TOWNSHIP OF MONTVILLE
FIRE DISTRICT NUMBER 2
REPORT ON EXAMINATION OF
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2021

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Introductory Section

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To the Board of Fire Commissioners Montville Township Fire District Number 2 Towaco, New Jersey

Dear Fire Commissioners:

The annual financial report of the Montville Fire District Number 2 (the "District") for the year ended December 31, 2021 is hereby submitted. Responsibility for both the accuracy of the data and completeness and fairness of the presentation, including all disclosures, rests with the management of the District. To the best of our knowledge and belief, the data presented in this report is accurate in all material respects and is reported in a manner designed to present fairly the financial position and results of operations of the general fund of the District. All disclosures necessary to enable the reader to gain an understanding of the District's financial activities have been included.

The comprehensive annual financial report is presented in five sections: introductory, financial, supplementary information, *Government Auditing Standards* and comments and recommendation. The introductory section includes this transmittal letter and a list of the District's principal officials. The financial section includes the financial statements, the Management's Discussion and Analysis as well as the auditors' report thereon. The auditor's reports on internal control and compliance with applicable laws, regulations, contracts and grants along with the schedule of findings and responses, are included in the *Government Auditing Standards* section of this report.

REPORTING ENTITY AND ITS SERVICES

The Montville Fire District Number 2 is an independent reporting entity within the criteria adopted by the. Governmental Accounting Standards Board ("GASB") in codification section 2100. All funds of the District are included in this report.

The Fire District Number 2, Township of Montville is a public body corporate and politic of the State of New Jersey governed by five members elected by the registered voters of the District.

The District was created pursuant to New Jersey Title 40A municipalities 40A:14-70. The District is an instrumentality of the Township of Montville, State of New Jersey, established to function as a fire district, to provide for fire and rescue services to the Township's citizens. The District consists of elected officials and is responsible for the fiscal control of the District. A Chairman is appointed by the District and is responsible for the administrative control of the District.

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INTERNAL ACCOUNTING CONTROLS:

Management of the District is responsible for establishing and maintaining an internal control system designed to ensure that the assets of the District are protected from loss, theft or misuse, and to ensure that adequate accounting data is compiled to allow for the preparation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP). The internal control system is designed to provide reasonable, but not absolute, assurance that these objectives are met. The concept of reasonable assurance recognizes that (1) the cost of a control should not exceed the benefits likely to be derived; and (2) the valuation of costs and benefits requires estimates and judgments by management.

BUDGETARY CONTROLS:

In addition to internal accounting controls, the District maintains budgetary controls. The objective of these budgetary controls is to ensure compliance with legal provisions embodied in the annual appropriated budget approved by the voters of the District. An annual appropriated budget is adopted for the general fund. The final budget amount as amended for the fiscal year is reflected in the supplementary information section.

ACCOUNTING SYSTEM AND REPORTS:

The District's accounting records reflect generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP), as promulgated by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB). The accounting system of the District is organized on the basis of funds. The applicable fund is explained in "Notes to the Financial Statements," Note 1.

CASH MANAGEMENT:

The investment policy of the District is guided in large part by state statute as detailed in "Notes to the Financial Statements", Note 2. The District has adopted a cash management plan which requires it to deposit public funds in public depositories protected from loss under the provisions of the Governmental Unit Deposit Protection Act ("GUDPA"). GUDPA was enacted in 1970 to protect Governmental Units from a loss of funds on deposit with a failed banking institution in New Jersey. The law requires governmental units to deposit public funds only in public depositories located in New Jersey, where the funds are secured in accordance with the Act.

RISK MANAGEMENT:

The District carries various forms of insurance; including but not limited to general liability, excess liability, automobile liability and comprehensive/collision, hazard and theft insurance on property, and fidelity bonds.

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OTHER INFORMATION:

Independent Audit - State statutes require an annual audit by independent certified public accountants or registered municipal accountants. The accounting firm of Wielkotz & Company, LLC was selected by the District. The auditors' report on the financial statements is included in the financial section of this report.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS:

We would like to express our appreciation to the members of the Commission of Fire District Number 2 Township of Montville for their concern in providing fiscal accountability to the citizens of the Township of and thereby contributing their full support to the development and maintenance of our financial operation. The preparation of this report could not have been accomplished without the efficient and dedicated services of our financial and accounting staff.

Respectfully submitted,

William MacStudy

President

Scott Russell

Treasurer

ROSTER OF OFFICIALS

Roster of Officials

Amount of Surety Bond

William MacStudy

Commissioner (President)

Michael Ward

Commissioner (Vice-President)

Scott Russell

Commissioner (Treasurer)

\$500,000 (1)

John Connelly

Commissioner

John Misiewicz

Commissioner (District Clerk)

Antonette Prudente

Board Secretary

\$500,000 (1)

Surety Company

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

Honorable President and Members of the Board of Commissioners Township of Montville Fire District Number 2 County of Morris, New Jersey

Report on the Audit of the Financial Statements

Unmodified Opinion

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Montville Township Fire District No. 2 (the "District"), as of and for the year ended December 31, 2021, and the related notes to the financial statements which collectively comprise the Montville Township Fire District No. 2's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Montville Township Fire District No. 2, as of December 31, 2021, 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 Unmodified Opinions

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the audit requirements prescribed by the Division of Local Government Services, Department of Community Affairs, State of New Jersey and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in Government Auditing Standards, issued by the Controller General of the United States. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statement section of our report. We are required to be independent of the Montville Township Fire District No. 2, and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant ethical requirement relating to our audit. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our unmodified audit opinions.



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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 Montville Township Fire District No. 2'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 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 generally accepted auditing standards and Government Auditing Standards 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 generally accepted auditing standards and Government Auditing Standards we:

- Exercise professional judgement 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 Montville Township Fire District No. 2's internal control. Accordingly, no such
 opinion is expressed.



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- 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 Montville Township Fire District No. 2's ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

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, budgetary comparison information and pension information be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. We have applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, which consisted of inquiries of management about the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquires, 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 an opinion on the financial statements of the Montville Township Fire District No. 2 as a whole. The supplementary schedules listed in the table of contents, are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the 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 supplementary schedules listed in the table of contents, is fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the basic financial statements as a whole.



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Other Information

Management is responsible for the other information included in the report of audit. The other information comprises the supplementary data and general comments and recommendation section but does not include the 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. In connection with our audit of the financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and consider whether a material inconsistency exists between the other information and the 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 September 9, 2022 on our consideration of the Montville Township Fire District No. 2'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 Montville Township Fire District No. 2 '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 the Montville Township Fire District No. 2's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

Wielkotz & Company, QQC

WIELKOTZ & COMPANY, LLC Certified Public Accountants

Pompton Lakes, New Jersey

September 9, 2022



Required Supplementary Information – Part I

Management's Discussion and Analysis
For the Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2021
(UNAUDITED)

Our discussion and analysis of the Township of Montville Fire District Number 2's financial activities for the year ended December 31, 2021. Please read it in conjunction with the District's financial statements.

FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

- 1. The District's net position increased \$180,071 as a result of this year's operations or 5.79 percent.
- 2. Total cost of all of the District's programs was \$667,420 in 2021 compared to \$628,929 in 2020.
- 3. During the year, the District had expenses for governmental activities that were \$180,071 less than the \$815,331 generated in tax and other revenues.

USING THIS ANNUAL REPORT

This annual report consists of a series of financial statements. The Statement of Net Position and the Statement of Activities provide information about the activities of the District as a whole and present a longer-term view on the District's finances. For governmental activities, these statements tell how these services were financed in the short term as well as what remains for future spending. Fund financial statements also report the District's operation in more detail than the government-wide statements by providing information about the District's most financially significant funds.

Reporting the District as a Whole

The Statement of Net Position and the Statement of Activities

One of the most important questions asked about the District's finances is "Is the District as a whole better off or worse off as a result of the year's activities?" The Statement of Net Position and the Statement of Activities report information about the District as a whole and about its activities in a way that helps answer this question. These statements include all assets and liabilities using the *accrual basis of accounting*, which is similar to the accounting used by most private-sector companies. Accrual of the current year's revenues and expenses are taken into account regardless of when cash is received or paid.

These two statements report the District's net position and changes in them. You can think of the District's net position, the difference between assets and liabilities, as one way to measure the District's financial health, or financial position. Over time, increases or decreases in the District's net position are one indicator whether its financial health is improving or deteriorating. You will need to consider other nonfinancial factors, however, such as changes in the District's property tax base, and the condition of the District's capital assets to assess the overall health of the District.

Management's Discussion and Analysis
For the Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2021
(continued)
(UNAUDITED)

In the Statement of Net Position and the Statement of Activities, we divide the District into two kinds of activities:

- Governmental activities: most of the District's basic services are reported here, including general administration. Local taxes, fees, and state aid finance most of these activities.
- Business-type-activities: the District has no proprietary funds.

Reporting the District's Most Significant Funds

Fund Financial Statements

The fund financial statements provide detailed information about the most significant funds-not the District as a whole. Some funds are required to be established by State law.

Governmental funds: most of the District's basic services are reported in governmental funds, which focus on how money flows into and out of those funds and the balances left at year-end that are available for spending. These funds are reported using an accounting method called *modified accrual* accounting, which measures cash and all other financial assets that can readily be converted to cash. The governmental fund statements provide a detailed *short-term view* of the District's general government operations and the basic services it provides. Governmental fund information helps one determine whether there are more or fewer financial resources that can be spent in the near future to finance the District's programs. We describe the relationship (or differences) between governmental *activities* (reported in the Statement of Net Position and the Statement of Activities) and governmental funds in a reconciliation.

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

Management's Discussion and Analysis
For the Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2021
(UNAUDITED)
(continued)

Major Features of Township of Montville Fire District Number 2 Fund Financial Statements (Figure A-1)

		Fund Statements			
	Government wide Statements	Governmental Funds	Fiduciary Funds		
Scope	Entire District (except fiduciary funds)	The activities of the District that are not proprietary or fiduciary.	Instances in which the District is the Trustee or agent for someone else's resources.		
Required financial statements	Statement of net position	Balance sheet	Statement of fiduciary net position.		
	Statement of activities	Statement of revenues, expenditures, and changes in fund balance	Statement of changes in fiduciary net position		
Accounting basis and measurement focus	Accrual accounting and economic resources focus	Modified accrual accounting and current financial resources focus	Accrual accounting and economic resources focus		
Type of asset/liability information	All assets and liabilities, both financial and capital, and short-term and long term	Only assets expected to be used up and liabilities that come due during the year or soon thereafter; no capital assets included.	All assets and liabilities, both short-term and long-term		
Type of inflow/outflow information	All revenues and expenses during the year, regardless of when cash is received or paid	Revenues for which cash is received during or soon after the end of the year; expenditures when goods or services have been received and payment is due during the year or soon thereafter.	All revenues and expenses during the year regardless of when cash is received or paid		

Management's Discussion and Analysis
For the Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2021
(continued)
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FINANCIAL ANALYSIS OF THE DISTRICT AS A WHOLE

The District's net position changed from a year ago, increasing from \$3,109,881 to \$3,289,952. Looking at the net position and net expenses of governmental activities, different stories emerge. Our analysis below focuses on the net position (Table 1) and changes in net position (Table 2) of the District's governmental activities as of December 31.

Table 1 Net Position

	Govern Activ			otal overnment
	2021	2020	<u>2021</u>	2020
Cash and Cash Equivalents Receivables, Net	\$1,892,251	\$1,325,027 183,661	\$1,892,251	\$1,325,027 183,661
Prepaid Expenses Capital Assets	1,416	1,416	1,416	1,416
Land & Construction in Progress Other Assets, Net of	145,271	144,271	145,271	144,271
Accumulated Depreciation Total Assets	1,491,059 3,529,997	1,675,324 3,330,699	1,491,059 3,529,997	1,675,324 3,330,699
Deferred Outflows:	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u>3,327,771</u>	<u>5,550,099</u>
Deferred Outflows: Deferred Outflows for Resources Related to OPEB	<u>45,124</u>	45,124	<u>45,124</u>	<u>45,124</u>
Liabilities Current Liabilities	19,227		19,227	
Noncurrent Liabilities: Due Beyond One Year	<u>172,287</u>	172,287	<u>172,287</u>	172,287
Total Liabilities	191,514	172,287	<u>191,514</u>	172,287
Deferred Inflows: Deferred Inflows for Resources				
Related to OPEB	<u>93,655</u>	93,655	93,655	93,655
Net Position:				
Net Investment in Capital Assets Restricted for:	1,636,330	1,820,595	1,636,330	1,820,595
Capital Projects Unrestricted	1,643,500 10,122	1,043,500 <u>245,786</u>	1,643,500 10,122	1,043,500 245,786
Total Net Position	<u>\$3,289,952</u>	<u>\$3,109,881</u>	<u>\$3,289,952</u>	<u>\$3,109,881</u>

Management's Discussion and Analysis For the Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2021 (continued) (UNAUDITED)

- Net position of the District's governmental activities increased \$180,071 or 5.79%.
- Unrestricted net position, the part of net position that can be used to finance day-to-day operations without constraints established by debt covenants, enabling legislation, or other legal requirements decreased \$235,664 or 96.70%.
- The net investment in capital assets decreased \$184,265 or 10.12%.

Table 2
Changes in Net Position

	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	rnmental tivities		otal Government
	2021	2020	2021	2020
Revenues				
Program Revenues:				
Operating Grants & Contributions	\$32,160	\$39,472	\$32,160	\$39,472
General Revenues:	·	,	,	
Property Taxes	812,495	792,150	812,495	792,150
Interest and Miscellaneous Revenue	<u>2,836</u>	3,119	<u>2,836</u>	3,119
Total Revenues	847,49 1	834,741	<u>84</u> 7,491	<u>834,741</u>
Program Expenses,			<u> </u>	05 1,7 11
Including Indirect Expenses				
Administration:				
Salaries	33,402	32,744	33,402	32,744
Fringe Benefits	4,908	8,544	4,908	8,544
Other Expenses	63,041	67,934	63,041	67,934
Cost of Providing Services:	ŕ	ŕ	, , , , , ,	2.7 92.2
Salaries	6,270	5,841	6,270	5,841
Fringe Benefits	5,314	13,287	5,314	13,287
Other Expenses	522,325	461,107	522,325	461,107
Uniform Fire Safety Act:		-		,
Salaries	25,667	21,257	25,667	21,257
Other Expenses	6,493	<u> 18,215</u>	6,493	<u> 18,215</u>
Cost of District Programs	<u>667,420</u>	628,929	667,420	628,929
Total Expenses	667,420	628,929	667,420	628,929
Increase/(Decrease)				
in Net Position	<u>\$180,071</u>	<u>\$205,812</u>	<u>\$180,071</u>	<u>\$205,812</u>

Management's Discussion and Analysis
For the Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2021
(continued)
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Table 3
Changes in Fund Balances
<u>Governmental Funds</u>

.			Increase/	
Revenues by Source:	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>Decrease</u>	<u>% Change</u>
Local Sources:	#910 405	Ф Т ОО 150	2004	
Local Tax Levy	\$812,495	\$792,150	20,345	2.57%
Interest on Investment	$\frac{2,836}{915,331}$	<u>3,119</u>	(283)	(9.07%)
Total - Local Sources	<u>815,331</u>	<u>795,269</u>		
State Sources	32,160	39,472	(7,312)	(18.52%)
			(- //	(13.5273)
Total Revenues	<u>847,491</u>	<u>834,741</u>	12,750	1.52%
Expenditures by Function:				
Administration:				
Salaries	33,402	32,744	658	2.01%
Fringe Benefits	4,908	4,635	273	5.89%
Other Expenses	9,505	15,181	(5,676)	(3.74%)
Cost of Providing Services:	,	,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,	(-,0,0)	(51, 1,0)
Salaries	6,270	5,841	429	7.34%
Fringe Benefits	5,314	13,287	(7,973)	(6.00%)
Other Expenses	391,596	333,878	58,147	17.41%
Uniform Fire Safety Act:			·	
Salaries	25,667	21,257	4,410	20.75%
Other Expenses	6,493	18,215	(11,722)	(64.35%)
Capital Outlay		9,000	(9,000)	(100.00%)
Total Expenditures	<u>\$483,155</u>	<u>\$454,038</u>	17,395	3.83%

Management's Discussion and Analysis
For the Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2021
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Table 4 Capital Assets

Net Investment in Capital Assets at Year-End

	Gov	ernmental		
		ctivities		Totals
	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>	2020	<u>2019</u>
Construction in Progress	\$67,571	\$66,571	\$67,571	\$66,571
Land	77,700	77,700	77,700	77,700
Land Improvements	87,629	87,629	87,629	87,629
Buildings and Improvements	2,162,092	2,162,092	2,162,092	2,162,092
Machinery and Equipment	2,188,666	2,188,666	2,188,666	2,188,666
Subtotal	4,583,658	4,583,658	4,583,658	4,583,658
Accumulated Depreciation	(2,947,328)	(2,763,064)	(2,947,328)	(2,763,064)
Total Net Investment				
in Capital Assets	<u>\$1,636,330</u>	<u>\$1,820,594</u>	<u>\$1,636,330</u>	<u>\$1,820,594</u>

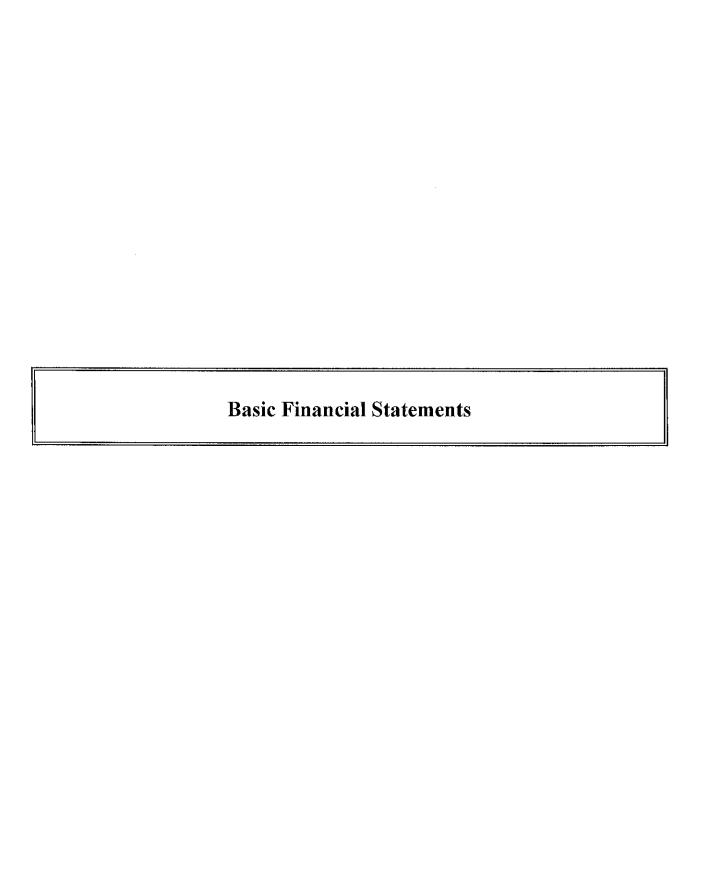
The District's 2022 capital budget anticipates spending \$1,600,000 for the purpose of a fire truck. More detailed information about the District capital assets is presented in the notes to the basic financial statements.

BUDGETS

There were no significant variances between the originally adopted budget and revised budget for the year 2021. For more detailed information refer to Exhibit C-1.

CONTACTING THE DISTRICT'S FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

This financial report is designed to provide our citizens, taxpayers, customers, and investors and creditors with a general overview of the District's finances and to show the District's accountability for the money it receives. If you have questions about this report or need additional financial information, contact the Board of Commissioners, Township of Montville Fire District Number 2, P.O. Box 353, Montville, New Jersey 07082.



TOWNSHIP OF MONTVILLE FIRE DISTRICT NUMBER 2 STATEMENT OF NET POSITION FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2021

ASSETS	Governmental <u>Activities</u> <u>Total</u>		<u>Total</u>	
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$	1,892,251	\$	1,892,251
Prepaid Expenses	Φ	1,692,231	Φ	1,692,231
Capital Assets:		1,410		1,410
Land & Construction in Progress		145,271		145,271
Other Assets, Net of Accum. Depreciation		1,491,059		•
Total Assets		3,529,997		1,491,059
Total Assets		3,329,991		3,529,997
DEFERRED OUTFLOWS				
Deferred Outflows for Resources Related to OPEB				
Total Deferred Outflows		45,124		45,124
LIABILITIES				
Interfund Payable		19,227		19,227
Noncurrent Liabilities:		•		,
Due Beyond One Year		172,287		172,287
Total Liabilities		191,514		191,514
DEFERRED INFLOWS				
Deferred Inflows for Resources Related to OPEB				
Total Deferred Inflows		93,655		93,655
NET POSITION				
Net Investment in Capital Assets		1,636,330		1,636,330
Restricted for:		-,,		-, ,
Capital Projects		1,643,500		1,643,500
Unrestricted/Unassigned		10,122		10,122
Total Net Position	\$	3,289,952	\$	3,289,952

TOWNSHIP OF MONTVILLE
FIRE DISTRICT NUMBER 2
STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES
FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2021

Net (Expense) Revenue and Changes in Net Position Governmental Activities Total	\$ (33,402) \$ (33,402) (4,908) (63,041) (63,041)	(6,270) (6,270) (5,314) (5,314) (522,325) (522,325)	(635,260) \$ (635,260)	812,495 \$ 2,836 815,331 180,071	\$ 3,109,881 3,109,881 \$ 3,289,952 \$ 3,289,952
Program Revenues Operating Grants and Contributions	• 1 1	25,667	5,495 32,160 \$ 32,160	or General Purposes	
Expenses	\$ 33,402 4,908 63,041	6,270 5,314 522,325 25,667	6,493	neral Reve Taxes: Property ' Investment tal General	Net Position—Beginning Net Position—Ending
Functions/Programs	Governmental Activities: Administration: Salaries Fringe Benefits Other Expenses	Cost of Providing Services: Salaries Fringe Benefits Other Expenses Uniform Fire Safety Act: Salaries	Other Expenses Total Governmental Activities Total Primary Government		

The accompanying Notes to Basic Financial Statements are an integral part of this statement.

TOWNSHIP OF MONTVILLE FIRE DISTRICT NUMBER 2 BALANCE SHEET

GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2021

	General <u>Fund</u>		Capital Projects <u>Fund</u>		Total Governmental <u>Funds</u>		
ASSETS							
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$	248,751	\$	1,643,500	\$	1,892,251	
Prepaid Expenses		1,416		_		1,416	
Total Assets	\$	250,167	\$	1,643,500	\$	1,893,667	
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES							
Liabilities:							
Interfunds Payable		19,227.00				19,227.00	
Total Liabilities		19,227.00				19,227.00	
Fund Balances:							
Unreserved / Unassigned, reported in:							
General Fund		230,940		-		230,940	
Capital Projects Fund				1,643,500		1,643,500	
Total Fund Balances		230,940		1,643,500		1,874,440	
Total Liabilities and Fund Balances	\$	250,167	\$	1,643,500			
Capital assets used resources and there of the assets is \$4,5 is \$2,947,328.	efore are no	t reported in the f	unds. The	e cost		1,636,330	
	Deferred inflows of resources related to other post employment benefits liability, are applicable to future						
reporting periods a	reporting periods and, therefore, are not reported in the funds.						
Deferred outflows post employment by	enefits liab	ility, are applicab	le to futur			(02 (55)	
reporting periods a	na, therefor	e, are not reporte	d in the ru	nas.		(93,655)	
Long-term liabiliti							
payable in the curr liabilities in the fu	=	and therefore are a	not reporte	ed as		(172,287)	
Net position of gover	nmental act	tivities			\$	3,289,952	

STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS

FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2021

	General <u>Fund</u>			Capital Projects <u>Fund</u>		Total ernmental <u>Funds</u>
REVENUES						
Local Sources:						
Local Tax Levy	\$	812,495	\$	-	\$	812,495
Interest Earned on Investments		2,836		-		2,836
Total - Local Sources		815,331		~		815,331
State Sources		32,160		-		32,160
Total Revenues		847,491		M		847,491
EXPENDITURES						
Current:						
Administration:						
Salaries		33,402		-		33,402
Fringe Benefits		4,908		-		4,908
Other Expenses		9,505		-		9,505
Cost of Providing Services:						
Salaries		6,270		-		6,270
Fringe Benefits		5,314		-		5,314
Other Expenses		391,596		-		391,596
Uniform Fire Safety Act:						
Salaries		25,667		-		25,667
Other Expenses		6,493		-		6,493
Capital Outlay				<u> </u>		-
Total Expenditures		483,155				483,155
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues						
over Expenditures		364,336				364,336
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES AND (USES)					
Transfers In		-		600,000		600,000
Transfers (Out)		(600,000)		<u>.</u>		(600,000)
Total Other Financing Sources and (Uses)		(600,000)	<u> </u>	600,000		-
Net Change in Fund Balances		(235,664)		600,000		364,336
Fund Balance—January 1		466,604		1,043,500		1,510,104
Fund Balance—December 31	\$	230,940	\$	1,643,500	\$	1,874,440
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\$ 180,071

TOWNSHIP OF MONTVILLE FIRE DISTRICT NUMBER 2

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

FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2021

Total net change in fund balances - governmental funds (from B-2)	\$ 364,336.00
Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of activities (A-2) are different because:	
Capital outlays are reported in governmental funds as expenditures. However, in 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 capital outlays exceeded depreciation in the period.	
Depreciation expense \$\(\(\frac{184,265}{}\)	
	\$ (184,265)
District other postemployment benefit contributions are reported as expenditures in the governmental funds when made. However, they are reported as deferred outflows of resources in the Statement of Net Position because the reported net other postemployment benefit liability is measured a year before the District's report date. Other post employment expense, which is the change in the net other postemployment benefit liability adjusted for changes in deferred outflows and inflows of resources related to other postemployment benefits is reported in the Statement of Activities.	
Other postemployment benefit credit	
Change in net position of governmental activities	\$ 180.071

TOWNSHIP OF MONTVILLE FIRE DISTRICT NUMBER 2 STATEMENT OF FIDUCIARY NET POSITION FIDUCIARY FUNDS FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2021

	Fire Prevention <u>Fund</u>	
ASSETS		
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ 58,057	
Interfund Receivable - General Fund	 19,227	
Total Assets	 77,284	
NET POSITION		
Reserved for Fire Prevention	\$ 77,284	

TOWNSHIP OF MONTVILLE FIRE DISTRICT NUMBER 2 STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN FIDUCIARY NET POSITION FIDUCIARY FUNDS FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2021

ADDITIONS	Pre	Fire Prevention <u>Fund</u>	
Deposits:			
Income from Inspections	\$	25,279	
State LEA Rebate	"	13,649	
Total Contributions		38,928	
Investment Earnings:			
Interest		328	
Total Additions	\$	39,256	
DEDUCTIONS			
Transfer to General Fund	\$	32,160	
Total Deductions	\$	32,160	
Change in Net Position	\$	7,096	
Net Position—Beginning	\$	70,188	
Net Position—Ending	\$	77,284	

Notes to Financial Statements

NOTES TO BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2021

Note 1: Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

A. Basis of Presentation

The financial statements of the Fire District (Board) of the Township of Montville Fire District Number 2 ("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 District is required to follow the pronouncements of the Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) issued through November 30, 1989 (when applicable) that do not conflict with or contradict GASB pronouncements. Although the District has the option to apply FASB pronouncements issued after that date to its business-type activities and enterprise funds, the District has chosen not to do so. The more significant accounting policies established in GAAP and used by the District are discussed below.

B. Reporting Entity

The Board is an instrumentality of the State of New Jersey, established to function as a Fire District. The Board consists of elected officials and is responsible for the fiscal control of the District. A treasurer is appointed by the Board and is responsible for the administrative control of the District.

The primary criterion for including activities within the Township of Montville Fire District Number 2 reporting entity, as set forth in Section 2100 of the GASB Codification of Governmental Accounting and Financial Reporting Standards, is the degree of oversight responsibility maintained by the District. Oversight responsibility includes financial interdependency, selection of governing authority, designation of management, ability to significantly influence operations and accountability for fiscal matters. The combined financial statements include all funds of the District over which the Board exercises operating control. The operations of the District include one fire house located in the Township of Montville. There were no additional entities required to be included in the reporting entity under the criteria as described above, in the current fiscal year. Furthermore, the District is not includable in any other reporting entity on the basis of such criteria.

C. Basic Financial Statements-Government-Wide Statements

The statement of net position and the statement of activities display information about the District. These statements include the financial activities of the District, except for fiduciary activities. Eliminations have been made to minimize the double counting of internal activities. These statements distinguish between the governmental and business-type activities of the District. Governmental activities generally are financed through taxes, intergovernmental revenues, and other nonexchange transactions. Business-type activities are financed in whole or in part by fees charged to external parties.

NOTES TO BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2021 (CONTINUED)

Note 1: Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

C. Basic Financial Statements- Government-Wide Statements (continued)

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

D. <u>Basic Financial Statements- Fund Financial Statements</u>

The financial transactions of the District are reported in individual funds in the fund financial statements. Each fund is accounted for by providing a separate set of self-balancing accounts that comprises its assets, liabilities, reserves, fund equity, revenues and expenditures/expenses. The various funds are reported by generic classification within the financial statements.

The following fund types are used by the District:

Governmental Fund Types

The focus of the governmental funds' measurement (in the fund statements) is upon determination of financial position and changes in financial position (sources, uses, and balances of financial resources) rather than upon net income. The following is a description of the governmental funds of the District:

<u>General Fund</u> - The general fund is the general operating fund of the District. It is used to account for all financial resources except those required to be accounted for in another fund. Included are certain expenditures for vehicles and movable instructional or noninstructional equipment which are classified in the Capital Outlay sub fund.

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America as they pertain to governmental entities state that General Fund resources may be used to directly finance capital outlays for long-lived improvements as long as the resources in such cases are derived exclusively from unrestricted revenues.

<u>Capital Projects Fund</u> - The Capital Projects Fund is used to account for all financial resources to be used for the acquisition or construction of major capital facilities (other than those financed by Proprietary Funds). The financial resources are derived from temporary notes or serial bonds that are specially authorized by the voters as a separate question on the ballot either during the annual election or at a special election.

NOTES TO BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2021 (CONTINUED)

Note 1: Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

D. <u>Basic Financial Statements-Fund Financial Statements</u> (continued)

<u>Debt Service Fund</u> - The Debt Service Fund is used to account for the accumulation of resources for, and the payment of principal and interest on bonds and capital leases issued to finance major property acquisition, construction and improvement programs.

Proprietary Fund Type

The focus of Proprietary Funds measure is upon determination of net income, changes in net position, financial position and cash flows. The generally accepted accounting principles applicable are those similar to business in the private sector.

Fiduciary Fund Types

Fiduciary Funds are used to report assets held in a trustee or agency capacity for others and therefore are not available to support District programs. The reporting focus is on net position and changes in net position and are reported using accounting principles similar to proprietary funds.

The District's fiduciary funds are presented in the fiduciary fund financial statements by type (Fire Prevention and Agency). Since by definition these assets are being held for the benefit of a third party (other local governments, private parties, pension participants, etc.) and cannot be used to address activities or obligations of the government, these funds are not incorporated into the government-wide statements.

E. Measurement Focus and Basis of Accounting

The government-wide, proprietary and fiduciary fund financial statements are reported using the economic resources measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting. Revenues are recorded when earned and expenses are recorded at the time liabilities are incurred, regardless of when the related cash flows take place. Nonexchange transactions, in which the District gives (or receives) value without directly receiving (or giving) equal value in exchange, include state and federal aid, property taxes, grants entitlements and donations.

Government funds are reported using the current financial resources measurement focus and the modified accrual basis of accounting. Under this method, revenues are recognized when measurable and available. The District considers all revenues reported in the governmental funds to be available if the revenues are collected within sixty days after year-end. Expenditures are recorded when the related fund liability is incurred, except for principal and interest on general long-term debt, claims and judgments and

NOTES TO BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2021 (CONTINUED)

Note 1: Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

E. Measurement Focus and Basis of Accounting (continued)

compensated absences which are recognized as expenditures to the extent they have matured. General capital asset acquisitions are reported as expenditures in governmental funds. Proceeds of general long-term debt and acquisitions under capital leases are reported as other financing sources.

Ad Valorem (Property) Taxes are susceptible to accrual as under New Jersey State Statute a municipality is required to remit to its district the entire balance of taxes in the amount voted upon or certified, prior to the end of the year. The District records the entire approved tax levy as revenue (accrued) at the start of the year, since the revenue is both measurable and available. The District is entitled to receive moneys under the established payment schedule and the unpaid amount is considered to be an "accounts receivable".

F. Budgets/Budgetary Control

Annual budgets are adopted on a basis consistent with the requirements of law and the rules and regulations of the State of New Jersey, Department of Community Affairs, Local Finance Board. The Budgets, both operating and capital, can be considered statement of the financial plans of the District.

The annual budget is required to be balanced and fire districts are permitted to utilize unrestricted net position to balance their budget; however, the maximum amount which can be utilized is the lesser of (a) the estimated year-end balance of unrestricted net position or (b) working capital reduced by unrestricted position not ordinarily convertible into cash (non-liquid, such as prepaid insurance and inventory).

Amendments to the operating and/or capital budgets may be permitted for a variety of conditions, as more fully described in the rules and regulations promulgated by the Local Finance Board. There were a few significant budget amendments during the fiscal year. See Exhibit C-1 for more details.

Under encumbrance accounting purchase orders, contract and other commitments for the expenditure of resources are recorded to reserve a portion of the applicable appropriation. Open encumbrances in governmental funds are reported as reservations of fund balances at fiscal yearend as they do not constitute expenditures or liabilities but rather commitments related to unperformed contracts for good and services.

NOTES TO BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2021 (CONTINUED)

Note 1: Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

G. Assets, Liabilities and Fund Equity

1. Deposits and Investments

Deposits are cash and cash equivalents include petty cash, change funds, cash in banks and all highly liquid investments with a maturity of three months or less at the time of purchase and are stated at cost plus accrued interest. Other than Certificates of Deposit, deposits with maturities of greater than three months are considered to be Investments. U.S. Treasury and Agency Obligations and Certificate of Deposit with maturities of one year or less when purchased are stated at cost. All other investments are stated at fair value.

New Jersey fire districts are limited as to the types of investments and types of financial institutions they may invest in. New Jersey statute 40A:5-15.1 et. seq. provides a list of permissible investments that may be purchased by New Jersey fire districts.

2. Short-term Interfund Receivables/Payables

Short-term interfund receivables/payables represents amounts that are owed, other than charges for goods or services rendered to/from a particular fund in the District and that are due within one year.

3. <u>Inventories and Pre-Paid Expenses</u>

Inventories, which benefit future periods, other than those that may be recorded in the enterprise fund are recorded as expenditure during the year of purchase.

4. Capital Assets

Capital assets purchased or acquired with an original cost of \$5,000 or more are reported at historical cost or estimated historical cost. Contributed assets are reported at fair market value as of the date received. Additions, improvements and other capital outlays that significantly extend the useful life of an asset are capitalized. Other costs incurred for repairs and maintenance are expensed as incurred. Depreciation on the following assets is provided on the straight-line basis over the following estimated useful lives:

NOTES TO BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2021 (CONTINUED)

Note 1: Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

G. Assets, Liabilities and Fund Equity (continued)

4. <u>Capital Assets</u> (continued)

Buildings	20-50 years
Machinery and Equipment	5-10 years
Improvements	10-20 years
Other Infrastructure	10-50 years

Land and Construction in Progress are not depreciated.

GASB No. 34 required the District to report and depreciate new infrastructure assets effective with the beginning of the current year. Infrastructure assets include roads, parking lots, underground pipe, etc. Neither their historical cost nor related depreciation has historically been reported in the financial statements. The District has included all infrastructure assets in the current fiscal year.

5. Long-term Obligations

Long-term debt is recognized as a liability of a governmental fund when due, or when resources have been accumulated in the debt service fund for payment early in the following year. For other long-term obligations, only that portion expected to be financed from expendable available financial resources is reported as a fund liability of a governmental fund. The noncurrent portion (the amount estimated to be used in subsequent fiscal years) for governmental funds is maintained separately and represents a reconciling item between the fund and government-wide presentations.

6. Use of Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with GAAP requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect certain reports, amounts and disclosures. Accordingly, actual results could differ from those estimates. The items where estimates would occur are for depreciation of capital assets and their useful lives.

7. Fund Equity

In accordance with Government Accounting Standards Board 54, Fund Balance Reporting and Governmental Fund Type Definitions, the Fire District No. 2 of the Township of Montville classifies governmental fund balances as follows:

NOTES TO BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2021 (CONTINUED)

Note 1: Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

G. Assets, Liabilities and Fund Equity (continued)

7. Fund Equity (continued)

- <u>Non-spendable</u> includes fund balance amounts that cannot be spent either because it is not in spendable form or because legal or contractual constraints.
- <u>Restricted</u> includes fund balance amounts that are constrained for specific purposes which are externally imposed by external parties, constitutional provision or enabling legislation.
- <u>Committed</u> includes fund balance amounts that are constrained for specific purposes that are internally imposed by the government through formal action of the highest level of decision making authority and does not lapse at year-end.
- <u>Assigned</u> includes fund balance amounts that are intended to be used for specific purposes that are neither considered restricted or committed. Fund Balance may be assigned by the Business Administrator.
- <u>Unassigned</u> includes balance within the General Fund which has not been classified within the above mentioned categories and negative fund balances in other governmental funds

8. Net Position

Net position, represents the difference between summation of assets and deferred outflows of resources, and the summation of liabilities and deferred inflows of resources. Net position is classified in the following three components:

- <u>Net Investment in Capital Assets</u> This component represents capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation, net of outstanding balances of borrowings used for acquisition, construction, or improvement of those assets.
- Restricted Net position is reported as restricted when there are limitations imposed on their use either through the enabling legislation adopted by the District or through external restrictions imposed by creditors, grantors or laws or regulations of other governments.
- <u>Unrestricted</u> Net position is reported as unrestricted when it does not meet the criteria of the other two components of net position.

NOTES TO BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2021 (CONTINUED)

Note 2: Detailed Disclosure Regarding Assets and Revenues

A. Deposits and Investments

Deposits

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), the Savings Association Insurance Fund, or by any other agencies of the United States that insure deposits or the State of New Jersey Cash Management Fund.

N.J.S.A. 17:9-41 et. seq. establishes the requirements for the security of deposits of governmental units. The statute requires that no governmental unit shall deposit public funds in a public depository unless such funds are secured in accordance with the Governmental Unit Deposit Protection Act (GUDPA). Public depositories include Savings and Loan institutions, banks (both state and national banks) and savings banks the deposits of which are federally insured. All public depositories must pledge collateral, having a market value at least equal to five percent of the average daily balance of collected public funds, to secure the deposits of Governmental Units. If a public depository fails, the collateral it has pledged, plus the collateral of all other public depositories, is available to pay the full amount of their deposits to the Governmental Units.

At December 31, 2021, the District's cash and cash equivalents amounted to \$1,950,308. Of this amount, \$250,000.00 was covered by federal depository insurance (F.D.I.C.) and \$1,700,308 was covered by a collateral pool maintained by the banks as required by GUDPA.

At December 31, 2021, the District did not participate in the State of New Jersey Cash Management Fund.

GASB Statement No. 40, Deposit and Investment Risk Disclosures, requires the disclosure of bank deposits that are subject to custodial credit risk. The custodial credit risk for deposits is the risk that, in the event of the failure of a depository financial institution, the District will not be able to recover deposits or will not be able to recover collateral securities that may be in the possession of an outside party.

As of December 31, 2020, none of the District's cash and cash equivalents of \$1,950,308 was exposed to custodial credit risk.

NOTES TO BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2021 (CONTINUED)

Note 2: Detailed Disclosure Regarding Assets and Revenues (Continued)

A. Deposits and Investments (continued)

Investments

New Jersey statutes (N.J.S.A. 40A:5-15.1) permit the District to purchase the following types of securities:

- a. When authorized by resolution adopted by a majority vote of all its members the Board of Commissioners of any fire district may use moneys which may be in hand for the purchase of the following types of securities which, if suitable for registry, may be registered in the name of the fire district;
 - (1) Bonds or other obligations of the United States of America or obligations guaranteed by the United States of America;
 - (2) Government money market mutual funds;
 - (3) Any obligation that a federal agency or a federal instrumentality has issued in accordance with an act of Congress, which security has a maturity date not greater than 397 days from the date of purchase, provided that such obligation bears a fixed rate of interest not dependent on any index or other external factor;
 - (4) Bonds or other obligations of the fire district or bonds or other obligations of local unit or units within which the fire district is located;
 - (5) Bonds or other obligations, having a maturity date not more than 397 days from the date of purchase, approved by the Division of Investment of the Department of the Treasury for investment by fire district;
 - (6) Local government investment pools:
 - (7) Deposits with the State of New Jersey Cash Management Fund established pursuant to section 1 of P.L. 1977, c.281 (C.52:18A-90.4) or
 - (8) Agreements for the repurchase of fully collateralized securities, if:
 - (a) the underlying securities are permitted investments pursuant to paragraphs (1) and (3) of this subsection a;
 - (b) the custody of collateral is transferred to a third party;
 - (c) the maturity of the agreement is not more than 30 days:
 - (d) the underlying securities are purchased through a public depository as defined in section 1 of P.L. 1970, c.236 (C.17:9-41) and for which a master repurchase agreement providing for the custody and security of collateral is executed.

NOTES TO BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2021 (CONTINUED)

Note 2: Detailed Disclosure Regarding Assets and Revenues (Continued)

A. Deposits and Investments (continued)

<u>Investments</u> (continued)

The District had no investments as described in Note 1:G.1 at December 31, 2021.

Custodial Credit Risk: Pursuant to GASB 40, the Fire District did not have any investments that were exposed to custodial credit risk. The Fire District does not have a policy for custodial credit risk.

Credit Risk: The Fire District does not have an investment policy regarding the management of credit risk. GASB 40 requires that disclosures be made as to the credit rating of all debt security investments except for obligations of the U.S. government or investments guaranteed by the U.S. government. The Fire District did not have any investments at December 31, 2021.

Interest Rate Risk: The Fire District does not have a policy to limit interest rate risk. The Fire District did not have any investments at December 31, 2021.

Concentration of Credit Risk: The Fire District places no limit on the amount the Fire District may invest in any one issuer. The Fire District did not have any investments at December 31, 2021.

B. Interfund Receivables and Payables

As of December 31, 2021, interfund receivables and payables resulting from various interfund transactions were as follows:

	Due from <u>Other Funds</u>	Due to Other Funds
General Fund Trust and Agency Fund	- <u>\$19,227</u>	\$19,227 ————
	<u>\$19,227</u>	<u>\$19,227</u>

NOTES TO BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2021 (CONTINUED)

Note 2: <u>Detailed Disclosure Regarding Assets and Revenues</u> (Continued)

C. Capital Assets

Capital asset activity for the year ended December 31, 2021 was as follows:

	Beginning Balance	Additions	Deletions	Ending Balance
Governmental Activities:				
Capital Assets not being Depreciated:				
Land	\$77,700	\$	\$	\$77,700
Construction in Progress	_67,571			67,571
Total Capital Assets not being Depreciated	<u>145,271</u>			145,271
Land Improvements	87,629			87,629
Building and Improvements	2,162,093			2,162,092
Machinery and Equipment	<u>2,188,666</u>			2,188,666
Totals at Historical Cost	4,438,387			4,438,387
Less Accumulated Depreciation For:				
Land Improvements	(32,549)	(4,301)		(32,549.12)
Buildings and Improvements	(1,066,078)	(49,235)		(1,115,313)
Machinery and Equipment	(1,664,437)	(130,729)		(1,795,166)
Total Accumulated Depreciation	(2,763,064)	(184,265)		(2,947,329)
Net Capital Assets being Depreciated	1,675,324	(184,265)		1,491,059
Governmental Activities Capital Assets, Net	<u>\$1,820,595</u>	\$ (184,265)	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>\$1,636,330</u>

Depreciation expense was charged to governmental functions as follows:

Administration	\$53,536
Cost of Providing Services	_130,729
	<u>\$184,265</u>

NOTES TO BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2021 (CONTINUED)

Note 3: Detailed Disclosures Regarding Liabilities and Expenses/Expenditures

A. Operating Leases

The District has no commitments to lease equipment under operating leases.

B. Long-Term Liabilities

Long-Term liability activity for the year ended December 31, 2021 was as follows:

Governmental Activities:	Beginning <u>Balance</u>	Additions	Amounts Due Beyond One Year
OPEB	<u>\$172,287</u>		<u>\$172,287</u>

Note 4: Risk Management

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

The Fire District continues to carry commercial insurance coverage for all other risks of loss, including health and accident insurance. Settled claims resulting from these risks have not exceeded commercial coverage in any of the past three fiscal years.

Note 5: Other Post Employment Benefits (OPEB)

In addition to the pension described in Note 5, the District provides post employment health care benefits as part of the State Health Benefits Local Government Retired Employees Plan.

General Information about the OPEB Plan

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. The plan meets the definition of an equivalent arrangement as defined in paragraph 4 of GASB Statement No. 75, Accounting and Financial Reporting for the Postemployment Benefits other than Pensions (GASB Statement No. 75); therefore assets are accumulated to pay associated benefits. For additional information about the Plan, please refer to the State of New Jersey (the State), Division of Pensions and Benefits' (the Division) Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR), which can be found at https://www.state.nj.us/treasury/pensions/financial-reports.shtml.

NOTES TO BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2021 (CONTINUED)

Note 5: Other Post Employment Benefits (OPEB) (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.

In accordance with Chapter 330, P.L. 1997, which is codified in N.J.S.A. 52:14-17.32i, the State provides medical and prescription coverage to local police officers and firefighters, who retire with 25 years of service or on a disability from an employer who does not provide postretirement medical coverage. Local employers were required to file a resolution with the Division in order for their employees to qualify for State-paid retiree health benefits coverage under Chapter 330. The State also provides funding for retiree health benefits to survivors of local police officers and firefighters who die in the line of duty under Chapter 271, P.L. 1989.

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.

Total OPEB Liability

At December 31, 2021, the District had a liability of \$172,287 for its proportionate share of the non-special funding net OPEB liability. The net OPEB liability was measured as of June 30, 2020 and the total OPEB liability used to calculate the net OPEB liability was determined by an actuarial valuation as of that date. The District's proportion of the net OPEB liability was based on a projection of the District's long-term share of contributions to the OPEB plan relative to the projected contributions of all participating employers a in the plan. At June 30, 2020 the District's proportion was 0.000960 percent.

NOTES TO BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2021 (CONTINUED)

Note 5: Other Post Employment Benefits (OPEB) (Continued)

For the year ended December 31, 2021, the District recognized OPEB expense of \$3,909. At December 31, 2020, deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to OPEB from the following sources:

	Deferred Outflows of <u>Resource</u> s	Deferred Inflows of <u>Resources</u>
Difference between expected and actual experience	\$4,538	\$32,083
Changes of assumptions	25,769	38,314
Net difference between projected and actual earnings	109	-
Changes in proportion	14,708	23,258
Total	<u>\$45,124</u>	<u>\$93,655</u>

Amounts reported as deferred outflows of resources related to OPEB resulting from contributions subsequent to the measurement date will be recognized as a reduction of the OPEB liability in the subsequent year. Other amounts reported as deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to OPEB (excluding changes in proportion) will be recognized in OPEB expense as follows:

Year ended June 30:	
2021	(9,261)
2022	(9,270)
2023	(9,283)
2024	(9,296)
2025	(6,338)
Thereafter	3.467

Changes in Proportion

The previous amounts do not include employer specific deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to changes in proportion. These amounts should be recognized (amortized) by each employer over the average of the expected remaining service lives of all plan members, which is 7.87, 8.05 and 8.14 years for 2020, 2019, and 2018 amounts, respectively.

NOTES TO BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2021 (CONTINUED)

Note 5: Other Post Employment Benefits (OPEB) (Continued)

Actual Assumptions and Other Inputs

The total OPEB liability for the June 30, 2020 measurement date was determined by an actuarial valuation as of July 1, 2019, which rolled forward to June 30, 2020. The total OPEB liability as of June 30, 2021 was unavailable as of the date of this report. 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's Retirement System (PERS)

Initial fiscal year applied

Rate through 2026

2.00% to 6.00%

Rate thereafter

3.00% to 7.00%

Mortality:

PERS

Pub-2010 General classification headcount weighted mortality with fully generational mortality improvement projections from the central

year using Scale MP-2019

100% of active members are considered to participate in the Plan upon retirement.

Health Care Trend Assumptions

For pre-Medicare medical benefits, the trend is initially 5.7% and decreases to a 4.5% long term trend rate after eight years. For post-65 medical benefits, the actual fully insured Medicare Advantage trend rates for fiscal year 2020 are reflected. The assumed post-65 medical trend 4.5% for all future years. For prescription drug benefits, the initial trend rate is 7.5% and decreases to a 4.5% long-term trend rate after eight years.

^{*} Salary increases are based on years of service within the respective plan.

NOTES TO BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2021 (CONTINUED)

Note 5: Other Post Employment Benefits (OPEB) (Continued)

Discount Rate

The discount rate for June 30, 2020 and 2019 was 2.21% and 3.50%, respectively. This represents the municipal bond return rate as chosen by the Division. 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 that 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 Net OPEB Liability to Changes in the Discount Rate

The following presents the District's proportionate share of the net OPEB liability as of June 30, 2020 as well as what the District's proportionate share of the net OPEB liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is 1- percentage point lower or 1 percentage point higher than the current rate:

	June 30, 2020				
	1% Decrease <u>1.21%</u>	At Current Discount Rate 2.21%	1% Increase <u>3.21%</u>		
District's proportionate share of Net OPEB liability	\$203,680	\$172,287	\$147,437		

Sensitivity of Net OPEB Liability to Changes in the Healthcare Trend Rates:

The following presents the District's proportionate share of the net OPEB liability as of June 30, 2020 as well as what the District's proportionate share of the net OPEB liability would be if it were calculated using a healthcare trend rate that is 1- percentage point lower or 1 percentage point higher than the current rate:

	June 30, 2020				
	1%	Healthcare Cost	1%		
	<u>Decrease</u>	Trend Rate	<u>Increase</u>		
District's proportionate share of					
Net OPEB liability	\$142,568	\$172,287	\$211,205		

NOTES TO BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2021 (CONTINUED)

Note 6: Subsequent Events

The District's management has informed us that there are no significant events that need to be disclosed after the balance sheet date through the date of audit.

Required Supplementary Information – Part II

TOWNSHIP OF MONTVILLE FIRE DISTRICT NUMBER 2 COMBINED SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENSES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES - BUDGET AND ACTUAL GENERAL FUND FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2021

REVENUES: Local Sources:	Original <u>Budget</u>	Budget <u>Transfers</u>	Final <u>Budget</u>	Actual	Variance Final to <u>Actual</u>
District Taxes	\$ 812,495	\$ -	\$ 812,495	\$ 812,495	\$ -
Interest on Investments	2,000	-	2,000	2,836	836
Total Revenues - Local Sources	814,495		814,495	815,331	836
State Sources:					
Uniform Fire Safety Act	28,500	-	28,500	32,160	3,660
Total State Sources	28,500	_	28,500	32,160	3,660
Total Revenues	842,995		842,995	847,491	4,496
EXPENDITURES: Current Expense:					
Administration:					
Salaries and Wages	34,395	м	34,395	33,402	993
Employee Benefits	6,000	-	6,000	4,908	1,092
Other Expenses:					
Professional Services	13,000	-	13,000	3,808	9,192
Dues and Memberships	750		750	747	3
Elections	2,000	N	2,000	677	1,323
Office Supplies	5,000		5,000	4,273	727
Total Administration Other Expenses	20,750	-	20,750	9,505	11,245
Total Administration Expenses	61,145	-	61,145	47,815	13,330

TOWNSHIP OF MONTVILLE FIRE DISTRICT NUMBER 2 COMBINED SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENSES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES - BUDGET AND ACTUAL GENERAL FUND FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2021

(CONTINUED)

	original Budget	udget ansfers	Final Budget	. :	<u>Actual</u>	F	ariance Final to Actual
EXPENDITURES (Continued):							
Current Expense Continued):							
Cost of Providing Services:							
Salaries and Wages	\$ 10,000	\$ =	\$ 10,000	\$	6,270	\$	3,730
Employee Benefits	7,000	-	7,000	•	5,314	4	1,686
Other Expenses:	•		.,		- ,		-,
Clothing Allowance	27,000	-	27,000		27,000		-
Advertising	1,100	•	1,100		411		689
Insurance Premiums	85,000	-	85,000		81,437		3,563
Maintenance and Repairs	22,500	-	22,500		19,659		2,841
Other Outside Services	41,000	_	41,000		40,238		762
Medical Physicals	·	-	,		,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,		•
Physical Fitness Program	29,000	_	29,000		29,000		-
Promotion Expense	25,000	_	25,000		24,290		710
Operating Materials and Supplies	72,000	-	72,000		69,359		2,641
Training and Education	1,000	_	1,000		850		150
Buildings and Grounds	60,000	_	60,000		55,252		4,748
Gas & Diesel	6,000	-	6,000		2,574		3,426
Utilities	44,250	_	44,250		39,891		4,359
Contingent	2,500	-	2,500		1,635		865
Total Cost of Providing		 	 				
Services - Other Expenses	416,350	-	416,350		391,596		24,754
Total Cost of Providing Services	 433,350	 -	433,350		403,180		30,170

TOWNSHIP OF MONTVILLE FIRE DISTRICT NUMBER 2 COMBINED SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENSES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES - BUDGET AND ACTUAL GENERAL FUND FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2021 (CONCLUDED)

Current Expense (Continued): Uniform Fire Safety Act:	Original <u>Budget</u>	udget msfers		Final <u>Budget</u>	Actual]	ariance Final to <u>Actual</u>
Salaries and Wages:							
Fire Fighter/Official	\$ 22,000	\$ -	\$	22,000	\$ 25,667	\$	(3,667)
Other Expenses:							
Office Supplies	5,500	-		5,500	4,749		751
Other Membership Fees	1.000	-		-	1,519		(1,519)
•	 1,000	 -		1,000	 225		775
Total UFSA Other Expenses	6,500	 -		6,500	 6,493		7
Total Uniform Fire Safety Act	 28,500	 -		28,500	32,160		(3,660)
Total Current Expense	 522,995	-		522,995	483,155		39,840
Total Expenditures	 522,995	-		522,995	 483,155		39,840
Excess or (Deficiency) of Revenues Over/(Under) Expenditures	320,000	-		320,000	364,336		44,336
Other Financing Sources (Uses): Operating Transfers (Out)	 (600,000) (600,000)	 -	·	(600,000) (600,000)	 (600,000) (600,000)		
Excess or (Deficiency) of Revenues and Other Financing Sources Over (Under) Expenditures and Other Financing (Uses)	(280,000)	-		(280,000)	(235,664)		44,336
FUND BALANCE, JANUARY 1	 466,604	-		466,604	466,604		-
FUND BALANCE, DECEMBER 31	 186,604	 -		186,604	230,940		44,336
Recapitulation: Unassigned Fund Balance					230,940		

MONTVILLE FIRE DISTRICT #2 Schedules of Required Supplementary Information Schedule of District's Proportionate Share of Net Other Postemployment Benefit Liability Last 10 Fiscal Years*

		District's Proportion of the Other Postemployment Benefit Liability (asset)	District's Proportionate share of the Net Other Postemployment Benefit Liability (asset)	District Covered-Employee Payroll	District's Proportionate share of the Net Other Postemployment Benefit Liability (asset) as a Percentage of its Covered-employee Payroll	Plan Fiduciay Net Position as a Percentage of the Total Other Postemployment Benefit Liability
	2021**	0.000960%	172,287.00	ı	%0	0.91%
			₩	69		
	2020	0.000960%	172,287.00	I	%0	0.91%
			₩	6 9		
Measuren	2019	0.000894%	121,102.00	ı	%0	1.98%
sent Da			6/9	⇔		
Measurement Dated Ended June 30,	2018	0.000966%	151,340.00	ı	%0	1.97%
ie 30,	2	0.00	\$ 19	6 9		
	2017	0.000953%	194,562.00	ı	%0	1.03%
	2016	0.001053%	\$ 228,685.00	6/9		0
		%	2.00		%0	%69.0

* This schedule is presented to illustrate the requirement to show information for 10 years. However, until a full 10-year trend is compiled, governments should present information for those years for which information is available.

Supplementary Information

Exhibit D-1

TOWNSHIP OF MONTVILLE FIRE DISTRICT NUMBER 2 SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2021

	<u>Total</u>		Capital Improvement <u>Fund</u>	
Fund Balances at Beginning of Year	\$	1,043,500	\$	1,043,500
Increased by: Operating Transfers In	\$	600,000	_\$_	600,000
Fund Balances at End of Year	\$	1,643,500	\$	1,643,500

Exhibit E-1

TOWNSHIP OF MONTVILLE FIRE DISTRICT NUMBER 2 SCHEDULE OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS AGENCY FUNDS FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2021

·		Balance n. 1, 2021	<u>A</u>	dditions	Ī	Deletions		Balance c. 31, 2021
Reserve for Fire Prevention Revenue Due to (from) General Fund	\$ \$	70,188 183,661	\$ \$	39,256 32,160	\$ \$	32,160 235,048	\$ \$	77,284 (19,227)
	\$	253,849	_\$	71,416	\$	267,208	\$	58,057

Statistical Section

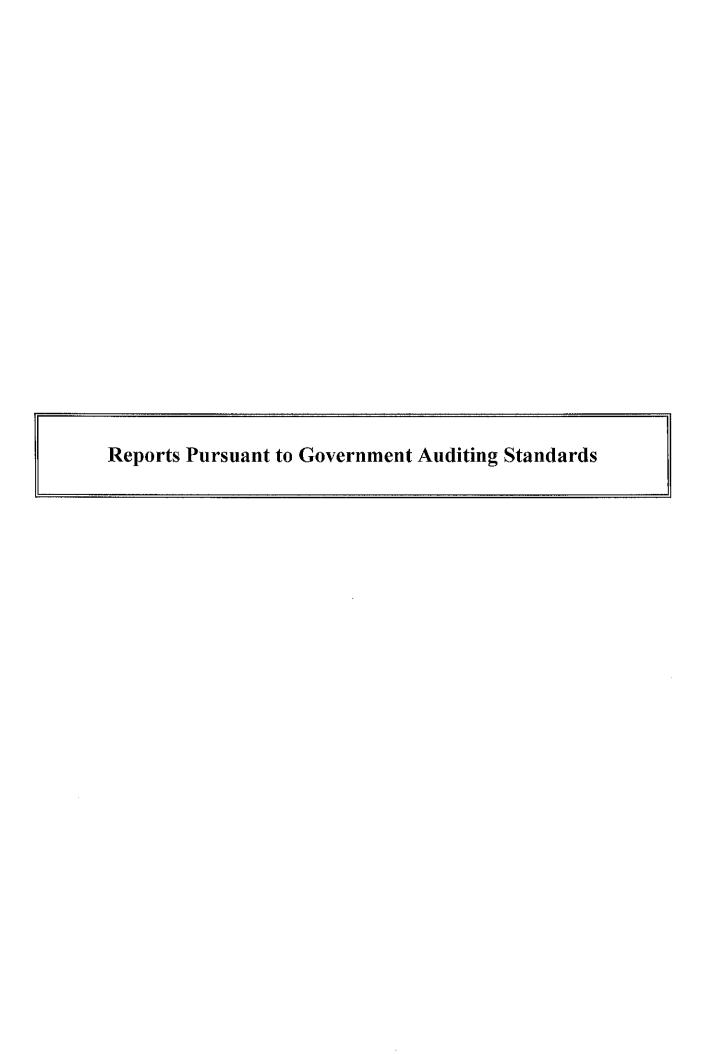
STATISTICAL INFORMATION

Following is a tabulation of District assessed valuation, tax levies and property tax rates per

Fiscal	Assessed		Total	Property
<u>Year</u>	<u>Valuations</u>		Tax Levy	Tax Rate
2021	1,548,860,000		812,495	0.053
2020	1,548,841,800		792,150	0.052
2019	1,555,086,800		684,386	0.044
2018	1,549,922,600		681,786	0.044
2017	1,541,763,700		674,886	0.044
2016	1,530,590,500		671,686	0.044
2015	1,523,990,800		667,186	0.044
2014	1,523,979,500		655,695	0.043
2013	1,526,870,800		653,905	0.043
2012	1,528,911,700	(1)	646,620	0.043
(1) Revaluation Year	. , ,	• /		

Fund Balance:

Fiscal Year Ended:	End of Fiscal Year	Utilized In Budget of Succeeding
December 31, 2021	1,874,440	1,600,000
December 31, 2020	1,510,104	280,000
December 31, 2019	1,137,601	-
December 31, 2018	978,593	144,000
December 31, 2017	805 564	124,500
December 31, 2016	587,366	4,000
December 31, 2015	436,496	8,200
December 31, 2014	356,024	15,000
December 31, 2013	564,639	306,500
December 31, 2012	478.622	-





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

The Honorable President and Members of the Board of Fire Commissioners Township of Montville Fire District Number 2 County of Morris, New Jersey

We have audited, in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, audit requirements prescribed by the Division of Local Government Services, Department of Community Affairs, State of New Jersey, (the "Division") and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, the financial statements of the governmental activities and the major fund of the Township of Montville Fire District Number 2 in the County of Morris (the "Fire District") as of, and for the year ended, December 31, 2021, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Fire District's basic financial statements and have issued our report thereon dated September 9, 2022.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit, we considered the Fire 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 Fire District's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the Fire 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 a combination of deficiencies, in internal control such that there is a reasonable possibility that a material misstatement of the Fire District'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.



Honorable President and Members of the Board of Fire Commissioners Page 2

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

Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the Township of Montville Fire District Number 2's 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 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 test disclosed no instances of noncompliance or other matters that are required to be reported under Government Auditing Standards.

Purpose of this Report

The purpose of this report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the Fire District'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 Fire District's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose.

WIELKOTZ & COMPANY, LLC Certified Public Accountants

Wielkotz & Company, QQC

Pompton Lakes, New Jersey

September 9, 2022



SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND RESPONSES FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2021

Summary of Auditor's Results:

- The Independent Auditor's Report expressed an unmodified opinion on the Fire District's governmental activities financial statements.
- There were no significant deficiencies disclosed during the audit of financial statements as reported in the Independent Auditor's Report on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting and on Compliance and Other Matters Based on an Audit of Financial Statements Performed in Accordance with Government Auditing Standards. No material weaknesses are reported
- No instances of noncompliance material to the financial statements of the Fire District, which would be required to be reported in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, were disclosed during the audit.

Findings Relating to the Financial Statements Which are Required to be Reported in Accordance with Generally Accepted Government Auditing Standards:

NONE

SUMMARY SCHEDULE OF PRIOR-YEAR AUDIT FINDINGS AND RESPONSES FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2021

There were no prior year findings.

General Comments and Recommendations

GENERAL COMMENTS

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

N.J.S. 40A:11-3 states:

- a. "When the cost or price of any contract awarded by the contracting agent in the aggregate does not exceed in a contract year the total sum of \$17,500, or \$21,000 after July 1, 2005, the contract may be awarded by a purchasing agent when so authorized by ordinance or resolution, as appropriate to the contracting unit, of the governing body of the contracting unit without public advertising for bids, except that the governing body of any contracting unit may adopt an ordinance or resolution to set a lower threshold for the receipt of public bids or the solicitation of competitive quotations. If the purchasing agent is qualified pursuant to subsection b. of section 9 of P.L. 1971, c.198 (C.40A:11-9), the governing body of the contracting unit may establish that the bid threshold may be up to \$25,000. Such authorization may be granted for each contract or by a general delegation of the power to negotiate and award such contracts pursuant to this section.
- b. Any contracts made pursuant to this section may be awarded for a period of 24 consecutive months, except that contracts for professional services pursuant to subparagraph (i) of paragraph (a) of subsection (1) of section 5 of P.L. 1971, c.198 (C.40A:11-5) may be awarded for a period not exceeding 12 consecutive months. The Division of Local Government Services shall adopt and promulgate rules and regulations concerning the methods of accounting for all contracts that do not coincide with the contracting unit's fiscal year.
- c. The Governor, in consultation with the Department of the Treasury, shall, no later than March 1 of every fifth year beginning in the fifth year after the year in which P.L. 1999, c.440 takes effect, adjust the threshold amount and the higher threshold amount which the governing body is permitted to establish, as set forth in subsection a. of this section, or the threshold amount resulting from any adjustment under this subsection, in direct proportion to the rise or fall of the index rate as that term is defined in section 2 of P.L. 1971, c.198 (C.40A:11-2), and shall round the adjustment to the nearest \$1,000. The Governor shall, no later than June 1 of every fifth year, notify each governing body of the adjustment. That adjustment shall become effective on July 1 of the year in which it is made."

N.J.S. 40A:11-4 states: "Every contract awarded by the contracting agent for the provision or performance of any goods or services, the cost of which in the aggregate exceeds the bid threshold, shall be awarded only by resolution of the governing body of the contracting unit to the lowest responsible bidder after public advertising for bids and bidding therefore, except as is provided otherwise in this act or specifically by any other law. The governing body of a contracting unit may, by resolution approved by a majority of the governing body and subject to subsection b. and c. of this section, disqualify a bidder who would otherwise be determined to be the lowest responsible bidder, if the governing body finds that it has had prior negative experience with the bidder."

GENERAL COMMENTS (CONTINUED)

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

Effective July 1, 2015, the bid threshold in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:11-3 and 40A:11-4 (as amended) is \$17,500.00 and with a qualified purchasing agent the threshold may be up to \$44,000.00.

Our review of the Fire District's minutes indicated that resolutions were adopted authorizing the awarding of contracts or agreements for "Professional Services" per N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5.

EXAMINATION OF CLAIMS

Claims paid during the period under review were examined for clerical accuracy and proper approvals.

The review and inquiry indicate good scrutiny on the part of the Fire District and Fire District Officials regarding expenditures.

RECOMMENDATIONS

NONE

STATUS OF PRIOR YEAR'S AUDIT FINDINGS/RECOMMENDATIONS

A review was performed on all prior year's recommendations and corrective action was taken on all.

APPRECIATION

We wish to express our appreciation for the assistance and courtesies extended to us during the audit. Should any question arise as to our audit comments, please do not hesitate to call us

Respectfully submitted,

WIELKOTZ & COMPANY, LLC

Wielkotz & Company, QQC

Certified Public Accountants

Pompton Lakes, New Jersey