ABERDEEN TOWNSHIP FIRE DISTRICT NO. 2
COUNTY OF MONMOUTH, NEW JERSEY
REPORT OF AUDIT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2022

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

Board of Fire Commissioners
Aberdeen Township Fire District No. 2
County of Monmouth
State of New Jersey

Report on the Audit of the Financial Statements

Opinions

We have audited the financial statements of the governmental activities and each major fund of the Township of Aberdeen Fire District No. 2 (the "District"), as of and for the year ended December 31, 2022, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the District's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

In our opinion, the accompanying financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities and each major fund of the District, as of December 31, 2022, and the respective changes in financial position for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Basis for Opinions

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAS) and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards (Government Auditing Standards)* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are required to be independent of the District and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audit. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinions.

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT (CONTINUED)

Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, and for 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.

In preparing the financial statements, management is required to evaluate whether there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the District's ability to continue as a going concern for twelve months beyond the financial statement date, including any currently known information that may raise substantial doubt shortly thereafter.

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinions. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with GAAS and *Government Auditing Standards* and auditing standards prescribed by the Division of Local Government Service, Department of Community Affairs, State of New Jersey, will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Misstatements are considered material if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, they would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user based on the financial statements.

In performing an audit in accordance with GAAS and *Government Auditing Standards,* we

- Exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements.

- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit 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 District's internal control. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluate the overall presentation of the financial statements.

- Conclude whether, in our judgment, there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the District's ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT (CONTINUED)

We are required to communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit, significant audit findings, and certain internal control-related matters that we identified during the audit.

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 be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management and, 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.

Supplementary Information

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the District's basic financial statements. The identify accompanying supplementary information such as the combining and individual fund financial statements are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the basic financial statements. Such information 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. The 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 accompanying supplementary information is fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the basic financial statements as a whole.

Other Information

Management is responsible for the other information included in the annual report. The other information comprises the introductory and statistical section but does not include the basic financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. Our opinions on the basic financial statements do not cover the other information, and we do not express an opinion or any form of assurance thereon.

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT (CONTINUED)

In connection with our audit of the basic financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and consider whether a material inconsistency exists between the other information and the basic financial statements, or the other information otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If, based on the work performed, we conclude that an uncorrected material misstatement of the other information exists; we are required to describe it in our report.

Other Reporting Required by *Government Auditing Standards*

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards,* we have also issued our report dated October 30, 2023 on our consideration of the District'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 solely 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 effectiveness of the *District's* 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 District's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

Basis for Disclaimer of Opinion on Length of Service Award Program Fund ("LOSAP")

The financial statements of the Length of Service Award Program Fund ("LOSAP") have not been audited, and we were not required by the Division to audit nor were we engaged to audit the LOSAP financial statements as part of our audit of the District's financial statements.

Due to the fact that we were not required by the Division to audit nor were we engaged to audit the LOSAP financial statements as part of our audit of the District's financial statements, we do not express an opinion of the LOSAP financial statements.

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REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER FINANCIAL REPORTING AND ON COMPLIANCE AND OTHER MATTERS BASED ON AN AUDIT OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS – STATUTORY BASIS PERFORMED IN ACCORDANCE WITH *GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS*

Board of Fire Commissioners
Aberdeen Township Fire District No. 2
County of Monmouth
State of New Jersey

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 and the related notes to the financial statements of the Aberdeen Township Fire District No. 2, County of Monmouth, State of New Jersey (the "District") as of and for the year ended December 31, 2022, which comprise the District's basic financial statements and have issued our report thereon dated October 30, 2023.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered the District'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 District's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the District'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 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.

REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER FINANCIAL REPORTING AND ON COMPLIANCE AND OTHER MATTERS BASED ON AN AUDIT OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS – STATUTORY BASIS PERFORMED IN ACCORDANCE WITH *GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS* (CONTINUED)

Our consideration of internal control over financial reporting was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control over financial reporting that might be deficiencies, significant deficiencies or material weaknesses. We did not identify any deficiencies in internal control over financial reporting that we consider to be material weaknesses, as defined above with the exception of late submission of the accountant's records for audit.

Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the District's basic financial statements are free of 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 basic 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 several instances of noncompliance or other matters that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards* in the General Comments and Recommendations section of the audit that are immaterial matters are noted.

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. This report is intended solely for the information of the District and its management, and other federal and state awarding agencies and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

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Freehold, New Jersey
October 30, 2023

MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

Within this section of the Aberdeen Township Fire District No. 2's (District) annual financial report, the management of the District provides narrative discussion and analysis of the financial activities of the District for the audit year ending December 31, 2022.

The District's financial performance is discussed and analyzed within the context of the accompanying financial statements and notes following this section.

Discussion of Financial Statements Included in Annual Audit

The District prepares and presents its financial statements on several different bases, because of accounting requirements and for internal use purposes.

The first set of statements which consist of the Statement of Net Position, the Statement of Activities and Change in Net Position is prepared on an accrual basis and is in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP) applicable to enterprise funds of state and local governments. These statements are the official financial statements of the Aberdeen Township Fire District No. 2.

After the first set of statements and the "Notes to the Financial Statements" that follow is the second set of statements. These statements are considered "Supplemental Information".

The District has historically presented its financial statements on a "GAAP Basis", and continues to do so because it relates more fairly to the annual budget for the same period. The annual budget records all encumbrances as charges against the adopted appropriation even if the items or services have not been received.

Contained in the supplemental information are statements that report the Statement of Net Position, Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Change in Net Position and Statement of Expenditures Compared to Budget. These statements compare the "Budget" revenues and expenses to "Actual" revenues and expenses. They include operating revenues and expenses, nonoperating revenues and nonoperating expenses. Principal and Interest are reported in this statement as Debt Service expense, and depreciation is not reported as an expense. On the "GAAP" based and "Modified GAAP" based, Depreciation Expense is included, and only the Interest Expense component of the Debt Service expense is reported.

The Budget to Actual statement is a very important statement to the District management, because it is how we measure our financial performance, particularly as it compares to the approved and adopted annual budget and how it relates to the operational performance.

Other information or statements incorporated within the annual audit report are the Schedules of Cash and Cash Equivalents and Investments – Restricted and Unrestricted.

For the purpose of the Management Discussion and Analysis, the ensuing discussion will review the official statements of the District, those prepared on an accrual basis and in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP) applicable to enterprise funds of state and local governments. This is the first set of statements included in the annual audit report.

Aberdeen Township Fire District No. 2

Comparative Statement of Net Position

The Aberdeen Township Fire District No. 2's Total Assets $2,663,976 and Deferred Outflows of Resources $303,198, less Total Liabilities of $502,156 and Deferred Inflows of Resources of $357,086 resulting in Net Position of $2,107,932.

The Aberdeen Township Fire District No. 2's Net Position of $2,107,932 is comprised of the following:

1. Invested in Capital Assets is $1,085,416.
2. Restricted for Capital Purposes is $735,522.
3. Unrestricted Unreserved Net Position is $254,113 which represents the result of the required accrual of the state pension program that the District has for its employees, Restricted for Unemployment Claims is $7,706 and Restricted for firefighter training and equipment dedicated penalties is $25,175.

Net Position increased $101,280.

	As of December 31,	
	2022	2021
Current Assets	$ 1,578,560	$ 1,367,571
Capital Assets - Net	1,085,416	1,128,519
Total Assets	$ 2,663,976	$ 2,496,090
Deferred Outflows of Resources	$ 303,198	$ 343,773
Current Liabilities Payable from Current Assets:		
Unrestricted	$ 166,785	$ 139,122
Restricted	79,928	
Noncurrent Liabilities Payable from Current Assets:		
Pension Obligation	255,443	197,709
Total Liabilities	$ 502,156	$ 336,831
Deferred Inflows of Resources	$ 357,086	$ 496,380
Net Position		
Restricted:		
Net Investment in Capital Assets	$ 1,085,416	$ 1,128,519
Firefighter Training & Equipment Dedicated Penalties	25,175	25,175
Capital Projects	735,522	615,450
Umployment Claims	7,706	7,467
Unrestricted:		
Unreserved	254,113	230,041
Net Position	$ 2,107,932	$ 2,006,652

Comparative Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Change in Net Position

Total Operating Revenues increased $41,385 or 6.35% from the prior year.

Operating Expenses, exclusive of depreciation, increased $34,502 or 7.88% from the prior year.

Total Operating Revenues less Total Operating Expenses produced a gain of $97,951. This was off-set by the nonoperating revenue of $3,329.

Net Position as of December 31, 2022 increased $101,280 from $2,006,652 to $2,107,932.

	December 31,	
	2022	2021
Total Operating Revenues	$ 693,555	$ 652,170
Operating Expenses	$ 472,572	$ 438,070
Depreciation	123,032	137,836
Total Operating Expenses	$ 595,604	$ 575,906
Operating Income	$ 97,951	$ 76,264
Nonoperating Income - Net	3,329	3,967
Change in Net Position - Increase/(Decrease)	$ 101,280	$ 80,231
Net Position, Beginning	2,006,652	1,926,421
Net Position, Ending	$ 2,107,932	$ 2,006,652

Core Competencies

The Aberdeen Township Fire District No. 2 governs an all-volunteer fire company serving mainly the western portion of Aberdeen Township in the County of Monmouth and also some of the surrounding townships and boros. The Board of Fire Commissioners is made up of 5 members who are charged with serving the community by raising money through the budget process and expanding those funds for the protection of the township's residents.

The Fire District supports 1 firehouse and 5 pieces of fire apparatus, the last of which was purchased in 2020. Other expenses are incurred in the maintaining the volunteers with the best equipment to fight fires and maintaining the fire apparatus in top shape to provide a maximum amount of safety to the volunteers and residents.

The District's budget is voted on at the Annual Fire District Election which is by statute on the third Saturday of February. The budget process begins in October with preparing the details and is finalized and introduced in November and a public hearing is held in December. If the voters defeat the budget, then the Mayor and Township Committee have the right to set the budget. The budget is prepared on a calendar year basis.

The District has a contract with the fire company for use of their building. The Fire Company has approximately thirty (30) volunteer members. The District also participates on a mutual aid consortium for assistance to and from neighboring municipalities.

The main revenue of the District is property taxes which are subject to the annual fire district election. The other sources of revenue are surplus and miscellaneous revenue which accrues to the fund balance of the District.

The majority of the budget relates to salary, insurance, firefighter protective equipment and uniforms, and repair and maintenance of fire trucks.

Accountability

The Aberdeen Township Fire District No. 2's mission statement is:

The Mission Statement:

The Mission of the Board of Fire Commissioners District No. 2, Aberdeen Township is to provide Fire Protection and Fire Prevention to our citizens and property located in Aberdeen Township. We are dedicated to leadership and accountability amongst ourselves to ensure that volunteer firefighters and properly trained and equipped to serve our community.

President – Shall be responsible for the Bureau of Fire Prevention

Building and Grounds Manager – Shall be responsible for the building which includes all maintenance and purchasing of materials.

The Mission Statement: (Continued)

Treasurer – Shall be responsible for all the financial aspects of this position i.e. cutting checks, maintaining budget etc.

Secretary – Shall be responsible for all record keeping. This person will also have responsibility for the insurance of all vehicles and life insurance for all members.

Vehicle and Equipment Manager – Shall be responsible for trucks, radios, and firefighter equipment which includes all maintenance and purchasing of equipment and parts.

As the mission reads, this is who and what the District is accountable to. The District's accountability, first and foremost, is to protect the property. The goal is to provide a cost effective and reliable service, and at the same time to protect the property. This means the District is accountable to the residents, the agencies and people served using the same principles: cost effective, efficient, reliable and protective.

As a district, the District is also guided by or accountable to state government and the applicable rules and regulations that govern the Aberdeen Township Fire District No. 2. More specifically, the District is accountable to the Department of Community Affairs, Division of Local Government Services.

Management of the District

The Commissioners manage the daily operations of the District in conjunction with the Fire Official and clerk. The accountant of the District handles the bookkeeping operations.

Funding of Infrastructure and Debt Management

The District is required by statute to present it's capital projects or capital assets acquisition to the voters of the District for approval. Once approved, the District can proceed to put the required financing in place; however, subject to the Local Finance Board's approval.

Auditors

The District Auditor is Gerard Stankiewicz, CPA of Samuel Klein and Company.

Audits can be obtained by contacting Aberdeen Township Fire District No. 2.

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Exhibit A-1

ABERDEEN TOWNSHIP FIRE DISTRICT NO. 2

COUNTY OF MONMOUTH

STATEMENT OF NET POSITION
As of December 31, 2022

		Governmental Activities
Assets:		
Cash	$	735,836.79
Receivables		4,472.03
Prepaid Expenses		22,800.99
Restricted Cash		815,450.41
Capital Assets, Net		
Nondepreciable		138,428.04
Depreciable		946,987.61
Total Assets	$	2,663,975.87
Deferred Outflows		
Pensions	$	38,428.00
OPEB		264,770.00
Total Deferred Outflows		303,198.00
Liabilities:		
Unrestricted Current Liabilities:		
Accounts Payable	$	63,820.01
Payroll and Taxes Payable		3,119.50
Pension Payable		21,345.00
Contingent Liability - LOSAP Contribution		78,500.00
		166,784.51
Restricted Current Liabilities:		
Accounts Payable		79,928.04
Non Current Liabilities:		
Net Pension Liability		255,443.00
Total Liabilities	$	502,155.55
Deferred Inflows of Resources		
Pensions	$	41,290.00
OPEB		315,796.00
Total Deferred Inflows		357,086.00
Net Position:		
Net Investment in Capital Assets		1,085,415.65
Restricted for:		
Firefighter Training and Equipment Dedicated Penalties		25,174.97
Capital Projects		735,522.37
Unemployment Claims		7,705.70
Unrestricted Net Position		254,113.63
Total Net Position	$	2,107,932.32

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.

ABERDEEN TOWNSHIP FIRE DISTRICT NO. 2

COUNTY OF MONMOUTH

STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES
For the Year Ended December 31, 2022

Function/Programs	Expenses	Add: Indirect Depreciation Expense	Less: Program Revenues Operating Grants and Contributions	Net Total
GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES				
Operating Appropriations:				
Administration	$ 138,301.01			$ 138,301.01
Cost of Providing Services	309,271.32	$ 123,031.51	$ 3,328.50	428,974.33
Operating Appropriations Offset with Revenues	12,000.00			12,000.00
Length of Service Awards Program	13,000.00			13,000.00
Total Government Activities	$ 472,572.33	$ 123,031.51	$ 3,328.50	$ 592,275.34

GENERAL REVENUES	
Property Taxes Levied for:	
General Purposes	$ 456,389.00
Capital Expenditures	200,000.00
Fees and Penalties	30,599.50
Miscellaneous Income	5,605.96
Investment Income	961.02
Total General Revenues	693,555.48
Excess/(Deficit) of Expenditures Over Revenue	101,280.14
Change in Net Position	$ 101,280.14
Net Position - Beginning	2,006,652.18
Net Position - Ending	$ 2,107,932.32

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.

REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION – PART I

ABERDEEN TOWNSHIP FIRE DISTRICT NO. 2
COUNTY OF MONMOUTH, NEW JERSEY

BALANCE SHEET
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
As of December 31, 2022

	General Fund	Capital Projects Fund	Total Governmental Funds
Assets:			
Cash and Cash Equivalent	$ 735,836.79	$ 815,450.41	$ 1,551,287.20
Accounts Receivable:			
Fire Services Grant Receivable	3,328.50		3,328.50
Due from State of New Jersey	1,143.53		1,143.53
Prepaid Expenses	22,800.99		22,800.99
Total Assets	$ 763,109.81	$ 815,450.41	$ 1,578,560.22
Liabilities:			
Accounts Payable	$ 63,820.01	79,928.04	$ 143,748.05
Payroll and Taxes Payable	3,119.50		3,119.50
Contingent Liability - LOSAP Contribution	78,500.00		78,500.00
Total Liabilities	145,439.51	79,928.04	225,367.55
Fund Balances:			
Restricted for:			
Firefighter Training and Equipment - Dedicated Penalties	$ 25,174.97		$ 25,174.97
Capital Projects		$ 735,522.37	735,522.37
Unemployment Claims	7,705.70		7,705.70
Assigned to:			
Subsequent Year's Budget	120,000.00		120,000.00
Unassigned	464,789.63		464,789.63
Total Fund Balances	$ 617,670.30	$ 735,522.37	$ 1,353,192.67
Total Liabilities and Fund Balance	$ 763,109.81	$ 815,450.41	

Amounts reported for Governmental Activities in the Statement of Net Position (A-1) are different because:

Capital assets used in Governmental Activities are not financial resources and therefore are not reported in the funds. The cost of the assets is $3,117,199.90 and the accumulated depreciation is $2,031,784.25.		1,085,415.65
Accrued Pension Liability - (Accrued pension is a current liability that will be paid from the general fund, attributed to the fiscal year ended December 31, 2022, however will be raised in the budget for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2023)		(21,345.00)
Net Pension Liability - Not due and payable in the current period and therefore, is not reported as a liability in the funds.		(255,443.00)
Certain amounts resulting from the measurement of the net pension liability are reported as either deferred outflows of resources or deferred inflows of resources on the statement of net position and deferred over future years.		
Deferred Outflows of Resources	$ 303,198.00	
Deferred Inflows of Resources	(357,086.00)	(53,888.00)
Net Position Governmental Activities (A-1)		$ 2,107,932.32

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.

Exhibit B-2

ABERDEEN TOWNSHIP FIRE DISTRICT NO. 2

COUNTY OF MONMOUTH, NEW JERSEY

STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
For the Year Ended December 31, 2022

	General Fund	Capital Projects Fund	Total Governmental Funds
Revenues:			
Miscellaneous Revenues Anticipated:			
Supplemental Fire Services Grant	$ 3,328.50		$ 3,328.50
Uniform Fire Safety Act:			
Annual Registration Fees	6,372.50		6,372.50
Amount to be Raised by Taxation	456,389.00	$ 200,000.00	656,389.00
Smoke Alarm Inspections	24,227.00		24,227.00
Investment Income	961.02		961.02
Miscellaneous - Unrestricted	5,367.55		5,367.55
Miscellaneous - Restricted	238.41		238.41
Total Revenues	496,883.98	200,000.00	696,883.98
Expenditures:			
Operating Appropriations:			
Administration	154,513.48		154,513.48
Cost of Providing Services	332,243.85		332,243.85
Operating Appropriations Offset with Revenues	12,000.00		12,000.00
Investment in Capital Assets		79,928.04	79,928.04
Length of Service Awards Program	13,000.00		13,000.00
Total Expenditures	511,757.33	79,928.04	591,685.37
Net Change in Fund Balance	(14,873.35)	120,071.96	105,198.61
Fund Balance - January 1	632,543.65	615,450.41	1,247,994.06
Fund Balance - December 31	$ 617,670.30	$ 735,522.37	$ 1,353,192.67

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.

ABERDEEN TOWNSHIP FIRE DISTRICT NO. 2
COUNTY OF MONMOUTH, NEW JERSEY

RECONCILIATION OF THE STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES TO THE STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES
For the Year Ended December 31, 2022

Total Net Change in Fund Balances - Governmental Funds (B-2)		$ 105,198.61
Amounts reported for governmental activities in the Statement of Activities (A-2) are different because:		
Net obligation related to the post-employment PERS which is attributable to December 31, 2022 reported in governmental funds; however, it is reported in the statement of activities:		
Pension	$ 90,211.00	
OPEB	(51,026.00)	
		39,185.00
Capital outlays are reported in governmental funds as expenditures. However, on the Statement of Activities, the cost of those assets is allocated over their estimated useful lives as depreciation expense. This is the amount by which depreciation exceeded capital outlay in the current period.		
Capital Assets - Purchased	$ 79,928.04	
Depreciation Expense	(123,031.51)	
		(43,103.47)
Change Increase/(Decrease) in Net Position of Governmental Activities		$ 101,280.14

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.

Exhibit B-4

ABERDEEN TOWNSHIP FIRE DISTRICT NO. 2

COUNTY OF MONMOUTH, NEW JERSEY

STATEMENT OF NET POSITION
FIDUCIARY FUNDS - LOSAP
As of December 31, 2022

	(Unaudited) Length of Service Award Plan
Assets:	
Cash	$ 119,085.81
Accounts Receivable	13,000.00
Total Assets	$ 132,085.81
Net Position:	
Held in Trust for Benefits	$ 132,085.81
Total Net Position	$ 132,085.81

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.

ABERDEEN TOWNSHIP FIRE DISTRICT NO. 2

COUNTY OF MONMOUTH, NEW JERSEY

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN FIDUCIARY NET POSITION
FIDUCIARY FUNDS - LOSAP
As of December 31, 2022

	(Unaudited) Length of Service Award Plan
Additions:	
Contributions:	
District Contributions	$ 13,000.00
Total Additions	13,000.00
Deductions:	
Withdrawal by Beneficiary	16,861.07
Depreciation on Investments	19,548.30
Administrative Expenses	475.00
Total Deductions	36,884.37
Change in Net Position	(23,884.37)
Net Position - Beginning of Year	155,970.18
Net Position - End of Year	$ 132,085.81

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Note 1. REPORTING ENTITY

This report includes the financial statements of the Aberdeen Township Fire District No. 2 (the "District"), within the County of Monmouth, in the State of New Jersey and reflects the activities for the District that are under the control of the Board of Fire Commissioners.

The District was established in accordance with the provisions of N.J.S.A. 40A:14-70.

The District is not a component unit of any other financial reporting entity nor does the District have any component units to be presented in accordance with Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement No. 61.

The Aberdeen Township Fire District No. 2 is a political subdivision of the Aberdeen Township, Monmouth County, New Jersey. The District's geographic area is described in Aberdeen Township of Ordinance 14-2.2. The District functions independently through a Board of Fire Commissioners. The Board is comprised of five members elected to three-year terms. The annual Fire District election is held the third Saturday of February.

The primary criterion for including activities within the District's reporting entity, as set forth in Section 2100 of the GASB Codification of Governmental Accounting and Financial Reporting Standards, is whether:

- the organization is legally separate (can sue or be sued in their own name)
- the District holds the corporate powers of the organization
- the District appoints a voting majority of the organization's board
- the District is able to impose its will on the organization
- the organization has the potential to impose a financial benefit/burden on the District
- there is a fiscal dependency by the organization on the District

Based on the aforementioned criteria, the District has no component units.

Note 2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

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

The government-wide financial statements (i.e., the statement of net position and the statement of change in net position) report information on all of the nonfiduciary activities of the District. For the most part, the effect of interfund activity has been removed from these statements.

The statement of activities demonstrates the degree to which the direct expense of a given function or segment are offset by program revenues. Direct *expenses* are those that are clearly identifiable with a specific function. *Program revenues* include 1) charges to residents or applicants who purchase, use, or directly benefit from goods, services, or 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*.

Basis of Accounting

The accrual basis of accounting is followed. Revenues are recognized in the accounting period in which they become measurable and available to finance expenditures of the fiscal period. Expenditures are recognized in the period in which the fund liability is incurred, if measurable, except for unmatured interest on general long-term debt, which is recognized when due.

Fund Accounting

The District uses funds to maintain its financial records during the fiscal year. A fund is defined as a fiscal and accounting entity with a self-balancing set of accounts.

Governmental Funds

General Fund – The General Fund is the general operating fund of the District and is used to account for its inflows and outflows of financial resources. The acquisition of certain capital assets, such as firefighting apparatus and equipment, is accounted for in the General Fund when it is responsible for the financing of such expenditures.

Note 2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

Governmental Funds (Continued)

Special Revenue Fund – The Special Revenue Fund is used to account for the proceeds of specific revenue sources, such as state or federal government grants and appropriations that are legally restricted to expenditures for specified purposes.

Capital Projects Fund – The Capital Projects Fund is used to account for financial resources to be used for the acquisition or construction of major capital facilities such as fire houses and fire fighting apparatus. Generally, the financial resources of the Capital Projects Fund are derived from the issuance of debt or by the reservation of fund balance that must be authorized by the voters as a separate question on the ballot either during the annual election or at a special election.

Debt Service Fund – The Debt Service Fund is used to account for resources that will be used to service general noncurrent liabilities.

Capital Assets – Property, plant and equipment purchased by the general fund and the capital projects fund are recorded as expenditures at the time of purchase. The historical cost, or if such cost is not practically determinable, the estimated historical cost, of such fixed assets is reflected in the Capital Assets account.

Noncurrent Obligations

Noncurrent debt is recognized as a liability of the Fire District when due, or when resources have been accumulated in the debt service fund for payment early in the following year. For other noncurrent obligations, only that portion expected to be financed from expendable available financial resources is reported as a fund liability of a governmental fund.

N.J.S.A. 40A:14-84 governs the procedures for the acquisition of property and equipment for Fire Districts, and *N.J.S.A.* 40A:14-85 to 87 governs procedures for the issuance of any debt related to such purchases. In summary, Fire Districts may purchase firefighting apparatus and equipment and land and buildings to house such property in an amount not exceeding 5 mills on the dollar of the last assessed valuation of property within the district upon the approval of the legal voters. Debt may be issued up to $60,000.00 or 2 percent of the assessed valuation of property, whichever is larger.

Note 2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

Governmental Funds (Continued)

Fire District Taxes

Upon the proper certification to the assessor of the municipality in which the Fire District is located, the assessor shall assess the amount of taxes to be raised in support of the Fire District's budget in the same manner as all other municipal taxes. The collector or treasurer of the municipality shall then pay over to the treasurer or custodian of funds of the Fire District the taxes assessed in accordance with the following schedule: on or before April 1, an amount equaling 21.25% of all moneys assessed; on or before July 1, an amount equaling 22.5% of all moneys assessed; on or before October 1, an amount equaling 25% of all moneys assessed; and on or before December 31, an amount equaling the difference between the total of all moneys so assessed and the total amount of moneys previously paid over.

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 so 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 statement element, *deferred inflows of resources*, represents an acquisition of net position that applies to future periods and so will not be recognized as an inflow of resources (revenue) until that time.

Note 2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

Net Position

GASB Statement Number 63, *Financial Reporting of Deferred Outflows of Resources, Deferred Inflows of Resources, and Net Position* became effective for financial statements and established standards for reporting deferred outflows of resources, deferred inflows of resources and net position. The adoption of this statement resulted in a change in the presentation of the statement of net position to what is now referred to as the statement of net position and the term "net assets" is changed to "net position" throughout the financial statements. Net Position represents the difference between assets, deferred outflows, deferred inflows and liabilities in the government-wide financial statements. Net position invested in capital assets, net of related debt consists of capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation, reduced by the outstanding balance of any noncurrent debt used to build or acquire the capital assets. Net position is reported as restricted in the government-wide financial statements when there are limitations imposed on their use through external restrictions imposed by creditors, grantors or laws or regulations of other governments.

Accounting and Financial Reporting for Pensions

GASB #68 improves accounting and financial reporting by state and local governments for pensions. It also improves information provided by state and local government employers about financial support for pensions that is provided by other entities. This Statement results from a comprehensive review of the effectiveness of existing standards of accounting and financial reporting for pensions with regard to providing decision useful information, supporting assessments of accountability and interperiod equity, and creating additional transparency. This Statement replaces the requirement of Statement No. 27, *Accounting for Pension by State and Local Governmental Employers,* as well as the requirements of Statement No. 50, *Pension Disclosures,* as they relate to pensions that are provided through pension plans administered as trusts or equivalent arrangements that meet certain criteria. The requirements of Statements 27 and 50 remain applicable for pensions that are not covered by the scope of this Statement.

Note 2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

Accounting and Financial Reporting for Pensions (Continued)

The District has also implemented GASB Statement 71, Pension Transition for Contributions made Subsequent to the Measurement Date-an amendment to GASB No. 68. The objective of this Statement is to address an issue regarding application of the transition provisions of Statement No. 68, Accounting and Financial Reporting for Pensions. The issue relates to amounts associated with contributions, if any, made by a state or local government employer or nonemployer contributing entity to a defined benefit pension plan after the measurement date of the government's beginning net pension liability.'

Statement 68 requires a state or local government employer (or nonemployer contributing entity in a special funding situation) to recognize a net pension liability measured as of a date (the measurement date) no earlier than the end of its prior fiscal year. If a state or local government employer or nonemployer contributing entity makes a contribution to a defined benefit pension plan between the measurement date of the reported net pension liability and the end of the government's reporting period, Statement 68 requires that the government recognize its contribution as a deferred outflow of resources.

Accounting and Financial Reporting for Other Post-Employment Benefits ("OPEB")

In 2020 the District implemented GASB Statement No. 75 which addresses accounting and financial reporting for OPEB that is provided to the employees of state and local governmental employers. This Statement establishes standards for recognizing and measuring liabilities, deferred outflows of resources, deferred inflows of resources, revenues and expense/expenditures. The Statement GASB Statement No. 45 supersedes Accounting and Financial Reporting for Post-Employment Benefits with other than Pension.

The participating local employer allocations included in the supplemental schedule of special funding amounts by employer are provided as each local education employer is required to record in their financial statements, as an expense and corresponding revenue, their respective amount of total OPEB expense attributable to the State of New Jersey under the special funding situation and to include their respective amount of total OPEB liability in their notes to their financial statements.

Note 2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

GASB Statement No. 84 Fiduciary Activities

The District implemented GASB Statement No. 84 Fiduciary Activities on July 1, 2020. The objective of this Statement is to improve reporting regarding fiduciary activities for accounting and financial reporting purposes and how those activities should be reported. This Statement establishes criteria for identifying fiduciary activities. The focus of the criteria generally is on (1) whether a government is controlling the assets of the fiduciary activity and (2) the beneficiaries with whom a fiduciary relationship exists. Separate criteria are included to identify component units and postemployment benefit arrangements that are fiduciary activities. The District reclassified the payroll agency, payroll net and flexible spending accounts to the General Fund. There was no adverse impact on the financial statements of the District.

Measurement Focus

Government-Wide Financial Statements

The government-wide financial statements are prepared using the economic resources measurement focus. All assets and liabilities associated with the operation of the District are included on the Statement on Net Position.

Fund Financial Statements

All governmental funds are accounted for using a flow of current financial resources measurement focus. With this measurement focus, only current assets and current liabilities generally are included on the stated net position. The statement of revenues, expenditures and changes in fund balances reports on the sources (i.e., revenues and other financing sources) and uses (i.e., expenditures and other financing uses) of current financial resources. This approach differs from the manner in which the governmental activities of the government-wide financial statements are prepared. Governmental fund financial statements therefore include reconciliation with brief explanations to better identify the relationship between the government-wide statements and the statements for governmental funds.

Note 2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

Budgets/Budgetary Control

Annual appropriated budgets are prepared in the fall of each preceding year for the general, special revenue, and debt service funds. The budgets are submitted to the State, Department of Community Affairs, Division of Local Government Services, Bureau of District Regulation for approval and are voted upon by the registered voters of the Township at the annual fire district election on the third Saturday in February. Budgets are prepared using the modified accrual basis of accounting. The legal level of budgetary control is established at line item accounts within each fund. Line item accounts are defined as the lowest (most specific) level of detail as established pursuant to the minimum chart of accounts. Transfers of appropriations may be made by District resolution at any time during the last two months of the fiscal year.

Formal budgetary integration into the accounting system is employed as a management control device during the year. Encumbrance accounting is also employed as an extension of formal budgetary integration in the governmental fund types. Unencumbered appropriations lapse at fiscal year end.

The accounting records of the special revenue fund are maintained on the grant accounting budgetary basis. The grant accounting budgetary basis differs from GAAP in that the grant accounting budgetary basis recognizes encumbrances as expenditures and also recognizes the related revenues, whereas the GAAP basis does not. Sufficient supplemental records are maintained to allow for the presentation of GAAP basis financial reports.

Subsequent Events

Management has reviewed and evaluated all events and transactions from December 31, 2022 through October 30, 2023, the date that the financial statements are issued for possible disclosure and recognition in the financial statements, and no items have come to the attention of the District that would require disclosure.

Note 2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

Capital Assets

Capital Assets, which include apparatus and equipment, are reported in the Government-Wide Financial Statements. Capital Assets are recorded at historical cost or estimated historical cost if actual cost is not available. Donated assets are valued at their estimated fair value on the date donated. The District has set capitalization thresholds for reporting capital assets at $5,000.

Depreciation is recorded on the straight-line method (with one half year applied to the first year of acquisition) over the useful lives of the assets as follows:

Buildings	40 years
Building Improvements	20 years
Fire Trucks	20 years
Other Vehicles	5 years

Inventory Materials and Supplies

Purchase of materials and supplies are recorded as expenditures when they are acquired, regardless of when used.

Prepaid Expenses

Prepaid expenses recorded on the government-wide financial statements represent payments made to vendors for services that will benefit periods beyond December 31, 2022.

In the governmental fund financial statements, however, payments for prepaid items are fully recognized as expenditures in the year of payment. No asset for the prepayment is created, and no expenditure allocation to future accounting periods is required (*non-allocation method*). This is consistent with the basic governmental concept that only expendable financial resources are reported by a specific fund.

Note 3. CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AND INVESTMENTS

A. Cash

New Jersey statutes permit the deposit of public funds in institutions located in New Jersey, which are insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) or any other agencies of the United States that insures deposits or the State of New Jersey Cash Management Fund.

In addition, by regulation of the Division of Local Government Services, fire districts are allowed to deposit funds in Government Money Market Mutual Funds purchased through state registered brokers/dealers and banks.

In accordance with the provisions of the Governmental Unit Deposit Protection Act of New Jersey, public depositories are required to maintain collateral for deposits of public funds that exceed insurance limits as follows:

The market value of the collateral must equal five percent of the average daily balance of public funds or,

If the public funds deposited exceed 75 percent of the capital funds of the depository, the depository must provide collateral having a market value equal to 100 percent of the amount exceeding 75 percent.

All collateral must be deposited with the Federal Reserve Bank, The Federal Home Loan Bank Board or a banking institution that is a member of the Federal Reserve System and has capital funds of not less than $25,000,000.00.

The amount on deposit of the District's cash and cash equivalents at December 31, 2022 is as follows:

Checking Account	$	81,995.39
Money Market		1,035,177.07
Statement Savings		442,769.21
	$	1,559,941.67
Allocation:		
Unrestricted - Governmental	$	1,559,941.67

Note 3. CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AND INVESTMENTS (CONTINUED)

B. Investments

New Jersey statutes permit the District to purchase the following types of securities:

- Bonds or other obligations of the United States of America or obligations guaranteed by the United States of America. This includes instruments such as Treasury bills, notes and bonds.
- Government money market mutual funds.
- Any federal agency or instrumentality obligation authorized by Congress that matures within 397 days from the date of purchase, and has a fixed rate of interest not dependent on any index or external factors.
- Bonds or other obligations of the local unit or school districts of which the local unit is a part.
- Any other obligations with maturities not exceeding 397 days, as permitted by the Division of Investments.
- Local government investment pools, such as New Jersey CLASS and the New Jersey Arbitrage Rebate Management Program.
- New Jersey State Cash Management Fund.
- Repurchase agreements of fully collateralized securities, subject to special conditions.

In addition, a variety of State laws permit local governments to invest in a wide range of obligations issued by State governments and its agencies.

C. Risk Analysis

All bank deposits, as of the net position date, are entirely insured or collateralized by a collateral pool maintained by public depositories as required by the Governmental Unit Deposit Protection Act.

Note 4. CAPITAL ASSETS

All reported capital assets except for land are depreciated. At December 31, 2022, capital assets and the useful lives used for determination of annual depreciation were as follows:

	Balance December 31, 2021	Current Year's Activity Increase	Adjustment	Balance December 31, 2022	Useful Life
Capital Assets:					
Non-Depreciable:					
Land	$ 58,500.00			$ 58,500.00	N/A
Construction In Progress		$ 79,928.04		79,928.04	N/A
Total Non-Depreciable	58,500.00			138,428.04	
Depreciable:					
Buildings & Improvements	1,001,971.41			1,001,971.41	35-40 Years
Vehicles	2,026,800.45		$ 50,000.00	1,976,800.45	5-20 Years
Total Depreciable	3,028,771.86		50,000.00	2,978,771.86	
Less:					
Accumulated Depreciation	1,958,752.74	123,031.51	(50,000.00)	2,031,784.25	
Depreciable Assets, Net	$ 1,070,019.12	$ (123,031.51)	$ 100,000.00	$ 946,987.61	
Net	$ 1,128,519.12	$ (123,031.51)	$ 100,000.00	$ 1,085,415.65	

Depreciation for December 31, 2022 and December 31, 2021 was $123,031.51 and $137,835.66, respectively.

Note 5. PENSION PLAN

Description of Plans: All required employees of the District are covered by the Public Employees' Retirement System which has been established by state statute and are administered by the New Jersey Division of Pension and Benefits (Division). According to the State of New Jersey Administrative Code, all obligations of the System will be assumed by the State of New Jersey should the Systems terminate. The Division of Pension issues a publicly available financial report that includes the financial statements and required supplementary information by visiting their website at www.state.nj.us/treasury/pensions/pers1.

Public Employees' Retirement System (PERS)

The PERS is a cost-sharing multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan administered by the State of New Jersey, Division of Pensions and Benefits (the Division). For additional information about PFRS, please refer to Division's Annual Comprehensive Financial Report (ACFR) which can be found at www.state.nj.us/treasury/pensions/annrprts.shtml.

The vesting and benefit provisions are set by N.J.S.A. 43:15A. PERS provides retirement, death and disability benefits. All benefits vest after ten years of service, except for medical benefits, which vest after 25 years of service or under the disability provisions of PERS.

The following represents the membership tiers for PERS:

Tier	Definition
1	Members who were enrolled prior to July 1, 2007
2	Members who were eligible to enroll on or after July 1, 2007 and prior to November 2, 2008
3	Members who were eligible to enroll on or after November 2, 2008 and prior to May 22, 2010
4	Members who were eligible to enroll on or after May 22, 2010 and prior to June 28, 2011
5	Members who were eligible to enroll on or after June 28, 2011

Note 5. PENSION PLAN (CONTINUED)

Public Employees' Retirement System (PERS) (Continued)

Service retirement benefits of 1/55th of final average salary for each year of service credit is available to tiers 1 and 2 members upon reaching age 60 and to tier 3 members upon reaching age 62. Service retirement benefits of 1/60th of final average salary for each year of service credit is available to tier 4 members upon reaching age 62 and tier 5 members upon reaching age 65. Early retirement benefits are available to tiers 1 and 2 members before reaching age 60, tiers 3 and 4 with 25 or more years of service credit before age 62, and tier 5 before age 65 with 30 or more years of service credit. Benefits are reduced by a fraction of a percent for each month that a member retires prior to the age at which a member can receive full early retirement benefits in accordance with their respective tier. Tier 1 members can receive an unreduced benefit from age 55 to age 60 if they have at least 25 years of service. Deferred retirement is available to members who have at least 10 years of service credit and have not reached the service retirement age for the respective tier.

Funding Policy: The contribution policy is set by New Jersey Statutes and contributions are required by active members and contributing members. Plan member and employer contributions may be amended by State of New Jersey legislation. Under the provisions of Chapter 78, P.L. 2011, employee contribution rates for PERS increased from 5.5% to 6.5% of employees' annual compensation. An additional increase is to be phased in over the next seven years that will bring the total pension contribution rate to 7.5% of employees' annual compensation. Employers are required to contribute at an actuarially determined rate in the PERS. The actuarially determined contribution includes funding for cost-of-living adjustments, noncontributory death benefits, and post-retirement medical premiums.

The employer contributions for local participating employers are legally required to be funded by the State in accordance with N.J.S.A. 18:66-33. Therefore, these local participating employers are considered to be in a special funding situation as defined by GASB Statement No. 68 and the State is treated as a nonemployer contributing entity. Since the local participating employers do not contribute directly to the plan (except for employer specific financed amounts), there is no net pension liability or deferred outflows or inflows to report in the financial statements of the local participating employers. However, the notes to the financial statements of the local participating employers must disclosure the portion of the nonemployer contributing entities total proportionate share of the net pension liability that is associated with the local participating employer.

During the year ended December 31, 2022 for PERS, which is a cost sharing multi-employer pension plan, the annual pension costs differs from the annual required contribution due to the enactment of Chapter 114, P.L. 1997.

Note 5. PENSION PLAN (CONTINUED)

Public Employees' Retirement System (PERS) (Continued)

Contributions Required to be Made

The contribution policy for PERS is set by N.J.S.A. 43:15A and requires contributions by active members and contributing employers. Employee contributions for 2022 were seven and 50/100th percent (7.50%) of the employee's base wages. Employer's contributions are actuarially determined annually by the Division of Pension.

The local employers' contribution amounts are based on an actuarially determined rate, which includes the normal cost and unfunded accrued liability. Chapter 19, P.L. 2009 an option for local employers of PERS to contribute 50% of the normal and accrued liability contribution amounts certified for payments due in State fiscal year 2009. Such employers will be credited with the full payment and any such amounts will not be included in their unfunded liability. The actuaries will determine the unfunded liability of those retirement systems, by employer, for the reduced normal and accrued liability contributions provided under this law. This unfunded liability will be paid by the employer in level annual payments over a period of 15 years beginning with the payments due in the fiscal year ended June 30, 2012 and will be adjusted by the rate of return on the actuarial value of assets.

The District's contributions to the plan for the past three (3) years are as follows:

	PERS		
	2022	2021	2020
Covered Payroll	$ 127,244	$ 124,748	$ 122,300
Actuarial Contribution Requirements	19,545	18,284	16,373
Total Contributions Employer Share	19,545	18,284	16,373
Percent of Covered Employee - Payroll	15.36 %	14.66 %	13.39 %
Employee's Share	9,543	9,356	9,173
Percent of Covered Payroll	7.50 %	7.50 %	7.50 %

All contributions were equal to the required contributions for each of the three (3) years, respectively.

Due to the employee contribution percent changing July 1st of every year; the percent of covered payroll is an average of the first two quarters and the last two quarters of the year.

Note 5. PENSION PLAN (CONTINUED)

Public Employees' Retirement System (PERS) (Continued)

The information for PERS was abstracted from State of New Jersey Public Employees' Retirement System Schedules of Employer Allocations and Schedules of Pension Amounts by Employer as of June 30, 2022 and June 30, 2021 Independent Auditor's Report dated May 18, 2023 and June 4, 2022, respectively.

The District reported a liability of $256,443 and $197,709 for its proportionate share of the net pension liability at December 31, 2022 and December 31, 2021, respectively. The net pension liability was measured as of June 30, 202 and June 30, 2021 and the total pension liability used to calculate the net pension liability was determined by an actuarial valuation as of those dates. The District's proportion of the net pension liability was based on a projection of the District's long-term share of contributions to the pension plan relative District to the projected contributions of all participating entities, actuarially determined.

	June 30,	
	2022	2021
Local Group Share	$ 15,219,184,920	$ 11,972,782,878
Authority Proportionate Percentage	0.0016926397 %	0.0016689206 %
Difference - Increase	0.0000237191 %	

For the year ended December 31, 2022, the District recognized pension benefit of $39,393. At December 31, 2022, the District reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to PERS from the following sources:

	Deferred Outflows of of Resources	Deferred Inflows of of Resources
Changes in assumptions	$ 791	$ 38,250
Net difference between expected and actual experience	1,844	1,626
Net difference between projected and actual investment earnings on pension plan investment	10,573	-
Changes in proportion	3,875	1,414
District contributions subsequent to the measurement date	21,345	
Total	$ 38,428	$ 41,290

NOTE 5. PENSION PLAN (CONTINUED)

Public Employees Retirement System (PERS) (Continued)

The $21,345 reported as deferred outflows of resources related to pensions resulting from entities contributions subsequent to the measurement date (i.e. for the District year ending December 31, 2022, the plan measurement date is June 30, 2022) will be recognized as a reduction of the net pension liability in the District year ended December 31, 2022. Other amounts reported as deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions will be recognized in pension expense based on local share as follows:

Year Ended December 31,	Amount
2023	$ (21,912)
2024	(11,163)
2025	(5,444)
2026	1,877
2027	(26)

Additional Information:

Collective (local employers) balances at June 30, 2022 and June 30, 2021 are as follows:

	[*Measurement Date*]	
	June 30, 2022	June 30, 2021
Collective deferred outflows of resources	$ 1,660,772,008	$ 1,164,738,169
Collective deferred inflows of resources	3,236,303,935	8,339,123,762
Collective pension expense/(benefit)	(1,032,778,934)	(1,599,674,464)
Collective net pension liability	15,219,184,920	11,972,782,878
District's proportion	0.0016926397 %	0.0016892060 %

Actuarial Assumptions

The total pension liability for the June 30, 2022 measurement date was determined by an actuarial valuation as of July 1, 2020, which rolled forward to June 30, 2021. This actuarial valuation used the following assumptions:

Inflation Rate:	
Price	2.75%
Wage	3.25%
Salary Increases	2.75% - 6.55% (based on years of service)
Investment Rate of Return	7.00%

NOTE 5. PENSION PLAN (CONTINUED)

Public Employees Retirement System (PERS) (Continued)

Mortality Rates

Pre-retirement mortality rates were based on the Pub-2010 General Below-Median Income Employee mortality table with an 82.2% adjustment for males and 101.4% adjustment for females, and with future improvement from the base year of 2010 on a generational basis. Post-retirement mortality rates were based on the Pub-2010 General Below-Median Income Healthy Retiree mortality table with a 91.4% adjustment for males and 99.7% adjustment for females, and with future improvement from the base year of 2010 on a generational basis. Disability retirement rates used to value disabled retirees were based on the Pub-2010 Non-Safety Disabled Retiree mortality table with a 127.7% adjustment for males and 117.2% adjustment for females, and with future improvement from the base year of 2010 on a generational basis. Mortality improvement is based on Scale MP-2021.

The actuarial assumptions used in the July 1, 2021 valuation were based on the results of an actuarial experience study for the period July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2021. It is likely that future experience will not exactly conform to these assumptions. To the extent that actual experience deviates from these assumptions, the emerging liabilities may be higher or lower than anticipated. The more the experience deviates, the larger the impact on future financial statements.

Long-Term Rate of Return

In accordance with State statute, the long-term expected rate of return on plan investments (7.00% at June 30, 2022) is determined by the State Treasurer, after consultation with the Directors of the Division of Investments and Division of Pensions and Benefits, the board of trustees and the actuaries. The long-term expected rate of return was determined using a building block method in which best-estimate ranges of expected future real rates of return (expected returns, net of pension plan investment expense and inflation) are developed for each major asset class. These ranges are combined to produce the long-term expected rate of return by weighting the expected future real rates of return by the target asset allocation percentage and by adding expected inflation.

Best estimates of arithmetic real rates of return for each major asset class included in PERS's target asset allocation as of June 30, 2022 are summarized in the following table:

NOTE 5. PENSION PLAN (CONTINUED)

Public Employees Retirement System (PERS) (Continued)

Long-Term Rate of Return (Continued)

Asset Class	Target Allocation	Long-term Expected Real Rate of Return
US Equity	27.00 %	8.12 %
Non-U.S. Developed Market Equity	13.50	8.38
Emerging Market Equity	5.50	10.33
Private Equity	13.00	11.80
Real Estate	8.00	11.19
Real Assets	3.00	7.60
High Yield	4.00	4.95
Private Credit	8.00	8.10
Investment Grade Credit	7.00	3.38
Cash Equivalents	4.00	1.75
U.S. Treasuries	4.00	1.75
Risk Mitigation Strategies	3.00	4.91
	100.00 %	

Discount Rate

The discount rate used to measure the total pension liability was 7.00% as of June 30, 2020. The projection of cash flows used to determine the discount rate assumed that contributions from plan members will be made at the current member contribution rates and that contributions from employers and the nonemployer contributing entity will be made based on 100% of the actuarially determined contributions for the local employers. Based on those assumptions, the plan's fiduciary net position was projected to be available to make all projected future benefit payments of current plan members. Therefore, the long-term expected rate of return on plan investments was applied to all projected benefit payments to determine the total pension liability.

NOTE 5. PENSION PLAN (CONTINUED)

Public Employees Retirement System (PERS) (Continued)

Sensitivity of the Collective Net Pension Liability to Changes in the Discount Rate.

The following presents the collective net pension liability of the participating employers as of (*measurement dates*) June 30, 2022, calculated using the discount rate as disclosed above as well as what the collective net pension liability would be if it was calculated using a discount rate that is 1 -percentage point lower or 1-percentage-point higher than the current rate:

	[*Measurement Date June 30, 2022*] December 31, 2022		
	1% Decrease 6.00%	At Current Discount Rate 7.00%	1% Increase 8.00%
District's proportionate share of the pension liability	$ 328,169	$ 255,443	$ 193,450

Pension Plan Fiduciary Net Position.

Detailed information about the pension plan's fiduciary net position is available in the separately issued Financial Report for the State of New Jersey Public Employees Retirement System (PERS) or by visiting their website at: www.state.nj.us/treasury/pensions.

Note 6. OTHER POST EMPLOYMENT BENEFITS

Annual Costs

The District provides for the retiree health benefits on a "*Pay as You Go*" basis. The District's contributions to NJSHBP for the last three years were as follows:

Fiscal Year	Number of Employees	Employer's Cost
2022	None	None
2021	None	None
2020	2	$ 17,191.25

The District joined the NJSHBP on April 1, 2020.

Note 6. OTHER POST EMPLOYMENT BENEFITS (CONTINUED)

Plan Description – NJSHBP

Data for the OPEB was abstracted from the State of New Jersey Local Education Retired Employees Plan as of June 30, 2022 Independent Auditor's Report dated July, 2023.

The NJSHBP as of July 1, 2021 had statewide for the local employee groups of 62,547 active and 30,614 retired for a total of 93,161 members. The Authority at December 31, 2021 had 2 active and no retired employee for a total participation of 2.

The NJSHBP aggregate other post-employment benefit (OPEB) cost (expense) is calculated based on the aggregate required contribution of the employer (ARC), an amount actuarially determined in accordance with the parameters of GASB Statement No. 45. The ARC represents a level of funding that, if paid on an ongoing basis, is projected to cover normal cost each year and amortize any unfunded actuarial liabilities (or funding excess) over a period not to exceed thirty years. The OPEB obligation represents the total of cumulative difference between the OPEB cost since the effective date of GASB No. 45 and the employer's contributions and other adjustments to the NJSHBP.

Funding Policy – The contribution requirements of plan members are established and may be amended by the state legislature. Participating local government units are contractually required to contribute at a rate assessed each year by the NJSHBP. The NJSHBP Commission sets the employer contribution rate based on the annual required contribution of the employers (ARC) as established in an annual rate recommendation report.

The NJSHBP issues a publicly available financial report that includes financial statements and required supplementary information for the NJSHBP and the actuarial valuation. Those reports may be obtained by writing to the State of New Jersey Department of Treasury, Division of Pension and Benefits, 50 West State Street, Trenton, NJ 08625-0299 or on the State of New Jersey website.

The State Health Benefit Local Government Retired Employees Plan (the Plan) is a cost-sharing multiple-employer defined benefit other postemployment benefit (OPEB) plan with a special funding situation. It covers employees of local government employers that have adopted a resolution to participate in the Plan. For additional information, refer to the State of New Jersey, Division of Pensions and Benefits' (the Division) Annual Comprehensive Financial Report, which can be found at https://www.state.nj.us/treasury/pensions/financial-reports.shtml.

Note 6. OTHER POST EMPLOYMENT BENEFITS (CONTINUED)

Plan Description – NJSHBP (Continued)

The Plan provides medical and prescription drug to retirees and their covered dependents of the participating employers. Under the provisions of Chapter 88, P.L. 1974 and Chapter 48, P.L. 1999, local government employers electing to provide postretirement medical coverage to their employees must file a resolution with the Division. Under Chapter 88, local employers elect to provide benefit coverage based on the eligibility rules and regulations promulgated by the State Health Benefits Commission, Chapter 48 allows local employers to establish their own age and service eligibility for employer paid health benefits coverage for retired employees.

Under Chapter 48, the employer may assume the cost of postretirement medical coverage for employees and their dependents who: (1) retired on a disability pension; or (2) retired with 25 or more years of service credit in a State or locally administered retirement system and a period of service of up to 25 years with the employer at the time of retirement as established by the employer; or (3) retired and reached the age of 65 with 25 or more years of service credit in a State or locally administered retirement system and a period of service of up to 25 years with the employer at the time of retirement as established by the employer; or (4) retired and reached age 62 with at least 15 years of service with the employer. Further, the law provides that the employer paid obligations for retiree coverage may be determined by means of a collective negotiations agreement.

Pursuant to Chapter 78, P.L. 2011, future retirees eligible for postretirement medical coverage who have less than 20 years of creditable service on June 28, 2011 will be required to pay a percentage of the cost of their health care coverage in retirement provided they retire with 25 or more years of pension service credit. The percentage of the premium for which the retiree will be responsible will be determined based on the retiree's annual retirement benefit and level of coverage.

GASB Statement No. 75 requires participating employers in the plan to recognize their proportionate share of the collective net OPEB liability, collective deferred outflows of resources, collective deferred inflows of resources and collective OPEB expense. The nonspecial funding situation's net OPEB liability, deferred outflows of resources, deferred inflows of resources and OPEB expense are further allocated to employers based on the ratio of the plan members of an individual employer to the total members of the plan's nonspecial funding situation during the measurement period July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019. Employer and nonemployer allocation percentages have been rounded for presentation purposes; therefore, amounts presented in the schedule of OPEB amounts by employer and nonemployer may result in immaterial differences.

Note 6. OTHER POST EMPLOYMENT BENEFITS (CONTINUED)

Plan Description – NJSHBP (Continued)

The portion of the OPEB Liability that was associated with the District recognized is as follows:

June 30, [*Measurement Date*]	
2022	2021
$ None	$ None

The proportion of the PERS Net OPEB Liability associated with the District's liability is as follows:

June 30, [*Measurement Date*]	
2022	2021
None %	None %

Total Nonemployer OPEB Liability (PERS Employees)

The total OPEB liability as of June 30, 2022 was determined by an actuarial valuation as of June 30, 2021, which was rolled forward to June 30, 2022. The actuarial assumptions vary for each plan member depending on the pension plan the member is enrolled in.

This actuarial valuation used the following actuarial assumptions, applied to all periods in the measurement:

Inflation rate	2.50%
Salary increases:	
Public Employees' Retirement System (PERS)	2.75% to 6.55%
Rate for all future years	(based on years of service)

Mortality:

PERS Pub-2010 General classification headcount weighted mortality with fully generational mortality improvement projections from the central year using Scale MP-2021

Actuarial assumptions used in the July 1, 2021 valuation were based on the results of the PERS experience studies prepared July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2021, respectively. 100% of active members are considered to participate in the Plan upon retirement.

Note 6. OTHER POST EMPLOYMENT BENEFITS (CONTINUED)

Health Care Trend Assumptions

For pre-Medicare medical benefits, the trend is initially 5.6% and decreases to a 4.5% long-term trend rate after seven (7) years. For post-65 medical benefits, the actual fully-insured Medicare Advantage trend rates for fiscal year 2021 through 2022 are reflected. The rates used for 2023 and 2024 are 21.83% and 18.53%, respectively, trending to 4.5% for all future years. For prescription drug benefits, the initial trend rate is 7.00% and decreases to a 4.5% long-term trend rate after seven years. The assumed post-65 medical trend is 4.5% for all future years. For prescription drug benefits, the initial trend rate is 7.0% and decreases to a 4.5% long-term trend rate after seven (7) years. For the Medicare Part B reimbursement, the trend rate is 5.0%.

Discount Rate

The discount rate for June 30, 2022 was 3.54%. This represents the municipal bond return rate as chosen by the State. The source is the Bond Buyer Go 20-Bond Municipal Bond Index, which includes tax-exempt general obligation municipal bonds with an average rating of AA/Aa or higher. As the long-term rate of return is less than the municipal bond rate, it is not considered in the calculation of the discount rate, rather the discount rate is set at the municipal bond rate.

Sensitivity of Total Nonemployer OPEB Liability to Changes in the Discount Rate

The following represents the total nonemployer OPEB liability as of June 30, 2022, calculated using the discount rate as disclosed above as well as what the total nonemployer OPEB liability would be if it was calculated using a discount rate that is 1-percentage point lower or 1-percentage point higher than the current rate:

December 31, 2022 [June 30, 2022 *Measurement Date*]		
At 1% Decrease (2.54%)	At Discount Rate (3.54%)	At 1% Increase (4.54%)
$ None	$ None	$ None

Note 6. OTHER POST EMPLOYMENT BENEFITS (CONTINUED)

Sensitivity of Total Nonemployer OPEB Liability to Changes in the Healthcare Trend Rate

The following represents the total nonemployer OPEB liability as of June 30, 2022 calculated using the discount rate as disclosed above as well as what the total nonemployer OPEB liability would be if it was calculated using a healthcare trend rate that is 1-percentage point lower or 1-percentage point higher than the current rate:

December 31, 2022 [June 30, 2022 *Measurement Date*]		
1% Decrease	Healthcare Cost Trend Rate	1% Increase
$ None	$ None	$ None

The actuarial assumptions used in the July 31, 2021 valuation were based on the results of an actuarial experience study for the period July 1, 2018 – June 30, 2021.

OPEB Expense and Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources Related to OPEB

For the year ended June 30, 2022, the District recognized OPEB expense of $108.00 determined by the State as the total OPEB liability for benefits provided through a defined benefit OPEB plan that is not administered through a trust that meets the criteria in paragraph 4 of GASBS No. 75 and in which there is a special funding situation.

The actuarial assumptions used in the July 1, 2021 valuation were based on the results of an actuarial experience study for the period July 1, 2018 – June 30, 2021.

The following table illustrates the Deferred Inflows and Outflows as of June 30, 2021 under GASB 75 prior to any reduction due to the Fiscal Year 2021 amortizations.

	Deferred Outflows	Deferred Inflows
Net Difference between Expected and Actual Earnings on OPEB Plan Investments:		
Changes in Proportion	$ 264,770	$ 315,796

Note 6. OTHER POST EMPLOYMENT BENEFITS (CONTINUED)

OPEB Expense and Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources Related to OPEB (Continued)

Amount recognized in the deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to OPEB will be recognized in the OPEB expense as follows:

Measurement Period Ending June 30,	
2022	None
2023	None
2024	None
2025	None
2026	None
Thereafter	None

Pension Plan Fiduciary Net Position

Detailed information about the pension plan's fiduciary net position is available in the separately issued TPAF financial report.

Additional Information

Collective balances of the PERS Local Retirement Group (Statewide) are as follows:

	June 30, [*Measurement Date*]	
	2022	2021
Deferred outflows of resources	$ 7,897,070,518	$ 8,536,291,345
Deferred inflows of resources	13,408,600,309	12,481,961,743
Net OPEB liability	16,149,595,478	17,999,781,235
Total expenses - non-employer	150,955,720	197,015,566
District proportionate percentage	None %	0.001919 %

Note 6. OTHER POST EMPLOYMENT BENEFITS (CONTINUED)

Additional Information (Continued)

Shown below are details regarding the Total OPEB Liability for the measurement period for the PERS Local Retirement Group (Statewide):

	Total OPEB Liability
Balance as of June 30, 2021	$ 18,050,052,887
Changes Recognized for the Fiscal Year:	
Service Cost	$ 796,654,029
Interest on the Total OPEB Liability	401,372,615
Changes of Assumptions	(3,599,550,175)
Change of Benefit Terms	402,474,416
Difference between Expected and Actual Expenses	572,046,963
Gross Benefit Payments	(585,291,951)
Contributions from the Member	53,166,360
Net Changes	$ (1,959,127,743)
Balance as of June 30, 2022	$ 16,090,925,144

Changes of assumptions and other inputs reflect a change in the discount rate from 2.21% in 2020 to 3.50% in 2021. The component of the Net OPEB Liability is as follows:

	Measurement Date June 30, 2022
Total OPEB Liability	$ 16,090,925,144
Plan Fiduciary Net Position	58,670,334
Net OPEB Liability	$ 16,032,254,810
Net Position as a Percentage of OPEB Liability	0.036000%
OPEB Expense	$ 150,955,720
Special Funding Situation	3,361,552,823
Non-special Funding Situation	12,729,372,321
	$ 16,090,925,144

Note 7. JOINT FIRE DISTRICT TRAINING GROUND FUND

The financial statements of the District do not include the operations of the Township of Aberdeen Joint Fire District Training Ground Fund.

This Training Ground Fund was created by the Aberdeen Township Fire Districts No. 1 and No. 2 to establish a Fire Training Ground Fund which accumulates funds for the construction and maintenance of fire training facilities

Note 8. LENGTH OF SERVICE AWARD PROGRAM

The District adopted resolution 2009-2 on June 1, 2009 establishing a Length of Service Awards Program ("LOSAP"). The LOSAP will provide tax-deferred income benefits to the active volunteer firefighters and first aid squad members who are eligible to participate. The 2021 budget charge to fund the LOSAP was $13,000.00. The balance of $78,500.00 is shown as a contingent liability in the financial statements. The District charged the budget for the entire amount budgeted. The financial statements of the LOSAP are included in the Fiduciary Fund financial statements and are unaudited. A separate Accountant's Review Report has been issued. Contributions from the District for the last three (3) years are as follows:

Applicable Year	Amount	Per Member Contribution
2022	$ 13,000.00 *	$ 1,000.00
2021	13,000.00	1,000.00
2020	15,000.00	1,000.00

** Included in Accounts Payable at December 31, 2022.*

Note 9. RISK MANAGEMENT

The District is exposed to various risks of loss related to limited torts; theft of damage to and destruction of assets, errors and omissions and natural disasters.

Property and Liability Insurance – the District maintains commercial insurance coverage for property, liability and surety bonds. There were no significant reductions in coverage from the prior year and no settlements in excess of insurance coverage in 2022.

Note 10. FUND BALANCE APPROPRIATED

Basic Financial Statements

General Fund – of the $617,670.30 General Fund fund balance at December 31, 2022, $120,000.00 has been appropriated and included as anticipated revenue for the year 2023 and $25,174.97 is restricted for Firefighter Training and Equipment – Dedicated Penalties $7,705.70 is restricted for Unemployment Claims and $464,789.63 is unassigned.

Note 10. FUND BALANCE APPROPRIATED (CONTINUED)

Basic Financial Statements (Continued)

Capital Project Fund – of the $735,522.37 balance is the District's Capital Fund fund balance, all of which is specifically earmarked.

Note 11. FUND BALANCE RECONCILIATION – GENERAL FUND

Balance Budgetary Basis per C-1	$	617,618.90
Add: Prepaid Insurance Chargeable under GAAP to Subsequent Year		51.40
Fund Balance GAAP Basis per B-1 and B-2	$	617,670.30

Note 12. COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES

Litigation – The District's attorney representation has revealed no material contingent liability for the District.

Note 13: COVID-19 CORONAVIRUS PANDEMIC

The COVID-19 Coronavirus outbreak in the United States has caused the Governor of the State of New Jersey to mandate closures and a curfew for all nonessential citizens and businesses. The management of the District (which is essential) has evaluated the impact of the situation and has determined that there is no adverse impact on its December 31, 2022 financial statements. Management does not believe that there will be an adverse impact for the year ending December 31, 2023. A significant portion of the revenue to support District operations is tax levy. Certain other miscellaneous revenues may be impacted due to the economic effect of the closures and curfew. It is not known at this time if there are any federal or state funds available for impact relief.

Note 14. SUBSEQUENT EVENT – ACQUISITION OF A NEW TRUCK

At the Annual Fire District Election on February 18, 2023 the voters of the District approved the purchase of one custom built aerial fire engine at an estimated cost not to exceed two million dollars ($2,000,000.00) with the costs thereof to be paid by bonds or notes of the District or by lease/purchase agreement as the Board shall deem to be in the best interests of the Board. The District has applied for and received approval from the Local Finance Board of the State of New Jersey to issue $1,000,000 of lease purchase funds debt along with a District capital contribution of appropriation $788,000 to effect the purchase. The lease payment will be approximately $167,830.40 for the next seven (7) years and is expected to close in early November of 2023.

REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION – PART II

Schedule RSI-1

ABERDEEN TOWNSHIP FIRE DISTRICT #2
SCHEDULE OF THE DISTRICT'S PROPORTIONATE SHARE OF THE NET PENSION LIABILITY
PUBLIC EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT SYSTEM (PERS)
LAST TEN (10) FISCAL YEARS

Year	District's Proportion of Net Pension Liability	District's Proportionate Share of Net Pension Liability (asset)	District's Covered Payroll	District's Proportionate Share of Net Pension Liability (asset) as Percentage of Covered-Employee Payroll	Plan Fiduciary Net Position as Percentage of Total Pension Liability
2022	0.0016926397 %	$ 255,443	$ 127,244	200.75 %	62.91 %
2021	0.0016689206	197,709	127,748	154.76	70.31
2020	0.0016713750	272,558	122,300	222.80	58.32
2019	0.0016686449	300,665	120,952	248.58	56.27
2018	0.0016899951	332,475	118,580	280.39	46.40
2017	0.0016899951	393,404	118,580	331.76	48.10
2016	0.0016603149	491,738	117,080	420.00	40.14
2015	0.0015486225	347,635	106,816	325.45	47.93
2014	0.0012990300	243,214	107,324	154.59	52.08
2013	0.0010385152	318,635	115,000	277.07	48.72

Notes to Required Supplementary Information:

Benefit Changes - there were none.
Changes of Assumptions - the discount rate remained at 7.00% as of June 30, 2021 and as of June 30, 2022.

ABERDEEN TOWNSHIP FIRE DISTRICT #2
SCHEDULE OF THE DISTRICT'S CONTRIBUTIONS
PUBLIC EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT SYSTEM (PERS)
LAST TEN (10) FISCAL YEARS

Year	Contractually Required Contribution	Contributions in Relation to the Contractually Required Contributions	Contribution Deficiency (excess)	District's Covered Payroll	Contributions as Percentage of Covered-Payroll
2022	$ 19,545	$ 19,545	None	$ 127,244	15.36 %
2021	18,284	18,284	None	124,748	14.66
2020	16,373	16,373	None	122,300	13.39
2019	16,977	16,977	None	120,952	14.04
2018	16,248	16,248	None	118,580	13.70
2017	14,750	14,750	None	118,580	12.44
2016	13,314	13,314	None	117,080	11.37
2015	16,709	16,709	None	106,816	15.64
2014	13,988	13,988	None	107,324	13.03
2013	12,562	12,562	None	115,000	10.92

Notes to Required Supplementary Information:

Benefit Changes - there were none.

Changes of Assumptions - the discount rate remained at 7.00% as of June 30, 2021 and as of June 30, 2022.

INDIVIDUAL FUND STATEMENTS

ABERDEEN TOWNSHIP FIRE DISTRICT NO. 2
COUNTY OF MONMOUTH, NEW JERSEY

BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE
GENERAL FUND
BUDGET AND ACTUAL - BUDGETARY BASIS
For the Year Ended December 31, 2022

	Adopted Budget	Final Budget	Actual Amounts Budgetary Basis	Variance Final To Actual
Fund Balance Utilized:				
Unrestricted Fund Balance	$ 120,000.00	$ 120,000.00	$ 120,000.00	
Revenues:				
Supplemental Fire Services Grant	3,328.00	3,328.00	3,328.50	$ 0.50
Uniform Fire Safety Act:				
Annual Registration Fees	12,000.00	12,000.00	6,372.50	(5,627.50)
Amount to be Raised by Taxation	456,389.00	456,389.00	456,389.00	
Smoke Alarm Inspections	7,500.00	7,500.00	24,227.00	16,727.00
Interest Income			961.02	961.02
Miscellaneous Income - Unrestricted			5,367.55	5,367.55
Miscellaneous Income - Restricted			238.41	238.41
Total Revenues	479,217.00	479,217.00	496,883.98	17,666.98
Total Revenues	$ 599,217.00	$ 599,217.00	$ 616,883.98	$ 17,666.98
Expenditures:				
Administration:				
Salaries and wages	$ 55,719.00	$ 55,719.00	$ 55,719.00	
Salaries and wages-Commissioners	48,500.00	48,500.00	48,500.00	
Fringe benefits	24,919.00	24,919.00	20,350.79	$ 4,568.21
Election	5,000.00	5,000.00	4,185.57	814.43
Office Expenses and Maintenance	12,500.00	12,500.00	9,408.12	3,091.88
Professional Services	22,000.00	22,000.00	16,350.00	5,650.00
Office Equipment	3,000.00	3,000.00		3,000.00
Total Administration	171,638.00	171,638.00	154,513.48	17,124.52

ABERDEEN TOWNSHIP FIRE DISTRICT NO. 2
COUNTY OF MONMOUTH, NEW JERSEY

BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE
GENERAL FUND
BUDGET AND ACTUAL - BUDGETARY BASIS
For the Year Ended December 31, 2022

	Adopted Budget	Final Budget	Actual Amounts Budgetary Basis	Variance Final To Actual
Expenditures (Continued):				
Cost of Providing Services:				
Salaries and Wages	$ 66,952.00	$ 66,952.00	$ 66,951.96	$ 0.04
Fringe Benefits	60,930.00	60,930.00	49,824.34	11,105.66
Advertising	1,500.00	1,500.00	431.08	1,068.92
Insurance	50,097.00	50,097.00	33,994.82	16,102.18
Maintenance & Repairs	70,500.00	70,500.00	76,368.14	(5,868.14)
Membership/Dues	600.00	600.00	174.00	426.00
Training and Education	7,500.00	7,500.00	3,400.00	4,100.00
Uniforms	30,500.00	30,500.00	14,975.00	15,525.00
Utilities	15,000.00	15,000.00	9,378.95	5,621.05
Gasoline	8,000.00	8,000.00	8,999.71	(999.71)
Joint Purchase Agreement	5,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00	
Bureau of Fire Prevention	9,000.00	9,000.00	4,080.00	4,920.00
BFP Operations	12,000.00	12,000.00	13,387.57	(1,387.57)
Other Assets - Non Bondable:				
Radio Equipment	3,000.00	3,000.00	1,200.00	1,800.00
Fire Fighting Equipment	50,000.00	50,000.00	44,026.88	5,973.12
Total Cost of Providing Services	390,579.00	390,579.00	332,192.45	58,386.55
Operating Appropriations Offset with Revenues:				
Salaries and Wages	12,000.00	12,000.00	12,000.00	
Length of Service Awards Program	25,000.00	25,000.00	13,000.00	12,000.00
Total Expenditures	599,217.00	599,217.00	511,705.93	87,511.07
Excess of Revenues Over/(Under) Expenditures			105,178.05	105,178.05
Fund Balance, January 1	632,467.05	632,467.05	632,440.85	26.20
	632,467.05	632,467.05	737,618.90	105,204.25
Less: Fund Balance Utilized	(120,000.00)	(120,000.00)	(120,000.00)	
Fund Balance, December 31 (Budgetary Basis)	$ 512,467.05	$ 512,467.05	$ 617,618.90	$ 105,204.25

Analysis of Actual

Transferred to Commitments Payable	$ 13,000.00
Prepaid Expenses Applied	22,852.39
Transferred to Accounts Payable	50,820.01
Cash Disbursed	425,033.53
	$ 511,705.93

ABERDEEN TOWNSHIP FIRE DISTRICT NO. 2

COUNTY OF MONMOUTH, NEW JERSEY

BUDGET -to- GAAP RECONCILIATION
For the Year Ended December 31, 2022

Note A - Explanation of Differences between Budgetary Inflows and Outflows and GAAP Revenues and Expenditures

			General Fund
Sources/Inflows of Resources:			
Actual amounts (budgetary basis) "available for appropriation" from the budgetary comparison schedule (C-1)			$ 616,883.98
Differences - budget to GAAP:			
The fund balance appropriated is a budgetary resource but is not a current year revenue for financial reporting purposes			(120,000.00)
Total revenues as reported on the statement of revenues, expenditures and changes in fund balances - governmental funds (B-2)			$ 496,883.98
Uses/Outflows of Resources:			
Actual amounts (budgetary basis) "total charges to appropriations" from the budgetary comparison schedule (C-1)			$ 511,705.93
Differences - budget to GAAP:			
Expenditures for Prepaid Insurance that were chargeable for budgetary purposes but relative to the next subsequent year			
12/31/2022	$	(22,800.99)	
12/31/2021		22,852.39	51.40
Total expenditures as reported on the statement of revenues, expenditures and changes in fund balances - governmental funds (B-2)			$ 511,757.33

Exhibit D-1

ABERDEEN TOWNSHIP FIRE DISTRICT NO. 2

COUNTY OF MONMOUTH, NEW JERSEY

SUMMARY STATEMENT OF PROJECT EXPENDITURES AND RESTRICTED NET POSITION
CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND
As of December 31, 2022

Issue/Project Title	Date Authorized	Appropriation	Balance Dec. 31, 2021	Increases	Transfer	Expenditures	Balance Dec. 31, 2022
Pumper Truck	02/17/2007	$ 100,000.00	$ 796.00	$ -	$	$ -	$ 796.00
Heavy Duty Electric Generator for the Cliffwood Fire House	02/19/2011	175,000.00	114,951.50	-	(80,000.00)	-	34,951.50
			-				
Building Improvements	12/16/2013	125,000.00	-				
	12/1/2014	50,000.00	-			-	
	12/21/15	75,000.00	81,089.59	-		-	81,089.59
Fire Official SUV	10/15/2018	60,000.00	14,467.66				14,467.66
Fire Chief Response Vehicle	2/17/2018	65,000.00	384.00				384.00
Acquisition of New Fire Truck	2/16/2019	700,000.00	660.10			-	660.10
Acquisition of New Chief's Vehicle	2/17/2018	65,000.00	65,000.00				65,000.00
Purchase of Radio	12/5/2022	80,000.00	-		80,000.00	79,928.04	71.96
Capital Projects to be Determined in Future Years	N/A	N/A	338,101.56	200,000.00		-	538,101.56
		$ 1,495,000.00	$ 615,450.41	$ 200,000.00	$ -	$ 79,928.04	$ 735,522.37

Tax Levy $ 200,000.00

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

Schedule 1

ABERDEEN TOWNSHIP FIRE DISTRICT #2
COUNTY OF MONMOUTH, NEW JERSEY
GENERAL FUND AND CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND
SCHEDULE OF RECEIPTS, DISBURSEMENTS
AND CHANGES IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS
YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2022

	Fund		
	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total
Receipts:			
District Taxes	$ 456,389.00	$ 200,000.00	$ 656,389.00
Interest on Investments	961.02		961.02
Current Year Payroll Taxes	3,119.50		3,119.50
Annual Registration Fees	6,372.50		6,372.50
SFSP - Prior Year	3,328.50		3,328.50
Miscellaneous - Unrestricted	5,367.55		5,367.55
Miscellaneous - Restricted	238.41		238.41
Smoke Detectors	24,227.00		24,227.00
	$ 500,003.48	$ 200,000.00	$ 700,003.48
Disbursements:			
Accounts Payable Prior Year	$ 37,980.01		$ 37,980.01
Prepaid Expenses	22,800.99		22,800.99
Operating Appropriations - Construction	425,084.93		425,084.93
Prior Year Payroll Deductions	3,096.67		3,096.67
	$ 488,962.60	$ -	$ 488,962.60
Increase in Cash and Cash Equivalents	$ 11,040.88	$ 200,000.00	$ 211,040.88
Cash and Cash Equivalents, January 1, 2022	724,795.91	615,450.41	1,340,246.32
Cash and Cash Equivalents, December 31, 2022	$ 735,836.79	815,450.41	$ 1,551,287.20
Analysis of Cash and Cash Equivalents:			
Cash - Checking	$ 81,995.39		$ 81,995.39
Money Market	219,726.66	$ 815,450.41	1,035,177.07
Statement Savings	442,769.21		442,769.21
	$ 744,491.26	$ 815,450.41	$ 1,559,941.67
Less: Outstanding Checks	8,654.47		8,654.47
	$ 735,836.79	$ 815,450.41	$ 1,551,287.20

ABERDEEN TOWNSHIP FIRE DISTRICT NO. 2
STATISTICAL INFORMATION
DECEMBER 31, 2022

Property Tax Levies

Following is a tabulation of the District's assessed valuations, tax levies and property tax rates per $100 of assessed valuations for the current and preceding four years:

Fiscal Year	Assessed Valuation	Total Tax Levy	Property Tax Rate
2022	$ 923,960,690.00	$ 656,389.00	0.072 ¢
2021	828,372,390.00	611,389.00	0.074
2020	805,350,190.00	572,000.00	0.072
2019	768,552,090.00	572,000.00	0.075
2018	751,279,990.00	572,000.00	0.077

Unrestricted Net Position – General Fund

Fiscal Year Ended	End of Fiscal Year	Utilization in Subsequent Year Budget
December 31, 2022	$ 617,670.30	$ 120,000.00
December 31, 2021	632,467.51	120,000.00
December 31, 2020	583,409.06 *	90,000.00
December 31, 2019	493,139.27	72,388.00
December 31, 2018	460,375.73	81,540.00

** As adjusted*

BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS

ABERDEEN TOWNSHIP FIRE DISTRICT NO. 2

ROSTER OF OFFICIALS

DECEMBER 31, 2022

Board of Commissioners	Position
Michael Bellamy	President
Thomas DeGiglio	Vice President
Thomas Logan	Secretary
Stephen Gallant	Treasurer *
James Black	Commissioner

Other Officials	
Joseph Youssouf, Esq.	Board Attorney
George Lang	Board Accountant
George C. Chevalier	Fire Official
David San Martin	Fire Inspector
Yvette R. Bing	Office Manager/Clerk
Santander Bank	Official Depository - Checking
Ocean First Bank	Official Depository - Savings

* Surety Company

Amount of Bond $100,000.00

GENERAL COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

GENERAL COMMENTS
DECEMBER 31, 2022

Scope of Examination and Conditions of Records

Our examination covered the funds of the Board of Fire Commissioners, Fire District No. 2, Aberdeen Township handled by the accountant of the Fire District.

The financial records were maintained in adequate condition.

Minutes of Board meetings were properly maintained.

Cash and Cash Equivalents and Investments

The balances in banks at December 31, 2022 were verified with the bank and reconciliations and/or statements issued by the depositories.

Our examination revealed that the Fire District maintains its investable funds in a money market fund.

Examination of Claims

In verifying expenditures, computations were tested on claims approved and paid. No attempt was made in this connection to establish proof of rendition, character or extent of services, nor quantities, nature, propriety of prices or receipt of materials, these elements being left necessarily to internal review in connection with approval of claims.

Claims paid during the period under audit were examined on a test basis to determine that they are submitted on Board vouchers, itemized, signed by the officials as to approval for payment, allocation to the proper accounts and charged to the proper fiscal period, and in agreement with bill lists set forth in the approved minutes of the Board.

Payroll

The payroll examination revealed that salaries for Commissioners were paid in accordance with the budget and the employees salaries were not approved by resolution of the Board but were within the guidelines set up in the annual budget. Salary for employee should be approved annually by resolution.

Contracts and Agreements Required to be Advertised for N.J.S. 40A:11-4 (as amended)

N.J.S. 40A:11-4 (as amended) states, "Every contract or agreement, for the performance of any work or the furnishing or hiring of any materials or supplies, the cost or the contract price whereof is to be paid with or out of public funds not included within the terms of Section 3 of this act, shall be made or awarded only after public act or specifically by any other law. No work, materials or supplies shall be undertaken, acquired or furnished for a sum exceeding $17,500.00 since the District does not employ a Qualified Purchasing Agent ("QPA") except by contract or agreement."

Contracts and Agreements Required to be Advertised for N.J.S. 40A:11-4 (as amended) (Continued)

The members of the Aberdeen Township Fire District No. 2 have the responsibility of determining whether any contract or agreement might result in violation of the statute and, when necessary, the Board Attorney's opinion should be sought before a commitment is made.

In addition, the following items were purchased under state contract or cooperative purchasing agreement:

Fire Truck	Fire Equipment

Inasmuch as the system of records did not provide for any accumulation of payments for categories for the performance of any work or the furnishing or hiring of any materials or supplies, the results of such an accumulation could not reasonably be ascertained. Disbursements were reviewed, however, to determine whether any clear-cut violations existed.

The results of our examination indicated that no individual payments, contracts or agreements were made "for the performance of any work or the furnishing or hiring of any materials or supplies", in excess of the statutory thresholds where there had been no advertising for bids in accordance with provisions of N.J.S.A. 40A:11-21. It is suggested that consideration be given to utilize a "*Quote Documentation*" sheet and Business Registration Certificate ("BRC") for all expenditures greater than $2,625.00 (the quote threshold).

Financial Procedures

It is suggested that for all financial processes within each function that a review, updating and documentation of all procedures be done in order to be in compliance with recent accounting and auditing requirements related to internal control.

General Ledger

The District maintains a general ledger as required by the General Accounting Office (GAO).

Miscellaneous

An exit conference was held in accordance with Auditing Standards Generally Accepted in the United States of America for governmental entities.

Acknowledgment

During the course of the audit, we received the cooperation of the officials of the Fire District and we appreciate the courtesies extended to us.

RECOMMENDATIONS

DECEMBER 31, 2022

None.

The problems and weaknesses noted in our audit were not of such magnitude that they would affect our ability to express an opinion on the financial statements taken as a whole.

Should any questions arise as to my comments or recommendations, or should you desire assistance in implementing my recommendations, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Respectfully submitted,

Gerard Stankiewicz, CPA, RMA
For The Firm
SAMUEL KLEIN AND COMPANY, LLP