

**TOWN OF BRANFORD, FLORIDA**  
**ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT**  
**For the Fiscal Year Ended September 30, 2017**

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## **INTRODUCTORY SECTION**

**TOWN OF BRANFORD, FLORIDA**

**LIST OF PRINCIPAL OFFICIALS**

**September 30, 2017**

**Mayor**

**Mickey Dempsey**

**Council President**

**Charlie Daniel**

**Council Member**

**Randy Herndon**

**Council Member**

**Alice Childress**

**Council Member**

**Matt Burns**

**Council Member**

**Ken Saunders**

**Town Clerk**

**Donna Hardin**

## **FINANCIAL SECTION**



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## INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

The Honorable Mayor  
And Members of the Town Council  
Town of Branford, Florida

### Report on Financial Statements

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Town of Branford, Florida, (The Town) as of and for the year ended September 30, 2017, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Town's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents. Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the financial statements that collectively comprise the Town of Branford, Florida's basic financial statements.

### Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

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

### Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

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

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

## **Opinion**

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Town of Branford, Florida as of September 30, 2017, and the respective changes in financial position, and, where applicable, cash flows thereof for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

## **Other Matters**

### *Required Supplementary Information*

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the management's discussion and analysis and budgetary comparison information on pages 9 - 12 and 43 - 48 be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board, who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic or historical context. We have applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, which consisted of inquiries of management about the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. We do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide us with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance.

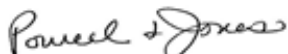
### *Other Information*

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the Town of Branford, Florida's basic financial statements. The schedule of expenditure of federal awards and state financial assistance is presented for purposes of additional analysis, and is not a required part of the basic financial statements.

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

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

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated April 4, 2018, on our consideration of the Town of Branford, Florida's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering Town of Branford, Florida's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.



**POWELL & JONES**  
Certified Public Accountants  
April 4, 2018



**TOWN OF BRANFORD, FLORIDA**  
**Management's Discussion and Analysis**

This discussion and analysis is intended to be an easily readable analysis of the Town of Branford (Town) financial activities based on currently known facts, decisions or conditions. This analysis focuses on current year activities and should be read in conjunction with the financial statements that follow.

**Report Layout**

The Town has implemented Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement 34, Basic Financial Statements - and Management's Discussion and Analysis - for State and Local Governments. This statement requires governmental entities to report finances in accordance with specific guidelines. Among those guidelines are the components of this section dealing with management's discussion and analysis. Besides this Management's Discussion and Analysis (MD&A), the report consists of government-wide statements, fund financial statements, notes to the financial statements, and supplementary information. The first several statements are highly condensed and present a government-wide view of the Town's finances. Within this view, all Town operations are categorized as applicable, and reported as either governmental or business-type activities. Governmental activities include basic services such as fire control, public works, parks and recreation, community development and general governmental administration. The Town's water, sewer, and solid waste management services are reported as business-type activities. These government-wide statements are designed to be more corporate-like in that all activities are consolidated into a total for the Town.

*Basic Financial Statements*

- The Statement of Net Position focuses on resources available for future operations. In simple terms, this statement presents a snap-shot view of the assets the Town owns, the liabilities it owes and the net difference. The net difference is further separated into amounts restricted for specific purposes and unrestricted amounts. For the first time, governmental activities reflect capital assets including infrastructure and long-term liabilities. Business-type activities have long been reported capital assets and long-term liabilities. Also, for the first time, governmental activities are reported on the accrual basis of accounting.
- The Statement of Activities focuses on gross and net costs of the Town's programs and the extent to which such programs rely upon general tax and other revenues. This statement summarizes and simplifies the user's analysis to determine the extent to which programs are self-supporting and/or subsidized by general revenues.
- Fund financial statements focus separately on governmental and proprietary funds. Governmental fund statements follow the more traditional presentation of financial statements. The Town's has one major governmental fund, the General Fund. A budgetary comparison is presented for this fund. Statements for the Town's proprietary fund follows the governmental funds and include net position, revenue, expenses and changes in net position, and cash flows.
- The notes to the financial statements provide additional disclosures required by governmental accounting standards and provide information to assist the reader in understanding the Town's financial condition.

The MD&A is intended to serve as an introduction to the Town's basic financial statements and to explain the significant changes in financial position and differences in operation between the current and prior years.

## Town as a Whole

### Government-wide Financial Statements

A condensed version of the Statement of Net Position at September 30, 2017 and 2016, follows:

#### Net Position at September 30, 2017 and 2016

	Governmental Activities	Business-type Activities	Total Government	
			2017	2016
<b>ASSETS</b>				
Current assets:				
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 778,511	\$ 409,993	\$ 1,188,504	\$ 796,423
Other current assets	48,602	52,910	101,512	335,495
Capital assets	2,525,482	2,208,787	4,734,269	4,488,066
Total assets	<u>3,352,595</u>	<u>2,671,690</u>	<u>6,024,285</u>	<u>5,619,984</u>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>				
Current liabilities	63,183	78,184	141,367	78,439
Long-term debt outstanding	338,189	4,856	343,045	6,312
Total liabilities	<u>401,372</u>	<u>83,040</u>	<u>484,412</u>	<u>84,751</u>
<b>NET POSITION</b>				
Invested in capital assets, net				
of related debt	2,143,282	2,208,787	4,352,069	4,488,066
Restricted	469,465	-	469,465	417,420
Unrestricted	338,476	379,863	718,339	629,747
Total net position	<u>\$ 2,951,223</u>	<u>\$ 2,588,650</u>	<u>\$ 5,539,873</u>	<u>\$ 5,535,233</u>

78% of the Town's net position reflect its investment in capital assets (land, buildings, infrastructure, and equipment), less any related outstanding debt used to acquire those assets. The Town uses these capital assets to provide services to citizens; consequently, these assets are not available for future spending. Although the Town's investment in its capital assets is reported net of related debt, it should be noted that the resources needed to repay this debt must be provided from other sources, since the capital assets themselves cannot be used to liquidate these liabilities.

Restricted net position of \$469,445 consist of earmarked funds for recreation, infrastructure, and other purposes. The remaining balance of unrestricted net position of \$719,308 may be used to meet the Town's ongoing obligations to citizens and creditors.

The Town's net position increased by \$5,599 or 0.1% over the year.

The following schedule provides a summary of the changes in net position.

A condensed version of the Statement of Activities follows:

**Change in Net Position**

For the Fiscal Years Ended September 30, 2017 and 2016

	Governmental Activities	Business-type Activities	Total Government	
			2017	2016
<b>Revenues</b>				
<b>Program revenues</b>				
Charges for services	\$ 20,694	\$ 369,732	\$ 390,426	\$ 344,765
Grants and contributions	184,781	-	184,781	481,191
<b>General revenue</b>				
Taxes	207,082	66,418	273,500	305,120
Franchise fees	61,367	-	61,367	58,060
Licenses	3,021	-	3,021	5,850
State shared revenues	93,517	-	93,517	57,990
Interest and other	17,970	4,875	22,845	9,043
<b>Total revenues</b>	<b>588,432</b>	<b>441,025</b>	<b>1,029,457</b>	<b>1,262,019</b>
<b>Expenses</b>				
General government	229,686	96,171	325,857	278,957
Public safety	68,688	-	68,688	78,126
Physical environment	46,534	-	46,534	55,150
Transportation	45,803	-	45,803	46,672
Human services	500	-	500	600
Culture/recreation	122,581	-	122,581	116,532
Water, sewer, and garbage services	-	414,854	414,854	428,550
<b>Total expenses</b>	<b>513,792</b>	<b>511,025</b>	<b>1,024,817</b>	<b>1,004,587</b>
<b>Excess of revenues over (under) expenses</b>	<b>74,640</b>	<b>(70,000)</b>	<b>4,640</b>	<b>257,432</b>
<b>Beginning net position</b>	<b>2,876,583</b>	<b>2,658,650</b>	<b>5,535,233</b>	<b>5,277,801</b>
<b>Ending net position</b>	<b>2,951,223</b>	<b>2,588,650</b>	<b>5,539,873</b>	<b>5,535,233</b>

**Governmental activities:**

Grants and contributions provide 25% of the revenues for Governmental Activities, taxes provided 41%, while state shared revenues provided 18%. Most of the Governmental Activities resources were spent for General Government (34%), Public Safety (15%), and Culture/Recreation (40%).

### Business-type activities:

Business-type activities decreased the Town's net position by \$70,000. Key elements of this decrease are as follows:

- Operating expenses exceeded operating revenues by \$141,293, which included \$91,590 in depreciation.
- Non-operating revenues including capital grants of \$143,972 totaled \$71,292.

### Budgetary Highlights

The Town operated within its budgetary limits in all funds during the current year.

### Capital Assets and Debt Administration

#### Capital Assets

At September 30, 2017, the Town had \$3,613,323 invested in capital assets, including fire equipment, park and recreation facilities, buildings, roads, bridges and water and sewer facilities, or 13% more than 2016. The increase was primarily attributable to the purchase of a new town hall.

#### Capital Assets at September 30, 2017 and 2016

	Governmental Activities		Business-type Activities		Totals	
	2017	2016	2017	2016	2017	2016
Land	\$ 242,872	\$ 95,457	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 242,872	\$ 95,457
Buildings and improvements	2,023,398	1,832,870	3,229,165	3,229,165	5,252,563	5,062,035
Construction in progress	934,832	920,812	600,000	600,000	1,534,832	1,520,812
Equipment	412,221	352,468	13,463	13,463	425,684	365,931
Subtotal	3,613,323	3,201,607	3,842,628	3,842,628	7,455,951	7,044,235
Accumulated depreciation	(1,087,841)	(1,013,918)	(1,633,841)	(1,542,251)	(2,721,682)	(2,556,169)
Capital assets, net	\$ 2,525,482	\$ 2,187,689	\$ 2,208,787	\$ 2,300,377	\$ 4,734,269	\$ 4,488,066

#### Debt Administration

During the current year, the Town entered into two bank loans to purchase property for a new Town Hall and for expansion of recreational facilities. The total owed on these governmental activities loans at year end was \$382,200.

## **OTHER FINANCIAL INFORMATION**

### **Economic Factors and Rates**

- The current estimated unemployment rate for the Town was 4%, which is the same approximate rate as the rate for Suwannee County.
- The estimated population for the Town in 2017 was 699 and is estimated to be approximately the same in 2018.
- The Town's ad valorem tax rate for 2017 was 4.7433, which was the same rate as the prior year.

### **Financial Contact**

The Town's financial statements are designed to present users (citizens, taxpayers, customers, and creditors) with a general overview of the Town's finances and to demonstrate the Town's accountability. If you have questions about the report or need additional financial information, please contact the Town Clerk at P.O. Box 577, Branford, Florida 32008.

## **BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**TOWN OF BRANFORD, FLORIDA**

**STATEMENT OF NET POSITION**

**September 30, 2017**

	Governmental Activities	Business-type Activities	Total
<b>ASSETS</b>			
Current assets:			
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 723,124	\$ 383,314	\$ 1,106,438
Accounts receivable, net	5,893	42,947	48,840
Internal balances	(9,963)	9,963	
Due from other governmental units	52,672	-	52,672
Investments	55,387	26,679	82,066
Total current assets	<u>827,113</u>	<u>462,903</u>	<u>1,290,016</u>
Fixed assets			
Capital assets	2,525,482	2,208,787	4,734,269
Total noncurrent assets	<u>2,525,482</u>	<u>2,208,787</u>	<u>4,734,269</u>
Total assets	<u>3,352,595</u>	<u>2,671,690</u>	<u>6,024,285</u>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>			
Current liabilities			
Accounts payable	13,255	21,781	35,036
Accrued liabilities	17	-	17
Notes payable	49,011	-	49,011
Customer deposits	900	56,403	57,303
Total current liabilities	<u>63,183</u>	<u>78,184</u>	<u>141,367</u>
(continued)			
Non-current liabilities:			
Notes payable	\$ 333,189	\$ -	\$ 333,189
Compensated absences	5,000	4,856	9,856
Total long-term liabilities	<u>338,189</u>	<u>4,856</u>	<u>343,045</u>
Total liabilities	<u>401,372</u>	<u>83,040</u>	<u>484,412</u>
<b>NET POSITION</b>			
Invested in capital assets, net of related debt	2,143,282	2,208,787	4,352,069
Restricted for:			
Cemetery	90,525	-	90,525
Recreation	239,444	-	239,444
Infrastructure	81,462	-	81,462
Transportation	54,415	-	54,415
Fire Control	3,609	-	3,609
Unrestricted	338,486	379,863	718,349
Total net position	<u>\$ 2,951,223</u>	<u>\$ 2,588,650</u>	<u>\$ 5,539,873</u>

See notes to financial statements.





**TOWN OF BRANFORD, FLORIDA**  
**GOVERNMENTAL FUND**  
**BALANCE SHEET**  
**September 30, 2017**

	General Fund
<b>ASSETS</b>	
Cash	\$ 723,124
Accounts receivable, net	5,893
Due from other governmental units	52,672
Investments	55,387
Total assets	\$ 837,076
 <b>LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES</b>	
<b>LIABILITIES</b>	
Accounts payable	\$ 13,255
Due to other funds	9,963
Customer deposits	900
Accrued liabilities	17
Total liabilities	24,135
 <b>FUND BALANCE</b>	
Restricted for:	
Recreation	239,444
Infrastructure	81,462
Transportation	54,415
Assigned for:	
Cemetery	90,525
Fire Control	3,609
Unassigned	348,486
Total fund balance	817,941
 Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of net assets are different because:	
Capital assets used in governmental activities are not financial resources and, therefore, are not reported in the funds.	
Cost of capital assets	3,613,323
Accumulated depreciation	(1,087,841)
	2,525,482
Long-term liabilities, including compensated absences are not due and payable and therefore are not reported in the funds.	(387,200)
	\$ 2,956,223

See notes to financial statements.

**TOWN OF BRANFORD, FLORIDA**

**GOVERNMENTAL FUND**

**STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE**  
For the Fiscal Year Ended September 30, 2017

	<u>General Fund</u>
<b>REVENUES</b>	
Taxes	\$ 299,459
Licenses and permits	3,021
Intergovernmental revenue	247,288
Charges for services	20,694
Fines and forfeitures	769
Miscellaneous	17,201
Total revenues	<u>588,432</u>
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>	
Current expenditures	
General government	224,308
Public safety	63,541
Physical environment	45,327
Transportation	27,642
Human services	500
Culture/recreation	76,592
Capital outlay	
General government	224,963
Public safety	39,553
Physical environment	1,000
Culture/recreation	147,200
Total expenditures	<u>850,626</u>
Deficit of revenues under expenditures	(262,194)
<b>OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)</b>	
Loan proceeds	382,200
Fund balance at beginning of year	692,935
Fund balance at end of year	<u>\$ 812,941</u>

See notes to financial statements.

**TOWN OF BRANFORD, FLORIDA**

**RECONCILIATION OF THE STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND  
BALANCE OF GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS TO THE STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES**

**For the Fiscal Year Ended September 30, 2017**

Net change in fund balance - total governmental funds \$ 120,007

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

Governmental funds report capital outlay as expenditures.

However, in the statement of activities, the cost of those  
assets is allocated over their estimated useful lives as  
depreciation expense.

Expenditures for capital assets	411,715	
Less current year depreciation	<u>(73,923)</u>	337,792

Some expenses reported in the statement of activities do not  
require the use of current financial resources, therefore, are  
not reported as expenditures in governmental funds.

Capital Bank loans	(382,200)
Net change in compensated absences	<u>(959)</u>

Change in net assets of governmental activities \$ 74,640

See notes to financial statements.

**TOWN OF BRANFORD, FLORIDA**

**PROPRIETARY FUND**

**STATEMENT OF NET POSITION**

September 30, 2017

	<u>Enterprise Fund</u>
<b>ASSETS</b>	
Current assets:	
Cash	\$ 383,314
Accounts receivable	46,943
Allowance for doubtful accounts	(3,996)
Due from other funds	9,963
Investments	26,679
Total current assets	<u>462,903</u>
Fixed assets	
Improvements other than buildings	3,229,165
Equipment	13,463
Construction in progress	600,000
Allowance for depreciation	(1,633,841)
Total fixed assets	<u>2,208,787</u>
Total assets	<u>\$ 2,671,690</u>
<b>LIABILITIES AND NET POSITION</b>	
<b>LIABILITIES</b>	
Current liabilities:	
Accounts payable	\$ 21,781
Accrued compensated absences	1,335
Customer deposits	56,403
Total current liabilities	<u>79,519</u>
Noncurrent liabilities	
Compensated absences	3,521
Total noncurrent liabilities	<u>3,521</u>
Total liabilities	<u>83,040</u>
<b>NET POSITION</b>	
Invested in capital assets	2,208,787
Unrestricted	379,863
Total net position	<u>\$ 2,588,650</u>
(continued)	

**TOWN OF BRANFORD, FLORIDA**

**PROPRIETARY FUND**

**STATEMENT OF NET POSITION  
(Continued)**

**September 30, 2017**

	<u>Enterprise Fund</u>
<b>Noncurrent liabilities</b>	
Compensated absences	\$ 3,521
<b>Total noncurrent liabilities</b>	<u>3,521</u>
<b>Total liabilities</b>	<u>83,040</u>
<b>NET POSITION</b>	
Invested in capital assets	2,208,787
Unrestricted	379,863
<b>Total net position</b>	<u>\$ 2,588,650</u>

See notes to financial statements.

**TOWN OF BRANFORD, FLORIDA**

**PROPRIETARY FUND  
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENSES AND CHANGES IN NET POSITION**

For the Fiscal Year Ended September 30, 2017

	<u>Enterprise Fund</u>
<b>OPERATING REVENUES</b>	
Physical environment	
Water utility revenue	
Water revenue	\$ 89,587
Late charges	8,015
Senior citizen discount	(3,748)
Garbage/solid waste revenue	173,143
Sewer utility revenue	102,735
Total operating revenues	<u>369,732</u>
<b>OPERATING EXPENSES</b>	
Financial and administrative	
Personnel services	
Regular salaries	64,044
FICA	1,732
Retirement	3,055
Life and health insurance	22,033
Total personnel services	<u>90,864</u>
Operating expenses	
Other current charges and obligations	3,077
Office supplies	1,737
Dues	493
Total operating expenses	<u>5,307</u>
Total financial and administrative	<u>96,171</u>
Water utility services	
Personnel services	
Regular salaries	-
FICA	2,240
Life and health insurance	-
Worker's compensation	1,803
Total personnel services	<u>4,043</u>
Operating expenses	
Depreciation	2,633
Professional services	12,832
Utility services	5,288
Contractual services	11,730

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**TOWN OF BRANFORD, FLORIDA**

**PROPRIETARY FUND  
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENSES AND CHANGES IN NET POSITION**

**For the Fiscal Year Ended September 30, 2017**

Operating expenses continued	
Repair and maintenance	\$ 14,747
Insurance	5,483
Operating supplies	8,507
Fuel and oil	1,728
Total operating expenses	<u>62,948</u>
Total water utility services	<u>66,991</u>
Garbage and solid waste services	
Operating expenses	
Other contractual services	<u>149,366</u>
Total garbage and solid waste services	<u>149,366</u>
Sewer services	
Personnel services	
FICA	781
Retirement	3,778
Life and health insurance	26,666
Worker's compensation	1,803
Total personnel services	<u>33,028</u>
Operating expenses	
Depreciation	88,957
Professional services	15,104
Utility services	19,581
Contractual services	1,000
Repair and maintenance	14,359
Insurance	5,484
Operating supplies	6,241
Fuel and oil	6,055
Other	8,688
Total operating expenses	<u>165,469</u>
Total sewer services	<u>198,497</u>
Total operating expenses	<u>511,025</u>
Operating loss	<u>(141,293)</u>

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**TOWN OF BRANFORD, FLORIDA**

**PROPRIETARY FUND  
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENSES AND CHANGES IN NET POSITION**

For the Fiscal Year Ended September 30, 2017

**NONOPERATING REVENUES (EXPENSES)**

Utility service taxes	
Electricity	
Progress Energy	\$ 60,820
Suwannee Valley Electric	518
Propane	
Farmers Cooperative	70
Suburban Propane	1,926
J & J Gas Co.	1,042
Branford Hardware	1,168
Other	874
Total utility service taxes	<u>66,418</u>
Interest earnings	
Interest on investments	<u>247</u>
Total interest earnings	<u>247</u>
Miscellaneous	
Other miscellaneous	<u>4,628</u>
Total miscellaneous	<u>4,628</u>
Change in net position	(70,000)
Net position, beginning of year	<u>2,658,650</u>
Net position, end of year	<u>\$ 2,588,650</u>

See notes to financial statements.



**TOWN OF BRANFORD, FLORIDA**  
**STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS**  
**PROPRIETARY FUND**  
For the Fiscal Year Ended September 30, 2017

	<b>Enterprise Fund</b>
<b>Cash flows from operating activities</b>	
Cash received from customers and users	\$ 361,138
Cash paid to suppliers	(266,697)
Cash paid to employees	(129,214)
<b>Net cash used in operating activities</b>	<b>(34,773)</b>
 <b>Cash flows from non-capital financing activities</b>	
Utility services taxes	66,418
Miscellaneous	4,628
<b>Net cash provided by non-capital financing activities</b>	<b>71,046</b>
 <b>Cash flows from investing activities</b>	
Earnings on investments	310
<b>Net cash provided by investing activities</b>	<b>310</b>
 <b>Net increase in cash</b>	<b>36,583</b>
 <b>Cash, October 1, 2016</b>	<b>346,731</b>
<b>Cash, September 30, 2017</b>	<b>\$ 383,314</b>

See notes to financial statements.

**TOWN OF BRANFORD, FLORIDA**

**STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS  
PROPRIETARY FUND**

For the Fiscal Year Ended September 30, 2017

**RECONCILIATION OF OPERATING LOSS TO NET CASH  
USED IN OPERATING ACTIVITIES**

	<u>Enterprise Fund</u>
Operating loss	<u>\$ (141,293)</u>
Adjustments to reconcile operating loss to net cash used in operating activities:	
Depreciation expense	91,590
Increase in current assets	
Accounts receivable	(8,594)
Increase/(decrease) in current liabilities	
Accounts payable	19,776
Accrued payroll deductions and matching	(1,268)
Accrued compensated absences	(11)
Customer deposit liability	5,027
Total adjustments	<u>106,520</u>
Net cash used in operating activities	<u>\$ (34,773)</u>

See notes to financial statements.

## TOWN OF BRANFORD, FLORIDA

### NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

September 30, 2017

#### NOTE 1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The financial statements of the Town of Branford (the Town) have been prepared in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP) as applied to governmental units. The Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) is the standard-setting body for governmental accounting and financial reporting principles. Pronouncements of the Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) issued after November 30, 1989, are not applied in the preparation of the financial statements of the proprietary fund type in accordance with GASB Statement 20. The GASB periodically updates its codification of the existing Governmental Accounting and Financial Reporting Standards which, along with subsequent GASB pronouncements (Statements and Interpretations), constitutes GAAP for governmental units.

In June, 1999, the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) unanimously approved Statement 34-Basic Financial Statement and Management's Discussion and Analysis – for State and Local Governments. As provided by GASB 34, the Town has elected not to report retroactive infrastructure improvements in its financial statements due to the fact that its annual revenues are less than ten million. The Town has implemented all other applicable provisions of this Statement.

**A. Reporting Entity** - The Town of Branford, Florida is a municipal, political subdivision of the State of Florida created pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 165, *Florida Statutes*. The present Town of Branford was created and organized under Chapter 61-1899 of *Special Acts of Florida*. Accordingly, it is controlled by the Florida Constitution and various Florida Statutes as well as its own local charter, ordinances and policies. It is governed by an elected Mayor and Town Council.

In evaluating how to define the Town, for financial reporting purposes, management has considered all potential component units. The decision to include a potential component unit in the reporting entity was made by applying the criteria set forth in GAAP. The basic, but not the only, criterion for including a potential component unit within the reporting entity is the governing body's ability to exercise oversight responsibility. The most significant manifestation of this ability is financial interdependency. Other manifestations of the ability to exercise oversight responsibility include, but are not limited to, the selection of governing authority, the designation of management, the ability to significantly influence operations, and accountability for fiscal matters. A second criterion used in evaluating potential component units is the scope of public service. Application of this criterion involves considering whether the activity benefits the government and/or its citizens, or whether the activity is conducted within the geographic boundaries of the government and is generally available to its citizens. A third criterion used to evaluate potential component units for inclusion or exclusion from the reporting entity is the existence of special financing relationships, regardless of whether the government is able to exercise oversight responsibilities. Based upon the application of these criteria, management determined that no component units existed which should be included within the reporting entity.

**B. Measurement Focus and Basis of Accounting** - The basic financial statements of the Town are comprised of the following:

- Government-wide financial statements
- Fund financial statements
- Notes to the financial statements

### **1. Government-wide Financial Statements**

Government-wide financial statements display information about the reporting government as a whole, except for its fiduciary activities. These statements include separate columns for the governmental and business-type activities of the Town. For the most part, the effect of interfund activity has been removed from these statements. Governmental activities, which normally are supported by taxes and intergovernmental revenues, are reported separately from business-type activities, which rely, to a significant extent, on fees and charges for support. Likewise, the primary government is generally reported separately from any legally separate component unit for which the primary government is financially accountable.

Government-wide financial statements are reported using the economic resources measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting, as are the proprietary fund and agency fund financial statements. Under the accrual basis of accounting, revenues, expenses, gains, losses, assets, and liabilities resulting from exchange and exchange-like transactions are recognized when the exchange takes place. Revenues, expenses, gains, losses, assets, and liabilities resulting from nonexchange transactions are recognized in accordance with the requirements of GASB Statement 33 - Accounting and Financial Reporting for Nonexchange Transactions.

Program revenues include charges for services, special assessments, and payments made by parties outside of the reporting government's citizenry if that money is restricted to a particular program. Program revenues are netted with program expenses in the statement of activities to present the net cost of each program.

Amounts paid to acquire capital assets are capitalized as assets in the government-wide financial statements, rather than reported as an expenditure. Proceeds of long-term debt are recorded as liabilities in the government-wide financial statements, rather than as an other financing source. Amounts paid to reduce long-term indebtedness of the reporting government are reported as a reduction of the related liability, rather than as an expenditure.

As a general rule the effect of interfund activity has been eliminated from the government-wide financial statements. As applicable, the Town also chooses to eliminate the indirect costs between governmental activities to avoid the "doubling up" effect.

### **2. Fund Financial Statements**

The underlying accounting system of the Town is organized and operated on the basis of separate funds, each of which is considered to be a separate accounting entity. The operations of each fund are accounted for with a separate set of self-balancing accounts that comprise its assets, liabilities, fund equity, revenues and expenditures or expenses, as appropriate. Governmental resources are allocated to and accounted for in individual funds based upon the purposes for which they are to be spent and the means by which spending activities are controlled.

Fund financial statements for the Town's governmental and proprietary funds are presented after the government-wide financial statements. These statements display information about major funds individually, and any nonmajor funds in the aggregate for governmental and enterprise funds.

**Governmental Funds** - Governmental fund financial statements are reported using the current financial resources measurement focus and the modified accrual basis of accounting. Revenues are recognized as soon as they are both measurable and available. Revenues are considered to be available when they are collected within the current period or soon enough thereafter to pay liabilities of the current period. For this purpose, the Town considers revenues to be available if they are collected within 60 days of the end of the current fiscal period. Expenditures generally are recorded when a liability is incurred, as under accrual accounting. Franchise fees, licenses, sales taxes, gas taxes, operating and capital grants, and interest associated with the current fiscal period are all considered to be susceptible to accrual and so have been recognized as revenues of the current fiscal period. All other revenue items are considered to be measurable only when cash is received by the Town.

Under the current financial resources measurement focus, only current assets and current liabilities are generally included on the balance sheet. The reported fund balance is considered to be measure of "available spendable resources." Governmental funds operating statements present increases (revenue and other financing sources) and decreases (expenditures and other financing uses) in net current assets. Accordingly, they are said to present a summary of sources and uses of "available spendable resources" during a period.

Any non-current portions of long-term receivables due to governmental funds are reported on their balance sheets in spite of their spending measurement focus.

Non-current portions of other long-term receivables are offset by fund balance reserve accounts. Because of their spending measurement focus, expenditure recognition for governmental fund types exclude amounts represented by noncurrent liabilities. Since they do not affect net current assets, such long-term amounts are not recognized as governmental fund type expenditures or fund liabilities.

Amounts expended to acquire capital assets are recorded as expenditures in the year that resources were expended, rather than as fund assets. The proceeds of long-term debt are recorded as an other financing source rather than as a fund liability. However, debt service expenditures, as well as expenditures related to compensated absences and claims and judgments, are recorded only when payment is due.

**Proprietary Funds** - The Town's Water, Sewer and Solid Waste Enterprise Fund is a proprietary fund. In the fund financial statements, proprietary funds are presented using the accrual basis of accounting. Revenues are recognized when they are earned and expenses are recognized when the related goods and services are delivered. In the fund financial statements, proprietary funds are presented using the economic resources measurement focus. This means that all assets and all liabilities (whether current or noncurrent) associated with their activity are included on their balance sheets. Proprietary fund type operating statements present increases (revenues) and decreases (expenses) in total net position. The Town applies all GASB pronouncements as well as all FASB Statements and Interpretations, APB Opinions and Accounting Research Bulletins, issued on or before November 30, 1989, which do not conflict with or contradict GASB pronouncements.

Proprietary fund operating revenues, such as charges for services, result from exchange transactions associated with the principal activity of the fund. Exchange transactions are those in which each party receives and gives up essentially equal values. Nonoperating revenues, such as subsidies, taxes, and investment earnings, result from nonexchange transactions or ancillary activities.

Amounts paid to acquire capital assets are capitalized as assets in the fund financial statements, rather than reported as an expenditure. Proceeds of long-term debt are recorded as a liability in the fund financial statements, rather than as an other financing source. Amounts paid to reduce long-term indebtedness are reported as a reduction of the related liabilities, rather than as an expense.

**C. Basis of Accounting** - GASB Statement 34 sets forth minimum criteria (percentage of the assets, liabilities, revenues or expenditures, expenses of either fund category and the governmental and enterprise combined) for the determination of major funds. The Town has used GASB 34 minimum criteria for major fund determination. The Town has two major funds as follows:

**1. Governmental Major Fund:**

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

**2. Proprietary Major Fund:**

**Enterprise Fund** - The Enterprise Fund accounts for the revenues, expenses, assets, and liabilities associated with the Town operated water, sewer, and solid waste disposal services.

**Non-current Governmental Assets/Liabilities:**

GASB Statement 34 requires non-current governmental assets, such as land and building, and noncurrent governmental liabilities, such as general obligation bonds and capital leases, be reported in the governmental activities column in the government-wide statement of net position.

**D. Assets, Liabilities and Net Position or Equity**

**1. Cash and Investments** - Cash includes amounts in demand deposits as well as short-term money market investment accounts. Investments, consisting of certificates of deposit, are stated at cost which approximates market value. All such deposits and investments are insured and collateralized as required by state law.

**2. Allowance for Doubtful Accounts** - As applicable year-to-year, the Town provides an allowance for Enterprise Fund accounts receivable that may become uncollectible. At September 30, 2017, there was an allowance for doubtful accounts for water, sewer, and garbage billings of \$3,996.

**3. Receivables and Payables** - Activity between funds that are representative of lending/borrowing arrangements outstanding at the end of the fiscal year are referred to as "due to/from other funds." Any residual balances outstanding between the governmental activities and business-type activities are reported in the government-wide financial statements as "internal balances."

All receivables are shown net of an allowance for doubtful accounts. Any receivables in excess of 180 days would comprise the trade accounts receivable allowance for doubtful accounts.

4. **Inventories** - The costs of governmental and enterprise fund inventories are recorded as expenditures when purchased rather than when consumed. The actual amounts of any inventory type goods on hand at year end would not be material.
5. **Restricted Assets** - Certain proceeds of enterprise fund revenue bonds, as well as certain resources set aside for their repayment, are classified as restricted assets on the balance sheet because their use is limited by applicable bond covenants. The "revenue bond current debt service" account is used to segregate resources accumulated for debt service payments over the next twelve months. The "revenue bond reserve" account is used to report resources set aside to make up potential future deficiencies in the revenue bond current debt service account, and to report resources set aside to meet unexpected contingencies or to fund asset renewals and replacements. The cash proceeds of enterprise fund customer deposits are also shown as restricted assets.
6. **Encumbrances** - Encumbrance accounting, under which purchase orders, contracts, and other commitments for the expenditures of monies are recorded in order to reserve that portion of the applicable appropriation, is not utilized by the Town.
7. **Capital Assets** - Capital assets, which include property, plant, equipment, and infrastructure assets (e.g., streets, bridges, right-of-ways, and similar items), are reported in the applicable governmental or business-type activities column in the government-wide financial statements. Capital assets are defined by the Town as assets with an initial, individual cost of \$500 or more and an estimated useful life in excess of one year. Except for roads and bridges constructed prior to October 1, 1981, assets are recorded at historical cost. Roads and bridges constructed prior to October 1, 1981 are generally not reported. Donated capital assets are recorded at estimated fair market value at the date of donations.

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

Major outlays for capital assets and improvements are capitalized as projects are constructed. Interest incurred during the construction phase of capital assets of business-type activities is included as part of the capitalized value of the assets constructed.

Property, plant, and equipment of the Town, as well as of component units, are depreciated using the straight-line method over the following estimated useful lives:

<u>Assets</u>	<u>Years</u>
Building and improvements	10 - 50
Machinery and equipment	5 - 15
Street and related infrastructure	10 - 40

8. **Capitalization of Interest** - Interest related to borrowings are capitalized during the construction period. These costs are netted against applicable interest earnings on construction fund investments. During the current period, the Town did not have any capitalized interest.
9. **Deferred Revenues** - Deferred revenues reported in government-wide financial statements represent unearned revenues. The deferred revenues will be recognized as revenue in the fiscal year they are earned in accordance with the accrual basis of accounting. Deferred revenues reported in governmental fund financial statements represent unearned revenues

which are measurable but not available and, in accordance with the modified accrual basis of accounting, are reported as deferred revenues.

**10. Accrued Compensated Absences** - The Town accrues accumulated unpaid vacation and sick leave when earned by the employee. The current portion is the amount estimated to be used in the following year. The non-current portion is the amount estimated to be used in subsequent fiscal years. Both the current and non-current estimated accrued compensated absences amounts for governmental funds are maintained separately and represent a reconciling item between the fund and government-wide presentation, as applicable year to year.

**11. Fund Balances/Net position**

**A. Governmental Funds**

As of September 30, 2017, fund balances of the governmental funds are classified as follows:

Non-spendable - amounts that cannot be spent either because they are in non-spendable form or because they are legally or contractually required to be maintained intact.

Restricted - amounts that can be spent only for specific purpose because of constitutional provisions, charter requirements or enabling legislation or because of constraints that are externally imposed by creditors, grantors, contributors, or the laws or regulations of other governments.

Committed - amounts that can be used only for specific purposes determined by a formal action of the Town Council. The Town Council is the highest level of decision making authority for the Town. Commitments may be established, modified or rescinded only through ordinances or resolutions approved by the Town Council.

Assigned - amounts that do not meet the criteria to be classified as restricted or committed but that are intended to be used for specific purposes. Under the Town's general policy, only the Town Council may assign amounts for specific purposes.

Unassigned - all other spendable amounts.

As of September 30, 2017, fund balances are composed of the following:

Restricted for:	
Recreation	\$ 239,444
Infrastructure	81,462
Transportation	54,415
Assigned for:	
Cemetery	90,525
Fire control	3,609
Unassigned	343,486
	<u>\$ 812,941</u>



When an expenditure is incurred for purposes to which both restricted and unrestricted fund balance is available, the Town considered restricted funds to have been spent first. When an expenditure is incurred for which committed, assigned, or unassigned fund balances are available, the Town considers amounts to have been spent first out of committed funds, then assigned funds, and finally unassigned funds, as needed, unless the Town Council has provided otherwise in its commitment or assignment actions.

**B. Proprietary Funds**

Restrictions of equity show amounts that are not appropriated for expenditures or are legally restricted for specific uses.

As of September 30, 2017, net position is composed of the following:

	Amount
Invested in capital assets, net	\$2,208,787
Unrestricted	379,863
	<u>\$2,588,650</u>

**NOTE 2. RECONCILIATION OF GOVERNMENT-WIDE AND FUND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**A. Explanation of Differences Between the Governmental Fund Balance Sheet and the Government-wide State of Net Position.**

“Total fund balances” of the Town’s governmental funds \$812,941 differs from “net position” of governmental activities \$2,876,583 reported in the statement of net position. This difference primarily results from the long-term economic focus of the statement of net position versus the current financial resources focus of the governmental funds balance sheet.

Capital related items

When capital assets (property, plant, equipment) that are to be used in governmental activities are purchased or constructed, the cost of these assets are reported as expenditures in governmental funds. However, the statement of net position included those capital assets among the assets of the Town as a whole.

Cost of capital assets	\$ 3,613,323
Accumulated depreciation	(1,087,841)
Total	<u>\$ 2,525,482</u>

Long-term debt transactions

Long-term liabilities applicable to the Town’s governmental activities are not due and payable in the current period and accordingly are not reported as fund liabilities. All liabilities (both current and long-term) are reported in the statement of net position. Balance at September 30, 2017, was:

Notes payable	\$ 382,200
Compensated absences	5,000
	<u>\$ 387,200</u>

**TOWN OF BRANFORD, FLORIDA**

**NOTE 2 – RECONCILIATION OF GOVERNMENT-WIDE AND FUND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**A. Explanation of Differences Between the Governmental Fund Balance Sheet and the Statement of Net position**

	Total Governmental Fund	Capital Related Items	Long-term Debt Transactions	Statement of Net Position
<b>ASSETS</b>				
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 723,124	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 723,124
Due from other governmental units	52,672	-	-	52,672
Due from others	5,893	-	-	5,893
Investments	55,387	-	-	55,387
Capital assets - net	-	2,525,482	-	2,525,482
<b>Total assets</b>	<b>\$ 837,076</b>	<b>\$ 2,525,482</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 3,362,558</b>
<b>LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY</b>				
Accounts payable	\$ 13,255	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 13,255
Accrued liabilities	17	-	-	17
Customer deposits	900	-	-	900
Due to other funds	9,963	-	-	9,963
Notes payable	-	-	382,200	382,200
Accrued compensated absences	-	-	5,000	5,000
<b>Total liabilities</b>	<b>24,135</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>387,200</b>	<b>411,335</b>
<b>Fund balance/net position</b>	<b>812,941</b>	<b>2,525,482</b>	<b>(387,200)</b>	<b>2,951,223</b>
<b>Total liabilities and fund balances/net position</b>	<b>\$ 837,076</b>	<b>\$ 2,525,482</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 3,362,558</b>

**B. Explanation of Differences Between Governmental Fund Operating Statements and the Statement of Activities**

The “net change in fund balances” for governmental funds \$120,006 differs from the “change in net position” for governmental activities \$74,640 reported in the statement of activities. The differences arise primarily from the long-term economic focus of the statement of activities versus the current financial resources focus of the governmental funds. The effect of the differences is illustrated below.

**Capital related items**

When capital assets that are to be used in governmental activities are purchased or constructed, the resources expended for those assets are reported as expenditures in governmental funds. However, in the statement of activities, the costs of those assets is allocated over their estimated useful lives and reported as depreciation expense. As a result, fund balances decrease by the amount of financial resources expended, whereas net position decrease by the amount of depreciation expense charges for the year.

Capital outlay	\$ 411,716
Depreciation expense	(73,923)
Total	<u>\$ 337,793</u>

Some expenses reported in the statement of activities do not require the use of current financial resources, therefore, are reported as expenditures in governmental funds.

Loan proceeds	\$(382,200)
Increase in compensated absences	(959)
	<u>\$(383,159)</u>

**TOWN OF BRANFORD, FLORIDA**

**NOTE 2. RECONCILIATION OF GOVERNMENT-WIDE AND FUND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**B. Explanation of Differences Between Government Fund Operating Statements and the Statement of Activities**

	Total Governmental Fund	Capital Related Items	Long-term Debt Transactions	Statement of Activities
<b>REVENUES</b>				
Taxes	\$ 299,459	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 299,459
Licenses and permits	3,021	-	-	3,021
Intergovernmental	247,288	-	-	247,288
Charges for services	20,694	-	-	20,694
Fines and forfeitures	769	-	-	769
Interest	1,956	-	-	1,956
Miscellaneous	397,445	-	(382,200)	15,245
<b>Total revenues</b>	<b>970,632</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>(382,200)</b>	<b>588,432</b>
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>				
<b>Current expenditures</b>				
General government	225,308	3,419	959	229,686
Public safety	63,541	5,147	-	68,688
Physical environment	45,327	1,207	-	46,534
Transportation	27,642	18,161	-	45,803
Human services	500	-	-	500
Culture/recreation	76,592	45,989	-	122,581
<b>Capital outlay</b>				
General government	224,963	(224,963)	-	-
Public safety	39,553	(39,553)	-	-
Physical environment	-	-	-	-
Culture/recreation	147,200	(147,200)	-	-
<b>Total expenditures</b>	<b>850,626</b>	<b>(337,793)</b>	<b>959</b>	<b>513,792</b>
<b>Excess of revenues over expenditures</b>	<b>120,006</b>	<b>337,793</b>	<b>(383,159)</b>	<b>74,640</b>
Fund balance at beginning of year	692,935	2,187,689	(4,041)	2,876,583
Fund balance at end of year	<b>\$ 812,941</b>	<b>\$ 2,525,482</b>	<b>\$ (387,200)</b>	<b>\$ 2,951,223</b>

### **NOTE 3. LEGAL COMPLIANCE–BUDGETS**

The Town follows these procedures in establishing the budgetary data reflected in the financial statements:

1. Prior to September 1, the Town Council develops a proposed operating budget for the fiscal year commencing the following October 1. The operating budget includes proposed expenditures and the means of financing them.
2. Public hearings are conducted to obtain taxpayer comments.
3. Prior to September 30, the budget is legally enacted by the Town Council through passage of an ordinance.
4. Any revision that alters the total expenditures of any fund or transfers budgeted amounts between departments within any fund must be approved by the Town Council.
5. Budgets for all Town funds are adopted on a basis consistent with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP). Budgeted amounts are as originally adopted, or as amended by the Town Council. Individual amendments were not material in relation to the original appropriations which were amended.

### **NOTE 4. PROPERTY TAX REVENUES**

Taxable values for all property are established as of January 1, which is the date of lien, for the fiscal year starting October 1. Property tax revenues recognized for the 2016-2017 fiscal year were levied in October 2016. All taxes are due and payable on November 1 or as soon as the assessment roll is certified and delivered to the Tax Collector. Discounts are allowed for early payment at the rate of 4% in November, 3% in December, 2% in January, and 1% in February. Taxes paid in March are without discount. All unpaid taxes become delinquent as of April 1. Virtually all unpaid taxes are collected via the sale of tax certificates on or prior to June 1; therefore, there were no material taxes receivable at fiscal year end.

## NOTE 5. CAPITAL ASSETS

Capital asset activity for the year ended September 30, 2017, was as follows:

	Beginning Balance	Additions	Deletions	Ending Balance
<b>Governmental activities:</b>				
<b>Capital assets:</b>				
Land	\$ 95,457	\$ 147,415	\$ -	\$ 242,872
Building and improvements	12,778	190,528	-	203,306
Improvements other than buildings	1,820,092	-	-	1,820,092
Construction in progress	920,812	14,020	-	934,832
Equipment and vehicles	352,468	59,753	-	412,221
<b>Total capital assets</b>	<b>3,201,607</b>	<b>411,716</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>3,613,323</b>
Less accumulated depreciation	(1,013,918)	(73,923)	-	(1,087,841)
<b>Governmental activities capital assets, net</b>	<b>\$ 2,187,689</b>	<b>\$ 337,793</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 2,525,482</b>
<b>Business-type activities:</b>				
Buildings and improvements	\$ 3,229,165	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3,229,165
Construction in progress	600,000	-	-	600,000
Machinery and equipment	13,463	-	-	13,463
<b>Total capital assets</b>	<b>3,842,628</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>3,842,628</b>
Less accumulated depreciation	(1,542,251)	(91,590)	-	(1,633,841)
<b>Business-type activities capital assets, net</b>	<b>\$ 2,300,377</b>	<b>\$ (91,590)</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 2,208,787</b>

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

<b>Governmental activities:</b>	
General government	\$ 3,419
Public safety	5,147
Physical environment	1,207
Transportation	18,161
Culture/recreation	45,989
<b>Total depreciation expense - governmental activities</b>	<b>\$ 73,923</b>
<b>Business -type activities:</b>	
Water utility	\$ 2,633
Sewer utility	88,957
<b>Total depreciation expense - business-type activities</b>	<b>\$ 91,590</b>

**NOTE 6. INTERFUND RECEIVABLES/PAYABLES**

The following is a schedule of interfund receivables and payables at September 30, 2017.

<u>Fund</u>	<u>Interfund Receivables</u>	<u>Interfund Payables</u>
General	\$ -	\$ 9,963
Enterprise	9,963	-
	<u>\$ 9,963</u>	<u>\$ 9,963</u>

**NOTE 7. RECEIVABLE AND PAYABLE BALANCES****Receivables**

Receivables at September 30, 2017, were as follows:

	<u>Accounts*</u>	<u>Due from Other Governmental Units</u>	<u>Total Receivables</u>
Governmental activities:			
General	\$ 5,893	\$ 52,672	\$ 58,565
Business-type activities			
Enterprise	42,947	-	42,947
	<u>\$ 48,840</u>	<u>\$ 52,672</u>	<u>\$ 101,512</u>

\*Net of allowance for bad debts of \$3,996.

**Payables**

Payables at September 30, 2017, were as follows:

	<u>Vendors</u>
Governmental activities:	
General	\$ 13,255
Business-type activities:	
Enterprise	21,781
	<u>\$ 35,036</u>

**NOTE 8. LONG-TERM LIABILITIES**

Long-term liability activity for the year ended September 30, 2017, was as follows:

	Beginning Balance	Increases	Decreases	Ending Balance	Due Within One Year
<b>Governmental Activities</b>					
Notes payable	\$ -	\$ 382,200	\$ -	\$ 382,200	\$ 58,633
Compensated absences	4,041	959	-	5,000	1,375
<b>Total governmental activities</b>	<b>\$ 4,041</b>	<b>\$ 383,159</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 387,200</b>	<b>\$ 60,008</b>
<b>Business-type Activities</b>					
Compensated absences	\$ 4,665	\$ 191	\$ -	\$ 4,856	\$ 1,335
<b>Total business-type activities</b>	<b>\$ 4,665</b>	<b>\$ 191</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 4,856</b>	<b>\$ 1,335</b>

On February 8, 2017, the Town closed on a loan from Capital City Bank in the amount of \$235,000. The proceeds of this loan were used to purchase property for the construction of a new Town Hall. The Town is paying ten equal annual payments in the amount of \$26,999 at an interest rate of 2.57%, with the first payment due on February 8, 2018. Future debt service requirements are as follows:

YEAR	PRINCIPAL	INTEREST	TOTAL
2018	\$ 20,876	\$ 6,123	\$ 26,999
2019	21,420	5,579	26,999
2020	21,978	5,021	26,999
2021	22,539	4,460	26,999
2022	23,138	3,861	26,999
2023-2027	125,049	9,950	134,999
	<b>\$ 235,000</b>	<b>\$ 34,994</b>	<b>\$ 269,994</b>

On September 28, 2017, the Town closed on a loan from Capital City Bank for \$147,200. The proceeds of this loan were used to purchase property for the improvement of the Town park. The Town is paying five equal annual payments in the amount of \$33,634 at an interest rate of 2.41%, with the first payment due on September 28, 2018. Future debt service requirements are as follows:

YEAR	PRINCIPAL	INTEREST	TOTAL
2018	\$ 28,135	\$ 3,499	\$ 31,634
2019	28,804	2,880	31,684
2020	29,489	2,145	31,634
2021	30,189	1,445	31,634
2022	30,583	727	31,310
	<b>\$ 147,200</b>	<b>\$ 10,696</b>	<b>\$ 157,896</b>

#### NOTE 9. RETIREMENT SYSTEM

The Town maintains a "Money Purchase Pension Plan" for its full-time employees. The plan provides for 100 percent vesting after six years. This plan is fully funded by the Town and contributions approximate 13 percent of salaries. The plan is a defined contribution plan and is



administered through a contractual arrangement. All full time employees are eligible to be included in the plan after one year of service, except elected officials. The contributions paid during the year totaled \$11,714. The Town reflects costs for the plan as contributions are paid.

Contributions in 2017, 2016 and 2015 were \$11,714, \$12,714, and \$12,943.

#### **NOTE 10 CONTINGENT LIABILITIES**

Amounts received or receivable from grantor agencies are subject to audit and adjustment by grantor agencies, principally the Federal government. Any disallowed claims, including amounts already collected, may constitute a liability of the applicable funds. The amount, if any, of expenditures which may be disallowed by the grantor cannot be determined at this time although the Town expects such amounts, if any, to be immaterial.

#### **NOTE 11. LONG-TERM CONTRACTS**

Effective April 1, 2015, the Town extended a contract with Waste Pro of Florida for the residential and commercial collection of solid waste within the Town. The contract is for a five year term. The contract fees are payable monthly based upon a unit price schedule and actual units serviced. In the current year, \$87,010 was paid under the contract.

#### **NOTE 13. RISK MANAGEMENT**

The Town is exposed to various risks of loss related to theft of, damage to and destruction of assets; and injury or death on the job of all employees. These risks are primarily covered by commercial insurance purchased from independent third parties. Settled claims from these risks have not exceeded commercial or worker's compensation insurance coverage for the past three years. There has been no reduction in insurance coverage from the previous year.

#### **NOTE 14. SUBSEQUENT EVENTS**

In preparing these financial statements, the Town has evaluated events and transactions for potential recognition or disclosure through April 4, 2018, the date the financial statements were available to be issued.

#### **NOTE 15. OTHER POST EMPLOYMENT BENEFITS**

Pursuant to the provisions of section 112.8011, Florida Statutes, former employees and eligible dependents who retire from the Town, may continue to participate in the Town's fully insured health and hospitalization plan. These retirees are completely responsible for payment of their insurance premiums and the Town does not contribute toward this payment. Based upon prior experience, the assumed participation rate is zero percent and current insurance premiums are not affected by the requirements of section 112.8011, Florida Statutes. An actuarial projection with a zero assumed participation rate, which is consistent with actual results, would result in an Other Post Employment Benefit (OPEB) obligation of zero. Accordingly, there is no OPEB obligation recorded in the financial statements.

**REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**

**TOWN OF BRANFORD, FLORIDA**  
**GENERAL FUND**  
**STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE –**  
**BUDGET AND ACTUAL**  
**For the Fiscal Year Ended September 30, 2017**

	Budgeted Amounts Original & Final	Actual Amounts	Variance with Final Budget Positive (Negative)
<b>REVENUES</b>			
Taxes			
Ad valorem taxes			
Current ad valorem taxes	\$ 96,118	\$ 107,128	\$ 11,010
Delinquent ad valorem taxes	-	696	696
Sales and use taxes			
County infrastructure surtax	59,657	70,354	10,697
Local option gas tax/ alternative fuel	23,000	28,904	5,904
Communications services tax	30,000	31,010	1,010
Franchise fees			
Electricity	62,000	61,367	(633)
Total taxes	<u>270,775</u>	<u>299,459</u>	<u>28,684</u>
Licenses and permits			
Professional and occupational	3,000	3,021	21
Other licenses and permits	-	-	-
Total licenses and permits	<u>3,000</u>	<u>3,021</u>	<u>21</u>
Intergovernmental revenue			
State grant	-	40,809	40,809
State shared revenues			
General government			
State revenue sharing	26,867	26,946	79
Mobile home licenses	400	269	(131)
Alcoholic beverage licenses	200	196	(4)
Local government half-cent sales tax	28,906	32,171	3,265
Grants from other local units			
Culture/recreation	118,932	143,972	25,040
Payments in lieu of taxes	500	2,925	2,425
Total intergovernmental revenue	<u>175,805</u>	<u>247,288</u>	<u>71,483</u>
Charges for services			
General government			
Zoning fees	100	1,250	1,150
Certification, copying, record search	100	78	(22)

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**TOWN OF BRANFORD, FLORIDA**  
**GENERAL FUND**  
**STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE -**  
**BUDGET AND ACTUAL**  
For the Fiscal Year Ended September 30, 2017

Charges for services (continued)			
Public safety			
Fire protection services	\$ 1,800	\$ -	\$ (1,800)
Lighting & maintenance	5,000	13,167	8,167
Physical environment			
Other physical environment	100	-	(100)
Culture/recreation			
Farmers market fees	-	185	185
Civic center fees	3,500	6,014	2,514
Total charges for services	<u>10,600</u>	<u>20,694</u>	<u>10,094</u>
Fines and forfeitures			
Court cases			
Court fines	800	769	(31)
Miscellaneous			
Interest earnings			
Interest on investments	500	1,956	1,456
Cemetery			
Lot fees	2,500	1,500	(1,000)
Contributions	-	7,350	7,350
Skate Park-donations/fundraiser			-
Other miscellaneous	2,000	6,395	4,395
Total miscellaneous	<u>5,000</u>	<u>17,201</u>	<u>12,201</u>
Total revenues	<u>465,980</u>	<u>588,432</u>	<u>122,452</u>
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>			
General government			
Legislative			
Personnel services	47,474	43,030	4,444
Operating expenses	2,500	1,412	1,088
Total legislative	<u>49,974</u>	<u>44,442</u>	<u>5,532</u>
Financial and administrative			
Personnel services	60,507	58,516	1,991
Operating expenses	24,100	22,191	1,909
Capital outlay	1,000	-	1,000
Total financial and administrative	<u>85,607</u>	<u>80,707</u>	<u>4,900</u>

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**TOWN OF BRANFORD, FLORIDA**  
**GENERAL FUND**  
**STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE -**  
**BUDGET AND ACTUAL**  
**For the Fiscal Year Ended September 30, 2017**

Legal counsel			
Operating expenses	\$ 16,000	\$ 38,163	\$ (22,163)
Comprehensive planning			
Operating expenses	12,500	12,000	500
Other general government			
Operating expenses	20,200	48,996	(28,796)
Capital outlay	12,000	224,963	(212,963)
Total other general government	32,200	273,959	(241,759)
Total general government	196,281	449,271	(252,990)
Public safety			
Law enforcement			
Operating expenses	42,000	42,000	-
Fire control			
Operating expenses	24,900	19,595	5,305
Capital outlay	10,000	39,553	(29,553)
Total fire control	34,900	59,148	(24,248)
Code enforcement			
Operating expenses	5,400	1,946	3,454
Total code enforcement	5,400	1,946	3,454
Total public safety	82,300	103,094	(20,794)
Physical environment			
Other physical environment			
Personnel services	49,537	40,092	9,445
Operating expenses	3,050	2,805	245
Capital outlay	12,450	1,000	11,450
Total other physical environment	65,037	43,897	21,140
Cemetery			
Operating expenses	1,000	2,430	(1,430)
Total physical environment	66,037	46,327	19,710
Transportation			
Roads and streets			
Operating expenses	35,100	27,642	7,458
Capital outlay	56,000	-	56,000
Total roads and streets	91,100	27,642	63,458
Total transportation	91,100	27,642	63,458

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**TOWN OF BRANFORD, FLORIDA**  
**GENERAL FUND**  
**STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE -**  
**BUDGET AND ACTUAL**  
**For the Fiscal Year Ended September 30, 2017**

Human services			
Health			
Operating expenses	\$ 500	\$ 500	\$ -
Total human services	<u>500</u>	<u>500</u>	<u>-</u>
Culture/recreation			
Parks and recreation			
Personnel services	19,592	-	19,592
Operating expenses	37,800	72,092	(34,292)
Infrastructure improvements	36,540	-	36,540
Grants and aids	25,000	4,500	20,500
Capital outlay	-	147,200	(147,200)
Total culture/recreation	<u>118,932</u>	<u>223,792</u>	<u>(104,860)</u>
Total expenditures	<u>555,150</u>	<u>850,626</u>	<u>(295,476)</u>
Excess of revenues over (under)			
expenditures	(89,170)	(262,194)	(173,024)
<b>OTHER FINANCING SOURCES</b>			
Loan proceeds	-	382,200	382,200
Fund balances at beginning of year	<u>692,935</u>	<u>692,935</u>	<u>-</u>
Fund balances at end of year	<u>\$ 603,765</u>	<u>\$ 812,941</u>	<u>\$ 209,176</u>

See notes to financial statements.

**TOWN OF BRANFORD, FLORIDA**  
**NOTES TO REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**  
**SEPTEMBER 30, 2017**

**I. Stewardship, Compliance, and Accountability**

- A. Budgetary information.** The Town, in establishing its budgetary data reflected in the financial statements follows the procedures set out in Chapters 166 and 200, *Florida Statutes*. The Town prepares a tentative budget, which is used by the Town at a public workshop to prepare the budgets for the coming year. Public hearings are conducted to obtain taxpayer comments. Subsequently, these budgets are legally adopted through the passage of a resolution at an advertised public session. Such actions are recorded in the Town's minutes.

The budget is adopted on the modified accrual basis of accounting, which is consistent with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP). The only exception to the GAAP basis is the Enterprise Fund, where depreciation is not budgeted for capital assets, while capital outlay expenditures are budgeted and are reclassified into fixed assets. These are then eliminated from the results of operations for financial reporting purposes in the Enterprise Fund. Estimated beginning fund balances are considered in the budgetary process, but are not included in the financial statements as budgeted revenues.

The annual budget serves as the legal authorization for expenditures. All budget amendments, which change the legally adopted total appropriation for a fund, are approved by the Town Council.

If during the fiscal year, additional revenue becomes available for appropriations in excess of those estimated in the budget, the Town Council, by resolution, may make supplemental appropriations for the year up to the amount of such excess.

The Town follows these procedures in establishing the budgetary data reflected in the financial statements:

1. Prior to September 1, the Town Clerk submits to the Town Council a proposed operating budget for the fiscal year commencing the following October 1. The operating budget includes proposed expenditures and the means of financing them.
2. Public hearings are conducted in August and September to obtain taxpayer comments.
3. Prior to November 1, the budget is legally enacted through passage of an ordinance.
4. The legal level of budgetary control is the department level; however, the Town Council may, by formal motion, transfer appropriations between departments and may use surplus revenues not appropriated in the budget for any municipal purpose.

5. **Budgets are prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America for governmental fund types.**



**TOWN OF BRANFORD, FLORIDA**

**SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF STATE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE**

For the Fiscal Year Ended September 30, 2017

State Grantor/Pass-Through Grantor/ Program Title	CSFA Number	Grantor Number	Program Award/Matching Amount	Received/ Reported Prior Year	Current Year Revenues	Current Year Expenditures
<b>STATE AWARDS</b>						
NON MAJOR PROGRAMS						
U.S. Department of Environmental Protection Passed through the Florida Recreational Development Assistance Program	37.017	140002	\$ 50,000	\$ -	\$ 40,809	\$ 40,809
Total state financial assistance			<u>\$ 50,000</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 40,809</u>	<u>\$ 40,809</u>

See Notes to Schedule of Expenditures of State Financial Assistance.

## TOWN OF BRANFORD, FLORIDA

### Notes to Schedule of Expenditures of State Financial Assistance

For the Fiscal Year Ended September 30, 2017

#### **NOTE 1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

The accompanying policies and presentation of the Schedule of Expenditures of State Financial Assistance of the Town of Branford, Florida, (the "Town") have been designed to conform to generally accepted accounting principles applicable to governmental units, including the reporting and compliance requirements of the Audits of States, Local Governments, and Non-Profit Organizations and Office of Management and Budget *Uniform Guidance*, and the requirements described in the *Department of Financial Services' State Projects Compliance Supplement*.

- **Reporting Entity**

This reporting entity consists of the Town of Branford, Florida. The Town includes a Schedule of Expenditures of State Financial Assistance in the Compliance Section for the purpose of additional analysis.

- **Basis of Accounting**

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

The modified accrual basis of accounting is followed in the Schedule of Expenditures of State Financial Assistance. Under the modified accrual basis, revenues are recognized when they become measurable and available. Revenues are considered to be available when they are collectible within the current period or soon enough thereafter to pay liabilities of the current period. For this purpose, the Town considers revenues to be available if they are collected within 60 days after the end of the current fiscal period. Expenditures generally are recorded when a liability is incurred, as under accrual accounting.

**COMPLIANCE SECTION**

**INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER FINANCIAL REPORTING AND ON COMPLIANCE AND OTHER MATTERS BASED ON AN AUDIT OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS PERFORMED IN ACCORDANCE WITH GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS**

To the Mayor and Members  
of the Town Council  
Town of Branford, Florida

We have audited, in accordance with the auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, the financial statements of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Town of Branford, Florida, as of and for the year ended September 30, 2017, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Town of Branford, Florida's basic financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated April 4, 2018.

**Internal Control Over Financial Reporting**

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

A *deficiency in internal control* exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and correct, misstatements on a timely basis. A *material weakness* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control, such that there is a reasonable possibility that a material misstatement of the entity's financial statements will not be prevented, or detected and corrected on a timely basis. A *significant deficiency* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control that is less severe than a material weakness, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance.

Our consideration of internal control was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies. Given these limitations, during our audit we did not identify any deficiencies in internal control that we consider to be material weaknesses. However, material weaknesses may exist that have not been identified. However, we identified the following deficiency in internal control over financial reporting that we consider to be a significant deficiency in internal control over financial reporting.

**Finding 2010-1 (Excess of second preceding year)**

**Financial Statement Preparation**

A system of internal control over financial reporting includes controls over financial statement preparation, including footnote disclosures. While your auditor can assist with the preparation of your financial statements and related footnotes, the financial statements are the responsibility of management. A deficiency in internal control exists when the government does not have the expertise necessary to prevent, detect, and correct misstatements. A deficiency in internal control

exists in instances where the Town of Branford, Florida is not capable of drafting the financial statements and all required footnotes disclosures in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. Possessing suitable skill, knowledge, or experience to oversee services an auditor provides in assisting with financial statement presentation requires a lower level of technical knowledge than the competence required to prepare the financial statements and disclosures.

#### **MANAGEMENT'S RESPONSE**

***We agree with this finding. We are a very small government and have used our available resources to employ a competent bookkeeper who maintains excellent accounting records and provides accurate monthly financial reports prepared generally on the cash basis. We likewise have confidence in our audit firm to utilize these records and prepare annual financial statements in the required formats and with all associated note disclosures. Both the Mayor and Town Council review the annual financial reports and have the opportunity to ask the auditor any questions regarding the report prior to its formal presentation. The report is formally presented by the auditor at a scheduled meeting of the Town Council.***

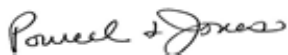
***At this time, we do not believe it would be a justifiable expense to employ another accountant on either a part-time or full-time basis to prepare the annual financial statements. We thus accept this required disclosure finding and will continue to monitor this situation in the future.***

#### **Compliance and Other Matters**

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

#### **Purpose of this Report**

The purpose of this report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control or on compliance. This report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the entity's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose.



**POWELL & JONES**  
Certified Public Accountants  
April 4, 2018

**MANAGEMENT LETTER REQUIRED BY CHAPTER 10.550,  
RULES OF THE AUDITOR GENERAL**

To the Town Council  
Town of Branford, Florida

We have audited the basic financial statements of the Town of Branford, Florida, as of and for the year ended September 30, 2017, and have issued our report thereon dated April 4, 2018.

We have issued our Report on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting and on Compliance and Other Matters Based on an Audit of Financial Statements Performed in Accordance with Governmental Auditing Standards dated April 4, 2018. Disclosures in that report should be considered in conjunction with this management letter.

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, and *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Additionally, our audit was conducted in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 10.550, *Rules of the Auditor General*, which govern the conduct of local governmental entity audits performed in the State of Florida and require that the following be addressed in this letter.

**PRIOR YEAR FINDINGS**

There were no reportable findings in the prior year.

**CURRENT YEAR FINDINGS**

There were no reportable findings during the current year.

**FINANCIAL COMPLIANCE MATTERS**

Annual Local Government Financial Report – The Financial Report filed with the Department of Financial Services pursuant to Section 218.32(1)(a), *Florida Statutes*, is in agreement with the accompanying financial statements of the Town of Branford, Florida, for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2017.

Financial Emergency Status – We have determined that the Town of Branford, Florida did not meet any of the conditions described in Section 218.503(1), *Florida Statutes*, that might result in a financial emergency.

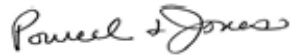
Financial Condition Assessment – As required by the *Rules of the Auditor General*, (Sections 10.554(1)(l)7.c and 10.556(7)), we applied financial condition assessment procedures. It is management’s responsibility to monitor the entity’s financial condition, and our financial condition assessment was based in part on representations made by management and the review of financial information they provided.

We noted no deteriorating financial conditions as defined by Rule 10.554(2)(f).

Our audit did not disclose any further items that would be required to be reported under the *Rules of the Auditor General*, Chapter 10.550.

## **CONCLUSION**

We very much enjoyed the challenges and experiences associated with our audit of the Town. We appreciate the courtesy and helpful assistance afforded us by Town employees and officials in completing our audit and also the generally high quality of the Town's financial records and internal controls.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Powell & Jones".

## **POWELL & JONES**

Certified Public Accountants

April 4, 2018

## INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANT'S REPORT

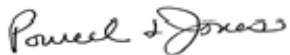
To the Town Council  
Town of Branford, Florida

We have examined the Town of Branford, Florida's compliance with Section 218.415, *Florida Statutes*, regarding the investment of public funds during the year ended September 30, 2017. Management is responsible for the Town's compliance with those requirements. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the Town's compliance based on our examination.

Our examination was conducted in accordance with attestation standards established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants and, accordingly, included examining, on a test basis, evidence about the Town's compliance with those requirements and performing such other procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances. We believe that our examination provides a reasonable basis for our opinion. Our examination does not provide a legal determination on the Town's compliance with specified requirements.

In our opinion, the Town complied, in all material respects, with the aforementioned requirements for the year ended September 30, 2017.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of the Town of Branford, Florida and the Auditor General, State of Florida, and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.



**POWELL & JONES**  
Certified Public Accountants  
April 4, 2018



## **Communication with Those Charged with Governance**

To the Town Council  
Town of Branford, Florida

We have audited the financial statements of the Town of Branford, Florida for the year ended September 30, 2017. Professional standards require that we provide you with information about our responsibilities under generally accepted auditing standards and *Government Auditing Standards*, as well as certain information related to the planned scope and timing of our audit. Professional standards also require that we communicate to you the following information related to our audit.

### **Significant Audit Findings**

#### ***Qualitative Aspects of Accounting Practices***

Management is responsible for the selection and use of appropriate accounting policies. The significant accounting policies used by the Town are described in Note 1 to the financial statements. No new accounting policies were adopted and the application of existing policies was not changed during 2017. We noted no transactions entered into by the governmental unit during the year for which there is a lack of authoritative guidance or consensus. All significant transactions have been recognized in the financial statements in the proper period.

Accounting estimates are an integral part of the financial statements prepared by management and are based on management's knowledge and experience about past and current events and assumptions about future events. Certain accounting estimates are particularly sensitive because of their significance to the financial statements and because of the possibility that future events affecting them may differ significantly from those expected. There are no sensitive estimates affecting the Town's financial statements.

Certain financial statement disclosures are particularly sensitive because of their significance to financial statement users. There are no sensitive disclosures affecting the financial statements.

#### ***Difficulties Encountered in Performing the Audit***

We encountered no significant difficulties in dealing with management in performing and completing our audit.

#### ***Corrected and Uncorrected Misstatements***

Professional standards require us to accumulate all known and likely misstatements identified during the audit, other than those that are trivial, and communicate them to the appropriate level of management. There were no such misstatements identified during our audit.

#### ***Disagreements with Management***

For purposes of this letter, professional standards define a disagreement with management as a financial accounting, reporting, or auditing matter, whether or not resolved to our satisfaction, that could be significant to the financial statements or the auditor's report. We are pleased to report that no such disagreements arose during the course of our audit.

#### ***Management Representations***

We have requested certain representations from management that are included in the management representation letter dated April 4, 2018.

***Management Consultations with Other Independent Accountants***

In some cases, management may decide to consult with other accountants about auditing and accounting matters, similar to obtaining a “second opinion” on certain situations. If a consultation involves application of an accounting principle to the governmental unit’s financial statements or a determination of the type of auditor’s opinion that may be expressed on those statements, our professional standards require the consulting accountant to check with us to determine that the consultant has all the relevant facts. To our knowledge, there were no such consultations with other accountants.

***Other Audit Findings or Issues***

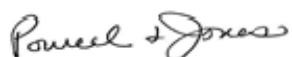
We generally discuss a variety of matters, including the application of accounting principles and auditing standards, with management each year prior to retention as the governmental unit’s auditors. However, these discussions occurred in the normal course of our professional relationship and our responses were not a condition to our retention.

**Other Information in Documents Containing Audited Financial Statements**

With respect to the supplementary information accompanying the financial statements, we made certain inquiries of management and evaluated the form, content, and methods of preparing the information to determine that the information complies with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, the method of preparing it has not changed from the prior period, and the information is appropriate and complete in relation to our audit of the financial statements. We compared and reconciled the supplementary information to the underlying accounting records used to prepare the financial statements or to the financial statements themselves.

This information is intended solely for the use of the Town Council and management of the Town of Branford, Florida, and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

Very truly yours,



**POWELL & JONES**  
Certified Public Accountants  
April 4, 2018