

**TOWN OF DAMASCUS**  
Damascus, Virginia

**ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT**  
June 30, 2017

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## INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

Members of the Town Council  
Town of Damascus, Virginia

### Report on the Financial Statements

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Town of Damascus, Virginia (the Town) as of and for the year ended June 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.

### Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

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

### Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express opinions on these financial statements based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of 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 opinions.

## Opinions

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

## Other Matters

### *Required Supplementary Information*

The Town has omitted the management's discussion and analysis that accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require to be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such missing 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. Our opinion on the basic financial statements is not affected by this missing information.

### *Other Information*

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the Town of Damascus, Virginia June 30, 2017 basic financial statements. The statistical section is not a required part of the basic financial statements.

The statistical information has not been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and, accordingly, we do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on them.

## Other Reporting Required by *Government Auditing Standards*

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated December 5, 2017 on our consideration of the Town's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the Town's internal control over financial reporting and compliance, and should be read in conjunction with this report in considering the results of our audit.

*Owens CPA & Associates, P.C.*

Owens CPA & Associates, P.C.  
Vansant, Virginia  
December 12, 2017

**BASIC FINANCIAL**

**STATEMENTS**

**TOWN OF DAMASCUS, VIRGINIA**  
**STATEMENT OF NET POSITION**  
**June 30, 2017**

	Primary Government		
	Governmental Activities	Business-Type Activities	Total
<b>ASSETS</b>			
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 424,219	\$ -	\$ 424,219
Taxes receivable, net	89,697	-	89,697
Receivables, net	58,395	-	58,395
Due from other governments	-	-	-
Prepaid expenses	10,742	-	10,742
Capital assets:			
Nondepreciable:			
Land	394,278	-	394,278
Depreciable:			
Buildings	1,164,501	-	1,164,501
Improvements and infrastructure	364,541	-	364,541
Machinery and equipment	1,013,333	-	1,013,333
Less: accumulated depreciation	(1,707,397)	-	(1,707,397)
Total assets	<u>1,812,309</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,812,309</u>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>			
Accounts payable	\$ 21,254	\$ -	\$ 21,254
Accrued liabilities	14,627	-	14,627
Noncurrent liabilities:			
Due within one year	7,075	-	7,075
Due in more than one year	50,002	-	50,002
Total liabilities	<u>92,958</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>92,958</u>
<b>NET POSITION</b>			
Invested in capital assets, net of related debt	1,229,256	-	1,229,256
Restricted (Health insurance premium)	42,425	-	42,425
Unrestricted	447,670	-	447,670
Total net position	<u>\$ 1,719,351</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 1,719,351</u>

*The notes to the financial statements are an integral part of this statement.*

**TOWN OF DAMASCUS, VIRGINIA**  
**STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES**  
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2017

<u>Functions / Programs</u>	Program Revenues			
	Expenses	Charges for Services	Operating Grants and Contributions	Capital Grants and Contributions
<b>Primary government:</b>				
Governmental Activities:				
General government	\$ 345,159	\$ 70,748	\$ 1,000	267,125
Public safety	215,511	1,573	57,530	7,963
Public works	180,994	-	1,031	-
Cultural and recreation	72,016	94,041	7,897	-
Community development	64,432	-	-	-
Total governmental activities	878,112	166,362	67,458	275,088
Business-Type Activities:	-	-	-	-
Total business-type activities	-	-	-	-
Total primary government	<u>\$ 878,112</u>	<u>\$ 166,362</u>	<u>\$ 67,458</u>	<u>\$ 275,088</u>

General revenues:  
Property taxes  
Meals tax  
Sales tax  
Lodging tax  
Utility tax  
Cigarette tax  
Other taxes  
Unrestricted investment earnings  
Gain on sale of assets  
Miscellaneous  
Penalties and interest collected  
Total general revenues

Change in net position

Net position - beginning

Net position - ending

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**TOWN OF DAMASCUS, VIRGINIA**  
**STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES**  
**For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2017**

Net (Expense) Revenues and Changes in Net Assets		
Primary Government		
Governmental Activities	Business-Type Activities	Total
\$ (6,286)	\$ -	\$ (6,286)
(148,445)	-	(148,445)
(179,963)	-	(179,963)
29,922	-	29,922
(64,432)	-	(64,432)
(369,204)	-	(369,204)
-	-	-
-	-	-
(369,204)	-	(369,204)
258,121	-	258,121
143,730	-	143,730
46,218	-	46,218
55,029	-	55,029
30,098	-	30,098
62,775	-	62,775
38,739	-	38,739
221	-	221
(190)	-	(190)
60,449	-	60,449
6,629	-	6,629
701,819	-	701,819
332,615	-	332,615
1,386,736	-	1,386,736
\$ 1,719,351	\$ -	\$ 1,719,351

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**TOWN OF DAMASCUS, VIRGINIA**  
**BALANCE SHEET - GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS**  
June 30, 2017

	<u>GENERAL</u>	<u>HEALTH INSURANCE PREMIUM</u>	<u>PROGRAM</u>	<u>TOTAL GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS</u>
<b>Assets</b>				
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 352,231	\$ 42,425	\$ 29,563	\$ 424,219
Receivables (Net of allowance for uncollectables):				
Taxes	89,697	-	-	89,697
Accounts	58,395	-	-	58,395
Prepays	10,742	-	-	10,742
Total assets	<u>\$ 511,065</u>	<u>\$ 42,425</u>	<u>\$ 29,563</u>	<u>\$ 583,053</u>
<b>Liabilities:</b>				
Accounts payable	\$ 21,254	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 21,254
Accrued liabilities	14,627	-	-	14,627
Total liabilities	<u>\$ 35,881</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 35,881</u>
<b>Deferred Inflows of Resources</b>				
Deferred revenue	\$ 2,947	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,947
<b>Fund Balance</b>				
Unassigned	\$ 472,237	\$ 42,425	\$ 29,563	\$ 544,225
Total fund equity	<u>472,237</u>	<u>42,425</u>	<u>29,563</u>	<u>544,225</u>
Total liabilities and fund balance	<u>\$ 511,065</u>	<u>\$ 42,425</u>	<u>\$ 29,563</u>	<u>\$ 583,053</u>

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**TOWN OF DAMASCUS, VIRGINIA**  
**RECONCILIATION OF THE BALANCE SHEET - GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS**  
**TO THE STATEMENT OF NET ASSETS**  
**June 30, 2017**

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Total fund balances on the governmental fund's balance sheet	\$ 544,225
Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of net assets are different because:	
Capital assets used in government activities are not financial resources and therefore not reported in the funds.	1,229,256
Long-term liabilities are not due and payable in the current period and therefore are not reported in the funds.	(57,077)
Certain revenues are not available to fund current year expenditures and therefore are deferred in the funds.	<u>2,947</u>
Net position of governmental activities	<u><u>\$ 1,719,351</u></u>

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**TOWN OF DAMASCUS, VIRGINIA**  
**STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES**  
**AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE**  
**GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS**  
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2017

REVENUES	GENERAL	HEALTH INSURANCE PREMIUM	PROGRAM	TOTAL GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
Taxes:				
Property taxes	\$ 258,121	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 258,121
Meals tax	143,730	-	-	143,730
Sales tax	46,218	-	-	46,218
Lodging tax	55,029	-	-	55,029
Utility tax	30,098	-	-	30,098
Cigarette tax	62,775	-	-	62,775
Other taxes	38,739	-	-	38,739
Licenses	70,748	-	-	70,748
Intergovernmental:				
State	333,049	-	-	333,049
Local	9,497	-	-	9,497
Charges for services	1,573	-	-	1,573
Fines and forfeits	94,041	-	-	94,041
Interest and investment earnings	213	-	4	217
Miscellaneous	60,436	-	-	60,436
Total revenues	<u>1,204,267</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>1,204,271</u>
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>				
Current:				
General government	558,321	-	-	558,321
Public safety	201,170	-	-	201,170
Public works	202,814	-	-	202,814
Cultural and recreation	63,095	-	-	63,095
Community development	51,120	-	13,312	64,432
Total expenditures	<u>1,076,520</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>13,312</u>	<u>1,089,832</u>
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenditures	<u>127,747</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(13,308)</u>	<u>114,439</u>
<b>OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES):</b>				
Penalties and interest collected	6,629	-	-	6,629
Proceeds from sale of property	2,750	-	-	2,750
Proceeds from borrowings	-	-	-	-
Retirement of principal debt	(47,743)	-	-	(47,743)
Interest paid on debt	(2,737)	-	-	(2,737)
Transfer of funds	(42,425)	42,425	-	-
Total other financing sources (uses)	<u>(83,526)</u>	<u>42,425</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(41,101)</u>
Net change in fund balances	44,221	42,425	(13,308)	73,338
Fund balances - beginning	428,016	-	42,871	470,887
Fund balances - ending	<u>\$ 472,237</u>	<u>\$ 42,425</u>	<u>\$ 29,563</u>	<u>\$ 544,225</u>

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**TOWN OF DAMASCUS, VIRGINIA**  
**RECONCILIATION OF THE STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES**  
**AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES OF GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS TO**  
**THE STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES**  
**For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2017**

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

Net change in fund balances - total governmental funds	\$	73,338
Revenues in the Statement of Activities that do not provide current financial resources are reported as revenue in the funds:		
Add current year deferred property tax revenue	\$ 2,947	
Subtract last year's deferred property tax revenue	<u>(2,931)</u>	16
The net effect of various miscellaneous transactions involving capital assets (i.e., sales, trade-ins, and donations) is to decrease net position.		
		(2,939)
Governmental funds report capital outlays as expenditures. However, in the statement of activities, the cost of those assets is allocated over their estimated useful lives and reported as depreciation expense. This is the amount by which net capital outlays exceeded depreciation in the current period.		
		214,457
The issuance of long-term debt (e.g., loans, bonds, leases) provides current financial resources to governmental funds, while the repayment of the principal of long-term debt consumes the current financial resources of governmental funds. Neither transaction, however, has any effect on net assets. Also, governmental funds report the effect of issuance costs, premiums, discounts, and similar items when debt is first issued, whereas these amounts are deferred and amortized in the statement of activities. This amount is the net effect of these differences in the treatment of long-term debt and related items.		
		<u>47,743</u>
Change in net assets of governmental activities	\$	<u><u>332,615</u></u>

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**TOWN OF DAMASCUS, VIRGINIA**  
**STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES**  
**IN FUND BALANCES - BUDGET AND ACTUAL - GENERAL FUND**  
**For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2017**

	Final Budget	Actual Amounts Budgetary Basis	Variance Positive (Negative)
<b>REVENUES</b>			
Taxes:			
Property taxes	\$ 242,500	\$ 258,121	\$ 15,621
Meals tax	110,000	143,730	33,730
Sales tax	45,500	46,218	718
Lodging tax	45,000	55,029	10,029
Utility tax	30,000	30,098	98
Cigarette tax	43,000	62,775	19,775
Other taxes	40,000	38,739	(1,261)
Licenses	75,000	70,748	(4,252)
Intergovernmental:			
State	410,400	333,049	(77,351)
Local	8,100	9,497	1,397
Charges for services	68,700	94,041	25,341
Fines and forfeits	9,000	1,573	(7,427)
Interest and investment earnings	1,000	213	(787)
Miscellaneous	10,900	60,436	49,536
Total revenues	<u>1,139,100</u>	<u>1,204,267</u>	<u>65,167</u>
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>			
General government	264,526	553,577	(289,051)
Public safety	275,480	201,170	74,310
Public works	192,438	202,814	(10,376)
Cultural and recreation	35,090	63,095	(28,005)
Community development	396,266	51,120	345,146
Total expenditures	<u>1,163,800</u>	<u>1,071,776</u>	<u>92,024</u>
Deficiency of revenues over expenditures	<u>(24,700)</u>	<u>132,491</u>	<u>157,191</u>
<b>OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES):</b>			
Penalties and interest collected	8,400	6,629	(1,771)
Surplus property / Proceeds from sale of property	-	2,750	2,750
Retirement of principal debt	(13,700)	(47,743)	(34,043)
Interest paid on debt	-	(2,737)	(2,737)
Proceeds from borrowings	30,000	-	(30,000)
Transfers to other funds	-	(42,425)	(42,425)
Total other financing sources (uses)	<u>24,700</u>	<u>(83,526)</u>	<u>(108,226)</u>
Net change in fund balance	<u>-</u>	<u>48,965</u>	<u>48,965</u>
Fund balance - beginning	<u>-</u>	<u>428,016</u>	<u>428,016</u>
Fund balance - ending	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 476,981</u>	<u>\$ 476,981</u>

*The notes to the financial statements are an integral part of this statement.*

**NOTES TO FINANCIAL**

**STATEMENTS**

**TOWN OF DAMASCUS, VIRGINIA**  
**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2017**

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**NOTE 1 – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

**A. Reporting Entity**

The Town of Damascus, Virginia (Town) is a municipal corporation governed by an elected six-member council. The accompanying financial statements present the Town and its component units, entities for which the Town is considered financially accountable. Blended component units, although legally separate entities, are, in substance, part of the Town's operations. The Town of Damascus, Virginia has determined that it has no component units.

The services provided by the Town and accounted for within these financial statements include law enforcement for the Town, health and sanitation services, and other governmental services.

**B. Government-Wide and Fund Financial Statements**

The government-wide financial statements (i.e., the statement of net position and the statement of activities) report information on all of the non-fiduciary activities of the primary government and its component units, if any. For the most part, the effect of inter-fund 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 reported separately from certain legally separate component units for which the primary government is financially accountable.

The statement of activities demonstrates the degree to which the direct expenses of a given function or segment is offset by program revenues. Direct expenses are those that are clearly identifiable with a specific function or segment. Program revenues include 1) charges to customers or applicants who purchase, use, or directly benefit from goods, services, privileges provided by a given function and 2) grants and contributions that are restricted to meeting the operational or capital requirements of a particular function. Taxes and other items not properly included among program revenues are reported instead as general revenues. Interest on long-term debt liabilities is considered an indirect expense and is reported in the Statement of Activities as a separate line.

Separate financial statements are provided for governmental funds and proprietary funds. Major individual governmental funds and major individual enterprise funds are reported as separate columns in the fund financial statements.

**C. Measurement Focus, Basis of Accounting, and Financial Statement Presentation**

The government-wide financial statements are reported using the economic resources measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting, as are the proprietary fund financial statements. Revenues are recorded when earned and expenses are recorded when a liability is incurred, regardless of the timing of related cash flows. Property taxes are recognized as revenues in the year for which they are levied and collectible. Grants and similar items are recognized as revenue as soon as all eligibility requirements imposed by the provider have been met.

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 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 collectible within 45 days of the end of the current fiscal period.

Expenditures generally are recorded when a liability is incurred, as under accrual accounting. However, debt service expenditures, as well as expenditures related to compensated absences and claims and judgments, are recorded only when payment is due.

**TOWN OF DAMASCUS, VIRGINIA**  
**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2017**

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Property taxes, franchise taxes, licenses, and interest associated with the current fiscal period are all considered to be susceptible to accrual and have been recognized as revenues of the current fiscal period. Accordingly, real and personal property taxes are recorded as revenues and receivables when billed, net of allowances for uncollectible amounts. Property taxes not collected within 45 days after year-end are reflected as deferred revenues. Sales and utility taxes, which are collected by the state or utilities and subsequently remitted to the Town, are recognized as revenues and receivables upon collection by the state or utility, which is generally in the month preceding receipt by the Town.

Licenses, permits, fines, and rents are recorded as revenue when received. Intergovernmental revenues, consisting primarily of federal, state and other grants for the purpose of funding specific expenditures, are recognized when earned or at the time of the specific expenditures. Revenues from general purpose grants are recognized in the period to which the grant applies. All other revenue items are considered to be measurable and available only when cash is received by the Town.

Entitlements and shared revenues are recorded at the time of receipt or earlier if the susceptible to accrual criteria are met. Expenditure-driven grants are recognized as revenue when the qualifying expenditures have been incurred and all other grant requirements have been met.

The Town reports the following major governmental funds:

The *General Fund* is the Town's primary operating fund. It accounts for all financial sources of the general government, except those required to be accounted for in another fund.

The *Health Insurance Fund* was established by resolution on December 5, 2016. These funds shall be used solely to offset health insurance premium expenses incurred by or on behalf of the Town's present and future employees.

The *Program Fund* is used to account for special programs and/or projects of the Town.

The Town does not have any major proprietary funds.

As a general rule, the effect of interfund activity has been eliminated from the government-wide financial statements.

Amounts reported as program revenues include: 1) charges to customers or applicants for goods, services, or privileges provided, 2) operating grants and contributions, and 3) capital grants and contributions, including special assessments. Internally dedicated resources are reported as general revenues rather than program revenues. Likewise, general revenues include all taxes.

**D. Assets, Liabilities, Deferred Outflows/Inflows of Resources and Net Position/Fund Balance**

**1. Deposits and Investments**

The Town's cash and cash equivalents are considered to be cash on hand, demand deposits and short-term investments with original maturities of less than three months from the date of the acquisition. For purposes of the Statement of Cash Flows, restricted assets may be considered cash equivalents based on liquidity.

**2. Receivables and Payables**

*Interfund Transactions*

Activity between funds that are representative of lending/borrowing arrangements outstanding at the end of the fiscal year are referred to as either "interfund receivables or payables" (i.e. the current portion of interfund loans) or "advances to/from other funds" (i.e. the non-current portion of interfund loans). All other outstanding balances between funds are reported as "due to/from other funds." Any residual balance outstanding between the governmental activities and the business-type activities are reported in the government-wide financial statements as "internal balances."



**TOWN OF DAMASCUS, VIRGINIA  
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2017**

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*Trade Receivables*

All trade receivables are shown at their gross value and, where appropriate, are reduced by the estimated portion that is expected to be uncollectible.

*Property Tax Receivable*

Property is assessed at its value on January 1. Property taxes attach as an enforceable lien as of January 1. Real estate taxes are payable twice per year beginning on January 1, 2010 in two installments on May 15<sup>th</sup> and November 15<sup>th</sup>. Personal property taxes are due and collectible annually on November 15<sup>th</sup>. The Town bills and collects its own taxes.

**3. Allowance for Uncollectible Accounts**

The Town calculates its allowance for uncollectible accounts using historical collection data, and, in certain cases, specific account analysis.

**4. Prepaid Items**

Certain payments to vendors reflect costs applicable to future accounting periods and are recorded as prepaid items.

**5. Use of Estimates**

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles requires management to make certain estimates that affect certain reported amounts and disclosures. Accordingly, actual results could differ from those results.

**6. Capital Assets and Depreciation**

Capital assets, which include property, plant, and equipment, are reported in the applicable governmental or business-type activities columns in the government-wide financial statements. Capital assets are defined by the Town as assets with an initial, individual cost of \$5,000 for machinery and equipment, \$25,000 for land, and \$100,000 for buildings with an estimated useful life in excess of one year. Such assets are recorded at historical cost or estimated historical cost if purchased or constructed. Donated capital assets are recorded at estimated fair market value at the date of donation.

The cost of normal maintenance and repairs that do not add to the value of the assets or materially extend assets lives 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. No interest was capitalized during the current or previous year.

Capital assets of the primary government, as well as any component unit, are depreciated using the straight-line method over the following estimated useful lives:

Building, improvements, and infrastructure	40 years
Vehicles, machinery, and equipment	5 - 10 years

**7. Compensated Absences**

Vested or accumulated vacation leave that is expected to be liquidated with expendable available financial resources is reported as expenditure and a fund liability of the governmental fund that will pay it. Amounts of vested or accumulated vacation leave that are not expected to be liquidated with expendable available resources are reported in the general long-term debt account group. No expenditure is reported for these amounts. In accordance with the provisions of Government Accounting Standards No. 16, Accounting for Compensated Absences, no liability is recorded for nonvesting accumulating rights to receive benefits. The Town accrues salary – related costs associated with the payment of compensated absences.

**TOWN OF DAMASCUS, VIRGINIA**  
**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2017**

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**8. Long-Term Obligations**

In the government-wide financial statements, and proprietary fund types in the fund financial statements, long-term debt and other long-term obligations are reported as liabilities in the applicable governmental activities, business-type activities, or proprietary fund type statement of net assets. Bond premiums and discounts, as well as issuance costs, are deferred and amortized over the life of the bonds using the straight-line method. Bonds payable are reported net of the applicable bond premium or discount. Bond issuance costs are reported as deferred charges and amortized over the life on the related bond.

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

**9. Deferred Outflows/Inflows of Resources**

In addition to assets, the statement of net position will sometimes report a separate section for deferred outflows of resources. This separate financial statement element, *deferred outflows of resources*, represents a consumption of net position that applies to a future period(s) and will not be recognized as an outflow of resources (expense/expenditure) until then.

In addition to liabilities, the statement of net position will sometimes report a separate section for deferred inflows of resources. This separate financial element, *deferred inflows of resources*, represents an acquisition of net position that applies to a future period(s) and so will not be recognized as an inflow of resources (revenue) until that time.

There were no deferred outflows/inflows of resources at year end.

**10. Fund Equity**

The Town follows provisions of GASB Statement 54, *Fund Balance Reporting and Governmental Fund Type Definitions*. The following classifications describe the relative strength of the spending constraints placed on the purposes for which resources can be used:

- Nonspendable fund balance – amounts that are not in spendable form (such as inventory and prepaids) or are required to be maintained intact (corpus of a permanent fund);
- Restricted fund balance – amounts constrained to specific purposes by their providers (such as grantors, bondholders, and higher levels of government), through constitutional provisions, or by enabling legislation;
- Committed fund balance – amounts constrained to specific purposes by a government itself, using its highest level of decision-making authority; to be reported as committed, amounts cannot be used for any other purpose unless the government takes the same highest level action to remove or change the constraint;
- Assigned fund balance – amounts a government intends to use for a specific purpose; intent can be expressed by the governing body or by an official or body to which the governing body delegates the authority;
- Unassigned fund balance – amounts that are available for any purpose; positive amounts are only reported in the general fund.

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

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**11. Net Position**

The Authority's financial statements are being presented in conformance with provisions of the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement No. 63 "*Financial Reporting of Deferred Outflows of Resources, Deferred Inflows of Resources, and Net Position*" (GASB 63). As required by GASB 63, the Authority has classified net position into three components: net investment in capital assets; restricted; and unrestricted. These classifications of Net Position are defined as follows:

*Net investment in capital assets* - Consists of capital assets including restricted capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation and reduced by the outstanding balances of any bonds, mortgages, notes, or other borrowings that are attributable to the acquisition, construction, or improvement of those assets.

*Restricted* - Consists of net assets with constraints placed on the use either by (1) external groups such as creditors, grantors, contributors, or laws or regulations or other governments; or (2) law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation. At year end, there were no Restricted Net Positions.

*Unrestricted* - All other net assets that do not meet the definition of "restricted" or "invested in capital assets, net of related debt." Generally, this represents those financial resources that are available to the Authority to meet any future obligations that might arise.

**NOTE 2 - STEWARDSHIP, COMPLIANCE AND ACCOUNTABILITY**

**A. Budgetary Information**

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

1. Prior to March 30, the Council develops a proposed operating and capital budget for the fiscal year commencing the following July 1. The operating and capital budget includes proposed expenditures and the means of financing them.
2. Public hearings are conducted to obtain citizens' comments.
3. Prior to June 30, the budget is legally enacted through passage of an Appropriations Resolution.
4. The Appropriations Resolution places legal restrictions on expenditures at the department level or category level. The appropriation for each department or category can be revised only by the Town's council. The Town's treasurer is authorized to transfer budgeted amounts within general government departments.
5. Formal budgetary integration is employed as a management control device during the year for the General Fund and Special Revenue Funds.
6. All budgets are adopted on a basis consistent with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP).
7. All budget data presented in the accompanying financial statement are from the revised budget as of June 30.
8. Encumbrance accounting, under which purchase orders, contracts, and other commitments for the expenditure of monies are recorded in order to reserve that portion of the applicable appropriations, is not part of the Town's accounting system.

**B. Excess Appropriations Over Expenditures**

For the year ended June 30, 2017, appropriations exceeded expenditures by \$92,024 in the general fund principally due to capital improvements that were budgeted, but not carried out.

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**NOTE 3 - DETAILED NOTES ON ALL FUNDS**

**A. Deposits**

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

**B. Receivables**

Receivables at year end for the Town's individual major fund are as follows:

	Accounts	Taxes	Total
Receivables	\$ 58,395	\$ 99,664	\$ 158,059
Less: Allowance for uncollectable	-	(9,967)	(9,967)
Net total receivables	\$ 58,395	\$ 89,697	\$ 148,092

The Town recognized as deferred tax revenue all real and personal property taxes not collected within 45 days after fiscal year end. This accounts to \$2,947 at June 30, 2017.

**C. Capital Assets and Depreciation**

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

	Primary Government			
	Beginning Balance	Increases	Decreases	
<b>Governmental activities:</b>				
Capital assets, not being depreciated:				
Land	\$ 142,400	\$ 251,878	\$ -	\$ 394,278
Total capital assets not being depreciated	142,400	251,878	-	394,278
Capital assets, being depreciated:				
Buildings and improvements	1,529,042	-	-	1,529,042
Machinery and equipment	990,028	33,214	(9,909)	1,013,333
Total accumulated depreciation	(1,643,733)	(70,635)	6,971	(1,707,397)
Total capital assets being depreciated, net	875,337	(37,421)	(2,938)	834,978
Governmental activities, capital assets, net	\$ 1,017,737	\$ 214,457	\$ (2,938)	\$ 1,229,256

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

Governmental activities:	
General government	\$ 35,979
Public safety	23,341
Public works	2,394
Cultural and recreation	8,921
Total depreciation expense-governmental activities	\$ 70,635

**D. Long-Term Debt**

Activity for the year ended June 30, 2017 was as follows:

Balance July 1, 2016	Increases	Decreases	Balance June 30, 2017	Amounts Due Within One Year
\$ 104,819	\$ -	\$ 47,742	\$ 57,077	\$ 7,075

The Town's long-term debt consists of the following at June 30, 2017:

\$50,000 unsecured line of credit with The Bank of Marion, interest rate 4.0%. Interest and principal are due at maturity. Maturity date is April 9, 2018.	\$ -
\$75,000 note payable with Mount Rogers Planning District Commission, interest rate 3%. Secured by deed-of-trust. Monthly payment of \$724 matures February	57,077
Total	57,077
Less Amount due currently	7,075
Long-term portion	\$ 50,002

Future maturities are as follows:

For the Year Ending June 30,	Principal	Interest
2018	\$ 7,075	\$ 1,616
2019	7,290	1,400
2020	7,512	1,179
2021	7,740	950
2022	7,976	15
2023-2025	19,484	711
	\$ 57,077	\$ 5,871

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**NOTE 4 – OPERATING LEASE**

The Town leases a mower for the public works department operations. Total costs for this lease was \$801 for the year ended June 30, 2017. Future minimum lease payments under the operating lease are as follows:

<u>Fiscal Year Ending June 30,</u>	<u>Amount</u>
2018	\$ 2,403
2019	2,403
2020	<u>1,602</u>
	<u>\$ 6,408</u>

**NOTE 5 – RETIREMENT**

The Town of Damascus, Virginia has established a deferred compensation plan in accordance with Internal Revenue Code Section 457(b). The plan is set up into separate accounts for each employee; therefore, it is not an asset of the Town. Matching contributions are made to the plan by the Town based on the employee's contribution for each eligible employee. These contributions range from 3% to 5% of the employees compensation. Contributions made to the deferred plan by the Town were \$1,040 for the fiscal year end June 30, 2017. The value of the plan at June 30, 2017 was \$62,169.

**NOTE 6 - OTHER INFORMATION**

**A. Commitments and Contingent Liabilities**

It is the opinion of the Town's management and legal counsel that there are not any outstanding or pending litigation, claims, or assessments against the Town which could have a material effect on the Town's financial statements.

**B. Compensated Absences**

The Town recognized an accrued liability for compensated absences and annual leave in the amount of \$4,086 at June 30, 2017.

**C. Risk Management**

The Town is a member of the Virginia Municipal League Insurance Program (VML) for all risk of loss.

Each member of the risk pool jointly and severally agrees to assume, pay, and discharge any liability. The Town pays VML contributions and assessments based upon classification and rates into a designated cash reserve fund out of which expenses of the Association and claims and awards are to be paid. In the event of loss deficit and depletion of all available excess insurance, the League may assess all members in the proportion which the premium of each bears to the total premiums of all members in the year in which such deficits occur.

**E. Subsequent Events**

Management has evaluated events and transactions that occurred after the balance sheet date for potential recognition and disclosure through December 12, 2017, the date of which the financial statements were available to be issued. Management has determined the following events or transactions have transpired which require disclosure:

- On September 29, 2017, the Town entered into a Memorandum of Understanding with the Friends of Southwest Virginia to obtain funds provided by the Appalachian Regional Commission and the Virginia Tobacco Region Revitalization Commission in the amounts of \$579,500 and \$150,000, respectively. These funds are to be used for the development of outdoor recreation facilities in downtown Damascus.

**STATISTICAL SECTION**

**(UNAUDITED)**

**TOWN OF DAMASCUS, VIRGINIA  
GENERAL GOVERNMENT REVENUES BY SOURCE  
LAST TEN FISCAL YEARS**

Fiscal Year	General Property Taxes	Other Local Taxes	Fines and Forfeitures	Revenues From Use of Money and Property	Charges for Services	Misc	Intergovernmental	Total
2017	264,750	447,337	1,573	2,963	94,041	60,454	342,546	1,213,664
2016	271,804	425,980	7,508	9,824	95,696	30,481	95,331	936,624
2015	270,695	367,935	8,962	117,982	86,830	40,716	86,427	979,547
2014	248,664	322,695	8,129	15,315	67,077	30,113	63,988	755,981
2013	248,577	307,347	10,346	18,886	70,822	15,966	58,382	730,326
2012	236,191	388,163	13,590	3,157	67,438	25,629	66,075	800,243
2011	244,057	364,856	11,950	1,279	53,336	29,844	74,274	779,596
2010	341,010	320,299	8,554	6,460	34,835	123,639	79,423	914,220
2009	191,280	326,126	15,812	7,087	58,326	116,201	79,693	794,525
2008	178,020	322,280	19,283	6,735	31,284	34,862	120,218	712,682

Memo - Includes General and Special Revenue Funds



**TOWN OF DAMASCUS, VIRGINIA  
GENERAL GOVERNMENT EXPENDITURES BY FUNCTION  
LAST TEN FISCAL YEARS**

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Fiscal Year	General Government Administration	Public Safety	Public Works	Parks, Recreation and Cultural	Community Development	Debt Service	Total
2017	553,577	201,170	202,814	63,095	51,120	50,480	1,122,256
2016	236,772	267,536	189,449	54,508	58,011	41,848	848,124
2015	285,687	316,194	227,305	38,726	43,013	2,697	913,622
2014	231,897	322,264	169,133	43,524	54,856	30,000	851,674
2013	232,315	323,968	153,580	60,189	48,255	-	818,307
2012	196,119	338,431	142,299	75,248	36,025	7,160	795,282
2011	160,125	295,576	167,854	98,813	41,076	13,275	776,719
2010	177,265	340,390	175,108	28,210	30,187	93,875	845,035
2009	179,800	352,329	159,998	47,190	33,743	2,346	775,406
2008	232,498	301,498	202,824	61,405	34,789	39,620	872,634

Memo - Includes General and Special Revenue Funds

**TOWN OF DAMASCUS, VIRGINIA  
PROPERTY TAX LEVIES AND COLLECTIONS  
LAST TEN FISCAL YEARS**

**TAX LEVIES AND COLLECTIONS**

Tax Year	Total Tax Levy	Current Tax Collections	Percent of Levy Collected	Delinquent Tax Collections	Total Tax Collections	% of Total Tax Collections to Tax Levy
2017	256,374	236,933	92.4%	21,188	258,121	100.7%
2016	240,381	230,173	95.8%	33,446	263,619	109.7%
2015	231,160	224,042	96.9%	37,672	261,714	113.2%
2014	231,759	199,498	86.1%	41,859	241,357	104.1%
2013	229,079	223,793	97.7%	11,698	235,491	102.8%
2012	226,558	219,157	96.7%	5,430	224,587	99.1%
2011	221,523	182,381	82.3%	57,968	240,349	108.5%
2010	322,603	278,169	86.2%	52,777	330,946	102.6%
2009	188,876	188,966	100.0%	18,530	207,496	109.9%
2008	197,232	196,143	99.4%	2,738	198,881	100.8%

**ASSESSED VALUE OF TAXABLE PROPERTY**

Tax Year	Real Estate Tax Rate: .46 per \$100		Personal Property Tax Rate: .54 per \$100	
	Real Estate	Total Real Estate	Personal Property	Total Personal Property
2017	49,364,486	49,364,486	6,132,843	6,132,843
2016	45,345,900	45,345,900	5,887,124	5,887,124
2015	43,544,000	43,544,000	5,714,499	5,714,499
2014	43,539,850	43,539,850	4,051,870	4,051,870
2013	43,562,900	43,562,900	3,718,370	3,718,370
2012	43,229,600	43,229,600	3,517,631	3,517,631
2011	42,916,900	42,916,900	4,198,690	4,198,690
2010	34,404,750	34,404,750	4,877,900	4,877,900
2009	35,857,200	35,857,200	5,715,934	5,715,934
2008	35,175,000	35,175,000	4,959,475	4,959,475

**COMPLIANCE SECTION**

Certified Public Accountants and Consultants  
Virginia Society of Certified Public Accountants  
American Institute of Certified Public Accountants

**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**

Members of the Town Council  
Town of Damascus, Virginia

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, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Town of Damascus, Virginia (the Town) as of and for the year ended June 30, 2017, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Town's basic financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated December 12, 2017.

**Internal Control over Financial Reporting**

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

A *deficiency in internal control* exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and correct, misstatements on a timely basis. A *material weakness* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control, such that there is a reasonable possibility that a material misstatement of the 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 we have not identified.

**Compliance and Other Matters**

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

**Purpose of this Report**

The purpose of this report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control and compliance and the result 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.

*Owens CPA & Associates, P.C.*

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Grundy, Virginia  
December 12, 2017