



RIVER BEND TOWN COUNCIL AGENDA

Regular Meeting

March 18, 2021

River Bend Town Hall

7:00 p.m.

Pledge: Leonard

1. CALL TO ORDER (Mayor Kirkland Presiding)
2. RECOGNITION OF NEW RESIDENTS
3. ADDITIONS/DELETIONS TO AGENDA
4. ADDRESSES TO THE COUNCIL
5. PUBLIC HEARINGS
6. CONSENT AGENDA

All items listed under this section are considered routine by the Council and will be enacted by one motion in the form listed below. There will be no separate discussion of these items. If discussion is desired, that item will be removed from the Consent Agenda and will be considered separately.

- A. Approve:
Minutes of the February 11, 2021 Work Session
Minutes of the February 18, 2021 Regular Council Meeting

7. TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT – Delane Jackson

Activity Reports

- A. **Monthly Police Report** by Chief Joll
- B. **Monthly Water Resources Report** by Director of Public Works Mills
- C. **Monthly Work Order Report** by Director of Public Works Mills
- D. **Monthly Zoning Report** by Assistant Zoning Administrator McCollum

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:

8. Public Works and Water Resources – Mayor John Kirkland
 - A. PWAB Report
9. Finance – Councilman Irving Van Slyke, Jr.
 - A. Financial Report - Finance Administrator
 - B. VOTE – Audit Contract
 - C. VOTE – Appoint Deputy Finance Officer (Councilman Leonard) to Audit Committee

10. Environment and Waterways – Councilman Brian Leonard
 - A. VOTE – Municipal Election Options
11. Parks & Recreation/CAC – Councilwoman Barbara Maurer
 - A. Parks and Rec Report
 - B. CAC Report
12. MAYOR'S REPORT – Mayor Kirkland
13. PUBLIC COMMENT

The public comment period is set aside for members of the public to offer comments to the Council. It is the time for the Council to listen to the public. It is not a Question & Answer session between the public and the Council or Staff. All comments will be directed to the Council. Each speaker may speak for up to 3 minutes. A member of staff will serve as timekeeper. A sign-up sheet is posted by the meeting room door and will be collected prior to the start of the Public Comment Period. Speakers will be called on by the Mayor in the order that they signed up. In order to provide for the maintenance of order and decorum, the Council has adopted a policy for this section of the meeting. A copy of the policy is posted by the door for your review. Please follow the policy. If you have a specific question for staff, you are encouraged to contact the Town Manager or the appropriate Department Head at another time.

14. Closed Session § NCGS 143-318.11(a)(3) – Consult with an Attorney
15. ADJOURNMENT

DUE TO COVID-19, SEATING IS LIMITED AND ON A FIRST-COME BASIS. WE ENCOURAGE EVERYONE TO PRACTICE THE 3-W'S.

**River Bend Town Council
Work Session Minutes
February 11, 2021
Town Hall
5:00 p.m.**

Present Council Members	Mayor John Kirkland Don Fogle Brian Leonard Bud Van Slyke Barbara Maurer
Absent Council Member	Buddy Sheffield
Town Manager	Delane Jackson
Town Clerk	Kristie Nobles

Discussion– Amendment to Chapter 9.01 Animals

The Manager stated that since last June there have been discussions about horses being allowed in the Northwest Quadrant. The Manager stated that he has received three requests from people interested in keeping horses on property in that area. The Manager presented the Council with a draft amendment to Chapter 9 that would allow horses on lots that were at least 8 acres in size. He stated that this amendment could be changed as they see fit or leave the ordinance as it is which prohibits horses. Councilman Van Slyke asked the Manager if there have been any discussions with the surrounding property owners. The Manager stated that he had not had any. Councilman Fogle asked the Manager how he determined the 8 acres and quantity of horses. He said that 8 acres was basically the smallest acreage lot in the Northwest Quadrant and this size would cover most of the lots. He also said that he had spoken with Craven County Animal Control and they recommend at least one acre per horse. Councilman Van Slyke asked the Manager if there are other properties that this amendment would effect. The Manager stated that there are other properties in Town that this amendment would allow to have horses. Councilman Fogle asked if the amendment would define pets versus farm animals such as horses versus donkeys, mules, and other farm animals. The Manager stated no but the amendment could be amended to state whatever the Council wanted. Councilman Leonard expressed concern for allowing large animals and not small animals. The Mayor suggested that the Town Attorney research language for the amendment that would define exactly what type of animals were allowed and present it next week. The Council agreed. Councilman Fogle asked the potential buyers of the property on Old Pollocksville Road what their use for horses would be. Kim Price and Emma Gatlin answered that their horses would be strictly recreational and not for farm use.

Discussion – Budget Amendment 20-B-05

The Manager stated that a budget amendment was needed next week to recognize the FEMA funding received to pay for debris removal after Hurricane Isaias. The amendment will also recognize funding from storage fees recovered from an abandoned RV and allocate it to the Police Dept. It also moves \$10,000 of existing funding within the general fund to the Public Buildings Department to pay for upgrades to Town Hall.

Discussion – Speeding Enforcement

Police Chief Joll gave a presentation on speeding in the Town of River Bend. In the presentation, he displayed a video of “motion parallax” where items moving at the same speed appear to be moving at different speeds depending on their surroundings. He attributed some of the complaints about speeding in Town to citizens being effected by being close to vehicles, which makes them appear to be moving faster than they actually are. He said it is often times an optical illusion due to the persons proximity to the vehicle. He said that he has done speed monitoring in the Town and the majority of the time most vehicles were not speeding.

Discussion – Developing a Priority List for Future Projects

The Manager stated that the Council has been discussing developing a priority list for the top projects in the Town. He asked the Council for direction on developing the priority list. Councilman Van Slyke stated that if this list is not developed at this time that he would like to see it in the future. Councilman Fogle stated that due to the Covid-19 pandemic, this was not an ideal time but he agrees with the idea. The Mayor also agreed. The Manager stated that he would re-address this topic in June, after the budget is completed.

REVIEW AGENDA FOR THE FEBRUARY 18, 2021 COUNCIL MEETING

The Council reviewed the Agenda for the February 18, 2021, Council meeting.

ADJOURNMENT/RECESS

There being no further business, Councilwoman Maurer **moved to adjourn**. The meeting adjourned at 6:20 p.m.

Kristie Nobles
Town Clerk

**River Bend Town Council
Regular Meeting Minutes
February 18, 2021
Town Hall
7:00 p.m.**

Present Council Members:

Mayor John Kirkland
Don Fogle
Brian Leonard
Buddy Sheffield
Bud Van Slyke
Barbara Maurer

Town Manager: Delane Jackson
Town Clerk: Kristie Nobles
Town Attorney: Dave Baxter
Finance Administrator: Margaret Theis

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Kirkland at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, February 18, 2021 at the River Bend Town Hall with a quorum present.

ADDITIONS TO AGENDA

The Manager stated that there were three items to add to the agenda. Those items were:

8. E. VOTE- CAC Appointment
9. B. VOTE – Resolution Accepting Loan Offer
14. CLOSED SESSION – NCGS § 143-318.11(a)(3) Consult with Attorney

Vote – Accept Amended Agenda – Councilman Leonard moved to accept the amended agenda additions as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

ADDRESSES TO THE COUNCIL

Chief Joll presented Officer Baysden and Officer DeStefano with a Certificate of Commendation for excellent service in the line of duty and going above and beyond in service to the Town of River Bend.

CONSENT AGENDA

The Mayor presented the Council with the Consent Agenda. Councilman Sheffield **moved to approve the Consent Agenda as presented.** The motion carried unanimously. Within this motion, the following items were approved:

- A. Approve
- Minutes of the January 14, 2021 Work Session*
Minutes of the January 21, 2021 Regular Meeting

TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

The Manager updated the Council on several current projects throughout Town. He stated that the Town has been approved for the grant for the water meter replacement throughout Town and the resolution for that project is in the agenda. The Manager stated that both the Channel Run Project and the CDBG project on Old Pollocksville Road are delayed due to the weather. He also

stated that he and the Zoning Administrator are currently revising the Town's Zoning Ordinances in accordance with NCGS §160D.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

PARKS & RECREATION – Councilwoman Maurer

Councilwoman Maurer stated that Parks and Recreation is not meeting at the current time, but they are looking at planning a Sunday in the Park when Town activities resume.

CAC - Community Appearance Commission

Councilwoman Maurer stated that the CAC has not met but has received an application for appointment to the CAC. She stated that Brenda Hall had submitted an application and that she feels Ms. Hall's skills and experience would make her a good fit for the board.

Vote – Appoint Brenda Hall to the CAC Advisory Board

Councilwoman Maurer motioned to appoint Brenda Hall to the Community Appearance Commission Advisory Board for a term beginning February 18, 2021 and expiring June 30, 2022. The motion carried unanimously.

Organic Garden

Councilwoman Maurer stated that the garden has been slow but the volunteers are planning for spring planting. She stated that the Green Team has been busy working in the greenhouse at New Bern High School.

Red Caboose Library

Councilwoman Maurer stated that the Library is open with the hours posted on numerous sites.

PUBLIC WORKS – Mayor Kirkland

The Mayor stated that there was no report this month, although the PWAB is in need of members, and anyone interested should contact the Town Clerk for an application.

Discussion –Drinking Water State Revolving Fund Resolution

The Manager stated that included in the agenda additions was a resolution to accept the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund Loan in the amount of \$602,000 for the construction of Water Meter Replacement. He stated that this is a loan that is not repaid.

Vote – Approve Drinking Water State Revolving Fund Resolution

Councilman Fogle motioned to approve the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund Resolution as presented. The motion carried unanimously. (see attached)

FINANCE –Councilman Van Syke

Financial Report – Finance Administrator Margaret Theis told the Council that the total of the General Fund Cash Balances as of January 31, 2021 was \$3,831,020 and Ad valorem tax collections for FY20-21 were at \$604,956 and Vehicle Ad valorem tax collections is \$51,267.

Vote – Budget Amendment 20-B-05

Councilman Van Slyke motioned to approve Budget Amendment 20-B-05 as presented. The motion carried unanimously. *(see attached)*

Planning Board – Councilman Sheffield

DISCUSSION – Amendment to Chapter 9.01 Animals

Councilman Sheffield stated that he was absent during the work session February 11, 2021 when this ordinance amendment was discussed. He stated that he had one concern with the amendment related to the quantity of horses allowed per acre. The Manager explained that the map highlighted all current lots in Town, not owned by the Town, that were at least 8 acres in size and could be used to keep horses if the proposed amendment was adopted. He further explained that the number on each lot represents its size in acres and the maximum number of horses allowed on it if the amendment was kept at one horse per acre. He further stated that the golf course was indicated in yellow and up to 141 horses could be kept on that lot. All other lots are indicated in green. Councilman Sheffield suggested changing the amendment to one horse per two acres. He also stated that the Planning Board has not made any suggestions on this topic. Councilman Leonard asked the Manager if the quantity per acre change will effect other properties in the Town. The Manager stated that it will only limit the quantity of horses allowed per acre on properties that are 8 acres or larger as indicated on the map. The Manager stated that the suggested change to one horse per two aces would cut in half the numbers on the map. (see attached)

Vote – Amendment to Chapter 9.01 Animals

Councilman Sheffield motioned to approve the amendment to Chapter 9.01 as presented. The motion passed with four ayes (Sheffield, Van Slyke, Fogle, and Maurer) and one nay (Leonard). (see attached)

MAYOR'S REPORT – Mayor Kirkland

The Mayor stated that he attended a meeting on February 13th presenting the issues surrounding installation of fiber optic internet cable in the New Bern area. The need for this infrastructure has been called into focus by the COVID-19 pandemic and the need for virtual classroom education for public school students. The failure to have the fiber optic infrastructure has caused the education effort to fail many students. There is a movement taking place nationwide and even globally, where business centers are relocating out of large cities. These relocating industries need the fiber optic infrastructure and will search for rural locations that can furnish that capability. In North Carolina, the area east of interstate Highway I-95 does not have that asset and will be bypassed until the needed infrastructure is provided. Effective installation of the fiber optic connection needs to flow from county to county and the area must come to recognize that the benefits of this installation will benefit all in the area of new corporate presence, even those located in an adjacent county. It is a different time and the new time demands a different attitude toward regional planning.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Kim Price addressed the Council and stated that he intends to purchase 18 acres on Old Pollocksville Road, and would like to have horses for his family for recreational purposes only.

CLOSED SESSION

Councilman Sheffield **moved to go into a Closed Session under NCSG §143-318.11(a)(3) to consult with the attorney.** The motion carried unanimously. The Council entered Closed Session at 7:56 p.m.

OPEN SESSION

Councilman Sheffield moved to return to Open Session at 8:18 p.m. The motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT/RECESS

There being no further business, Councilman Sheffield moved to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 8:19 p.m.

Kristie J. Nobles
Town Clerk

2021-RES-01

RESOLUTION BY THE TOWN OF RIVER BEND

- WHEREAS,** the Safe Drinking Water Act Amendments of 1996 and the North Carolina Water Infrastructure Fund have authorized the making of loans and/or grants, as applicable, to aid eligible, drinking-water system owners in financing the cost of construction for eligible, drinking-water infrastructure; and
- WHEREAS,** the North Carolina Department of Environmental Quality has offered a Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF) Loan in the amount of \$602,500 for the construction of Water Meter Replacement hereafter referred to as the "Project"; and
- WHEREAS,** the Town of River Bend intends to construct said Project in accordance with engineering plans and specifications that have been or will have been approved by the North Carolina Public Water Supply Section.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF RIVER BEND:

That the Town of River Bend does hereby accept the DWSRF Loan offer in the amount of \$602,500; and

That the Town of River Bend does hereby give assurance to the North Carolina Department of Environmental Quality that they will adhere to all applicable items specified in the standard "Conditions" and "Assurances" of the Department's funding offer, awarded in the form of DWSRF Loan; and

That the Town Manager, Delane Jackson, and successors so titled, is hereby authorized and directed to furnish such information, as the appropriate State agency may request, in connection with such application or the Project; to make the Assurances as contained above; and to execute such other documents as may be required in connection with the application; and

That the Town of River Bend has complied substantially or will comply substantially with all Federal, State and local laws, rules, regulations, and ordinances applicable to the Project, and to Federal and State grants and loans pertaining thereto.

Adopted and Effective this the 18th day of February, 2021 at River Bend, North Carolina.

John Kirkland, Mayor

Attest:

Kristie J. Nobles



**TOWN OF RIVER BEND
PROPOSED BUDGET ORDINANCE AMENDMENT 20-B-05
FISCAL YEAR 2020-2021**

BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the Town of River Bend, North Carolina that the 2020-2021 Budget Ordinance as last amended on January 14, 2021, be amended as follows:

Summary

General Fund	2,332,210
General Capital Reserve Fund	164,663
Law Enforcement Separation Allowance Fund	7,888
Water Fund	613,634
Water Capital Reserve Fund	2,800
Sewer Fund	709,484
Sewer Capital Reserve Fund	129
	3,830,808
Total	

Section 1.

General Fund

**20-B-05
PROPOSED
CHANGES**

Anticipated Revenues

AD VALOREM Taxes 2020-2021	713,246	
AD VALOREM Tax-Motor Vehicle	83,200	
Animal Licenses	2,400	
Sales Tax 1% Article 39	136,448	
Sales Tax 1/2% Article 40	81,430	
Sales Tax 1/2% Article 42	68,324	
Sales Tax Article 44 105-524	9,549	
Sales Tax Hold Harmless Distribution	90,202	
Solid Waste Disposal Tax	2,500	
Powell Bill Allocation	84,500	
Beer and Wine Tax	13,500	
Video Programming Sales Tax	53,680	
Utilities Franchise Tax	114,261	
Telecommunications Sales Tax	10,330	
Court Refunds	500	
Zoning Permits	5,000	
Federal Disaster Assistance (Hurricane Isaias Leaf & Limb pick-up)	14,624	14,624
State Disaster Assistance (Hurricane Isaias Leaf & Limb pick-up)	4,875	4,875
State Grant - Police	22,653	
State Grant - CARES Act CRF funding	49,650	
Recovery Grant NCORR-FDLG-004	99,568	
Miscellaneous (proceeds from sale of abandoned property)	13,500	5,500
Interest-NCORR-FDLG-004 Investments	1,212	
Interest- Powell Bill Investments	50	
Interest-Gen Investments	9,755	
Contributions	421	
Wildwood Storage Rents	18,120	
Rents & Concessions	18,000	
Transfer From Capital Reserve Fund	164,663	
Appropriated Fund Balance	446,048	
Total	2,332,210	24,999

Section 1. General Fund (continued)

**20-B-05
PROPOSED
CHANGES**

Authorized Expenditures		
Governing Body	28,700	
Administration	268,691	
Finance	120,181	
Tax Listing	10,880	
Legal Services	24,000	
Elections	0	
Police (proceeds from sale of abandoned property)	596,048	5,500
Public Buildings (Update T. Hall offices & lobby - paint, carpet, desk & chairs)	169,208	10,000
Emergency Services	4,000	
Animal Control	14,366	
Street Maintenance (Excess personnel cost - update T. Hall offices & lobby)	218,686	-3,000
Public Works (Excess personnel cost - update T. Hall offices & lobby carpet, desks & chairs)	160,240	-7,000
Leaf & Limb and Solid Waste (Hurricane Isaias Leaf & Limb pick-up)	62,999	19,499
Stormwater Management	221,371	
Wetlands and Waterways	72,000	
Planning & Zoning	48,363	
Recovery Grant NCORR-FDLG-004	100,780	
Recreation & Special Events	3,500	
Parks & Community Appearance	50,370	
Contingency	17,968	
Transfer To General Capital Reserve Fund	60,000	
Transfer To L.E.S.A. Fund	6,359	
Transfer To BUS Capital Projects Fund	73,500	
Total	2,332,210	24,999

Section 2. General Capital Reserve Fund

Anticipated Revenues	
Contributions from General Fund	60,000
Interest Revenue	1,248
Appropriated Fund Balance	103,415
Total	164,663
Authorized Expenditures	
Transfer to General Fund	164,663

Section 3. Law Enforcement Separation Allowance Fund

Anticipated Revenues:	
Contributions from General Fund	6,359
Interest Revenue	100
Appropriated Fund Balance	1,429
Total	7,888
Authorized Expenditures:	
Separation Allowance	7,888

Section 6. Sewer Fund

Anticipated Revenues:

Utility Usage Charges, Classes 1 & 2	249,338
Utility Usage Charges, Classes 3 & 4	17,688
Utility Usage Charges, Class 5	29,873
Utility Usage Charges, Class 8	6,202
Utility Customer Base Charges	292,304
Taps & Connection Fees	1,250
Late payment Fees	7,740
Interest Revenue	9,372
Sale of Capital Asset	1,500
Appropriated Fund Balance	94,217
Total	<u>709,484</u>

Authorized Expenditures:

Administration & Finance [2]	442,884
Operations and Maintenance	203,600
Transfer to Fund Balance for Capital Outlay	63,000
Transfer to Sewer Capital Reserve Fund	0
Total	<u>709,484</u>

[2] Portion of department for bond debt service: 128,520

Section 7. Sewer Capital Reserve

Anticipated Revenues:

Contributions From Sewer Operations Fund	0
Interest Revenue	129
Total	<u>129</u>

Authorized Expenditures:

Future Expansion & Debt Service	129
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Section 8. **Levy of Taxes**

There is hereby levied a tax at the rate of twenty-six cents (\$0.26) per one hundred dollars (\$100) valuation of property as listed for taxes as of January 1, 2020, for the purpose of raising the revenue listed as "Ad Valorem Taxes 2020-2021" in the General Fund Section 1 of this ordinance. This rate is based on a valuation of \$275,400,000 for purposes of taxation of real and personal property with an estimated rate of collection of 99.61%. The estimated collection rate is based on the fiscal year 2018-2019 collection rate of 99.61% by Craven County who has been contracted to collect real and personal property taxes for the Town of River Bend. Also included is a valuation of \$32,000,000 for purposes of taxation of motor vehicles with a collection rate of 100% by the North Carolina Vehicle Tax System.

Section 9. **Fees and Charges**

There is hereby established, for Fiscal Year 2021, various fees and charges as contained in Attachment A of this document.

Section 10. **Special Authorization of the Budget Officer**

- A. The Budget Officer shall be authorized to reallocate any appropriations within departments.
- B. The Budget Officer shall be authorized to execute interfund and interdepartmental transfers in emergency situations. Notification of all such transfers shall be made to the Town Council at its next meeting following the transfer.
- C. The Budget Officer shall be authorized to execute interdepartmental transfers in the same fund, including contingency appropriations, not to exceed \$5,000. Notification of all such transfers shall be made to the Town Council at its next meeting following the transfer.

Section 11. **Classification and Pay Plan**

Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA) for all Town employees shall be 3.1% and shall begin the first payroll in the new fiscal year. The Town Manager is hereby authorized to grant merit increases to Town employees, when earned, per the approved Pay Plan.

Section 12. **Utilization of the Budget Ordinance**

This ordinance shall be the basis of the financial plan for the Town of River Bend municipal government during the 2020-2021 fiscal year. The Budget Officer shall administer the Annual Operating Budget and shall ensure the operating staff and officials are provided with guidance and sufficient details to implement their appropriate portion of the budget.

Section 13. **Copies of this Budget Ordinance**

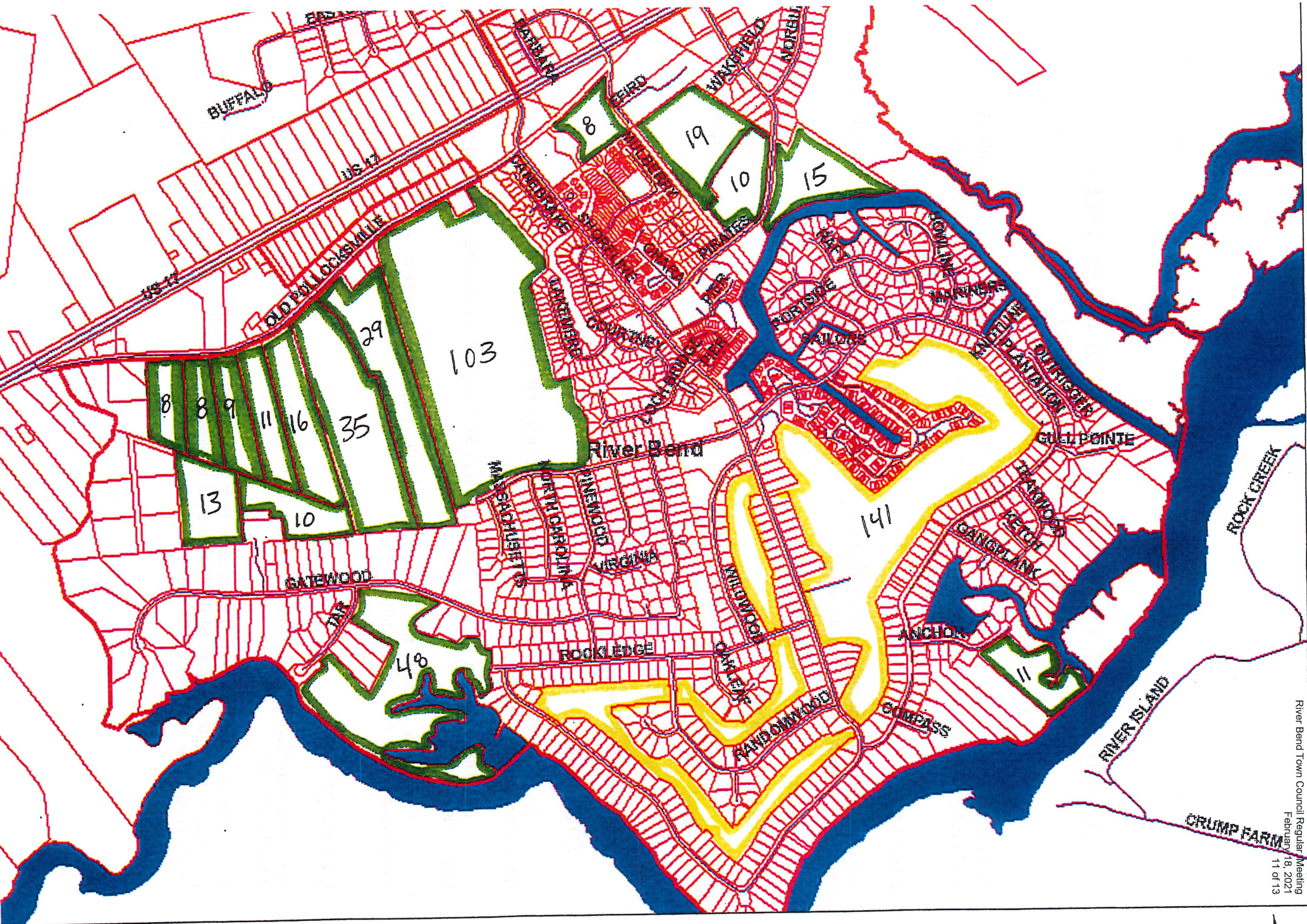
Copies of this Budget Ordinance shall be furnished to the Clerk, Town Council, Budget Officer and Finance Officer to be kept on file by them for their direction in the disbursement of funds.

Proposed this 18th day of February, 2021.

John R. Kirkland, Mayor

Attest:

Kristie J. Nobles, Town Clerk



River Bend Town Council Regular Meeting
February 18, 2021
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2021-ORD-01

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE TOWN OF RIVER BEND

BE IT ORDAINED by the Town Council of the Town of River Bend that the Town Code of Ordinances, Title IX, General Regulations, Chapter 9.01, Animals, be amended as follows:

§ 19.01.001

For the purpose of this chapter, the following definitions shall apply unless the context clearly indicates or requires a different meaning.

ANIMAL. Any live vertebrate creature.

DOMESTIC ANIMAL.

(1) An animal that typically is found in a domesticated or tame state and usually is kept as a pet.

(2) This definition includes but is not limited to dogs and cats.

EQUINE. Any horse, pony, mule, donkey or hinny

LIVESTOCK.

(1) An animal that typically is kept principally for productive or useful purposes, rather than as a pet.

(2) The definition includes but is not limited to equine, cows, pigs, goats, sheep, mules and chickens.

(3) Equine animals may be kept within the corporate boundaries of the town in compliance with § 9.01.017 herein.

§ 19.01.017

No person may have or keep within the corporate boundaries of the town any livestock or wild animals, except:

(A) Livestock or wild animals possessed or kept in conformance with a federal, state or local program designed to protect and promote the public health, safety and welfare, but only if the program has been approved by the Town Council.

2021-ORD-01

(B) Equine animals kept on any parcel of land within the corporate boundaries of the town provided that the parcel is a minimum size of 8 acres, and provided that the parcel provides adequate size to meet any setback requirements herein. No more than 1 equine animal per 2 acres shall be allowed on any parcel.

§ 19.01.019

Lots, pens, coops, stables and other enclosures where animals are kept or fed shall not be allowed in any front yard and shall be located at a distance from dwellings and places of concentrated human activity and at a distance from sources of water or food supply or food preparation as may be necessary to protect the public health.

(A) All stables used for the keeping of equine animals, shall be kept a minimum of 50 feet from all property lines and 50 feet from any residential building.

This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect upon its adoption

Adopted this the 18th day of February, 2021

John Kirkland, Mayor

ATTEST:

Kristie Nobles, Town Clerk



RIVER BEND POLICE DEPARTMENT



MONTHLY ACTIVITY REPORT

2021

	2020	2021	2021		
	December	January	February	% of Calls	% Change
Activities					
ALARMS / 911 UNKNOWN / DISTURBANCE / SHOTS FIRED	8	11	5	0.44%	-55.00%
ANIMAL COMPLAINTS	4	3	3	0.26%	0.00%
ARRESTS	5	0	0	0.00%	0.00%
ASSAULTS / All OTHER VIOLENT CRIME	5	1	1	0.09%	0.00%
ASSIST CITIZENS / LOCK OUT / QUALITY OF LIFE ISSUES	10	3	7	0.61%	133.00%
ASSIST EMS / FD / FIRST RESPONDERS / MED ASSIST	15	38	20	1.75%	-47.00%
ASSIST MOTORISTS / FOOT PATROLS / ALL OTHER	85	93	103	9.02%	11.00%
ASSIST OTHER AGENCIES	2	4	0	0.00%	-100.00%
B & E BUSINESS / RESIDENCE / VEHICLE	3	1	0	0.00%	-100.00%
CRIM.SUMM./SUBPOENAS/WARRANTS/CIVIL COMPLAINT	3	2	0	0.00%	-100.00%
DOMESTICS	1	3	3	0.26%	0.00%
FIRES / ALARM	4	1	2	0.18%	100.00%
IDENTITY THEFT / FRAUD	1	2	1	0.09%	-50.00%
INVOLUNTARY COMMITMENTS	2	2	0	0.00%	-100.00%
JUVENILE COMPLAINTS	1	2	0	0.00%	-100.00%
LARCENIES	2	4	0	0.00%	-100.00%
LITTERING	0	0	0	0.00%	0.00%
LOUD MUSIC / NOISE COMPLAINTS	0	1	0	0.00%	-100.00%
DEATH / MISSING PERSON / RUNAWAY / SUICIDE(A)	0	2	1	0.09%	-50.00%
PROPERTY DAMAGE / VANDALISM	1	2	0	0.00%	-100.00%
RESIDENTIAL/BUSINESS CHECKS/COMMUNITY WATCH	1126	1108	928	81.26%	-16.00%
ROADWAY DEBRIS / OBSTRUCTIONS	0	0	0	0.00%	0.00%
ROBBERIES	0	0	0	0.00%	0.00%
SOLICITING VIOLATIONS	1	1	1	0.09%	0.00%
SUSPICIOUS PERSONS / VEHICLES / FIELD INTERVIEW	19	6	10	0.88%	67.00%
TOWN ORDINANCE CITATIONS	1	0	0	0.00%	0.00%
TOWN ORDINANCE VIOLATIONS	1	2	1	0.09%	-50.00%
TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS	1	4	2	0.18%	-50.00%
TRAFFIC STOPS	32	10	25	2.19%	150.00%
TRAFFIC COMPLAINTS-Radar	10	3	6	0.53%	100.00%
DWI	0	0	0	0.00%	0.00%
CHECKPOINTS	5	0	1	0.09%	0.00%
DRUG VIOLATIONS	2	0	2	0.18%	0.00%
WELFARE CHECKS	3	3	4	0.35%	33.00%
CASE ASSIST / PW / VEHICLE MAINTENANCE / MEETING	3	3	6	0.53%	100.00%
CASE FOLLOW UPS / SPECIAL OPERATION / TRAINING	28	4	9	0.79%	125.00%
TRESPASSING	0	0	1	0.09%	0.00%
OVERDOSE	1	1	0	0.00%	-100.00%
Total	1385	1320	1142	100.00%	-13.00%

Traffic Violations

- 2 State Citations
- 3 Total State Charges
- 5 State Warnings
- Town Citations
- Town Warnings

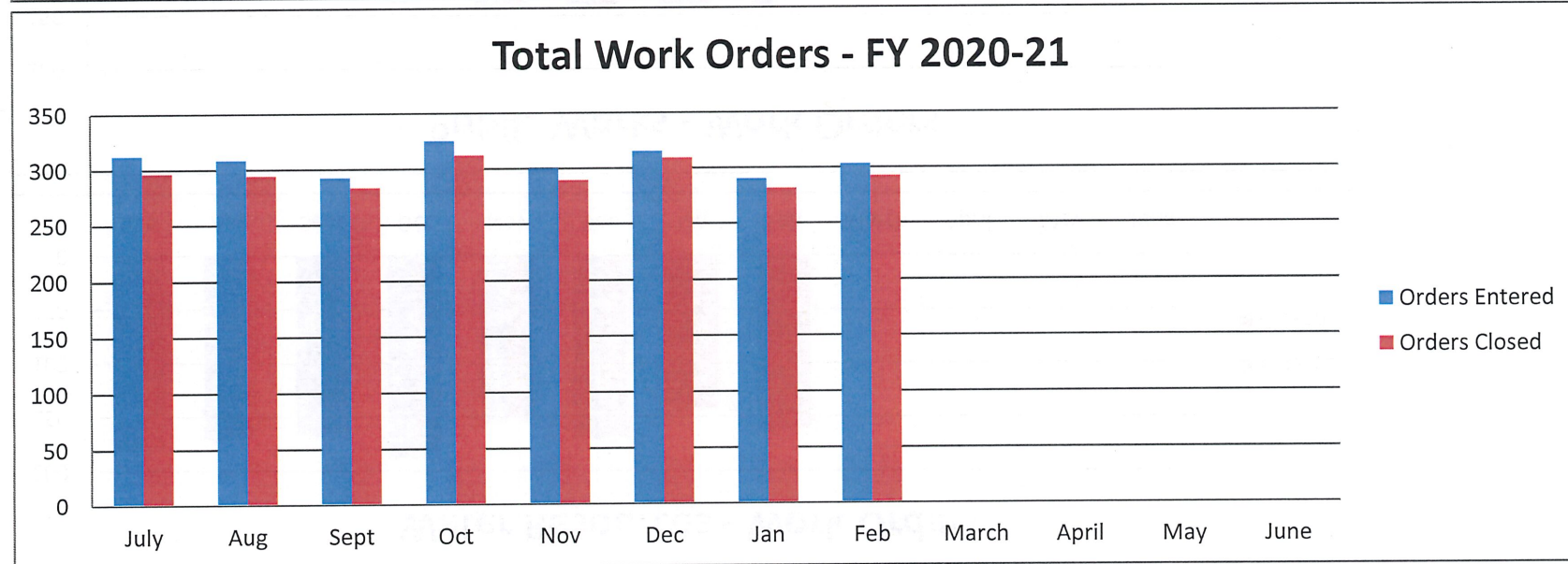
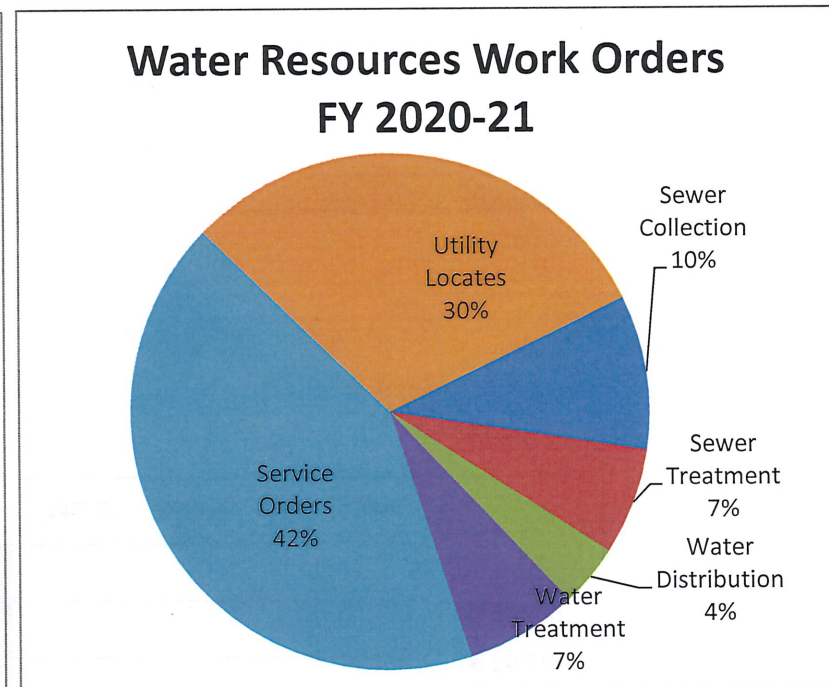
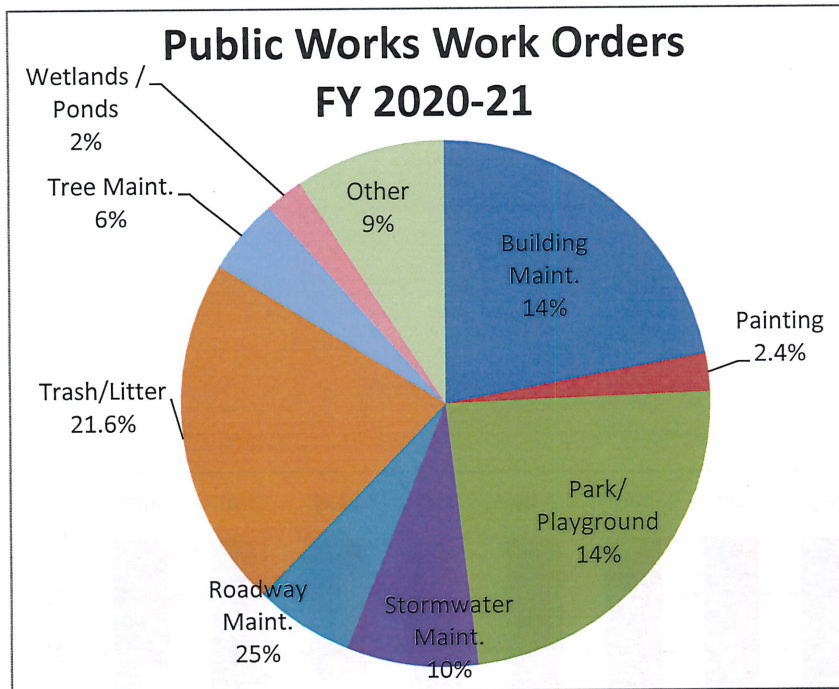
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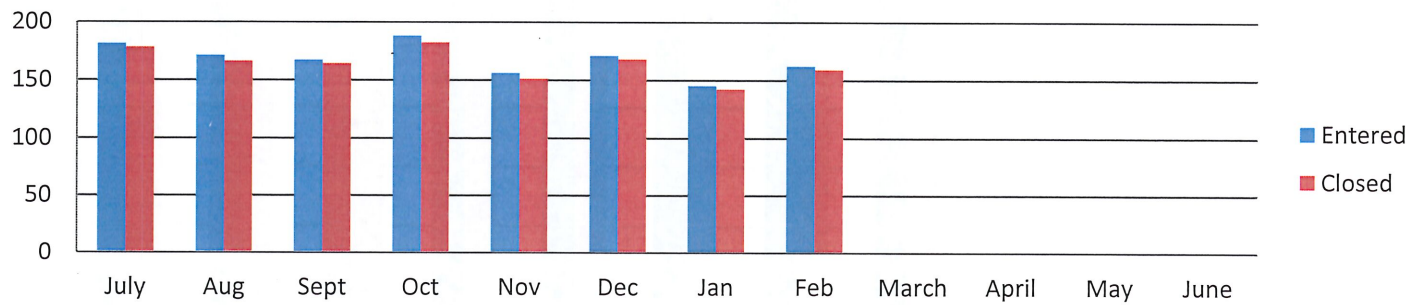
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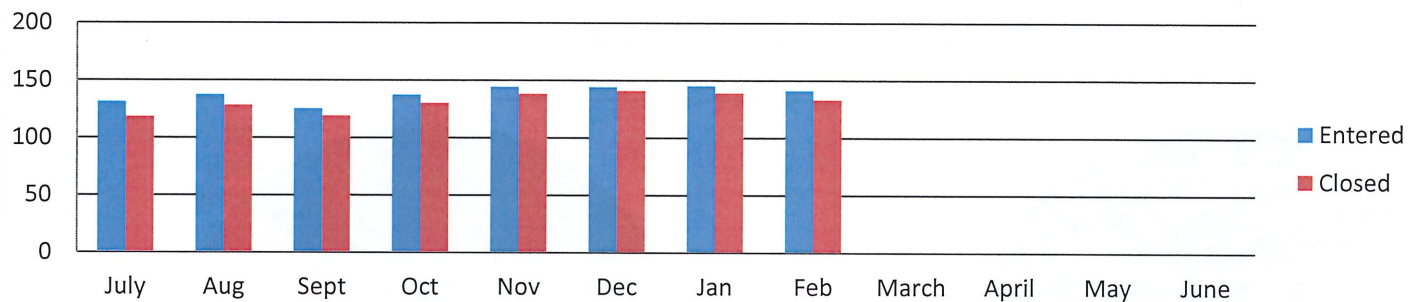
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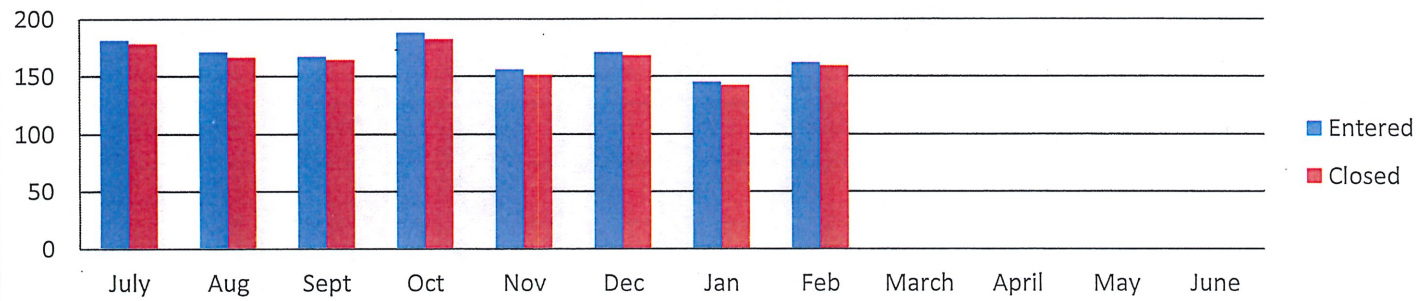
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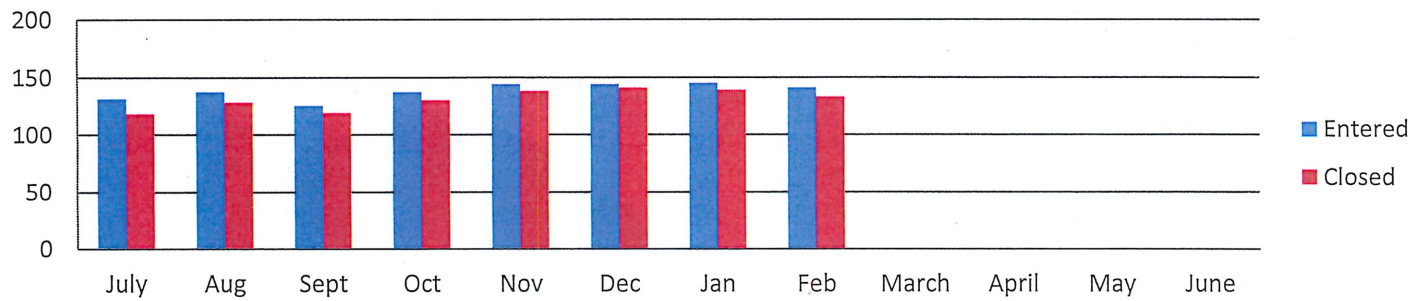
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Public Works - Work Orders



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Public Works

Orders Entered	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	March	April	May	June	YTD	Pending
Building Maintenance	30	29	30	30	28	32	31	33					243	1
Painting	3	2	0	2	5	4	6	4					26	0
Park/Playground	29	32	33	35	34	33	32	34					262	1
Roadway Maintenance	14	12	10	12	11	8	10	12					89	4
Stormwater Maintenance	8	10	6	8	9	7	9	10					67	2
Trash/Litter	30	30	29	30	31	30	30	28					238	0
Tree Maintenance	4	6	5	7	9	8	7	6					52	0
Wetlands / Ponds	4	5	3	2	3	4	3	2					26	0
Other	9	11	9	11	14	18	17	12					101	0
TOTAL	131	137	125	137	144	144	145	141	0	0	0	0	1104	8
Orders Closed	118	128	119	130	138	141	139	133					1046	

Water Resources

Orders Entered	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	March	April	May	June	YTD	Pending
Sewer Collection	13	11	16	14	18	17	19	21					129	0
Sewer Treatment	14	12	10	12	9	10	12	11					90	1
Water Distribution	6	5	3	6	8	6	10	8					52	0
Water Treatment	10	11	9	12	14	13	13	12					94	2
Service Orders	70	72	84	94	60	75	46	66					567	0
Utility Locates	68	60	45	50	47	50	45	44					409	0
TOTAL	181	171	167	188	156	171	145	162	0	0	0	0	1341	3
Orders Closed	178	166	164	182	151	168	142	159					1310	

TOTAL	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	March	April	May	June	YTD
Orders Entered	312	308	292	325	300	315	290	303	0	0	0	0	2445
Orders Closed	296	294	283	312	289	309	281	292	0	0	0	0	2356



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February 2021 Monthly Report Brandon Mills, Director of Public Works

During one of the many thunderstorms in February, the Public Works department collected a list of drainage issues. Most of the issues on the list were simply culvert pipes partially blocked near the inlet and outlet of the pipe. Several were cleaned out during the rainstorms and immediately the drainage improved. We are going to address the other issues that were located to determine how much soil needs to be removed from ditches to improve drainage. Public Works also completed maintenance on our vehicles. Maintenance included changing the oil and oil filter and air filter, as well as a general inspection of the vehicle. Public Works also cleaned out the gutters on the rental buildings around our office. This has to be completed a couple of times of year to keep the gutter system working properly.

Water Resources had an inspection on our Wastewater Treatment Facility, as well as our two backwash sites. The North Carolina Division of Water Resources inspectors conducted these inspections. They did a thorough review of all paperwork required per our permit, as well as facility inspections. I am very happy to report we had a good inspection. The camera crew inspecting our collection system that Piedmont Natural Gas contracted found two cross bores in our collection system lines. Both were electrical conduits bored thru our sewer lines. One was on a service line on Knotline Road, and the other was through our sewer main on Outtrigger Road. Both are scheduled to be repaired ASAP.

If you have any questions concerning the Water Resources/Public Works Department, please call us at 638-3540, Monday-Friday, 8am-4pm. After hour's water and sewer, emergencies can be reported by dialing the Town Hall at 638-3870. You will be instructed to dial "9" and follow the directions to contact the on-call duty operator. You will then be asked to enter your phone number at the sound of the tone. After entering your phone number, the automated system will inform you that your page has been sent. Please, be patient and our utility systems operator will return your call. If you do not receive a call back within ten minutes, please notify the Police Department at 638-1108, and they will get in contact with the on-call utility systems operator.

MONTHLY ZONING REPORT

MONTH	February	YEAR	2021
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Activity	Monthly	YTD Total
Permit Applications Received	8	59
Permits Issued	8	59
Fees Collected	267.20	4562.00
Violations Noted During Weekly Patrol	13	63
Complaints Received From Citizens	2	11
Notice Of Violations Initiated *see details below	13	71
Remedial Actions Taken By Town		0

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PUBLIC WORKS ADVISORY BOARD REPORT

There was no meeting of the PWAB this month. We shall continue to appeal for applicants to join the Board. It would be great to have a full membership when the advisory boards are able to meet in normal fashion.

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Monthly Financial Report

Printed 3/15/2021

This monthly report is provided as an oversight/management tool for the Town Council of the Town of River Bend. For ease of reporting, and in order to be consistent with the categories used in the annual budget process, this report summarizes the revenue and expenses in each of the three operational areas of the Town. Anyone interested in more detail, or further explanation of the contents of this report, is encouraged to contact Finance Officer Irving J. "Bud" Van Slyke, Jr. or Finance Administrator Margaret Theis.

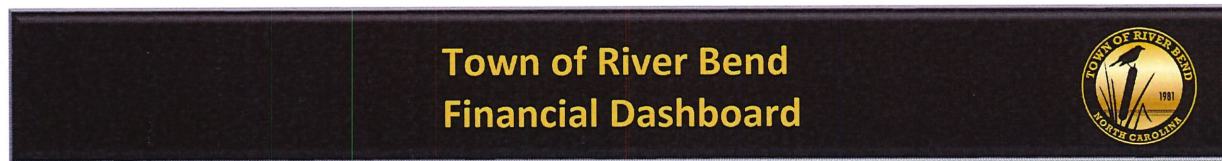
Notes

The cash balances shown on page one are the amount of cash in each specific accounting fund. These funds are deposited in separate investment accounts. Pooled cash accounts used for operating funds but accounted for, in our internal systems, as individual accounts. Interest attributable to each account is allocated based upon the total rate of return of the account(s).

The FY Budget columns represents the original and current budget. As the fiscal year goes on and unforeseen expenses or revenues occur, we need to adjust the budget. The Council does this by formal amendment during a Council meeting. *Asterisked lines represent those budget items that have been amended since adoption.

The acronym CIF used in this report is our Capital Improvement Fund(s) for water and wastewater. These funds are, by resolution of the Town Council, reserved for expenses related to expansion of these systems, or retirement of debt. The Water CIF receives revenue in the form of annual Hydrant Fee payments.

Because this is an annual budget, it is important to note that many lines shown in this report will vary, some significantly, from month to month, and in different times of the year. In many instances, capital payments for current fiscal year projects are made early in the fiscal year and the majority of our ad valorem tax receipts occur in the middle of the fiscal year. This is another reason to maintain an adequate fund balance.



Visit our web site <http://www.riverbendnc.org/finance.html> to view the Financial Dashboard. These dashboards are designed to give the user a quick overview of the status of revenues and expenditures in each of the Town's three major funds as reported in the Monthly Financial Report.

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Fund Cash Balances

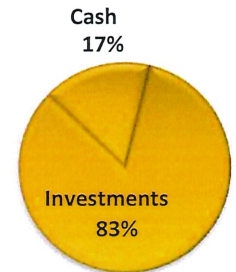
Cash Balances	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	March	April	May	June
BUS Capital Projects Fund	361,064	300,242	373,747	221,907	163,919	93,854	33,274	0				
General Fund*	1,142,330	1,040,227	1,065,570	1,177,596	958,224	1,290,516	1,382,419	1,428,741				
Powell Bill	0	0	39,979	479	0	0	0	0				
NCORR Recovery Grant	176,103	176,110	154,874	154,875	140,661	140,662	122,981	122,982				
CDBG OPR Development	-847	-1,207	-1,207	-1,207	-3,694	-4,706	-5,237	-5,949				
General Capital Reserve	152,134	152,142	94,145	30,453	30,454	30,454	30,455	30,455				
Law Enforcement Separation Allowance*	17,249	16,643	16,037	15,430	14,824	13,914	13,307	12,701				
Water Fund*	789,864	823,510	827,655	862,269	856,581	876,260	878,165	907,003				
Water Capital Reserve Fund (CIF)	244,663	244,672	244,677	244,679	244,681	244,686	244,686	244,687				
Sewer Fund*	1,022,560	1,055,928	1,055,812	1,102,445	1,101,477	1,111,914	1,119,723	1,156,879				
Sewer Capital Reserve Fund (CIF)	11,246	11,247	11,247	11,247	11,247	11,247	11,247	11,247				
Total Cash and Investments	3,916,367	3,819,514	3,882,536	3,820,175	3,518,373	3,808,801	3,831,020	3,908,746				
BB&T Cash Accounts	251,202	214,117	276,789	365,853	229,025	519,425	541,616	652,541				

*These operating funds have equity in the BB&T pooled accounts.

In order to obtain more favorable interest rates, the Town deposits funds in the North Carolina Capital Management Trust. We move funds between our cash accounts and these investment accounts to accommodate cash flow for our payables and as revenues are received in order to maintain an adequate amount of cash for operational needs while attempting to minimize bank fees and maximize interest revenue. Based upon historical cash flow and current encumbrances, our staff anticipates the level of cash needed to meet our obligations without having to make an inordinate number of transfers between accounts.

On the table above, the term cash includes those funds we hold in accounts in our designated banking institution (currently BB&T). We have two accounts with BB&T, a Money Market account that pays a competitive rate of interest, and an operating (checking) account from and to which we make all regular payments and deposits.

The table below shows the balances of each fund account we have in NCCMT at the end of the month. The chart to the right shows how our funds are apportioned between operating cash and investments.



Investments in NCCMT	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	March	April	May	June
BUS Capital Projects Fund	360,135	300,148	373,653	221,656	221,658	163,659	33,274	-				
General Fund	995,282	995,325	956,083	1,019,786	869,009	830,016	978,092	978,099				
Powell Bill	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-				
NCORR Recovery Grant	176,103	176,110	154,874	154,875	140,661	140,662	122,981	122,982				
Capital Reserve (General Fund)	152,134	152,142	94,145	30,453	30,454	30,454	30,455	30,455				
Law Enforcement Separation Allowance	13,390	13,391	13,391	13,392	13,392	13,392	13,392	13,392				
Water Fund	762,639	762,749	763,043	763,592	763,597	802,604	802,611	802,667				
Water Capital Reserve Fund (CIF)	244,663	244,672	244,677	244,679	244,681	244,683	244,686	244,687				
Sewer Fund	949,573	949,613	994,632	994,642	994,650	1,052,659	1,052,667	1,052,676				
Sewer Capital Reserve Fund (CIF)	11,246	11,247	11,247	11,247	11,247	11,247	11,247	11,247				
Total Investments	3,665,165	3,605,397	3,605,746	3,454,322	3,289,348	3,289,376	3,289,404	3,256,205				

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General Fund

Revenue	Fiscal Year Budget		July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	March	April	May	June	FY to Date	
	Original	Current													Total	% Budget
Ad Valorem Taxes	713,246	713,246	30	1,027	10,653	81,528	38,438	353,796	119,485	77,857					682,813	95.7%
Ad Valorem Taxes - Vehicle	83,200	83,200	6,125	8,612	6,956	8,891	0	13,660	7,022	7,746					59,013	70.9%
Animal Licenses	2,400	2,400	60	110	10	20	50	50	510	420					1,230	51.3%
Local Gov't Sales Tax	295,751	295,751	24,717	27,360	30,164	28,535	22,049	28,378	24,600	28,196					213,999	72.4%
Hold Harmless Distribution	90,202	90,202	5,354	6,145	7,975	7,514	7,477	7,017	7,451	7,330					56,261	62.4%
Solid Waste Disposal Tax	2,500	2,500	0	542	0	0	538	0	0	570					1,650	66.0%
Powell Bill Fund Appropriation	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0					-	0.0%
Powell Bill Allocation	84,500	84,500	0	0	39,979	0	0	39,979	0	0					79,957	94.6%
Beer & Wine Tax	13,500	13,500	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0					-	0.0%
Video Programming Tax	53,680	53,680	0	0	13,116	0	0	13,999	0	0					27,115	50.5%
Utilities Franchise Tax	114,261	114,261	0	0	21,733	0	0	28,845	0	0					50,578	44.3%
Telecommunications Tax	10,330	10,330	0	0	1,586	0	0	4,001	0	0					5,588	54.1%
Court Cost Fees	500	500	9	32	18	59	18	23	5	27					189	37.8%
Zoning Permits	5,000	5,000	797	1,640	232	483	723	536	145	419					4,974	99.5%
State Grants*	0	72,303	0	0	49,650	0	0	11,497	8,913	0					70,060	96.9%
Federal Gov't Grants- BPV	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0					-	0.0%
Federal Disaster Assistance*	0	14,624	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	14,624					14,624	100.0%
State Disaster Assistance*	0	4,875	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4,875					4,875	100.0%
Recovery Grant NCORR-FLDG-004	99,568	99,568	99,568	0	0	0	0	0	0	0					99,568	100.0%
Miscellaneous*	8,000	13,500	790	503	571	570	1,626	85	6,134	285					10,563	78.2%
Insurance Settlements	-	-	0	-	0	0	0	0	0	0					-	0.0%
Interest - Recovery Grant NCORR-FL	1,212	1,212	11	6	3	1	1	1	1	1					26	2.1%
Interest - Powell Bill	50	50	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0					0	0.2%
Interest - Investments	9,755	9,755	96	44	19	10	7	9	11	10					207	2.1%
Contributions	422	422	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0					-	0.0%
Wildwood Storage Rents	18,120	18,120	1,689	1,681	1,726	1,452	1,635	1,615	1,646	1,615					13,060	72.1%
Rents & Concessions	18,000	18,000	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500					12,000	66.7%
Sale of Capital Assets	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0					-	0.0%
Sales Tax Refund Revenue	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0					-	0.0%
Trans. from Capital Reserve*	42,970	164,663	42,970		121,693	0	0	0	0	0					164,663	100.0%
Trans. from L.E.S.A. Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0					-	0.0%
Appropriated Fund Balance*	222,833	446,048	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0					-	0.0%
Total	1,890,000	2,332,210	183,716	49,201	307,582	130,562	74,061	504,991	177,423	145,475	0	0	0	0	1,573,013	67.4%

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General Fund

Expenditures	Fiscal Year Budget		July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	March	April	May	June	FY to Date	
	Original	Current													Total	% Exp
Governing Body	28,700	28,700	2,203	994	4,082	733	-824	4,086	-781	-769					9,724	33.9%
Administration	268,691	268,691	43,727	16,383	21,824	16,049	13,381	38,629	14,912	12,770					177,675	66.1%
Finance	120,181	120,181	19,023	7,544	9,283	8,255	7,898	11,127	9,152	7,222					79,503	66.2%
Tax Listing	10,880	10,880	0	322	368	1,064	384	3,142	2,367	787					8,434	77.5%
Legal Services	24,000	24,000	1,665	1,649	648	874	990	1,188	837	1,721					9,571	39.9%
Elections	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0					0	0.0%
Public Buildings*	84,200	169,208	9,639	17,781	5,265	4,800	6,469	12,786	4,316	3,269					64,325	38.0%
Police*	573,245	596,048	110,187	36,326	38,885	36,016	43,410	55,126	37,010	39,100					396,060	66.4%
Emergency Management	4,000	4,000	832	1,961	167	526	15	23	15	865					4,403	110.1%
Animal Control	14,366	14,366	2,216	925	941	929	1,009	1,404	783	679					8,884	61.8%
Street Maintenance*	221,686	218,686	5,749	6,512	2,312	145,925	2,312	12,950	1,960	2,015					179,736	82.2%
Public Works*	167,240	160,240	18,436	12,759	12,695	14,830	11,707	13,186	11,478	12,599					107,692	67.2%
Leaf & Limb, Solid Waste*	43,500	62,999	655	17,692	4,118	886	4,562	989	245	6,571					35,717	56.7%
Stormwater Management*	34,971	221,371	3,668	1,891	22,873	1,475	1,518	2,146	1,204	1,040					35,814	16.2%
Waterways & Wetlands*	3,000	72,000	0	0	0	768	67,188	2,040	950	0					70,946	98.5%
Planning & Zoning	48,363	48,363	7,356	3,160	2,960	2,991	2,986	5,300	3,226	2,946					30,925	63.9%
Recovery Grant NCORR-FLDG-004	100,780	100,780	14,110	7,129	7,143	7,072	7,122	10,756	7,233	7,072					67,637	67.1%
Recreation & Special Events	7,500	3,500	23	0	0	0	131	0	0	0					154	4.4%
Parks	50,370	50,370	6,687	2,579	2,183	2,302	2,321	4,449	1,724	2,176					24,421	48.5%
Transfers	66,359	139,859	66,359	73,500	0	0	0	0	0	0					139,859	100.0%
Contingency	17,968	17,968	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0					0	0.0%
Total	1,890,000	2,332,210	312,534	209,107	135,748	245,494	172,578	179,327	96,630	100,062	0	0	0	0	1,451,481	62.2%

Capital / Debt (included above)	Fiscal Year Budget		July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	March	April	May	June	FY to Date	
	Original	Current													Total	% Exp
Capital Outlay	200,292	451,692	37,590	0	25,229	139,477	65,000	7,340	0	0					274,635	60.8%
Debt Service - Principle		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0					-	0.0%
Debt Service - Interest		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0					-	0.0%

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BUS Capital Project Fund	Beginning Balance	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	FY to Date	
										Total	% Exp
Cash Balance (modified accrual)	485,749	361,064	300,242	221,904	221,354	163,365	93,300	32,720	0		
Expenditures	829,757	124,711	60,835	151,843	553	57,990	70,067	60,580	32,721	1,389,056	101%
Interest earned	9,606	26	13	6	3	1	2	1	1	9,656	97%

Amended BUS Project Expend. 1,379,400
Interest earned budget 10,000
BUS Capital Project Fund Ord. 1,389,400

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Water Fund

Revenue	Fiscal Year Budget		July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	March	April	May	June	FY to Date	
	Original	Current													Total	% Col
Base Charge	234,862	234,862	39,043	349	39,179	541	38,736	399	38,979	295					157,519	67.1%
Consumption	213,326	213,326	40,429	76	42,636	216	33,744	153	32,777	88					150,120	70.4%
Other, incl. transfers	26,768	26,768	118	5,225	666	3,697	3,585	3,714	32	5,813					22,849	85.4%
Hydrant Fee	21,411	21,411	21,050	0	0	0	-119	0	0	0					20,930	97.8%
Appropriated Fund Bal.*	75,867	117,267	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0					0	0.0%
Total	572,234	613,634	100,639	5,650	82,480	4,454	75,945	4,265	71,788	6,196					351,418	57.3%

Expenses	Fiscal Year Budget		July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	March	April	May	June	FY to Date	
	Original	Current													Total	% Exp
Admin & Finance	447,734	447,734	58,499	21,780	21,173	19,854	31,974	30,359	19,947	17,992					221,578	49.5%
Supply & Treatment	75,000	75,000	3,793	1,058	5,607	1,825	1,054	2,959	3,931	2,018					22,245	29.7%
Distribution*	46,000	87,400	29,434	1,678	1,093	445	226	118	199	71					33,264	38.1%
Transfers / Contingency	3,500	3,500	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0					0	0.0%
Total	572,234	613,634	91,726	24,517	27,873	22,123	33,254	33,436	24,077	20,081					277,087	45.2%

Capital (included above)	Fiscal Year Budget		July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	March	April	May	June	FY to Date	
	Original	Current													Total	% Exp
Capital Outlay	23,000	23,000	11,430	250	0	0	0	0	0	0					11,680	-

Cash Balances

	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	March	April	May	June
Water Fund	789,864	823,510	827,655	862,269	856,581	876,260	878,165	907,003				
Water Capital Reserve Fund (CIF)	244,663	244,672	244,677	244,679	244,681	244,686	244,686	244,687				

Water Produced	FY20-21		July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	March	April	May	June	FY to Date	
		Limit														
Total Gallons			8,171,000	7,586,000	7,321,000	7,156,000	6,961,000	7,325,000	7,153,000	6,544,000					58,217,000	
Average daily gallons		925,000*	263,581	244,710	244,033	230,839	232,033	236,290	230,742	233,714					239,493	

* This is the permitted daily limit.

Town of River Bend
Financial Report
Fiscal Year 2020 - 2021



Sewer Fund

Revenue	Fiscal Year Budget		July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	March	April	May	June	FY to Date	
	Original	Current													Total	% Col
Base Charge	292,304	292,304	48,632	298	49,241	746	48,108	515	48,483	301					196,324	67.2%
Consumption	303,101	303,101	53,704	127	57,680	418	44,453	218	46,970	91					203,661	67.2%
Other, incl. transfers	19,862	19,862	74	1,538	19	1,599	827	1,499	9	1,324					6,890	34.7%
Appropriated Fund Bal.*	66,617	94,217	0				0	0	0	0					0	0.0%
Total	681,884	709,484	102,410	1,963	106,940	2,763	93,388	2,232	95,462	1,716					406,874	57.3%

Expenses	Fiscal Year Budget		July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	March	April	May	June	FY to Date	
	Original	Current													Total	% Exp
Admin & Finance	442,884	442,884	59,377	22,665	22,097	21,162	31,254	33,735	20,951	19,298					230,540	52.1%
Collection*	64,000	91,600	5,299	989	675	892	1,555	1,034	862	2,396					13,702	15.0%
Treatment	112,000	112,000	4,882	4,121	13,159	4,589	6,050	12,479	3,426	4,865					53,569	47.8%
Transfers / Contingency	63,000	63,000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0					0	0.0%
Total	681,884	709,484	69,558	27,775	35,931	26,643	38,859	47,247	25,239	26,560					297,811	42.0%

Capital (included above)	Fiscal Year Budget		July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	March	April	May	June	FY to Date	
	Original	Current													Total	% Exp
Capital Outlay	22,000	22,000	11,430	250	0	0	0	0	0	0					11,680	53.1%

Cash Balances

	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	March	April	May	June
Sewer Fund	1,022,560	1,055,928	1,055,812	1,102,445	1,101,477	1,111,914	1,119,723	1,156,879				
Sewer Capital Reserve Fund (CIF)	11,246	11,247	11,247	11,247	11,247	11,247	11,247	11,247				

Wastewater Treated

	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	March	April	May	June	FY to Date	
Total Gallons	3,402,000	2,700,000	2,919,000	2,783,000	3,341,000	3,409,000	4,196,000	4,237,000					26,987,000	
Average daily gallons	330,000*	109,742	87,097	97,300	89,774	111,367	109,968	135,355	151,321				111,490	

* This is the permitted daily limit.



March 10, 2021

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To Whom It May Concern:

We are pleased to confirm our understanding of the services we are to provide Town of River Bend for the year ended June 30, 2021. We will audit the financial statements of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, the aggregate discretely presented component units, if applicable, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information, including the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the basic financial statements, of Town of River Bend as of and for the year ended June 30, 2021. Accounting standards generally accepted in the United States of America provide for certain required supplementary information (RSI), such as management's discussion and analysis (MD&A), to supplement Town of River Bend's 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. As part of our engagement, we will apply certain limited procedures to Town of River Bend's RSI in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. These limited procedures will consist of inquiries of management regarding 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 will 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. The following RSI is required by generally accepted accounting principles and will be subjected to certain limited procedures, but will not be audited:

- 1) Management's Discussion and Analysis.
- 2) Pension schedules, if applicable.

We have also been engaged to report on supplementary information other than RSI that accompanies Town of River Bend's financial statements. We will subject the following supplementary information to the auditing procedures applied in our audit of the financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements or to the financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, and we will provide an opinion on it in relation to the financial statements as a whole, in a report combined with our auditor's report on the financial statements:

- 1) Schedule of expenditures of federal and state awards.
- 2) Schedules of revenues and expenses, budget to actual

Audit Objectives

The objective of our audit is the expression of opinions as to whether your financial statements are fairly presented, in all material respects, in conformity with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles and to report on the fairness of the supplementary information referred to in the second paragraph when considered in relation to the financial statements as a whole. The objective also includes reporting on—

- Internal control related to the financial statements and compliance with the provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could have a material effect on the financial statements in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*.

Memberships:

North Carolina
Association of
Certified Public
Accountants

American Institute
of Certified Public
Accountants

- Internal control over compliance related to major programs and an opinion (or disclaimer of opinion) on compliance with federal statutes, regulations, and the terms and conditions of federal awards that could have a direct and material effect on each major program in accordance with the Single Audit Act Amendments of 1996 and Title 2 U.S. Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 200, *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards (Uniform Guidance)*.

The *Government Auditing Standards* report on internal control over financial reporting and on compliance and other matters will include a paragraph that states (1) the purpose of the report is solely to describe the scope of testing of internal control and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control or on compliance, and (2) the report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the entity's internal control and compliance. The Uniform Guidance report on internal control over compliance will include a paragraph that states that the purpose of the report on internal control over compliance is solely to describe the scope of testing of internal control over compliance and the results of that testing based on the requirements of the Uniform Guidance. Both reports will state that the report is not suitable for any other purpose.

Our audit will be conducted in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America; the standards for financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States; the Single Audit Act Amendments of 1996; and the provisions of the Uniform Guidance, and will include tests of accounting records, a determination of major program(s) in accordance with the Uniform Guidance, and other procedures we consider necessary to enable us to express such opinions. We will issue written reports upon completion of our Single Audit. Our reports will be addressed to the Members of the Town Council of Town of River Bend. We cannot provide assurance that unmodified opinions will be expressed. Circumstances may arise in which it is necessary for us to modify our opinions or add emphasis-of-matter or other-matter paragraphs. If our opinions on the financial statements or the Single Audit compliance opinions are other than unmodified, we will discuss the reasons with you in advance. If, for any reason, we are unable to complete the audit or are unable to form or have not formed opinions, we may decline to express opinions or issue reports, or may withdraw from this engagement.

Audit Procedures—General

An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements; therefore, our audit will involve judgment about the number of transactions to be examined and the areas to be tested. 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 will plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable rather than absolute assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement, whether from (1) errors, (2) fraudulent financial reporting, (3) misappropriation of assets, or (4) violations of laws or governmental regulations that are attributable to the government or to acts by management or employees acting on behalf of the government. Because the determination of abuse is subjective, *Government Auditing Standards* do not expect auditors to provide reasonable assurance of detecting abuse.

Because of the inherent limitations of an audit, combined with the inherent limitations of internal control, and because we will not perform a detailed examination of all transactions, there is a risk that material misstatements or noncompliance may exist and not be detected by us, even though the audit is properly planned and performed in accordance with U.S. generally accepted auditing standards and *Government Auditing Standards*. In addition, an audit is not designed to detect immaterial misstatements or violations of laws or governmental regulations that do not have a direct and material effect on the financial statements or major programs. However, we will inform the appropriate level of management of any material errors, any fraudulent financial reporting, or misappropriation of assets that come to our attention. We will also inform the appropriate level of management of any violations of laws or governmental regulations that come to our

attention, unless clearly inconsequential, and of any material abuse that comes to our attention. We will include such matters in the reports required for a Single Audit. Our responsibility as auditors is limited to the period covered by our audit and does not extend to any later periods for which we are not engaged as auditors.

Our procedures will include tests of documentary evidence supporting the transactions recorded in the accounts, and may include tests of the physical existence of inventories, and direct confirmation of receivables and certain other assets and liabilities by correspondence with selected individuals, funding sources, creditors, and financial institutions. We will request written representations from your attorneys as part of the engagement, and they may bill you for responding to this inquiry. At the conclusion of our audit, we will require certain written representations from you about your responsibilities for the financial statements; schedule of expenditures of federal and state awards; federal and state award programs; compliance with laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements; and other responsibilities required by generally accepted auditing standards.

Audit Procedures—Internal Control

Our audit will include obtaining an understanding of the government and its environment, including internal control, sufficient to assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements and to design the nature, timing, and extent of further audit procedures. Tests of controls may be performed to test the effectiveness of certain controls that we consider relevant to preventing and detecting errors and fraud that are material to the financial statements and to preventing and detecting misstatements resulting from illegal acts and other noncompliance matters that have a direct and material effect on the financial statements. Our tests, if performed, will be less in scope than would be necessary to render an opinion on internal control and, accordingly, no opinion will be expressed in our report on internal control issued pursuant to *Government Auditing Standards*.

As required by the Uniform Guidance, we will perform tests of controls over compliance to evaluate the effectiveness of the design and operation of controls that we consider relevant to preventing or detecting material noncompliance with compliance requirements applicable to each major federal award program. However, our tests will be less in scope than would be necessary to render an opinion on those controls and, accordingly, no opinion will be expressed in our report on internal control issued pursuant to the Uniform Guidance.

An audit is not designed to provide assurance on internal control or to identify significant deficiencies or material weaknesses. However, during the audit, we will communicate to management and those charged with governance internal control related matters that are required to be communicated under AICPA professional standards, *Government Auditing Standards*, and the Uniform Guidance.

Audit Procedures—Compliance

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement, we will perform tests of Town of River Bend's compliance with provisions of applicable laws, regulations, contracts, and agreements, including grant agreements. However, the objective of those procedures will not be to provide an opinion on overall compliance and we will not express such an opinion in our report on compliance issued pursuant to *Government Auditing Standards*.

The Uniform Guidance requires that we also plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the auditee has complied with applicable laws and regulations and the provisions of contracts and grant agreements applicable to major programs. Our procedures will consist of tests of transactions and other applicable procedures described in the *OMB Compliance Supplement* for the types of compliance requirements that could have a direct and material effect on each of Town of River Bend's major programs. The purpose of these procedures will be to express an opinion on Town of River Bend's compliance with requirements applicable to each of its major programs in our report on compliance issued pursuant to the Uniform Guidance.

Other Services

We will also assist in preparing the financial statements, schedule of expenditures of federal awards, and related notes of Town of River Bend in conformity with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles and the Uniform Guidance based on information provided by you. These nonaudit services do not constitute an audit under *Government Auditing Standards* and such services will not be conducted in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*. We will perform the services in accordance with applicable professional standards. The other services are limited to the financial statements, schedule of expenditures of federal awards, and related notes services previously defined. We, in our sole professional judgement, reserve the right to refuse to perform any procedure or take any action that could be construed as assuming management responsibilities.

Management Responsibilities

Management is responsible for the financial statements, schedule of expenditures of federal and state awards, and all accompanying information as well as all representations contained therein. Management is also responsible for identifying all federal and state awards received and understanding and complying with the compliance requirements, and for preparation of the schedule of expenditures of federal and state awards (including notes and noncash assistance received) in accordance with the requirements of OMB Uniform Guidance. As part of the audit, we will assist with preparation of your financial statements, schedule of expenditures of federal and state awards, and related notes. We will also prepare the annual information return (IRS Form 990). These nonaudit services do not constitute an audit under *Government Auditing Standards* and such services will not be conducted in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*. You agree to assume all management responsibilities relating to the financial statements, schedule of expenditures of federal and state awards, related notes, and any other nonaudit services we provide. You will be required to acknowledge in the management representation letter our assistance with preparation of the financial statements, schedule of expenditures of federal and state awards, and related notes and that you have reviewed and approved the financial statements, schedule of expenditures of federal and state awards, and related notes prior to their issuance and have accepted responsibility for them. Further, you agree to oversee the nonaudit services by designating an individual, preferably from senior management, who possesses suitable skill, knowledge, or experience; evaluate the adequacy and results of those services; and accept responsibility for them.

Management is responsible for (1) designing, implementing, establishing and maintaining effective internal controls, including internal controls over compliance, and for evaluating and monitoring ongoing activities, to help ensure that appropriate goals and objectives are met; (2) following laws and regulations; (3) ensuring that there is reasonable assurance that government programs are administered in compliance with compliance requirements; and (4) ensuring that management is reliable and financial information is reliable and properly reported. Management is also responsible for implementing systems designed to achieve compliance with applicable laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements. You are also responsible for the selection and application of accounting principles; for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in conformity with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles; and for compliance with applicable laws and regulations (including federal statutes) and the provisions of contracts and grant agreements (including award agreements). Your responsibilities also include identifying significant contractor relationships in which the contractor has responsibility for program compliance and for the accuracy and completeness of that information.

Management is also responsible for making all financial records and related information available to us and for the accuracy and completeness of that information. You are also responsible for providing us with (1) access to all information of which you are aware that is relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements, (2) access to personnel, accounts, books, records, supporting documentation, and other information as needed to perform an audit under the Uniform Guidance, (3) additional information that we may request for the purpose of the audit, and (4) unrestricted access to persons within the government from whom we determine it necessary to obtain audit evidence.

Your responsibilities include adjusting the financial statements to correct material misstatements and confirming to us in the management representation letter that the effects of any uncorrected misstatements aggregated by us during the current engagement and pertaining to the latest period presented are immaterial, both individually and in the aggregate, to the financial statements as a whole.

You are responsible for the design and implementation of programs and controls to prevent and detect fraud, and for informing us about all known or suspected fraud affecting the government involving (1) management, (2) employees who have significant roles in internal control, and (3) others where the fraud could have a material effect on the financial statements. Your responsibilities include informing us of your knowledge of any allegations of fraud or suspected fraud affecting the government received in communications from employees, former employees, grantors, regulators, or others. In addition, you are responsible for identifying and ensuring that the government complies with applicable laws, regulations, contracts, agreements, and grants. Management is also responsible for taking timely and appropriate steps to remedy fraud and noncompliance with provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements, or abuse that we report. Additionally, as required by the Uniform Guidance, it is management's responsibility to evaluate and monitor noncompliance with federal statutes, regulations, and the terms and conditions of federal awards; take prompt action when instances of noncompliance are identified including noncompliance identified in audit findings; promptly follow up and take corrective action on reported audit findings; and prepare a summary schedule of prior audit findings and a separate corrective action plan. The summary schedule of prior audit findings should be available for our review on July 1, 2021.

You are responsible for identifying all federal awards received and understanding and complying with the compliance requirements and for the preparation of the schedule of expenditures of federal awards (including notes and noncash assistance received) in conformity with the Uniform Guidance. You agree to include our report on the schedule of expenditures of federal awards in any document that contains and indicates that we have reported on the schedule of expenditures of federal awards. You also agree to include the audited financial statements with any presentation of the schedule of expenditures of federal awards that includes our report thereon OR make the audited financial statements readily available to intended users of the schedule of expenditure of federal awards no later than the date the schedule of expenditure of federal awards is issued with our report thereon. Your responsibilities include acknowledging to us in the written representation letter that (1) you are responsible for presentation of the schedule of expenditures of federal in accordance with the Uniform Guidance; (2) you believe the schedule of expenditures of federal awards, including its form and content, is fairly presented in accordance with the Uniform Guidance; (3) the methods of measurement or presentation have not changed from those used in the prior period (or, if they have changed, the reasons for such changes); and (4) you have disclosed to us any significant assumptions or interpretations underlying the measurement or presentation of the schedule of expenditures of federal awards.

You are also responsible for the preparation of the other supplementary information, which we have been engaged to report on, in conformity with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles. You agree to include our report on the supplementary information in any document that contains and indicates that we have reported on the supplementary information. You also agree to include the audited financial statements with any presentation of the supplementary information that includes our report thereon OR make the audited financial statements readily available to users of the supplementary information no later than the date the supplementary information is issued with our report thereon. Your responsibilities include acknowledging to us in the written representation letter that (1) you are responsible for presentation of the supplementary information in accordance with GAAP; (2) you believe the supplementary information, including its form and content, is fairly presented in accordance with GAAP; (3) the methods of measurement or presentation have not changed from those used in the prior period (or, if they have changed, the reasons for such changes); and (4) you have disclosed to us any significant assumptions or interpretations underlying the measurement or presentation of the supplementary information.

Management is responsible for establishing and maintaining a process for tracking the status of audit findings and recommendations. Management is also responsible for identifying for us previous financial audits, attestation engagements, performance audits, or other studies related to the objectives discussed in the Audit Objectives section of this letter. This responsibility includes relaying to us corrective actions taken to address significant findings and recommendations resulting from those audits, attestation engagements, performance audits, or studies. You are also responsible for providing management's views on our current findings, conclusions, and recommendations, as well as your planned corrective actions, for the report, and for the timing and format for providing that information.

You agree to assume all management responsibilities relating to the financial statements, schedule of expenditures of federal awards, and related notes, and any other nonaudit services we provide. You will be required to acknowledge in the management representation letter our assistance with preparation of the financial statements, schedule of expenditures of federal awards, and related notes and that you have reviewed and approved the financial statements, schedule of expenditures of federal awards, and related notes prior to their issuance and have accepted responsibility for them. Further, you agree to oversee the nonaudit services by designating an individual preferably from senior management, with suitable skill, knowledge, or experience; evaluate the adequacy and results of those services; and accept responsibility for them.

Engagement Administration, Fees, and Other

We understand that your employees will sign all cash, accounts receivable, or other confirmations we request and will locate any documents selected by us for testing.

At the conclusion of the engagement, we will complete the appropriate sections of the Data Collection Form that summarizes our audit findings. It is management's responsibility to electronically submit the reporting package (including financial statements, schedule of expenditures of federal awards, summary schedule of prior audit findings, auditors' reports, and corrective action plan) along with the Data Collection Form to the federal audit clearinghouse. We will coordinate with you the electronic submission and certification. If applicable, we will provide copies of our report for you to include with the reporting package you will submit to pass-through entities. The Data Collection Form and the reporting package must be submitted within the earlier of 30 calendar days after receipt of the auditors' reports or nine months after the end of the audit period.

We will provide copies of our reports to Town of River Bend; however, management is responsible for distribution of the reports and the financial statements. Unless restricted by law or regulation, or containing privileged and confidential information, copies of our reports are to be made available for public inspection.

The audit documentation for this engagement is the property of Petway Mills & Pearson, PA and constitutes confidential information. However, subject to applicable laws and regulations, audit documentation and appropriate individuals will be made available upon request and in a timely manner to North Carolina Department of Public Instruction or its designee, a federal agency providing direct or indirect funding, or the U.S. Government Accountability Office for purposes of a quality review of the audit, to resolve audit findings, or to carry out oversight responsibilities. We will notify you of any such request. If requested, access to such audit documentation will be provided under the supervision of Petway Mills & Pearson, PA personnel. Furthermore, upon request, we may provide copies of selected audit documentation to the aforementioned parties. These parties may intend, or decide, to distribute the copies or information contained therein to others, including other governmental agencies.

The audit documentation for this engagement will be retained for a minimum of five years after the report release date or for any additional period requested by the North Carolina Department of Public Instruction. If we are aware that a federal awarding agency, pass-through entity, or auditee is contesting an audit finding, we will contact the party(ies) contesting the audit finding for guidance prior to destroying the audit documentation.

We expect to begin our audit on approximately July 1, 2021 and to issue our reports no later than October 31, 2021. Phyllis M. Pearson, CPA is the engagement partner and is responsible for supervising the engagement and signing the reports or authorizing another individual to sign them.

Our fee for these services will be at our standard hourly rates plus out-of-pocket costs (such as report reproduction, word processing, postage, travel, copies, telephone, etc.) except that we agree that our gross fee, including expenses, will be \$14,500 for the audit and \$2,500 for each Federal or State Program Audit, if applicable. Our invoices for these fees will be rendered each month as work progresses and are payable on presentation. In accordance with our firm policies, work may be suspended if your account becomes 30 days or more overdue and may not be resumed until your account is paid in full. If we elect to terminate our services for nonpayment, our engagement will be deemed to have been completed upon written notification of termination, even if we have not completed our report(s). You will be obligated to compensate us for all time expended and to reimburse us for all out-of-pocket costs through the date of termination. The above fee is based on anticipated cooperation from your personnel and the assumption that unexpected circumstances will not be encountered during the audit. If significant additional time is necessary, we will discuss it with you and arrive at a new fee estimate before we incur the additional costs.

Government Auditing Standards require that we provide you with a copy of our most recent external peer review report and any subsequent reports received during the contract period. Accordingly, our 2018 peer review report accompanies this letter.

We appreciate the opportunity to be of service to Town of River Bend and believe this letter accurately summarizes the significant terms of our engagement. If you have any questions, please let us know. If you agree with the terms of our engagement as described in this letter, please sign the enclosed copy and return it to us.

Petway Mills & Pearson, PA

PETWAY MILLS & PEARSON, PA

RESPONSE:

This letter correctly sets forth the understanding of Town of River Bend.

Management signature: _____

Title: _____

Date: _____

Governance signature: _____

Title: _____

Date: _____



Bernard Robinson & Company, L.L.P.

Report on the Firm's System of Quality Control

February 26, 2018

To the Partners of Petway Mills & Pearson, PA
and the Peer Review Committee of the North Carolina
Association of Certified Public Accountants

We have reviewed the system of quality control for the accounting and auditing practice of Petway Mills & Pearson, PA (the firm) in effect for the year ended September 30, 2017. Our peer review was conducted in accordance with the Standards for Performing and Reporting on Peer Reviews established by the Peer Review Board of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants (Standards).

A summary of the nature, objectives, scope, limitations of, and the procedures performed in a System Review as described in the Standards may be found at www.aicpa.org/prsummary. The summary also includes an explanation of how engagements identified as not performed or reported in conformity with applicable professional standards, if any, are evaluated by a peer reviewer to determine a peer review rating.

Firm's Responsibility

The firm is responsible for designing a system of quality control and complying with it to provide the firm with reasonable assurance of performing and reporting in conformity with applicable professional standards in all material respects. The firm is also responsible for evaluating actions to promptly remediate engagements deemed as not performed or reported in conformity with professional standards, when appropriate, and for remediating weaknesses in its system of quality control, if any.

Peer Reviewer's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the design of the system of quality control and the firm's compliance therewith based on our review.

Required Selections and Considerations

Engagements selected for review included an engagement performed under *Government Auditing Standards*, including compliance audits under the Single Audit Act and audits of employee benefit plans.

As a part of our peer review, we considered reviews by regulatory entities as communicated by the firm, if applicable, in determining the nature and extent of our procedures.

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Opinion

In our opinion, the system of quality control for the accounting and auditing practice of Petway Mills & Pearson, PA in effect for the year ended September 30, 2017, has been suitably designed and complied with to provide the firm with reasonable assurance of performing and reporting in conformity with applicable professional standards in all material respects. Firms can receive a rating of *pass*, *pass with deficiency(ies)* or *fail*. Petway Mills & Pearson, PA has received a peer review rating of *pass*.

Bernard Robinson & Company, L.L.P.

BERNARD ROBINSON & COMPANY, L.L.P.

The	Governing Board Members of Town Council
of	Primary Government Unit (or charter holder) Town of River Bend
and	Discretely Presented Component Unit (DPCU) (if applicable)

Primary Government Unit, together with DPCU (if applicable), hereinafter referred to as Governmental Unit(s)

and	Auditor Name Petway Mills & Pearson, PA
	Auditor Address 806 N. Arendell Ave Zebulon, NC 27597

Hereinafter referred to as Auditor

for	Fiscal Year Ending 06/30/21	Audit Report Due Date 10/31/21
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Must be within four months of FYE

hereby agree as follows:

1. The Auditor shall audit all statements and disclosures required by U.S. generally accepted auditing standards (GAAS) and additional required legal statements and disclosures of all funds and/or divisions of the Governmental Unit(s). The non-major combining, and individual fund statements and schedules shall be subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and an opinion shall be rendered in relation to (as applicable) the governmental activities, the business- type activities, the aggregate DPCUs, each major governmental and enterprise fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information (non-major government and enterprise funds, the internal service fund type, and the fiduciary fund types).
2. At a minimum, the Auditor shall conduct his/her audit and render his/her report in accordance with GAAS. The Auditor shall perform the audit in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* if required by the State Single Audit Implementation Act, as codified in G.S. 159-34. If required by OMB *Uniform Administration Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards* (Uniform Guidance) and the State Single Audit Implementation Act, the Auditor shall perform a Single Audit. This audit and all associated audit documentation may be subject to review by Federal and State agencies in accordance with Federal and State laws, including the staffs of the Office of State Auditor (OSA) and the Local Government Commission (LGC). If the audit requires a federal single audit performed under the requirements found in Subpart F of the Uniform Guidance (§200.501), it is recommended that the Auditor and Governmental Unit(s) jointly agree, in advance of the execution of this contract, which party is responsible for submission of the audit and the accompanying data collection form to the Federal Audit Clearinghouse as required under the Uniform Guidance (§200.512).

If the audit and Auditor communication are found in this review to be substandard, the results of the review may be forwarded to the North Carolina State Board of CPA Examiners (NC State Board).

3. If an entity is determined to be a component of another government as defined by the group audit standards, the entity's auditor shall make a good faith effort to comply in a timely manner with the requests of the group auditor in accordance with AU-6 §600.41 - §600.42.
4. This contract contemplates an unmodified opinion being rendered. If during the process of conducting the audit, the Auditor determines that it will not be possible to render an unmodified opinion on the financial statements of the unit, the Auditor shall contact the LGC Staff to discuss the circumstances leading to that conclusion as soon as is practical and before the final report is issued. The audit shall include such tests of the accounting records and such other auditing procedures as are considered by the Auditor to be necessary in the circumstances. Any limitations or restrictions in scope which would lead to a qualification should be fully explained in an attachment to this contract.
5. If this audit engagement is subject to the standards for audit as defined in *Government Auditing Standards*, 2018 revision, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, then by accepting this engagement, the Auditor warrants that he/she has met the requirements for a peer review and continuing education as specified in *Government Auditing Standards*. The Auditor agrees to provide a copy of the most recent peer review report to the Governmental Unit(s) and the Secretary of the LGC prior to the execution of an audit contract. Subsequent submissions of the report are required only upon report expiration or upon auditor's receipt of an updated peer review report. If the audit firm received a peer review rating other than pass, the Auditor shall not contract with the Governmental Unit(s) without first contacting the Secretary of the LGC for a peer review analysis that may result in additional contractual requirements.

If the audit engagement is not subject to *Government Accounting Standards* or if financial statements are not prepared in accordance with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP) and fail to include all disclosures required by GAAP, the Auditor shall provide an explanation as to why in an attachment to this contract or in an amendment.
6. It is agreed that time is of the essence in this contract. All audits are to be performed and the report of audit submitted to LGC Staff within four months of fiscal year end. If it becomes necessary to amend this due date or the audit fee, an amended contract along with a written explanation of the delay shall be submitted to the Secretary of the LGC for approval.
7. It is agreed that GAAS include a review of the Governmental Unit's (Units') systems of internal control and accounting as same relate to accountability of funds and adherence to budget and law requirements applicable thereto; that the Auditor shall make a written report, which may or may not be a part of the written report of audit, to the Governing Board setting forth his/her findings, together with his recommendations for improvement. That written report shall include all matters defined as "significant deficiencies and material weaknesses" in AU-C 265 of the *AICPA Professional Standards (Clarified)*. The Auditor shall file a copy of that report with the Secretary of the LGC.
8. All local government and public authority contracts for audit or audit-related work require the approval of the Secretary of the LGC. This includes annual or special audits, agreed upon procedures related to internal controls, bookkeeping or other assistance necessary to prepare the Governmental Unit's (Units') records for audit, financial statement preparation, any finance-related investigations, or any other audit-related work in the State of North Carolina. Approval is not required on contracts and invoices for system improvements and similar services of a non-auditing nature.
9. Invoices for services rendered under these contracts shall not be paid by the Governmental Unit(s) until the invoice has been approved by the Secretary of the LGC. (This also includes any progress billings.)(G.S. 159-34 and 115C-447] All invoices for Audit work shall be submitted in PDF format to the Secretary of the LGC for approval. The invoice marked 'approved' with approval date shall be returned to

the Auditor to present to the Governmental Unit(s) for payment. This paragraph is not applicable to contracts for audits of hospitals.

10. In consideration of the satisfactory performance of the provisions of this contract, the Governmental Unit(s) shall pay to the Auditor, upon approval by the Secretary of the LGC if required, the fee, which includes any costs the Auditor may incur from work paper or peer reviews or any other quality assurance program required by third parties (federal and state grantor and oversight agencies or other organizations) as required under the Federal and State Single Audit Acts. This does not include fees for any pre-issuance reviews that may be required by the NC Association of CPAs (NCACPA) Peer Review Committee or NC State Board of CPA Examiners (see Item 13).

11. If the Governmental Unit(s) has/have outstanding revenue bonds, the Auditor shall submit to LGC Staff, either in the notes to the audited financial statements or as a separate report, a calculation demonstrating compliance with the revenue bond rate covenant. Additionally, the Auditor shall submit to LGC Staff simultaneously with the Governmental Unit's (Units') audited financial statements any other bond compliance statements or additional reports required by the authorizing bond documents, unless otherwise specified in the bond documents.

12. After completing the audit, the Auditor shall submit to the Governing Board a written report of audit. This report shall include, but not be limited to, the following information: (a) Management's Discussion and Analysis, (b) the financial statements and notes of the Governmental Unit(s) and all of its component units prepared in accordance with GAAP, (c) supplementary information requested by the Governmental Unit(s) or required for full disclosure under the law, and (d) the Auditor's opinion on the material presented. The Auditor shall furnish the required number of copies of the report of audit to the Governing Board upon completion.

13. If the audit firm is required by the NC State Board, the NCACPA Peer Review Committee, or the Secretary of the LGC to have a pre-issuance review of its audit work, there shall be a statement in the engagement letter indicating the pre-issuance review requirement. There also shall be a statement that the Governmental Unit(s) shall not be billed for the pre-issuance review. The pre-issuance review shall be performed prior to the completed audit being submitted to LGC Staff. The pre-issuance review report shall accompany the audit report upon submission to LGC Staff.

14. The Auditor shall submit the report of audit in PDF format to LGC Staff. For audits of units other than hospitals, the audit report should be submitted when (or prior to) submitting the final invoice for services rendered. The report of audit, as filed with the Secretary of the LGC, becomes a matter of public record for inspection, review and copy in the offices of the LGC by any interested parties. Any subsequent revisions to these reports shall be sent to the Secretary of the LGC along with an Audit Report Reissued Form (available on the Department of State Treasurer website). These audited financial statements, excluding the Auditors' opinion, may be used in the preparation of official statements for debt offerings by municipal bond rating services to fulfill secondary market disclosure requirements of the Securities and Exchange Commission and for other lawful purposes of the Governmental Unit(s) without requiring consent of the Auditor. If the LGC Staff determines that corrections need to be made to the Governmental Unit's (Units') financial statements, those corrections shall be provided within three business days of notification unless another deadline is agreed to by LGC Staff.

15. Should circumstances disclosed by the audit call for a more detailed investigation by the Auditor than necessary under ordinary circumstances, the Auditor shall inform the Governing Board in writing of the need for such additional investigation and the additional compensation required therefore. Upon approval by the

Secretary of the LGC, this contract may be modified or amended to include the increased time, compensation, or both as may be agreed upon by the Governing Board and the Auditor.

16. If an approved contract needs to be modified or amended for any reason, the change shall be made in writing and pre-audited if the change includes a change in audit fee (pre-audit requirement does not apply to charter schools or hospitals). This amended contract shall be completed in full, including a written explanation of the change, signed and dated by all original parties to the contract. It shall then be submitted to the Secretary of the LGC for approval. No change to the audit contract shall be effective unless approved by the Secretary of the LGC, the Governing Board, and the Auditor.

17. A copy of the engagement letter, issued by the Auditor and signed by both the Auditor and the Governmental Unit(s), shall be attached to this contract, and except for fees, work, and terms not related to audit services, shall be incorporated by reference as if fully set forth herein as part of this contract. In case of conflict between the terms of the engagement letter and the terms of this contract, the terms of this contract shall take precedence. Engagement letter terms that conflict with the contract are deemed to be void unless the conflicting terms of this contract are specifically deleted in Item 28 of this contract. Engagement letters containing indemnification clauses shall not be accepted by LGC Staff.

18. Special provisions should be limited. Please list any special provisions in an attachment.

19. A separate contract should not be made for each division to be audited or report to be submitted. If a DPCU is subject to the audit requirements detailed in the Local Government Budget and Fiscal Control Act and a separate audit report is issued, a separate audit contract is required. If a separate report is not to be issued and the DPCU is included in the primary government audit, the DPCU shall be named along with the primary government on this audit contract. DPCU Board approval date, signatures from the DPCU Board chairman and finance officer also shall be included on this contract.

20. The contract shall be executed, pre-audited (pre-audit requirement does not apply to charter schools or hospitals), and physically signed by all parties including Governmental Unit(s) and the Auditor, then submitted in PDF format to the Secretary of the LGC.

21. The contract is not valid until it is approved by the Secretary of the LGC. The staff of the LGC shall notify the Governmental Unit and Auditor of contract approval by email. The audit should not be started before the contract is approved.

22. Retention of Client Records: Auditors are subject to the NC State Board of CPA Examiners' Retention of Client Records Rule 21 NCAC 08N .0305 as it relates to the provision of audit and other attest services, as well as non-attest services. Clients and former clients should be familiar with the requirements of this rule prior to requesting the return of records.

23. This contract may be terminated at any time by mutual consent and agreement of the Governmental Unit(s) and the Auditor, provided that (a) the consent to terminate is in writing and signed by both parties, (b) the parties have agreed on the fee amount which shall be paid to the Auditor (if applicable), and (c) no termination shall be effective until approved in writing by the Secretary of the LGC.

24. The Governmental Unit's (Units') failure or forbearance to enforce, or waiver of, any right or an event of breach or default on one occasion or instance shall not constitute the waiver of such right, breach or default on any subsequent occasion or instance.

25. There are no other agreements between the parties hereto and no other agreements relative hereto that shall be enforceable unless entered into in accordance with the procedure set out herein and approved by the Secretary of the LGC.

26. E-Verify. Auditor shall comply with the requirements of NCGS Chapter 64 Article 2. Further, if Auditor utilizes any subcontractor(s), Auditor shall require such subcontractor(s) to comply with the requirements of NCGS Chapter 64, Article 2.

27. **Applicable to audits with fiscal year ends of June 30, 2020 and later.** For all non-attest services, the Auditor shall adhere to the independence rules of the AICPA Professional Code of Conduct and Governmental Auditing Standards, 2018 Revision (as applicable). Financial statement preparation assistance shall be deemed a "significant threat" requiring the Auditor to apply safeguards sufficient to reduce the threat to an acceptable level. If the Auditor cannot reduce the threats to an acceptable level, the Auditor cannot complete the audit. If the Auditor is able to reduce the threats to an acceptable level, the documentation of this determination, including the safeguards applied, must be included in the audit workpapers.

All non-attest service(s) being performed by the Auditor that are necessary to perform the audit must be identified and included in this contract. The Governmental Unit shall designate an individual with the suitable skills, knowledge, and/or experience (SKE) necessary to oversee the services and accept responsibility for the results of the services performed. If the Auditor is able to identify an individual with the appropriate SKE, s/he must document and include in the audit workpapers how he/she reached that conclusion. If the Auditor determines that an individual with the appropriate SKE cannot be identified, the Auditor cannot perform both the non-attest service(s) and the audit. See "Fees for Audit Services" page of this contract to disclose the person identified as having the appropriate SKE for the Governmental Unit.

28. **Applicable to audits with fiscal year ends of June 30, 2021 and later.** The auditor shall present the audited financial statements including any compliance reports to the government unit's governing body or audit committee in an official meeting in open session as soon as the audited financial statements are available but not later than 45 days after the submission of the audit report to the Secretary. The auditor's presentation to the government unit's governing body or audit committee shall include:

- a) the description of each finding, including all material weaknesses and significant deficiencies, as found by the auditor, and any other issues related to the internal controls or fiscal health of the government unit as disclosed in the management letter, the Single Audit or Yellow Book reports, or any other communications from the auditor regarding internal controls as required by current auditing standards set by the Accounting Standards Board or its successor;
- b) the status of the prior year audit findings;
- c) the values of Financial Performance Indicators based on information presented in the audited financial statements; and
- d) notification to the governing body that the governing body shall develop a "Response to the Auditor's Findings, Recommendations, and Fiscal Matters," if required under 20 NCAC 03 .0508.

29. Information based on the audited financial statements shall be submitted to the Secretary for the purpose of identifying Financial Performance Indicators and Financial Performance Indicators of Concern.

30. Applicable to charter school contracts only: No indebtedness of any kind incurred or created by the charter school shall constitute an indebtedness of the State or its political subdivisions, and no indebtedness of the charter school shall involve or be secured by the faith, credit, or taxing power of the State or its political subdivisions.

31. All of the above paragraphs are understood and shall apply to this contract, except the following numbered paragraphs shall be deleted (See Item 16 for clarification).

32. The process for submitting contracts, audit reports and invoices is subject to change. Auditors and units should use the submission process and instructions in effect at the time of submission. Refer to the N.C. Department of State Treasurer website at <https://www.nctreasurer.com/state-and-local-government-finance-division/local-government-commission/submitting-your-audit>

33. All communications regarding audit contract requests for modification or official approvals will be sent to the email addresses provided on the signature pages that follow.

34. Modifications to the language and terms contained in this contract form (LGC-205) are not allowed.

FEES FOR AUDIT SERVICES

1. For all non-attest services, the Auditor shall adhere to the independence rules of the AICPA Professional Code of Conduct (as applicable) and *Governmental Auditing Standards, 2018 Revision*. Refer to Item 27 of this contract for specific requirements. The following information must be provided by the Auditor; contracts presented to the LGC without this information will be not be approved.

Financial statements were prepared by: ☒ Auditor ☐ Governmental Unit ☐ Third Party

If applicable: Individual at Governmental Unit designated to have the suitable skills, knowledge, and/or experience (SKE) necessary to oversee the non-attest services and accept responsibility for the results of these services:

Name:

Title and Unit / Company:

Email Address:

Margaret Theis

Finance Administrator/River Ben

finance@riverbendnc.org

OR Not Applicable ☐ (Identification of SKE Individual not applicable for GAAS-only audit or audits with FYEs prior to June 30, 2020.)

2. Fees may not be included in this contract for work performed on Annual Financial Information Reports (AFIRs), Form 990s, or other services not associated with audit fees and costs. Such fees may be included in the engagement letter but may not be included in this contract or in any invoices requiring approval of the LGC. See Items 8 and 13 for details on other allowable and excluded fees.

3. Prior to submission of the completed audited financial report, applicable compliance reports and amended contract (if required) the Auditor may submit invoices for approval for services rendered, not to exceed 75% of the billings for the last annual audit of the unit submitted to the Secretary of the LGC. Should the 75% cap provided below conflict with the cap calculated by LGC Staff based on the billings on file with the LGC, the LGC calculation prevails. All invoices for services rendered in an audit engagement as defined in 20 NCAC .0503 shall be submitted to the Commission for approval before any payment is made. Payment before approval is a violation of law. (This paragraph not applicable to contracts and invoices associated with audits of hospitals).

PRIMARY GOVERNMENT FEES

Primary Government Unit	Town of River Bend
Audit Fee	\$ 13,500
Additional Fees Not Included in Audit Fee:	
Fee per Major Program	\$ 2,500
Writing Financial Statements	\$ 1,000
All Other Non-Attest Services	\$
75% Cap for Interim Invoice Approval (not applicable to hospital contracts)	\$ 10,875.00

DPCU FEES (If applicable)

Discretely Presented Component Unit	
Audit Fee	\$
Additional Fees Not Included in Audit Fee:	
Fee per Major Program	\$
Writing Financial Statements	\$
All Other Non-Attest Services	\$
75% Cap for Interim Invoice Approval (not applicable to hospital contracts)	\$

SIGNATURE PAGE

AUDIT FIRM

Audit Firm*	
Petway Mills & Pearson, PA	
Authorized Firm Representative (typed or printed)*	Signature*
Phyllis M. Pearson, CPA	<i>Phyllis M Pearson, CPA</i>
Date*	Email Address*
03/10/21	ppearson@pmpcpa.com

GOVERNMENTAL UNIT

Governmental Unit*	
Town of River Bend	
Date Primary Government Unit Governing Board Approved Audit Contract* (G.S.159-34(a) or G.S.115C-447(a))	
Mayor/Chairperson (typed or printed)*	Signature*
Date	Email Address

Chair of Audit Committee (typed or printed, or "NA")	Signature
Date	Email Address

GOVERNMENTAL UNIT – PRE-AUDIT CERTIFICATE

Required by G.S. 159-28(a1) or G.S. 115C-441(a1).
Not applicable to hospital contracts.

This instrument has been pre-audited in the manner required by The Local Government Budget and Fiscal Control Act or by the School Budget and Fiscal Control Act.

Primary Governmental Unit Finance Officer* (typed or printed)	Signature*
Date of Pre-Audit Certificate*	Email Address*

SIGNATURE PAGE – DPCU
(complete only if applicable)

DISCRETELY PRESENTED COMPONENT UNIT

DPCU*	
Date DPCU Governing Board Approved Audit Contract* (Ref: G.S. 159-34(a) or G.S. 115C-447(a))	
DPCU Chairperson (typed or printed)*	Signature*
Date*	Email Address*

Chair of Audit Committee (typed or printed, or "NA")	Signature
Date	Email Address

DPCU – PRE-AUDIT CERTIFICATE

Required by G.S. 159-28(a1) or G.S. 115C-441(a1).
Not applicable to hospital contracts.

This instrument has been pre-audited in the manner required by The Local Government Budget and Fiscal Control Act or by the School Budget and Fiscal Control Act.

DPCU Finance Officer (typed or printed)*	Signature*
Date of Pre-Audit Certificate*	Email Address*

Remember to print this form, and obtain all
required signatures prior to submission.

PRINT

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February 24, 2021

Margaret Theis, Finance Director
Town of River Bend

RE: Audit fee proposals

Ms. Theis:

We propose the following audit fees for the indicated years.

2021	\$14,500
2022	\$14,700
2023	\$14,900

Thank you for your inquiry.

Phyllis M. Pearson, CPA
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SENATE BILL 51

Short Title: Even-Year Elections/Town of Trent Woods. (Local)
Sponsors: Senator Sanderson (Primary Sponsor).
Referred to: Rules and Operations of the Senate

February 4, 2021

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT TO PROVIDE THAT REGULAR MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS IN THE TOWN OF
3 TRENT WOODS SHALL BE HELD IN EVEN-NUMBERED YEARS AND TO EXTEND
4 THE TERMS OF TOWN OFFICERS ELECTED IN 2019 BY ONE YEAR.
5 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:
6 **SECTION 1.** The Charter of the Town of Trent Woods, being Chapter 718 of the
7 1959 Session Laws, as amended by Section 2 of Chapter 947 of the 1989 Session Laws, reads as
8 rewritten:
9 "Section 1. That certain area of Craven County, North Carolina, described in Section 2 below
10 is hereby incorporated under the name "Trent Woods" and the same is hereby created a body
11 politic and corporate; and shall hereafter possess all of the corporate powers and be subject to all
12 of the provisions contained in Chapter 160 of the General Statutes of North Carolina, except that
13 it shall have no power to levy or collect taxes of any kind whatever.
14 ...
15 ~~"Sec. 3. The officers of said municipality shall consist of a mayor and three commissioners.~~
16 **Regular Municipal Elections.** In 2022, regular municipal elections shall be held in each
17 even-numbered year in accordance with the uniform municipal election laws of North Carolina.
18 ~~"Sec. 4. Until their successors shall be elected and qualified pursuant to the provisions of~~
19 ~~Chapter 160, Article 3, of the General Statutes of North Carolina, the following persons shall be~~
20 ~~and are hereby constituted the officers of said town, to wit: Mayor, George R. Scott;~~
21 ~~Commissioners, C. Stroud Tilley, George T. Burnette, Jr., and G. C. Honeycutt.~~ **Election of**
22 **Mayor and Commissioners.** The officers of the Town shall consist of a mayor and three
23 commissioners elected to serve two-year terms and until their successors are elected and
24 qualified. In 2022, and biennially thereafter, the Mayor and three commissioners shall be elected
25 to serve two-year terms.
26"
27 **SECTION 2.** No municipal elections shall be conducted in the Town of Trent Woods
28 in 2021. The two-year terms of the Mayor and three commissioners elected in 2019 are extended
29 by one year until 2022. Regular municipal elections shall be conducted in the Town of Trent
30 Woods in 2022.
31 **SECTION 3.** This act is effective when it becomes law and applies to elections held
32 on or after that date.



This is how it would have been if Harry had not resigned:		
Original Officer Holder	Elected	Term Expires
Bud Van Slyke	2017	2021
Buddy Sheffield	2019	2021
Don Fogle	2019	2021
Brian Leonard	2019	2023
Harry McClard	2019	2023
John Kirkland	2019	2023
Since Harry resigned, its now like this if no election date change is made:		
Current Office Holder	Elected	Term Expires
Bud Van Slyke	2017	2021
Buddy Sheffield	2019	2021
Don Fogle	2019	2021
Brian Leonard	2019	2023
Barbara Maurer	2020	2021
John Kirkland	2019	2023
If you change and move election to 2022 it will look like this:		
Current Office Holder	Elected	Term Expires
Bud Van Slyke	2017	2022
Buddy Sheffield	2019	2022
Don Fogle	2019	2022
Brian Leonard	2019	2024
Barbara Maurer	2020	2022
John Kirkland	2019	2024
With an election in 2022 the terms will look like this:		
Current Office Holder	Elected	Term Expires
Bud Van Slyke	2022	2026
Buddy Sheffield	2022	2026
Don Fogle	2022	2026
Brian Leonard	2019	2024
Barbara Maurer	2022	2024
John Kirkland	2019	2024

Elected to 2 year term in 2019 following a resignation

Elected to 2 year term in 2019 following a resignation

Appointed to 1 year term in 2020 following a resignation. Whoever wins this seat in 2021 will hold it until 2023.

This option adds 1 additional year to all of the terms

Whoever wins this seat in 2022 will hold it until 2026

Whoever wins this seat in 2022 will hold it until 2026

Whoever wins this seat in 2022 will hold it until 2026

You will be adding 1 year to Brian's term from 2023 until 2024

This will become a 2 year appointment. Whoever wins this seat in 2022 will hold it until 2024

You will be adding 1 year to John's term from 2023 until 2024

This gets us back on track for 4 year, staggered terms but they will be in even numbered years

If this change is made, every 2 years there will be an election in RB and half of the Council positions will be on the ballot.



RBCOG Garden Report – 3/1/21 in lieu of meeting



Thank goodness we only have one February a year. Rain, cold, more rain. At one point the exterior of the garden was flooded several inches deep from the front fence line to the beehives and halfway across the back of the garden yard. The beds were not under water but the ground was soggy. It was not conducive to gardening.

Dee, JoAnna and the Green Team members were the brave ones. When their scheduled day was rained out, the GT rescheduled to a different day. Now that's dedication.

After a two year hiatus, the Green Team, with the guidance of RBCOG gardeners, resumed sessions in the Green House at New Bern High School. Utilized as a calm learning environment for special education students, the structure has been repaired after damage caused by Hurricane Florence. The team sponsor and special education teacher informed us that one of this year's goals is a "Spring Sale" of plants. The planting and nurturing of plants will be a healthy learning experience for the students and hopefully garner revenue to support the greenhouse expenses. After orientation of the area and agreeing on what veggies and flowers would be most desirable to sell, the Green Team students prepared and seeded several flats of bedding plants. Donated bulbs and rhizomes of Canna Lilies, Iris and Jonquils were potted for sale. Prior experience in preparation and planting of seeds from the RB Community Organic Garden proved to be very beneficial to the students. These sessions will be occasional, as needs arise.

Plans for spring seed sowing at our garden were delayed due to wet beds. Work concentrated on replanting Asclepias seeds that had not germinated in the greenhouse due to extremely cold temperatures. Mulch was removed from the potted Asclepias and watered. We are very hopeful that the plants stored there over the winter will regenerate to provide food for the returning Monarchs.

Chris moved the frame away from beds 25 and 26 and rototilled some beds. Ellen performed cleanup chores in the B&B. Dick and Dee checked up on and fed the bees.

Onions and shallots arrived from Dixondale Farms a few weeks ago. They need to be planted. A workday will be scheduled early in March.

Let's look forward to some spring weather.

OUR WORLD "WHAT WE TAKE FOR GRANTED"

The Town Council for the Fourth of July 2015 parade selected the Weissers, Helmut and Carmen to serve as the Grand Marshalls of the Town Parade. This honor was extended to them because they had just become "naturalized citizens" of the United States.

Our practice is to have the Grand Marshall make a speech following the parade. Helmut agreed to this task. I have often thought of the words contained in his moving speech. That recall has been more frequent during the last year as we have struggled with the COVID-19 pandemic. It is a privilege to have Helmut's 2015 words of tribute to the United States and to River Bend made available to the Town residents both those that heard them on July 4, 2015 and to residents that have moved to River Bend since that date.

Mr. Helmut Weisser's July 4, 2015 Speech

INDEPENDENCE DAY JULY 4, 2015
BY HELMUT WEISSER

A PRAISE TO THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, TO NORTH CAROLINA AND RIVER BEND

HONORED GUESTS,
DEAR RIVER BENDERS,

IT'S MY PLEASURE AND PRIVILEGE TO ADDRESS YOU ON THIS IMPORTANT DAY OF OUR NATION.

FIRST OF ALL I WOULD LIKE TO THANK ALL THE VOLUNTEERS WHO DID SPEND SO MANY HOURS TO MAKE THIS CELEBRATION A SUCCESS.

MY WIFE CARMEN - EVERYBODY KNOWS CARMEN -AND ME WE DID LIVE IN SO MANY COUNTRIES AND PLACES AROUND THE WORLD AND MADE RIVERBEND TO OUR HOME. THAT MEANS SOMETHING!

BUT LET ME START FROM BEGINNING. MORE THAN 30 YEARS AGO, WE JUST FINISHED AN ASSIGNMENT IN TAIWAN AND GOT THE OFFER TO WORK IN USA FOR 3 YEARS - IN A SMALL CITY CALLED NEW BERN.

WE WERE EXCITED TO GET THE OPPORTUNITY TO LIVE IN THIS GREAT NATION.

AS THE ASSIGNMENT WAS LIMITED TO 3 YEARS ONLY AND THE FOLLOWING ASSIGNMENT IN CHINA WAS ALREADY OUTLINED WE DID GO OUT TO RENT A PLACE FOR THAT SHORT TIME.

WE FOUND A NICE PLACE HERE IN RIVER BEND AND CARMEN AND ME LIKED IT HERE FROM THE FIRST DAY ON. RIVER BEND WAS AT THAT TIME A SMALL TOWN OF 600 CITIZEN ONLY. EVERYBODY WAS FRIENDLY. WHEN CARS WERE PASSING BY THE DRIVER WAVED AND GREETED. AND WE DID SO TOO.

3 YEARS PASSED BY AND OUR NEW ASSIGNMENT IN CHINA GOT PUSHED OUT DUE TO POLITICAL TURMOIL'S AND UNREST. THE 3 YEARS EXPANDED TO 10. BUT THERE WAS ANOTHER PROBLEM WHAT WE FACED -A GOOD PROBLEM. WE STILL LIKED IT HERE SO MUCH AND WE HAD SO MANY FRIENDS IN THE AREA. SHOULD WE GIVE UP THAT ALL AGAIN?

DURING ONE OF OUR SUNDAY WALKS WITH THE DOG'S I DID FEEL THAT CARMEN WAS FOR THE FIRST TIME NOT EXCITED TO MOVE AGAIN. SO WE CAME TO THE COMMON AGREEMENT TO HOLD OUR LIVING SPACE IN RIVER BEND AND COMMUTE BETWEEN CHINA AND RIVER BEND.

IT WAS A LONG TRIP THAT LASTED FROM HOUSE TO HOUSE MORE THAN 40 HOURS. BUT WE COULD HANDLE THAT BURDEN. AFTER ANOTHER 7 YEARS IN CHINA THE NEXT ASSIGNMENT'S WERE IN UTAH, TENNESSE AND MINNESOTA. THAT WAS ALREADY A BIG RELIEF AND SO MUCH CLOSER TO HOME.

A FEW YEARS AGO I GOT RETIRED AND WE HAD TO ASK OURSELF AGAIN, WHERE SHOULD WE LIVE AFTER RETIREMENT. GOING BACK TO GERMANY, TO ANOTHER PLACE IN EUROPE OR STAYING HERE IN THE GREAT STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA. RIVER BEND DID WINN THIS ELECTION WITH 100%.

COMING BACK TO RIVER BEND I HAD TO RESET MY LIFE. AND JUST TO GIVE YOU AN EXAMPLE HOW THE DIFFERENCE WAS BETWEEN CARMEN AND MYSELF. AT MY FIRST 4TH OF JULY CELEBRATION AFTER A LONG TIME AWAY WE WALKED DOWN SHORELINE DR. AND SO MANY PEOPLE CALLED HI CARMEN, HI CARMEN. AFTER LISTENING TO IT FOR A WHILE I JUST MADE THE COMMENT AND I AM THE HUSBAND AND PAY ALL THE BLLS!

BUT I CATCHED UP FAST. VOLUNTEERING AND SUPPORTING USO, BEING A BOARD MEMBER OF CAROLINA EAST FOUNDATION AND CRAVEN COMMUNITY COLLEGE FOUADATION AND A FEW MORE ORGANIZATIONS BROUGHT ME BACK IN CONTACT WITH SO MANY OLD AND NEW FRIENDS. 5 YEARS AGO WE DECIDED IN LIVING HERE WE SHOULD ALSO BE CITIZENS OF THISGREAT NAILON. GOING THRU ALL THE APPLICATION AND APPROVAL STEPS THERE WAS ONE OF THE FINAL QUESTIONS: "ARE YOU WILLING TO DEFEND THE UNITED STATES AGAINST ALL ENEMIES"? NOW I HAVE TO ADD ON THAT CARMEN IS STILL AN ACTIVE FENCER, AND SHE TOLD CLEAR AND LOUD, "YES, MY FOIL IS ALWAYS LOCATED AT THE BACKDOOR AND I WILL USE IT TO DEFEND MY COUNTRY" WHENEVER NEEDED. THAT WAS SO CONVINCING THAT THE IMMIGRATION OFFICER SAID WITH A BIG SMILE: "WELCOME, WE NEED PEOPLE LIKE YOU"!

NOW IN MEANTIME, WE - OR AT LEAST CARMEN -ARE LIVING HERE IN RIVER BEND FOR MORE THAN 30 YEARS ALREADYAND STILL COUNTING!
RIVER BEND IS A VERY GOOD PLACE - IT IS A GREAT PLACE AND WE HAVE TO DO EVERYTHING TO PRESERVE IT.

WITH MY FINAL REMARKS I WANT TO THANK:

-ALL THE VOLUNTEERS HERE AND AROUND THIS GREAT NATION FOR ALL THE

SERVICE THEY ARE GIVING TO OUR COUNTRY.

-A SPECIAL THANKS TO OUR RHEMS FIRE DEPARTMENT AND FIRST RESPONDERS WHO ARE ON DUTY WHENEVER NEEDED.

- TO OUR ELECTED TOWN LEADERS MAYOR, COUNCIL WOMEN AND COUNCIL MEN; TO OUR COUNTY COMMISSIONER'S AND STATE DELEGATE'S WHO SPEND SO MANY HOURS IN THEIR CAPACITY TO REPRESENT US.

- TO OUR POLICE DEPARTMENT WHO HOLD'S RIVER BEND SAVE AND SOUND

- AND AS A SPARKING END TO HONOR OUR ARMED FORCES WHO ARE REPRESENTED HERE BY THE MARINE CORPS COLOR GUARD AND THE MANY VETERANS.

HAVE FUN AND ENJOY THE REST OF THE DAY.

"GOOD BLESS YOU ALL AND THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA". THANK YOU!