

**FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP
FIRE DISTRICT NO. 1
COUNTY OF HUNTERDON
December 31, 2022**



FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP FIRE DISTRICT NO. 1

For the Year Ended December 31, 2022

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Independent Auditors' Report

Board of Fire Commissioners
Franklin Township Fire District No. 1
Pittstown, New Jersey

Report on the Audit of the Financial Statements

Opinion

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities of Franklin Township Fire District No. 1, in the County of Hunterdon, State of New Jersey, as of and for the years ended December 31, 2022 and 2021 and the related Notes to the Financial Statements, which collectively comprise Franklin Township Fire District No. 1'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 of the Franklin Township Fire District No. 1, as of December 31, 2022 and December 31, 2021, and the respective changes in financial position thereof and for the years then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Basis for Opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with accounting 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. 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 Franklin Township Fire District No. 1 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 opinion.

Change in Accounting Principle

As described in Note 16 of the Notes to the Financial Statements, the District adopted new accounting guidance as promulgated by GASB Statement No. 87, *Leases*. Our opinion is not modified with respect to this matter.

Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America; this includes the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair

presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

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 Franklin Township Fire District No. 1'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.

Auditors' 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 opinion. 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 that are considered material if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, they would influence the judgement 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 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 Franklin Township Fire District No. 1'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 judgement, there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the Franklin Township Fire District No. 1'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 and Schedule of Budget vs. Actual Revenues and Expenses - General Fund as identified in the Table of Contents, 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 an essential part of the financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriated operational, economic, or historical context. We have applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information in accordance with the auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, which consisted of inquires of Management about the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with Management's responses to our inquires, the basis financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. We do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide us with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance.

Other Information

Management is responsible for the other information included in the annual report. The other information comprises the Schedule of Officials and Surety bond. Our opinion 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 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 the *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated May 18, 2023, on our consideration of the Franklin Township Fire District No. 1's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance, and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering Franklin Township Fire District No. 1's internal controls over financial reporting and compliance.



BKC, CPAs, PC

May 18, 2023
Flemington, New Jersey

FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP FIRE DISTRICT NO. 1
Management's Discussion and Analysis
For the Year Ended December 31, 2022

This section of the Franklin Township Fire District No. 1 (the District) annual financial report presents our discussion and analysis of the District's financial performance during the fiscal year ending December 31, 2022. Please read it in conjunction with the District's financial statements, which follow this section.

Financial Highlights

1. The District's total assets decreased 4.07% and total liabilities decreased 14.40% over the course of this year's operations. The decrease in liabilities is a result of the decrease in the lease payable.
2. During the year, the District's total revenues increased by 9.84%. The increase is due to the increase in local tax levy and increase in municipal assistance.
3. Expenses increased by 31.84%. This is primarily due to increases in personal protective gear, insurance, and maintenance and repairs.
4. Net position decreased by 2.07%. The decrease is due to an overall increase in expenditures.

Using this Annual Report

This annual report consists of a series of financial statements. The Comparative Statement of Net Position and the Comparative Statement of Activities and Changes in Net Position (on page 7 and 8) provide information about the activities of the District as a whole. The fund financial statements start on page 9. These statements tell how these services were financed. Fund financial statements also report the District's operations in more detail than the government-wide statements by providing information about the District's most significant funds.

Reporting the District as a Whole

The Statement of Net Position and the Statement of Activities

The financial statements of the District as a whole begin on page 7. 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 and Changes in Net Position 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. All the current year's revenue 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 to them.

The District's net position, the difference between assets and liabilities, is 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 of whether its financial health is improving or deteriorating.

FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP FIRE DISTRICT NO. 1
Management's Discussion and Analysis
For the Year Ended December 31, 2022

Reporting the District's Most Significant Funds

Fund Financial Statements

The financial statements of the District's major funds begin on page 9. The fund financial statements provide detailed information about the most significant funds, not the District as a whole.

General Fund - Most of the District's basic services are reported in the general fund, which focuses on how money flows in and out of the funds and the balances left at year-end that are available for spending. The general fund statements provide a detailed short-term view of the District's general operations and the basic services it provides. The general fund information helps you determine whether there are more or fewer financial resources that can be spent in the near future to finance the District's programs.

The District as a Whole

The District's total net position decreased \$19,805 or 2.07%, from \$959,030 to \$939,225. Details of the changes are reflected on page 8.

Final Budget versus Actual Results

As reflected on pages 19-21 the District operated within budgetary constraints. Actual revenues were more than the final budget by \$16,291 and actual expenses were less than the final budget by \$16,206. Revenues increased due the increased tax levy and additional municipal assistance. Expenses increased primarily due to the increase in the fire protection agreement and the purchase of the used ladder truck.

Capital Assets

At December 31, 2022, the District had \$1,276,722 at cost in total capital assets.

FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP FIRE DISTRICT NO. 1
Management's Discussion and Analysis
For the Year Ended December 31, 2022

Condensed Comparative Information

	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>	Increase (Decrease)
Assets			
Current and other assets	\$ 595,214	\$ 800,352	\$ (205,138)
Capital assets, net of depreciation	503,218	344,657	158,561
Total assets	<u>\$ 1,098,432</u>	<u>\$ 1,145,009</u>	<u>\$ (46,577)</u>
Liabilities	<u>\$ 159,207</u>	<u>\$ 185,979</u>	<u>\$ (26,772)</u>
Net position			
Unreserved	\$ 401,066	\$ 408,569	\$ (7,503)
Investment in capital assets	390,966	178,268	212,698
Restricted	147,193	372,193	(225,000)
Total net position	<u>\$ 939,225</u>	<u>\$ 959,030</u>	<u>\$ (19,805)</u>
Change in net position			
Revenue	\$ 548,291	\$ 499,159	\$ 49,131
Expenditures	<u>568,096</u>	<u>390,502</u>	<u>137,195</u>
Change in net position	<u>\$ (19,805)</u>	<u>\$ 108,657</u>	<u>\$ (88,064)</u>

Economic Factors and Next Year's Budget and Rates

The District's governing body considers many factors when setting the budget and tax rates including the economy, the rate of inflation and planned future capital projects. The 2023 tax rate will be \$0.078 per \$100 of assessed valuation.

Contacting the District's Financial Management

The financial report is designed to provide our citizens, taxpayers, customers, investors and creditors with a general overview of the District's finances and to show the District's accountability for the money it receives. This discussion and analysis is based upon information that was available as of May 18, 2023.

If you have questions about this report or need additional financial information, contact the District office located at 67 Quakertown Road, Pittstown, NJ 08867.

FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP FIRE DISTRICT NO. 1
Statements of Net Position
December 31,

	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u> (as restated)
Assets		
Current assets		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 442,911	\$ 423,630
Prepaid expenses	5,110	4,529
Total current assets	<u>448,021</u>	<u>428,159</u>
Restricted assets		
Cash and cash equivalents	<u>147,193</u>	<u>372,193</u>
Capital assets		
Capital assets	1,276,722	1,016,722
Less: accumulated depreciation	<u>(773,504)</u>	<u>(672,065)</u>
Net capital assets	<u>503,218</u>	<u>344,657</u>
Total assets	<u><u>\$ 1,098,432</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 1,145,009</u></u>
Liabilities		
Current liabilities		
Accounts payable	\$ 46,955	\$ 19,590
Long-term liabilities		
Lease payable - current	55,452	54,137
Lease payable - non-current	<u>56,800</u>	<u>112,252</u>
Total liabilities	<u>159,207</u>	<u>185,979</u>
Net position		
Net investment in capital assets	390,966	178,268
Restricted		
Capital acquisitions	147,193	372,193
Unrestricted	<u>401,066</u>	<u>408,569</u>
Total net position	<u>939,225</u>	<u>959,030</u>
Total liabilities and net position	<u><u>\$ 1,098,432</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 1,145,009</u></u>

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP FIRE DISTRICT NO. 1
Statements of Activities and Changes in Net Position
For the Years Ended December 31,

	2022	2021
Revenues		
General revenues		
Local tax levy	\$ 423,000	\$ 392,000
Interest on investments	3,820	454
Other income	1,836	4,007
Total general revenues	428,656	396,461
Program revenues		
Municipal assistance		
Alexandria Township	59,984	52,790
Union Township	40,025	31,572
Uniform Fire Safety Act	14,673	12,100
State of New Jersey-LEA Rebate	4,953	5,840
Incident cost recovery fees	-	396
Total program revenues	119,635	102,698
Total revenues	548,291	499,159
Expenses		
Operating appropriations		
Administration	58,870	60,273
Cost of operations and maintenance	364,295	277,008
Personal protective gear	39,449	-
Depreciation expense	101,439	88,293
Interest on capital lease	4,043	5,327
Total expenses	568,096	430,901
Change in net position	(19,805)	68,258
Net position - beginning of year	959,030	890,772
Net position - end of year	\$ 939,225	\$ 959,030

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP FIRE DISTRICT NO. 1
Balance Sheets - Governmental Funds
December 31,

	General Fund	
	2022	2021
Assets		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 442,911	\$ 423,630
Prepaid expenses	5,110	4,529
Restricted cash and cash equivalents	147,193	372,193
Total assets	\$ 595,214	\$ 800,352
Liabilities and fund balances		
Liabilities		
Accounts payable	\$ 46,955	\$ 19,590
Fund balances		
Committed fund balance		
Capital reserve	147,193	372,193
Unassigned fund balance	401,066	408,569
Total fund balances	548,259	780,762
Total liabilities and fund balances	\$ 595,214	\$ 800,352

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP FIRE DISTRICT NO. 1
Reconciliation of Governmental Fund Position to the
District-Wide Statements of Net Position
December 31,

	2022	2021
Amounts reported in the governmental activities in the Statement of Net Position (page 9) are different because:		
District-wide, government fund, net position	\$ 548,259	\$ 780,762
Capital assets used in government activities are not financial resources and therefore, are not reported in the funds. The cost of the assets are \$1,276,722 and the accumulated depreciation is \$773,504 for 2022. The cost of the assets are \$1,016,722 and the accumulated depreciation is \$672,065 for 2021.	503,218	344,657
Long-term liabilities, including bonds payable and compensated absences are not due and payable in the current period and therefore are not reported as liabilities in the funds.	(112,252)	(166,389)
Total net position	\$ 939,225	\$ 959,030

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP FIRE DISTRICT NO. 1
Statements of Revenue, Expenses, and
Changes in Fund Balances - Governmental Funds
For the Years Ended December 31,

	General Fund	
	2022	2021
Revenues		
Local sources		
Local tax levy	\$ 423,000	\$ 392,000
Municipal assistance		
Alexandria Township	59,984	52,790
Union Township	40,025	31,572
Interest on investments	3,820	454
Uniform Fire Safety Act	14,673	12,100
State of New Jersey-LEA Rebate	4,953	5,840
Incident cost recovery fees	-	396
Other income	1,836	4,007
Total revenues	<u>548,291</u>	<u>499,159</u>
Expenses		
Operating appropriations		
Administration	58,870	60,273
Cost of operations and maintenance	364,295	277,008
Personal protective gear	39,449	-
Acquisition of capital assets	260,000	75,237
Debt service		
Principal	54,137	52,853
Interest	4,043	5,327
Total expenses	<u>780,794</u>	<u>470,698</u>
Net change in fund balance	(232,503)	28,461
Fund balances - beginning of year	<u>780,762</u>	<u>752,301</u>
Fund balances - end of year	<u>\$ 548,259</u>	<u>\$ 780,762</u>

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP FIRE DISTRICT NO. 1
Reconciliation of Statements of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes
to the District-Wide Changes of Net Position
For the Years Ended December 31,

	2022	2021
Total net changes in fund balances - governmental fund	\$ (232,503)	\$ 28,461
<p>Amounts reported for governmental activities in the Statement of Activities are different because:</p> <p>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 expenses. This is the amount by which depreciation exceeds capital outlays in the period:</p>		
Capital outlays	260,000	75,237
Depreciation expense	(101,439)	(88,293)
<p>Repayment of debt principal and capital leases are expenditures in the governmental funds, but the repayment reduces long-term liabilities in the Statement of Net Position and are not reported in the Statement of Activities.</p>		
Lease principal payments	54,137	52,853
Change in net position of governmental activities	\$ (19,805)	\$ 68,258

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP FIRE DISTRICT NO. 1
Notes to the Financial Statements

Note 1 - Summary of significant accounting policies

Nature of activities

The Franklin Township Fire District No. 1 (the District) is a political subdivision of Franklin Township, Hunterdon County, New Jersey. A five-member Board governs the District. Members are elected annually on a rotating basis to three-year terms. The District provides fire protection, prevention, safety and education services to the Township of Franklin and parts of the adjacent communities of Alexandria and Union Townships.

Financial reporting/principles of accounting

The accompanying 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 Government Accounting Standards Board (GASB) is the accepted standard-setting body for establishing governmental accounting and financial reporting principles. The implementation of GASB has created additional statements, schedules, reports and notes disclosures as follows:

- Financial statements are prepared using accrual accounting methods, including recording of depreciation on capital assets and recording those assets net of accumulated depreciation.
- The basic financial statements include District-wide Statements and Fund Financial Statements, as explained in the following note disclosures:

District-wide Statements: The Statement of Net Position and the Statement of Activities display information about the District. The District activities are financed through taxes and funds from adjoining municipalities. The government-wide financial statements are reported using the accrual basis of accounting. Revenue is recorded when earned and expenses recorded at the time liabilities are incurred, regardless of when the cash flows take place.

Fund Financial Statements: The fund financial statements provide information about the District's activities, which are reported in the general fund. Governmental funds are reported using the current financial resources measurement focus and the modified accrual basis of accounting. Under this method, revenue is recognized when measurable and available. Expenditures are recorded when the related fund liabilities are incurred. General capital asset acquisitions are reported as expenditures in governmental funds.

General Fund: This is the District's operating fund. It accounts for all financial resources of the District except those required to be accounted for in other funds.

Budget and budgetary accounting

Annual budgets are prepared each year for the operations of the District. The budgets are approved by the Division of Local Government Services, Department of Community Affairs, and the State of New Jersey. The budgets are then voted upon by the public. Budget amendments are passed on an as-needed basis, and a balanced budget is required. Appropriations lapse at the end of the year, unless encumbered.

FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP FIRE DISTRICT NO. 1
Notes to the Financial Statements

Note 1 - Summary of significant accounting policies (continued)

Use of estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America requires Management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenue and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

Capital assets

Capital assets are recorded as expenditures at the time of purchase and the related assets are capitalized at cost. It is the District's policy to capitalize assets with costs in excess of \$5,000 and an estimated useful life in excess of one year. Depreciation is recorded using the straight-line method over the estimated useful lives of the assets as follows:

General purpose vehicles	7 - 20 years
Firefighting equipment	5 - 20 years

Income taxes

The District, under existing statute, is not required to file tax returns. Accordingly, no provision for income taxes has been made in the financial statements.

Restricted assets

Certain assets of are classified as restricted assets because their use is restricted for use of capital acquisitions.

Note 2 - Deposits and cash equivalents and investments

Cash and cash equivalents include petty cash, change funds, cash and certificates of deposit in banks. As of December 31, 2022 and 2021, the District had no investments.

New Jersey Governmental Units are required by N.J.S.A. 40A:5-14 to deposit public funds in a bank or trust company having its place of business in the State of New Jersey and organized under the Laws of the United States or of the State of New Jersey or in the New Jersey Cash Management Fund. N.J.S.A. 40A:5-15.1 provides a list of investments which may be purchased by New Jersey Governmental Units. In addition, other state statutes permit investments in obligations issued by local authorities and other state agencies. The State of New Jersey does not place any limit on the amount that the District may invest with any one issuer.

New Jersey Governmental Units are limited as to the types of investments and types of financial institutions they may invest in. New Jersey Statute 18A:20-37 provides a list of permissible investments that may be purchased by New Jersey Governmental Units.

FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP FIRE DISTRICT NO. 1
Notes to the Financial Statements

Note 2 - Deposits and cash equivalents and investments (continued)

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 Act. Public depositories include savings and loan institutions, banks (both state and national banks) and saving banks the deposits of which are federally insured.

Custodial credit risk is the risk that, in the event of a bank failure, the District's deposits might not be recovered. The District does not have a policy for custodial credit risk. New Jersey statutes require cash be deposited only in New Jersey based banking institutions that participate in the New Jersey Governmental Unit Deposit Protection Act (GUDPA) or in qualified investments established in New Jersey Statutes 40A:5-15.1(a) that are treated as cash equivalents. Under the act, the first \$250,000 of governmental deposits in each insured depository is protected by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC). Public funds owned by the Authority in excess of FDIC insured amounts are protected by GUDPA. However, GUDPA does not protect intermingled trust funds, employee salary withholdings, or funds that may pass to the Authority relative to the happening of a future condition.

As of December 31, 2022 and 2021, the District's bank balances were exposed to custodial credit risk as follows:

	2022	2021
Deposits insured by the FDIC	\$ 250,000	\$ 250,000
Deposits insured by the GUDPA	344,270	551,206
Total bank balances	\$ 594,270	\$ 801,206

The District's carrying (Statements of Net Position) amounts were \$590,104 and \$795,823 for December 31, 2022 and 2021, respectively.

Note 3 - Capital assets

A summary of changes in capital assets and accumulated depreciation is as follows:

December 31, 2022	Beginning Balance	Additions	Disposals	Ending Balance
Equipment				
General purpose vehicles	\$ 115,841	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 115,841
Firefighting equipment	900,881	260,000	-	1,160,881
Total capital assets	1,016,722	260,000	-	1,276,722
Accumulated depreciation	(672,065)	(101,439)	-	(773,504)
Net capital assets	\$ 344,657	\$ 158,561	\$ -	\$ 503,218

FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP FIRE DISTRICT NO. 1
Notes to the Financial Statements

Note 3 - Capital assets (continued)

<u>December 31, 2021</u>	Beginning Balance (as restated)	Additions	Transfers	Ending Balance
Equipment				
General purpose vehicles	\$ 115,841	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 115,841
Firefighting equipment	825,644	75,237	-	900,881
Total capital assets	941,485	75,237	-	1,016,722
Accumulated depreciation	(583,772)	(88,293)	-	(672,065)
Net capital assets	<u>\$ 357,713</u>	<u>\$ (13,056)</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 344,657</u>

Note 4 - Long-term debt

At December 31, 2022 and December 31, 2021, long-term debt consisted of the following:

	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>
On November 14, 2017, the District entered into a lease-purchase agreement bearing interest at 2.43% with Municipal Asset Management, Inc. to finance the purchase of a fire apparatus for \$538,655 less a down-payment of \$170,000 due in seven annual installments of \$50,000 to \$58,180, including interest, beginning January 5, 2018, through February 29, 2024. The lease is secured by the fire apparatus.	\$ 112,252	\$ 166,389
Less: current maturities of long-term debt	55,452	54,137
Long-term debt, net of current maturities	<u>\$ 56,800</u>	<u>\$ 112,252</u>

The debt service requirements as of December 31, 2022, including interest are as follows:

	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Interest</u>	<u>Total</u>
2023	\$ 55,452	\$ 2,728	\$ 58,180
2024	56,800	1,380	58,180
	<u>\$ 112,252</u>	<u>\$ 4,108</u>	<u>\$ 116,360</u>

Note 5 - Levied taxes

The total tax levied by the Township of Franklin to fund the operations of the District for the years ended December 31, 2022 and December 31, 2021 was \$423,000 and \$392,000, respectively. The tax rate per \$100 of assessed valuation for 2022 was \$0.078, based on the assessed valuation of \$547,081,100. The tax rate per \$100 of assessed valuation for 2021 was \$0.073, based on the assessed valuation of \$544,063,900.

FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP FIRE DISTRICT NO. 1
Notes to the Financial Statements

Note 6 - Risk management
 The District is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts; theft of, damage to and destruction of assets; errors and omissions; injuries to employees; and natural disasters. There have been no significant reductions in coverage from the prior year and settlements have not exceeded coverage in the past three years.

Note 7 - Rental charges
 The District contracts with the volunteer fire company on an annual basis for fire protection services. The total charges for the year ended December 31, 2022 and December 31, 2021 were \$165,000 and \$115,000, respectively.

Note 8 - Related party transactions
 During the year ended December 31, 2022, the District purchased a used ladder truck from the Quakertown Fire Company for \$260,000. In the opinion of Management, such transactions were on substantially the same terms as those of comparable transactions with other persons.

Note 9 - Economic dependency
 The District receives substantial support from adjoining municipalities from municipal assistance in addition to the annual tax levy. A significant reduction in the level of support, if this were to occur, may have an effect of the District's operations.

Note 10 - Recent accounting pronouncements not yet effective
 The following is of recent accounting pronouncements which are not yet effective as of the year-end date of this report and which are expected to have a material impact on the District's financial reporting.

In May 2020, GASB issued Statement No. 96, *Subscription-Based Information Technology Arrangements*. This statement is effective for reporting periods beginning after June 15, 2022. The District is evaluating the effect of the pronouncement on financial reporting.

Note 11 - Restatement of prior year net position
 During the fiscal year ended December 31, 2022, the District has determined a restatement of the prior year net position is necessary. Due to implementation of GASB 87, *Leases*, adjustments to the inventory report value and useful lives are necessary. The following is a summary of the District's restatement of net position as of December 31, 2020.

	Governmental Activities
Net position, December 31, 2020	\$ 1,059,477
Change in capital assets	168,705
Net position, December 31, 2020, as restated	\$ 890,772

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Notes to the Financial Statements

Note 12 - Risks and uncertainties

On January 30, 2020, the World Health Organization (WHO) announced a global health emergency because of a new strain of coronavirus originating in Wuhan, China (the COVID-19 outbreak) and the risks to the international community as a virus spreads globally beyond its point of origin. In March 2020, the WHO classified the COVID-19 outbreak as a pandemic, based on the rapid increase in exposure globally.

The full impact of the COVID-19 outbreak continues to evolve as of the date of this report. As such, it is uncertain as to the full magnitude that the pandemic will have on the District's financial condition, liquidity, and future results of operations.

Note 13 - Subsequent events

The District's Management has determined that no material events or transactions occurred subsequent to December 31, 2022 and through May 18, 2023, the date of the District's financial statement issuance, which require additional disclosure in the District's financial statements.

FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP FIRE DISTRICT NO. 1
Schedule of Budget vs. Actual Revenues and Expenses - General Fund
For the Years Ended December 31,

	2022			2021			Variance Final Budget
	Unaudited		Variance Final Budget	Unaudited		Variance Final Budget	
	Original Budget	Final Budget		Actual	Original Budget		
Revenues							
Fund balance utilized	\$ 40,000	\$ 40,000	\$ 40,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Unrestricted fund balance utilized	260,000	260,000	260,000	-	-	-	-
Restricted fund balance utilized	300,000	300,000	300,000	-	-	-	-
Total fund balance utilized							
Operating revenues							
Local tax levy	423,000	423,000	423,000	-	392,000	392,000	-
Adjoining municipalities assistance	88,000	88,000	100,009	12,009	85,000	84,362	(638)
Interest on investments	1,000	1,000	3,820	2,820	1,500	454	(1,046)
Uniform Fire Safety Act	20,000	20,000	14,673	(5,327)	21,500	12,100	(9,400)
State of New Jersey-LEA Rebate	-	-	4,953	4,953	-	5,840	5,840
Incident cost recovery fees	-	-	-	-	-	396	396
Miscellaneous	-	-	1,836	1,836	-	4,007	4,007
Total operating revenues	532,000	532,000	548,291	16,291	500,000	499,159	(841)
Total revenues	\$ 832,000	\$ 832,000	\$ 848,291	\$ 16,291	\$ 500,000	\$ 499,159	\$ (841)
Expenditures							
Administration	\$ 43,000	\$ 34,500	\$ 34,506	\$ (6)	\$ 36,000	\$ 34,881	\$ 1,119
Salaries	8,000	9,200	1,659	7,541	3,500	8,056	444
Fringe benefits							
Other expenses	500	-	-	-	500	-	500
Election expense	16,000	16,000	12,528	3,472	15,000	10,997	4,003
Professional services	8,000	10,100	10,177	(77)	8,000	6,339	2,161
Office expense							
Total administration	75,500	69,800	58,870	10,930	63,000	60,273	8,227

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FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP FIRE DISTRICT NO. 1
Schedule of Budget vs. Actual Revenues and Expenses - General Fund (continued)
For the Years Ended December 31,

	2022				2021				Variance Final Budget
	Unaudited		Variance		Unaudited		Variance		
	Original Budget	Final Budget	Actual	Final Budget	Original Budget	Final Budget	Actual	Final Budget	
Expenditures (continued)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,899
Operations and maintenance									
Salaries - Firefighter/EMT	2,000	2,000	275	1,725	2,000	2,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
Other expenses	3,200	1,500	580	920	3,200	3,200	1,882	1,318	1,318
Training and education	720	720	400	320	720	720	470	250	250
Advertising, public awareness	900	800	606	194	900	900	455	445	445
Membership dues and subscriptions	165,000	165,000	165,000	-	115,000	115,000	115,000	-	-
Fire hydrant rentals	1,000	500	-	500	1,000	1,000	-	1,000	1,000
Fire protection contract	80,000	80,000	87,681	(7,681)	80,000	68,500	69,108	(608)	(608)
Fire prevention	16,000	16,500	14,900	1,600	14,000	14,000	9,931	4,069	4,069
Insurance	45,000	54,000	53,852	148	40,000	40,000	39,014	986	986
Gasoline, fuels and oils	24,000	24,000	23,144	856	22,000	22,000	19,873	2,127	2,127
Maintenance and repairs	3,000	1,000	741	259	3,000	3,000	2,565	435	435
Utilities	10,000	10,000	4,029	5,971	10,000	8,000	4,488	3,512	3,512
Buildings and grounds maintenance									
Operational materials and supplies									
Turnout gear, SCBA equipment, and other miscellaneous small equipment	12,500	13,000	13,087	(87)	30,000	32,000	10,121	21,879	21,879
Total operations and maintenance	363,320	369,020	364,295	4,725	321,820	316,320	277,008	39,312	39,312

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Schedule of Budget vs. Actual Revenues and Expenses - General Fund (continued)
For the Years Ended December 31,

	2022			2021			Variance Final Budget	Variance Final Budget
	Unaudited		Actual	Unaudited		Actual		
	Original Budget	Final Budget		Original Budget	Final Budget			
Expenditures (continued)								
Debt service								
Capital lease								
Principal	\$ 54,137	\$ 54,137	\$ 54,137	\$ 52,853	\$ 52,853	\$ 52,853	\$ -	
Interest	4,043	4,043	4,043	5,327	5,327	5,327	-	
Total debt service	58,180	58,180	58,180	58,180	58,180	58,180	-	
Reserves and capital outlay								
Personal protective gear	40,000	40,000	39,449	-	-	-	-	
Used ladder truck	260,000	260,000	260,000	-	-	-	-	
Capital reserve	35,000	35,000	35,000	57,000	57,000	57,000	-	
Total reserves and capital outlay	335,000	335,000	334,449	57,000	57,000	57,000	-	
Total expenditures	\$ 832,000	\$ 832,000	\$ 815,794	\$ 500,000	\$ 500,000	\$ 452,461	\$ 47,539	

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FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP FIRE DISTRICT NO. 1
Schedule of Officials and Surety Bond
(Unaudited)
December 31, 2022

Board of Fire Commissioners

Members	Title	Term Ends	Amount of Surety Bond
Charles Patkochis	President	2023	\$500,000 total coverage per loss
Peter Enea III	Secretary	2024	
Edward Kolibas	Vice President	2022	
Drew Stephens	Treasurer	2024	
Heikki Laine	Assistant Secretary	2022	

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**Independent Auditors' 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***

Board of Fire Commissioners
Franklin Township Fire District No. 1
Pittstown, New Jersey

We have audited, in accordance with the auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to the financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, the financial statements of the governmental activities of the Franklin Township Fire District No. 1, as of and for the year ended December 31, 2022, and the related Notes to the Financial Statements, which collectively comprise Franklin Township Fire District No. 1's basic financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated May 18, 2023.

Report on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered the Franklin Township Fire District No. 1's internal control over financial reporting (internal control) as a basis for designing 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 Franklin Township Fire District No. 1's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the Franklin Township Fire District No. 1's internal control.

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

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

Report on Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the Franklin Township Fire District No. 1's financial statements are free of material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, and contracts, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the determination of financial statement amounts. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit and, accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*.

Purpose of this Report

The purpose of this report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control or compliance. The report is an integral part of any 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.


BKC, CPAs, PC

May 18, 2023
Flemington, New Jersey

FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP FIRE DISTRICT NO. 1
Schedule of Findings and Responses

General Comments and Recommendations

Recommendations

No findings or recommendations have been developed as a result of this audit.

Status of Prior Year's Audit Findings/Recommendations

In accordance with government auditing standards, our procedures included a review of all prior year recommendations including findings. Corrective action has been taken on finding number 2021-001.

We would be pleased to confer on questions that might arise with respect to any matters in this report.

We wish to express our appreciation for the assistance and courtesies rendered by the District officials and employees during the course of the examination.

Respectfully submitted,

BKC, CPAs, PC

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