.57	0.81	3.57	1.90	10.66	0.90	4.34	0.88	4.34	1.90	12.36
2015	0.09	0.77	0.07	0.77	1.70		0.81	3.57	0.81	3.57	1.90	10.66	0.90	4.34	0.88	4.34	1.90	12.36

Notes:

- (1) These rates are per \$100 of assessed value.
- (2) The Commonwealth of Virginia has no limitations on local tax rates.
- (3) Real property taxes are due annually by January 15 and become delinquent thereafter.
- (4) No discounts are allowed for early payment.
- (5) Residents of incorporated towns in the Commonwealth of Virginia are subject to real property and personal property taxes levied by the town and the county where they reside.

**TOWN OF ASHLAND, VIRGINIA****Table 8****OTHER TAX RATES****Last Ten Fiscal Years****(Unaudited)**

Fiscal Year June 30,	Transient Occupancy	Meals	Cigarette (1)
2006	5%	5%	\$ -
2007	5%	5%	-
2008	5%	5%	-
2009	5%	5%	-
2010	5%	5%	0.19
2011	5%	5%	0.19
2012	5%	5%	0.19
2013	5%	5%	0.19
2014	7%	5%	0.22
2015	7%	5%	0.22

Note:

(1) Cigarette tax was new to the Town in fiscal year 2010 - tax per pack.

**TOWN OF ASHLAND, VIRGINIA**

**Table 9**

**PRINCIPAL PROPERTY TAXPAYERS**

**Current Year and Nine Years Ago**

**(Unaudited)**

Taxpayer	Type Business	Fiscal Year June 30, 2015			Fiscal Year June 30, 2006		
		2014 Taxable Assessed Value	Rank	Percentage of Total Town Taxable Assessed Value (1)	2005 Taxable Assessed Value	Rank	Percentage of Total Town Taxable Assessed Value
CLF Ashland, LLC	Distribution Center	\$ 16,490,200	1	2.13%	\$ -		
Verizon Virginia, Inc.	Communications / Public Service	15,404,527	2	1.99%	19,243,486	1	3.29%
Virginia Electric & Power Company	Utility	15,201,336	3	1.96%	8,998,108	4	1.54%
Ashland Hanover LLC	Shopping Center	13,631,900	4	1.76%	10,630,000	2	1.82%
Ashland Town Square, LLC	Apartments	13,035,100	5	1.68%	9,029,700	3	1.54%
Wal-Mart Real Estate Bus. Trust	Shopping Center	10,822,400	6	1.40%	6,857,500	8	1.17%
Virginia Natural Gas	Utility	10,302,595	7	1.33%	-		
Sedgefield Mobile Home Associates	Mobile Home Community	10,187,500	8	1.31%	7,518,600	7	1.28%
Ashland Junction, LLC	Shopping Center	7,415,500	9	0.96%	7,825,200	6	1.34%
Ashland Hi, LLC	Commercial	6,751,000	10	0.87%	4,515,200	9	0.77%
<b>Total</b>		<u>\$ 119,242,058</u>		<u>15.38%</u>	<u>\$ 74,617,794</u>		<u>12.75%</u>

Notes:

(1) Source: Commissioner of Revenue.

(2) Total real estate assessment as noted on Table 6 is \$775,399,217.

**TOWN OF ASHLAND, VIRGINIA****Table 10****PRINCIPAL MEALS TAXPAYERS  
Current Year and Nine Years Ago  
(Unaudited)**

Taxpayer	Fiscal Year June 30,	
	2015 Rank	2006 Rank
Chick-Fil-A	1	-
Cracker Barrel	2	1
McDonalds #3674	3	5
Applebee's	4	2
McDonalds #11610	5	3
Starbucks	6	-
Ironhorse	7	13
El Azteca	8	20
Hardees	9	11
Wendy's	10	8
Total Meals Tax	<u>\$ 1,930,052</u>	<u>\$ 1,708,165</u>

## Notes:

- (1) The Meals Tax Rate was 5% for fiscal years 2015 and 2006.
- (2) Per State code, meals tax remittances for individual businesses are protected information and, therefore, masked in this report.



**TOWN OF ASHLAND, VIRGINIA**

**Table 11**

**REAL PROPERTY TAX LEVIES AND COLLECTIONS**

**Last Ten Fiscal Years**

**(Unaudited)**

Fiscal Year June 30,	Taxes Levied	Collected Within the Fiscal Year of the Levy		Collections in Subsequent Years	Total Collections to Date	
		Amount	Percentage of Levy		Amount	Percentage of Levy
2006	\$ 756,359	\$ 731,879	96.76%	\$ 14,357	\$ 746,236	98.66%
2007	841,484	832,168	98.89%	9,316	841,484	100.00%
2008	876,360	834,557	95.23%	6,731	841,288	96.00%
2009	1,020,768	1,010,261	98.97%	10,507	1,020,768	100.00%
2010	995,263	954,557	95.91%	25,946	980,503	98.52%
2011	1,102,965	1,068,780	96.90%	7,833	1,076,613	97.61%
2012	1,083,742	1,046,884	96.60%	14,427	1,061,311	97.93%
2013	1,102,865	1,040,735	94.37%	60,646	1,101,381	99.87%
2014	1,101,560	1,034,947	93.95%	28,710	1,063,657	96.56%
2015	1,234,382	1,124,746	91.12%	-	1,124,746	91.12%

Note:

(1) Source: Commissioner of Revenue.

**TOWN OF ASHLAND, VIRGINIA**

**Table 12**

**RATIOS OF OUTSTANDING DEBT BY TYPE**

**Last Ten Fiscal Years**

**(Unaudited)**

Fiscal Year June 30,	Governmental		Total Primary Government	Percentage of Per Capita Personal Income	Net Debt Per Capita		
	Activities						
	General	Obligation Bonds					
2006	\$	261,189	\$	261,189	0.23%	\$	39
2007		227,078		227,078	0.20%		34
2008		191,993		191,993	0.17%		29
2009		154,959		154,959	0.14%		23
2010		117,925		117,925	0.11%		18
2011		78,941		78,941	0.05%		11
2012		39,958		39,958	0.03%		6
2013		-		-	0.00%		-
2014		-		-	0.00%		-
2015		-		-	0.00%		-

Notes:

(1) Details regarding the Town's outstanding debt may be found in the notes to the basic financial statements.

(2) Population and personal income data can be found in Table 17.

(3) There was no General Obligation Debt outstanding for fiscal years ended 2013 through 2015.

**RATIOS OF NET GENERAL BONDED DEBT TO ASSESSED VALUE  
AND NET BONDED DEBT PER CAPITA  
Last Ten Fiscal Years  
(Unaudited)**

Fiscal Year June 30,	Debt	Less: Debt of Hanover	Debt	Ratio of Net General Obligation Value	Gross Capita
2006	\$ 1,340,000	\$ 1,078,811	\$ 261,189	0.04%	\$ 163
2007	1,165,000	937,922	227,078	0.03%	142
2008	985,000	793,007	191,993	0.02%	120
2009	795,000	640,041	154,959	0.02%	97
2010	605,000	487,075	117,925	0.01%	74
2011	405,000	326,059	78,941	0.01%	45
2012	205,000	165,042	39,958	0.01%	23
2013	-	-	-	0.00%	-
2014	-	-	-	0.00%	-
2015	-	-	-	0.00%	-

## Notes:

- (1) Details regarding the Town's outstanding debt may be found in the notes to the basic financial statements.
- (2) Population and personal income data can be found in Table 17.
- (3) See Table 6 for property value data.
- (4) There was no General Obligation Debt outstanding for fiscal years ended 2013 through 2015.

**TOWN OF ASHLAND, VIRGINIA**

**Table 14**

**DIRECT AND OVERLAPPING GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES DEBT**

**Year Ended June 30, 2015**

**(Unaudited)**

Governmental Unit	Debt Outstanding	Estimated Percentage Applicable	Estimated Share of Overlapping Debt
County of Hanover, Virginia	\$ 116,589,659	5.48%	\$ 6,391,715
<b>Total direct and overlapping debt</b>			<u><u>\$ 6,391,715</u></u>

Note:

- (1) Overlapping debt is not bonded debt of the Town on either a direct or contingent basis, but represents the share of debt of overlapping governmental entities which the residents of the Town are obligated to pay through direct tax levies and charges for services of these respective governmental entities. The debt of County of Hanover, Virginia is a direct general obligation debt of the County which provides facilities that benefit all County residents including those of incorporated towns. The Town's portion of overlapping debt from the County is prorated based on the Town's relative share of assessed property values.

**TOWN OF ASHLAND, VIRGINIA**

**Table 15**

**LEGAL DEBT MARGIN INFORMATION**

**Last Ten Fiscal Years**

**(Unaudited)**

	Fiscal Year June 30,									
	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
Legal debt margin	\$ 53,021,217	\$ 60,713,239	\$ 66,119,764	\$ 72,406,497	\$ 74,570,480	\$ 80,725,194	\$ 74,364,285	\$ 73,971,979	\$ 74,285,432	\$ 77,539,922
Total net debt applicable to limit	261,189	227,078	191,993	154,959	117,925	78,941	39,958	-	-	-
Available legal debt margin	<u>\$ 52,760,028</u>	<u>\$ 60,486,161</u>	<u>\$ 65,927,771</u>	<u>\$ 72,251,538</u>	<u>\$ 74,452,555</u>	<u>\$ 80,646,253</u>	<u>\$ 74,324,327</u>	<u>\$ 73,971,979</u>	<u>\$ 74,285,432</u>	<u>\$ 77,539,922</u>
<b>Total net debt applicable to the limit as a percentage of debt limit</b>	0.49%	0.37%	0.29%	0.21%	0.16%	0.10%	0.05%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%

Legal debt margin calculation for fiscal year 2015:

Assessed value of real estate	<u>\$ 775,399,217</u>
Debt limit (10% of assessed value)	\$ 77,539,922
Debt applicable to limit:	
Net direct debt outstanding	<u>-</u>
Available legal debt margin	<u>\$ 77,539,922</u>

Note:

- (1) Section 15.1-176 of 1950 *Code of Virginia*, as amended, limits to 10% the assessed valuation of the real estate subject to taxation as the amount of debt which can be issued by the Town. Debt includes any bonds or other interest bearing obligations including existing indebtedness.

**TOWN OF ASHLAND, VIRGINIA**

**Table 16**

**PRINCIPAL EMPLOYERS (1)  
Current Year and Nine Years Ago  
(Unaudited)**

Employer	2015			2006		
	Employees	Rank	Percentage of Total County Employment (2)	Employees	Rank	Percentage of Total County Employment (2)
Hanover County Schools	2,438	1	4.5%	2,673	1	5.1%
Bon Secours Memorial Regional Medical	1,000 and over	2	3.7%	1,000 and over	2	3.9%
County of Hanover	1,048	3	3.7%	1,043	3	2.0%
Tyson Foods	500-999	3	1.4%	500-999	8	1.4%
Wal-Mart Stores	500-999	5	1.4%	500-999	7	1.4%
Acosta Sales & Marketing Co.	500-999	6	1.4%	500-999	n/a	
Sales Mark	500-999	7	1.4%		n/a	
Richfood	500-999	8	1.4%	500-999	4	1.4%
Kings Dominion	500-999	9	1.4%	500-999	5	1.4%
Randolph-Macon College	250-499	10	0.7%	500-999	6	1.4%
Culpeper Star Exponent		n/a		250-499	9	0.7%
Ukrops		n/a		250-499	10	0.7%
			<u>21.0%</u>			<u>19.4%</u>
Total County Employment (3)	<u>53,695</u>			<u>51,917</u>		

Notes:

- (1) Sources: County and Schools employment levels provided by the Hanover County Department of Finance and Management Services, Budget Division.  
Other data provided by the Virginia Employment Commission (VEC). Data unique to the Town is not available and as noted above, has been provided by the County of Hanover.
- (2) Employment ranges for the private sector are as published by the VEC to ensure confidentiality. Percentages are based on the midpoint of the employment range.
- (3) VEC Annual not Seasonally Adjusted Labor Force.

**TOWN OF ASHLAND, VIRGINIA**

**Table 17**

**DEMOGRAPHIC AND ECONOMIC STATISTICS**

**Last Ten Calendar Years**

**(Unaudited)**

Year	(1) Population	(1) Per Capita Personal Income		(2) Personal Income	Median Age (3)	County of Hanover	
						School Enrollment (4)	Unemployment Rate (5)
2006	6,619	\$	16,932	\$ 112,072,908	37.4	18,518	2.5%
2007	6,619		16,932	112,072,908	37.4	19,768	2.4%
2008	6,619		16,932	112,072,908	37.4	19,670	2.9%
2009	6,619		16,932	112,072,908	37.4	19,584	7.2%
2010	6,619		16,932	112,072,908	37.4	19,465	6.7%
2011	7,225		21,329	154,102,025	33.5	19,277	5.7%
2012	7,225		21,329	154,102,025	33.5	19,170	5.6%
2013	7,289		22,932	167,151,348	34.6	17,942	5.4%
2014	7,287		23,301	169,794,387	35.9	17,952	5.0%
2015	7,287		22,684	165,298,308	35.0	17,734	4.4%

Notes:

(1) United States Bureau of the Census.

(2) Computation of per capita personal income multiplied by population.

(3) County of Hanover's planning department.

(4) Hanover County School Board.

(5) U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics for 2011 through 2015, Virginia Employment Commission for 2006 through 2010.

**TOWN OF ASHLAND, VIRGINIA**

**Table 18**

**FULL-TIME EQUIVALENT TOWN GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES BY FUNCTION/PROGRAMS**

**Last Ten Fiscal Years**

**(Unaudited)**

Function/Program	Fiscal Year June 30,									
	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
General government administration	8	8	8	9	9	6	6	6	6	6
Public safety:										
Police department	28	25	28	28	24	27	27	27	27	28
Public works:										
Maintenance	24	25	24	23	22	22	22	22	23	23
Community development:										
Planning	6	6	5	5	3	5	5	5	5	5
<b>Total</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>62</b>

Note:

(1) Source: Individual Town departments.



**TOWN OF ASHLAND, VIRGINIA**

**Table 19**

**OPERATING INDICATORS BY FUNCTION/PROGRAMS**

**Last Ten Fiscal Years**

**(Unaudited)**

Function/Program	Fiscal Year June 30,									
	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
Public safety:										
Building inspections:										
Total building permits	97	87	113	131	126	101	127	103	96	133

Note:

(1) Source: Individual Town departments.

**TOWN OF ASHLAND, VIRGINIA**

**Table 20**

**CAPITAL ASSET STATISTICS BY FUNCTION**

**Last Ten Fiscal Years**

**(Unaudited)**

Function/Program	Fiscal Year June 30,									
	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
General government:										
Vehicles	6	8	8	8	9	2	4	1	2	3
Public safety:										
Police department:										
Patrol units	21	22	26	28	27	33	25	28	30	29
Other vehicles	2	2	1	1	2	2	4	6	7	8
Public works:										
General maintenance:										
Trucks/vehicles	20	21.00	19	19	19	20	19	22	24	25
Equipment	98	78.00	87	86	87	28	21	17	17	18
Parks and recreation:										
Parks acreage	23.22	23.22	23.22	23.60	23.60	23.60	23.60	23.60	23.60	23.60
Swimming pools	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1

Note:

(1) Source: Individual Town departments.

## **COMPLIANCE SECTION**



**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 Members of Council  
Town of Ashland, Virginia  
Ashland, Virginia

We have audited, in accordance with the auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America; the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States; and the *Specifications for Audits of Counties, Cities and Towns*, issued by the Auditor of Public Accounts of the Commonwealth of Virginia, the financial statements of the governmental activities, the discretely presented component unit, each major fund, and the remaining fund information of the Town of Ashland, Virginia (Town), as of and for the year ended June 30, 2015, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Town's basic financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated November 6, 2015.

**Internal Control over Financial Reporting**

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

A deficiency in internal control exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and correct, misstatements on a timely basis. A material weakness is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control, such that there is a reasonable possibility that a material misstatement of the Town'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. Given these limitations, during our audit we did not identify any deficiencies in internal control that we consider to be material weaknesses. However, material weaknesses may exist that have not been identified.

## **Compliance and Other Matters**

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

## **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 Town'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 Town's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose.

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Harrisonburg, Virginia  
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