

**HILLTOWN TOWNSHIP  
BUCKS COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA  
Financial Report  
December 31, 2023**

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## **Independent Auditors' Report**

To the Board of Supervisors  
Hilltown Township  
Hilltown, Pennsylvania

### **Report on Audit of the Financial Statements**

#### ***Opinions***

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Hilltown Township, Bucks County, Pennsylvania (the Township), as of and for the year ended December 31, 2023, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Township's basic financial statements, as listed in the table of contents.

In our opinion, the accompanying financial statements 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 Hilltown Township, Bucks County, Pennsylvania, as of December 31, 2023, and the respective changes in financial position for the year then ended, in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

#### ***Basis for Opinions***

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAS). Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditors' Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report.

We are required to be independent of the Township and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audit. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinions.

#### ***Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements***

The Township's 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, 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 Township's ability to continue as a going concern for one year after the date that the financial statements are available to be issued.

## *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 auditors' report that includes our opinions. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with GAAS will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Misstatements are considered material if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, they would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user based on the financial statements.

In performing an audit in accordance with GAAS, we:

- Exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Township's internal control. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluate the overall presentation of the financial statements.
- Conclude whether, in our judgment, there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the Township'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 other required information on pages 4-17 and 57-70 be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management and, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board, who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. We have applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, which consisted of inquiries of management about the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. We do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide us with evidence sufficient to express an opinion or provide any assurance.

### *Supplementary Information*

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the Township's basic financial statements. The combining and individual nonmajor fund financial statements and combining custodial funds financial statements are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the basic financial statements.

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

*DunlapSLK, PC*

Chalfont, Pennsylvania  
March 20, 2024

**HILLTOWN TOWNSHIP**  
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**Management's Discussion and Analysis (Unaudited)**  
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Our discussion and analysis of Hilltown Township's (the Township) financial performance provides an overview of the Township's financial activities for the year ended December 31, 2023. Please read it in conjunction with the Township's financial statements, which begin on page 18.

**USING THIS REPORT**

This report consists of a series of financial statements. The Statement of Net Position and the Statement of Activities (on pages 18 and 19-20) provide information about the activities of the Township as a whole and present a longer-term view of the Township's finances. Fund Financial Statements start on page 21. For governmental activities, these statements tell how Township services were financed in the short-term as well as what remains for future spending. Fund Financial Statements also report the Township's operations in more detail than the government-wide statements by providing information about the Township's major funds. The remaining statements provide financial information about activities for which the Township acts solely as a trustee or agent for the benefit of those outside the government.

**Reporting on the Township as a Whole**

The Statement of Net Position and Statement of Activities report information about the Township as a whole and about its activities in a way that helps answer the question of whether the Township is better or worse off because of the year's activities. The statements include all assets, deferred outflows, liabilities, and deferred inflows using the accrual basis of accounting, which is like the accounting methods used by most private sector companies. All the current year's revenues and expenses are considered regardless of when each is received or paid. These statements report the Township's net position (the difference between assets and deferred outflows, and liabilities and deferred inflows) and provide a measurement of the Township's financial health, or financial position. Over time, increases or decreases in net position are indicators of whether the Township's financial health is improving or deteriorating.

**Reporting Significant Funds**

The Fund Financial Statements begin on page 21 and provide detailed information about the most significant funds, not the Township as a whole. Some funds are required to be established by State Law. However, the Board of Supervisors established many other funds to help it control or manage money for particular purposes or to show that it is meeting legal responsibilities for using certain taxes, grants, and other money.

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

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**USING THIS REPORT (continued)**

**The Township as a Trustee**

The Township is a trustee, or fiduciary, for its employee's pensions. It is important to note here that the original pension contracts were issued with the Pennsylvania Municipal Retirement System in the late 1980's. At the end of 2012, these contracts were revised and updated to include current Internal Revenue Code and Pennsylvania regulations. The Police pension contract was again updated in December of 2014 to include the (DROP) Deferred Retirement Option Program, effective January 1, 2015. This change was a result of collective bargaining. Four Officers elected to participate in this program and are now fully retired. One Officer is currently enrolled in the DROP program.

Hilltown Township is also responsible for escrow deposits from developers, businesses, and individuals for legal and engineering fees. The Township is also responsible for escrow deposits for on-lot septic systems. All the Township's fiduciary activities are reported in the separate Statement of Fiduciary Net Position and Changes in Fiduciary Net Position on pages 27-28. These activities are excluded from the Township's other financial statements because the Township cannot use these assets to finance its operations. The Township is responsible for ensuring that the assets reported in these funds are used for their intended purposes.



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**THE TOWNSHIP AS A WHOLE**

The Statement of Net Position provides an overview of the Township's assets, deferred inflows, liabilities, deferred outflows, and net position. Over time, this statement will provide a good indication of the Township's fiscal health.

**Table 1**  
**Net Position**

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>\$ Change</u>	<u>% Change</u>
Capital Assets	\$ 24,679,027	\$ 25,009,409	\$ (330,382)	-1.3%
Current and Other Assets	18,454,588	21,875,595	(3,421,007)	-15.6%
Total Assets	<u>43,133,615</u>	<u>46,885,004</u>	<u>(3,751,389)</u>	-8.0%
Deferred Pension Outflows	<u>2,555,910</u>	<u>1,009,860</u>	<u>1,546,050</u>	153.1%
Long-Term Liabilities	1,251,714	159,509	1,092,205	684.7%
Other Liabilities	<u>235,064</u>	<u>257,451</u>	<u>(22,387)</u>	-8.7%
Total Liabilities	<u>1,486,778</u>	<u>416,960</u>	<u>1,069,818</u>	256.6%
Deferred Inflows of Resources	<u>1,123,455</u>	<u>4,940,586</u>	<u>(3,817,131)</u>	-77.3%
Net Position				
Invested in Capital Assets,				
Net of Related Debt	24,679,027	25,009,409	(330,382)	-1.3%
Restricted	10,149,432	9,961,623	187,809	1.9%
Unrestricted	<u>8,250,833</u>	<u>7,566,286</u>	<u>684,547</u>	9.0%
Total Net Position	<u>\$ 43,079,292</u>	<u>\$ 42,537,318</u>	<u>\$ 541,974</u>	1.3%

The total net position of the Township shown is approximately \$43 million. However, this does not include certain physical assets such as traffic lights, storm sewers and drainage structures acquired or constructed before January 1, 2004. Total liabilities increased by 256.6%, due to an increase in the net pension liabilities. Deferred inflows decreased 77.3% due to grant funds being spent in 2023, and changes in pension actuarial calculations. Net position shows an increase of 1.3%.

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**THE TOWNSHIP AS A WHOLE (continued)**

**Table 2**  
**Changes in Net Position**

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>\$ Change</u>	<u>% Change</u>
<b>Program Revenues</b>				
General Government	\$ 377,677	\$ 415,218	\$ (37,541)	-9.0%
Police	504,850	549,304	(44,454)	-8.1%
Fire	142,755	143,636	(881)	-0.6%
Code Enforcement	407,459	603,232	(195,773)	-32.5%
Highway Maintenance	1,734,277	2,028,760	(294,483)	-14.5%
Snow Removal	500	500	-	0.0%
Traffic Signals	6,558	5,023	1,535	30.6%
Street Lighting	57,933	57,783	150	0.3%
Parks and Recreation	13,715	34,589	(20,874)	-60.3%
<b>General Revenues</b>				
Real Estate Taxes	2,071,468	2,065,431	6,037	0.3%
Transfer Taxes	474,053	654,661	(180,608)	-27.6%
Earned Income Taxes	4,157,572	3,896,097	261,475	6.7%
Other Taxes	265,879	266,898	(1,019)	-0.4%
Interest and Rents	235,607	127,446	108,161	84.9%
Gain (Loss) on Sale of Capital Assets	2,403	(6,213)	8,616	100.0%
Miscellaneous	261,578	1,165,996	(904,418)	-77.6%
<b>Total Revenues (forwarded)</b>	<u>\$ 10,714,284</u>	<u>\$ 12,008,361</u>	<u>\$ (1,294,077)</u>	

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**Table 2**  
**Changes in Net Position**  
**(Governmental and Business-Type Activities Combined)**

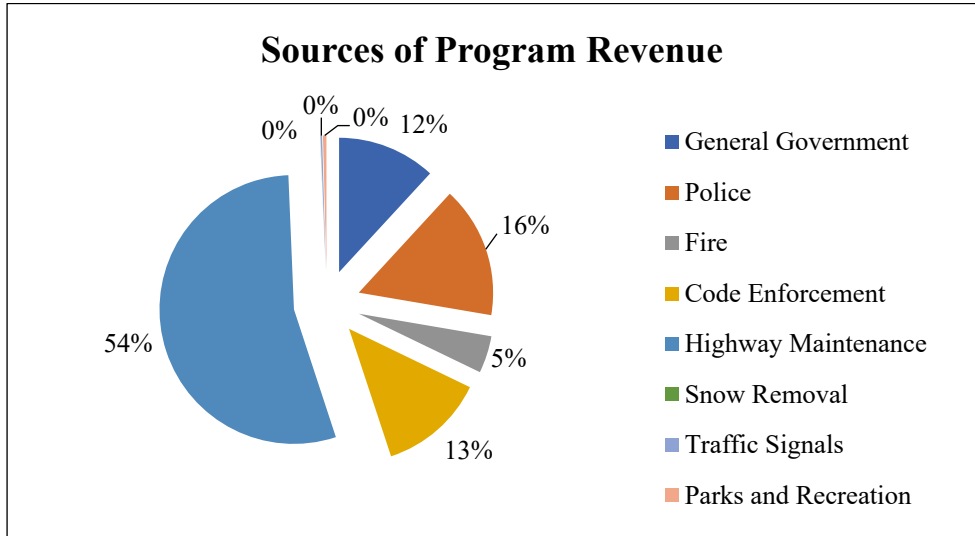
	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>\$ Change</u>	<u>% Change</u>
<b>Total Revenues (forwarded)</b>	<u>\$ 10,714,284</u>	<u>\$ 12,008,361</u>	<u>\$ (1,294,077)</u>	-10.8%
<b>Program Expenses</b>				
Legislative	132,788	123,298	9,490	7.7%
Executive	205,071	124,885	80,186	64.2%
Finance and Tax Collection	234,554	233,763	791	0.3%
Professional Services	107,013	86,273	20,740	24.0%
General Government	593,330	627,798	(34,468)	-5.5%
Police	4,527,009	3,284,198	1,242,811	37.8%
Fire	379,416	372,945	6,471	1.7%
Code Enforcement	338,947	326,950	11,997	3.7%
Highway Maintenance	3,403,490	2,072,672	1,330,818	64.2%
Snow and Ice Removal	21,113	89,843	(68,730)	-76.5%
Traffic Signals	26,868	66,374	(39,506)	-59.5%
Street Lighting	46,343	47,894	(1,551)	-3.2%
Parks and Recreation	150,488	116,207	34,281	29.5%
Conservation and Development	<u>5,880</u>	<u>5,880</u>	<u>-</u>	0.0%
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<u>10,172,310</u>	<u>7,578,980</u>	<u>2,593,330</u>	34.2%
<b>Change in Net Position</b>	<u>\$ 541,974</u>	<u>\$ 4,429,381</u>	<u>\$ (3,887,407)</u>	-87.8%

Total revenue from all sources was approximately \$10.7 million. Real Estate Taxes continue to be assessed at 8.75 mills and showed a small growth. Transfer taxes decreased by 27.6%, due to the real estate market slowing. Earned Income Tax (EIT) showed a growth of 6.7%. The Open Space Fund EIT assessment, which was suspended for the years 2015 – 2023, remained suspended and is scheduled to remain suspended for 2024 as well. Overall revenue decreases can be attributed to a decline the insurance rate stabilization funds.

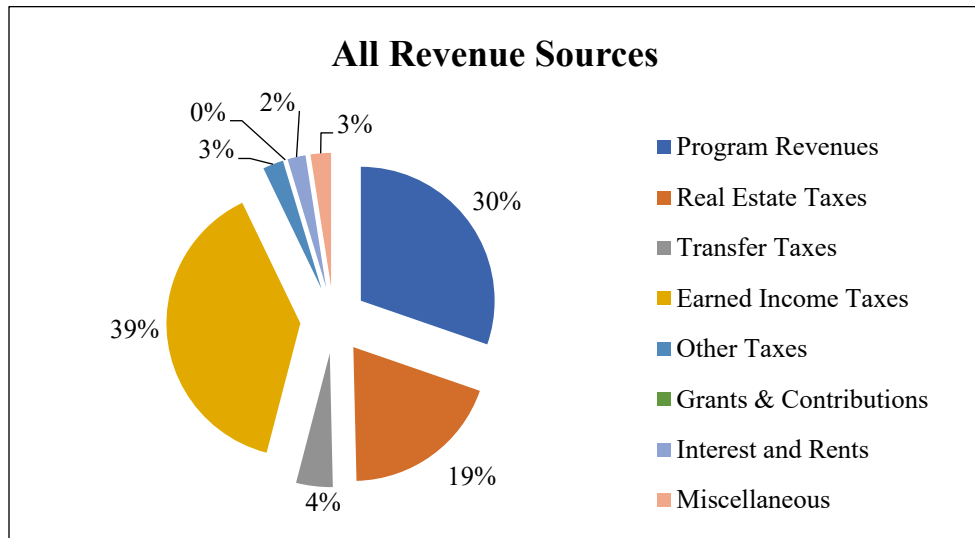
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**THE TOWNSHIP AS A WHOLE (continued)**

**Figure 1**



**Figure 2**



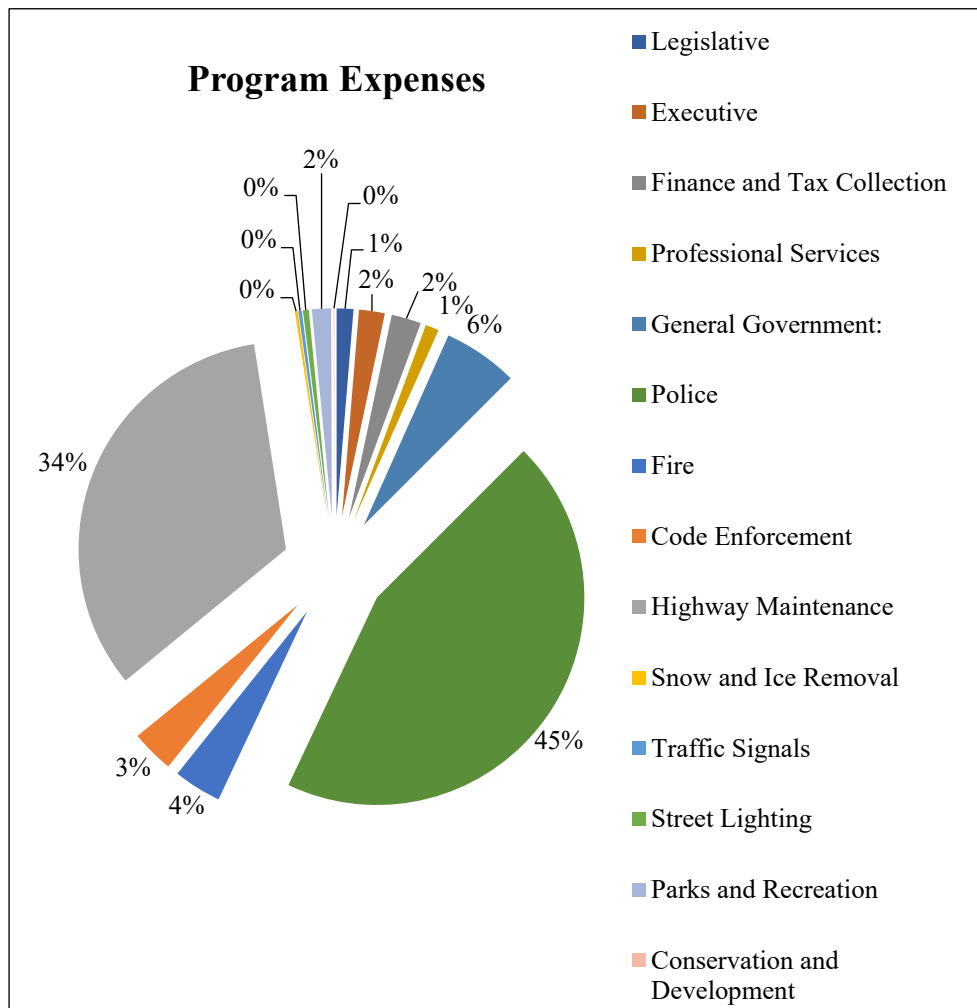
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**Expense Overview**

Total expenses in all categories were approximately \$10.2 million, which is an increase from 2022 of 34.2%. Police and Highway Maintenance are the largest category of expenses, accounting for spending of approximately \$7.9 million. Careful budgeting and fiscal prudence aided in containing spending while services remained consistent.

**Figure 3**



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**ITEMS OF GENERAL INTEREST**

**Fire**

Residents and businesses of the Township are served by the Hilltown Township Volunteer Fire Company, Perkasio Fire Company, Sellersville Fire Company, Dublin Fire Company, Silverdale Fire Company, Souderton Fire Company and Telford Fire Company. There are mutual aid agreements and central dispatching throughout the area. A fire tax of 0.75 mills is assessed and the proceeds of this tax are distributed to the fire companies based on a formula of 50% area covered and 50% assessed valuation. The following disbursements were made in 2023.

Dublin Fire Company	\$ 27,453
Hilltown Township Volunteer Fire Company	38,567
Perkasie Fire Company	4,144
Sellersville Fire Company	8,191
Silverdale Fire Company	39,619
Souderton Fire Company	<u>9,281</u>
Total	<u><u>\$ 127,255</u></u>

In addition, in 2023 for the 11th year, Telford Borough received \$8,793 in payment for Worker's Compensation insurance. Telford Borough calculated that this amount represented the cost of Worker's Compensation insurance for Telford Fire Company's coverage of Hilltown Township. This billing eliminates any payments to the Telford Fire Company from the Fire Tax. Hilltown Township also paid \$14,915 for Worker's Compensation insurance for the Hilltown Township Volunteer Fire Company from General Funds.

In addition to the above Hilltown Township also paid \$36,861 for Hilltown Township Volunteer Fire Company's property, equipment, and liability insurance coverage.

The Volunteer Fire Relief Associations also received an allocation from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. This allocation is made in accordance with act 205 of 1984 which stipulates that 50% of the allocation is based on the population of the municipality, and 50% is determined by the market value of real estate in the municipality. The Township received a disbursement of \$142,755. These funds are derived from a charge that the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania imposes on insurance companies located outside of Pennsylvania who are doing business within the State.

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**ITEMS OF GENERAL INTEREST (continued)**

**Fire (continued)**

The funds were distributed as follows:

Dublin Fire Company Relief Association	\$ 29,365
Hilltown Township Volunteer Fire Co. Relief Assoc.	41,064
Perkasie Fire Company Relief Association	4,411
Sellersville Fire Company Relief Association	8,722
Silverdale Fire Company Relief Association	42,148
Souderton Fire Company Relief Association	9,872
Telford Fire Company Relief Association	<u>7,173</u>
Total	<u><u>\$ 142,755</u></u>

**Ambulance Service**

The Township is served by three (3) ambulance companies. They are Chal-Brit Ambulance, Grand View Hospital Ambulance, and Point Pleasant-Plumsteadville Regional Ambulance. They are centrally dispatched by Bucks County Emergency Management. The Board of Supervisors, in fiscal year 2010 voted to provide financial assistance to the primary ambulance companies servicing Hilltown Township. That financial assistance was continued in 2023. The disbursements were made as follows:

Point Pleasant-Plumsteadville Regional Ambulance	\$ 8,820
Chal-Brit Regional Ambulance	<u>33,180</u>
Total	<u><u>\$ 42,000</u></u>

**Water**

Residents and businesses of the Township are served by Hilltown Township Water and Sewer Authority (HTWSA), Telford Borough Authority (TBA), North Penn Water Authority (NPWA), and primarily on-lot water systems.

**Wastewater**

Residents and businesses of the Township are primarily served by HTWSA, TBA, and primarily on-lot sewage disposal systems. The Township has no financial or management control of the sewer authorities.

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**ITEMS OF GENERAL INTEREST (continued)**

**Public Facilities**

The Township owns two parks along with scattered open space parcels. The Township municipal building is 35 years old and houses both the Police Department and the Administrative offices. The Public Works Department is located to the rear of the Township administration building. The facilities are approximately 20 years old and centralize all Township services.

**ANAYLSIS OF INDIVIDUAL FUNDS**

**Special Revenue Funds**

**Liquid Fuels Fund**

A number of roads had paving programs in 2023. The work was completed by Blooming Glen Contractors using Liquid Fuels funds totaling \$623,719. These roads were milled and then paved. These roads included:

Upper Stump Road	Callowhill Road to 75 ft. West of Keller Road
Tiffany Drive	Broad Street to Middle Road
Pasquale Way	Mill Road to Cul-de-sac Turnaround
Jessica Lane	Mill Road to Pasquale Way
Rosie Lane	Mill Road to Keystone Drive
Loni Court	Rosie Lane to Cul-de-sac Turnaround

The following roads had asphalt seal coat/slurry seal with Type 11 aggregate applied. The work was completed by Asphalt Maintenance systems for a total of \$139,938.

Narothyn Road	Diamond Street to Schoolhouse Road
Florence Circle	Narothyn Road to Cul-de-sac turnaround
Audrey Lane	Rt. 152 to Cul-de-sac Turnaround
Beverly Road	Audrey Lane to Paige Trail
Bricks Way	Diamond Street to Cul-de-sac Turnaround
Telegraph Road	S. Perkasio Road to the end of widening curb south of Applewood Drive

In addition to the above roads, additional paving was completed by the Public Works Department.

Telegraph Road	Soccer Field to Route 113
Cherry Lane	County Line Rd. to Bethlehem Pike

**Open Space Fund**

Collection of the EIT in the Open Space Fund has been suspended since 2015. This suspension continues into 2024.



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**ANALYSIS OF INDIVIDUAL FUNDS (continued)**

**Special Revenue Funds**

**Streetlight, Fire Tax, and Park and Recreation Funds.**

The Streetlight Fund is used to cover the cost of street lighting within the Township developments. The streetlight assessment was reinstated in 2019 and appears on the tax bills where it is applicable. The rates were coordinated with the current PPL bills to reflect current costs. The average increase in the assessment was approximately \$0.15 per bill. The Fire Fund and the Park and Recreation Fund had routine and unremarkable results in 2023.

**Capital Projects Funds**

The Road Equipment Fund is used to purchase on-road equipment for the Public Works Department. We are currently having trouble securing equipment due to shortages. Trucks are taking over a year, sometimes two years, to acquire.

**Recreation Capital Fund**

The Recreation Capital Fund is used for larger projects involving parks. The Pedestrian Path (located across from the Township building) was begun in 2021, continued in 2022 and 2023 and should be completed in 2024.

**Operating Reserve Fund**

The Operating Reserve Fund was created by the Board of Supervisors to minimize future revenue shortfalls and deficits, provide greater continuity and predictability in the funding of vital government services, minimize the need to increase taxes to balance the budget in times of fiscal distress, provide the capacity to undertake long-range financial planning and develop fiscal resources to meet long-term needs. The fund is combined with the General Fund in the Fund Financial Statements.

**Recreation Capital Fund**

The Recreation Capital Fund is used for larger projects involving parks. The Pedestrian Path (located across from the Township building) was begun in 2021, continued through 2022-23, and should be completed in 2024.

**Stormwater Reserve Fund**

The Stormwater Reserve Fund is used to complete stormwater projects throughout the Township. In 2023, repairs were made to the bridges on Schoolhouse Road and Schultz Road. Funds for this account are collected from individuals and developers when providing funds in lieu of stormwater installations.

The Township has also received American Recovery Plan Funds. These funds can and will be used to repair Stormwater basins, repair bridges, and add additional water and sewer resources that are sorely needed.

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**ANALYSIS OF INDIVIDUAL FUNDS (continued)**

**Pension Plans**

Full-time employees are also members of the Police or Non-Uniform local pension plans. The pension plans for both groups are managed by the Pennsylvania Municipal Retirement System. The Township is eligible for Act 205 assistance in the form of State Aid which for 2023 was \$285,567. These monies are collected from insurance companies located outside of the State but doing business within the State.

The Minimum Municipal Obligation (MMO) was as follows:

Police Pension Plan	\$ 302,896
Non-Uniform Plan	<u>155,205</u>
 Total	 <u><u>\$ 458,101</u></u>

The Minimum Municipal Obligation is calculated based on total payroll information from the prior year. Multiplying rates are set by the actuarial studies performed every other year. Administrative charges are then included. Any actuarial surpluses or deficiencies are then amortized. The Pennsylvania Municipal Retirement System (PMRS) sets this amount based on the actuarial study.

Police Officers of the Township were required to begin contributing to their pension plan because of an arbitration award granted in 2009. They are currently contributing the maximum allowed of 5%.

**CAPITAL ASSETS AND TOWNSHIP SERVICES**

**Discussion of Future Plans**

The budget consists of seven operating funds and four capital improvement funds. It is prepared in line-item format in accordance with the Pennsylvania chart of accounts for local government published by the state department of Community and Economic Development (DCED).

An analysis of the 2024 budget will show that the Township is maintaining municipal services in such areas as Police protection, code enforcement, fire protection and public works services at or above present levels. The 2024 budget provides the necessary resources to these important areas to achieve the priorities, goals, and policies of the Board and for the Township to continue to fulfill its obligations to provide for health, safety, and welfare of the community.

The 2024 budget carries forward any projects which were not completed in 2023. The Police Department would like to replace two aging vehicles, however, obtaining vehicles is becoming increasingly difficult because of a shortage of supplies. The Public Works Department is also experiencing the same difficulty in obtaining new equipment.

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**CAPITAL ASSETS AND TOWNSHIP SERVICES (continued)**

**Discussion of Future Plans (continued)**

The budget also includes \$250,000 for repairing Township owned sidewalks and removal of the trees causing the sidewalks to buckle.

The Recreation Capital Reserve budget includes continued construction of the walking path located across from the Township building.

The Park and Recreation budget includes basic operating costs of the existing parks. The revenues indicated are from the rental of park facilities and advertising revenue from the signs at the baseball field as well as .20 mills of real estate taxes.

The Fire Fund budget continues using .75 mills and uses the same assessment as does the General Fund. The budget covers Hilltown Fire Company's Insurance and fire hydrant rentals and retains \$4,000 for the beginning of 2024. The remainder of the funds are distributed to the seven fire companies using the 50% area and 50% assessment formula. It should be noted that Telford Fire Company has not received any of the Fire Funds in 2023 because all of their entitlement was consumed by Telford Borough Authority to cover their Worker's Compensation costs relative to coverage within Hilltown Township.

The Street Light budget calls for an assessment on properties benefiting from streetlights. This is primarily within developments.

The Operating Reserve budget remains the same for 2024. No additional funds can be deposited into this fund at this time.

The State Highway Aid budget (Liquid fuels) - Depending on conditions this winter the Public Works Department would like to include the following roads for paving projects. This will depend on paving costs and road conditions at the time. They hope to include:

Some sections of Mill road  
Some sections of South Perkasi Road

The Stormwater Reserve budget includes repairs to stormwater basins throughout the township as Hilltown Township strives to complete the required MS4 requirements.

**HILLTOWN TOWNSHIP  
BUCKS COUNTY, PA  
Management’s Discussion and Analysis (Unaudited)  
Year Ended December 31, 2023**

**ECONOMIC FORCAST**

As discussed above, the Township derives its operating revenue from a variety of other sources in addition to real estate taxes. These include Act 511 taxes such as a ½% levy on earned income of residents. A local services tax of \$47.00 per year is also assessed on individuals working in the community, many of whom do not live in the township but take advantage of its services. The Township also receives revenue from a 1% transfer tax on real estate sales, fees from licenses and permits, interest on investments, rents, royalties, grants and charges for use of municipal services.

It is anticipated that in 2024, Earned Income Tax will remain stable. The Open Space Tax on earned income will remain suspended. Real Estate Taxes will show growth from recent developments being completed.

The rates for 2024 remain the same as 2023. The tax rates are as follows:

General purposes	7.30 mills
Fire Protection	0.75 mills
Park and Recreation	0.20 mills
Road Equipment Acquisition	0.50 mills

For the homeowner with an assessed value of \$36,000, the total real estate tax paid to the Township is \$315.

It is important to note that there have been no increases in Real Estate Taxes since 2011 bringing a total of thirteen straight years with stable tax rates.

It is with these factors in mind that the 2024 budget indicates some limited growth staying mindful of cost constraints. A priority of all staff is seeking better value and lower costs for the tax dollars spent.

**CONTACTING THE TOWNSHIP’S FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT TEAM**

The Management Discussion and Analysis is intended to provide our citizens, taxpayers, and creditors with a general, plain English overview of important financial matters. The Township Manager and treasurer is Lorraine E. Leslie who can be reached at 215-453-6000 extension 212. The Township’s Finance Director can be reached by contacting Marianne Egan at 215-453-6000 extension 213. The Township can also be reached by fax at 215-453-1024 or by the internet at [www.hilltown.org](http://www.hilltown.org).

**HILLTOWN TOWNSHIP  
BUCKS COUNTY, PA  
Statement of Net Position  
December 31, 2023**

**Assets**

Current Assets	
Cash	\$ 16,668,534
Taxes Receivable	1,572,017
Other Receivables and Prepaid Expenses	211,871
Due from Fiduciary Fund	2,166
Total Current Assets	18,454,588
Noncurrent Assets	
Net Capital Assets	24,679,027
<b>Total Assets</b>	43,133,615

**Deferred Outflows of Resources**

Deferred Pension Outflows	2,555,910
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**Liabilities**

Current Liabilities	
Accounts Payable and Accrued Expenses	84,374
Accrued Wages and Benefits	150,690
Total Current Liabilities	235,064
Noncurrent Liabilities	
Net Pension Liability	1,078,691
Compensated Absences	173,023
Total Noncurrent Liabilities	1,251,714
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	1,486,778

**Deferred Inflows of Resources**

Unearned Revenue	912,076
Deferred Pension Inflows	211,379
Total Deferred Inflows of Resources	1,123,455

**Net Position**

Invested in Capital Assets, Net of Related Debt	24,679,027
Restricted for	
Land Preservation	1,902,643
Capital Projects	7,108,436
Other Purposes	1,138,353
Unrestricted	8,250,833
<b>Total Net Position</b>	\$ 43,079,292

See notes to financial statements.

**HILLTOWN TOWNSHIP  
BUCKS COUNTY, PA  
Statement of Activities  
Year Ended December 31, 2023**

Functions/Programs	Expenses	<u>Program Revenue</u>	
		Charges for Services	Operating Grants and Contributions
Governmental Activities			
General Government			
Legislative	\$ 132,788	\$ -	\$ -
Executive	205,071	-	-
Finance and Tax Collection	234,554	-	-
Professional Services	107,013	-	-
General Government	593,330	323,924	53,753
Public Safety			
Police	4,527,009	271,938	232,912
Fire and Ambulance	379,416	-	142,755
Code Enforcement and Planning and Zoning	338,947	401,184	6,275
Highways			
Highway Maintenance	3,403,490	185,581	626,441
Snow and Ice Removal	21,113	500	-
Traffic Signals	26,868	6,558	-
Street Lights	46,343	57,933	-
Parks and Recreation	150,488	5,660	8,055
Conservation and Development	5,880	-	-
Total Governmental Activities	<u>\$ 10,172,310</u>	<u>\$ 1,253,278</u>	<u>\$ 1,070,191</u>

General Revenues

Taxes

  Real Estate Taxes

  Real Estate Transfer Taxes

  Earned Income Taxes

  Other Taxes

Interest Income and Rents

Loss on Sale of Capital Assets

Miscellaneous

  Total General Revenues

Change in Net Assets

Net Position, Beginning of Year

Net Position, End of Year

See notes to financial statements.

<u>Capital Grants and Contributions</u>	<u>Net (Expense) Revenue and Changes in Net Assets</u>
\$ -	\$ (132,788)
-	(205,071)
-	(234,554)
-	(107,013)
-	(215,653)
-	(4,022,159)
-	(236,661)
-	68,512
922,255	(1,669,213)
-	(20,613)
-	(20,310)
-	11,590
-	(136,773)
-	(5,880)
<u>\$ 922,255</u>	<u>(6,926,586)</u>

2,071,468
474,053
4,157,572
265,879
235,607
2,403
261,578
<u>7,468,560</u>
541,974
<u>42,537,318</u>
<u>\$ 43,079,292</u>

See notes to financial statements.

**HILLTOWN TOWNSHIP  
BUCKS COUNTY, PA  
Balance Sheet  
Governmental Funds  
December 31, 2023**

	General Fund	Open Space Fund	Road Equipment Fund
<b>Assets</b>			
Cash	\$ 6,194,803	\$ 1,902,451	\$ 2,225,005
Taxes Receivable	1,566,165	192	1,782
Other Receivables	97,552	-	-
Prepaid Expenses	13,446	-	-
Due from Other Funds	2,166	-	-
	<u>\$ 7,874,132</u>	<u>\$ 1,902,643</u>	<u>\$ 2,226,787</u>
<b>Total Assets</b>			
	<u>\$ 7,874,132</u>	<u>\$ 1,902,643</u>	<u>\$ 2,226,787</u>
 <b>Liabilities and Fund Balances</b>			
<b>Liabilities</b>			
Accounts Payable and Accrued Expenses	\$ 44,456	\$ -	\$ -
Accrued Wages and Benefits	150,690	-	-
Due to Other Funds	73,669	-	-
	<u>268,815</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<u>268,815</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
 <b>Deferred Inflows of Resources</b>			
Unearned Revenue	-	-	-
Deferred Tax Receipts	816,178	-	1,416
	<u>816,178</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,416</u>
<b>Total Deferred Inflows of Resources</b>	<u>816,178</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,416</u>
 <b>Fund Balances</b>			
Nonspendable	13,446	-	-
Restricted	-	1,237,219	109,522
Committed	4,303,827	-	-
Assigned	-	665,424	2,115,849
Unassigned	2,471,866	-	-
	<u>6,789,139</u>	<u>1,902,643</u>	<u>2,225,371</u>
<b>Total Fund Balances</b>	<u>6,789,139</u>	<u>1,902,643</u>	<u>2,225,371</u>
	<u>\$ 7,874,132</u>	<u>\$ 1,902,643</u>	<u>\$ 2,226,787</u>
<b>Total Liabilities and Fund Balances</b>	<u>\$ 7,874,132</u>	<u>\$ 1,902,643</u>	<u>\$ 2,226,787</u>

See notes to financial statements.



<u>Stormwater System Reserve Fund</u>	<u>ARPA Fund</u>	<u>Nonmajor Governmental Funds</u>	<u>Total Governmental Funds</u>
\$ 2,858,624	\$ 931,186	\$ 2,556,465	\$ 16,668,534
-	-	3,878	1,572,017
-	-	-	97,552
-	-	-	13,446
-	-	73,669	75,835
<u>\$ 2,858,624</u>	<u>\$ 931,186</u>	<u>\$ 2,634,012</u>	<u>\$ 18,427,384</u>
\$ 7,477	\$ -	\$ 32,441	\$ 84,374
-	-	-	150,690
-	-	-	73,669
<u>7,477</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>32,441</u>	<u>308,733</u>
-	912,076	-	912,076
-	-	3,169	820,763
-	<u>912,076</u>	<u>3,169</u>	<u>1,732,839</u>
-	-	-	13,446
-	-	895,487	2,242,228
-	-	-	4,303,827
2,851,147	19,110	1,702,915	7,354,445
-	-	-	2,471,866
<u>2,851,147</u>	<u>19,110</u>	<u>2,598,402</u>	<u>16,385,812</u>
<u>\$ 2,858,624</u>	<u>\$ 931,186</u>	<u>\$ 2,634,012</u>	<u>\$ 18,427,384</u>

**HILLTOWN TOWNSHIP**  
**BUCKS COUNTY, PA**  
**Reconciliation of Total Governmental Fund Balances to**  
**Net Position of Governmental Activities**  
**December 31, 2023**

Total Governmental Fund Balances	\$ 16,385,812
Amounts Reported for Governmental Activities in the Statement of Net Assets Are Different Because	
Capital Assets Used in Governmental Activities Are Not Financial Resources, and Therefore Not Reported in Funds, Net of Accumulated Depreciation of \$27,401,024.	24,679,027
Other Long-Term Assets Are Not Available to Pay Current Period Expenditures, and Therefore Are Deferred in the Funds.	
Taxes Receivable	820,763
Other Receivables	100,873
Deferred Pension Outflows of Resources Are Not Available in the Current Period	2,555,910
Long-Term Liabilities Are Not Due and Payable in the Current Period, and Therefore Are Not Reported in the Funds.	
Net Pension Liability	(1,078,691)
Compensated Absences	(173,023)
Deferred Pension Inflows of Resources Are Not Available in the Current Period	<u>(211,379)</u>
Net Position of Governmental Activities	<u><u>\$ 43,079,292</u></u>

See notes to financial statements.

**HILLTOWN TOWNSHIP**  
**BUCKS COUNTY, PA**  
**Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances**  
**Governmental Funds**  
**Year Ended December 31, 2023**

	<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Open Space Fund</u>	<u>Road Equipment Fund</u>
<b>Revenues</b>			
Taxes	\$ 6,447,403	\$ 2,950	\$ 118,493
Intergovernmental Revenues	472,796	-	-
Charges for Services	800,551	-	-
Fines, Licenses and Permits	375,839	-	-
Interest Income and Rents	121,570	18,761	22,438
Miscellaneous	277,276	-	-
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<u>8,495,435</u>	<u>21,711</u>	<u>140,931</u>
<b>Expenditures</b>			
General Government	794,665	-	1,919
Public Safety	4,720,498	-	-
Highways	1,706,379	-	1,130
Parks and Recreation	-	-	-
Conservation and Development	5,880	-	-
Capital Expenditures	43,903	-	123,596
Miscellaneous Governmental	91,533	-	-
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<u>7,362,858</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>126,645</u>
<b>Net Change in Fund Balances</b>	1,132,577	21,711	14,286
<b>Fund Balances</b>			
Beginning of Year	<u>5,656,562</u>	<u>1,880,932</u>	<u>2,211,085</u>
End of Year	<u>\$ 6,789,139</u>	<u>\$ 1,902,643</u>	<u>\$ 2,225,371</u>

See notes to financial statements.

Stormwater System Reserve Fund	ARPA Fund	Nonmajor Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
\$ -	\$ -	\$ 225,129	\$ 6,793,975
-	731,590	595,075	1,799,461
-	-	63,554	864,105
-	-	-	375,839
28,474	13,413	30,951	235,607
22,827	-	69,285	369,388
<u>51,301</u>	<u>745,003</u>	<u>983,994</u>	<u>10,438,375</u>
-	-	13,970	810,554
-	-	285,507	5,006,005
59,520	284,289	867,925	2,919,243
-	-	89,213	89,213
-	-	-	5,880
23,747	447,301	104,877	743,424
-	-	-	91,533
<u>83,267</u>	<u>731,590</u>	<u>1,361,492</u>	<u>9,665,852</u>
(31,966)	13,413	(377,498)	772,523
<u>2,883,113</u>	<u>5,697</u>	<u>2,975,900</u>	<u>15,613,289</u>
<u>\$ 2,851,147</u>	<u>\$ 19,110</u>	<u>\$ 2,598,402</u>	<u>\$ 16,385,812</u>

**HILLTOWN TOWNSHIP  
BUCKS COUNTY, PA  
Reconciliation of the Net Changes in Fund Balances of  
Governmental Funds to the Statement of Activities  
Year Ended December 31, 2023**

Net Change in Fund Balances - Total Governmental Funds \$ 772,523

Amounts Reported for Governmental Activities in the Statement of Activities Are Different Because

Governmental Funds Report Capital Outlays As Expenditures. However, in the Statement of Activities, the Cost of Those Assets Is Allocated Over Their Estimated Useful Lives as Depreciation Expense. This Is the Amount By Which Depreciation Expense of \$1,073,806 Exceeded Capital Outlays of \$743,424 in the Current Year. (330,382)

Revenues in the Statement of Activities That Do Not Provide Current Financial Resources Are Not Reported as Revenues in the Funds

Taxes Receivable	175,036
Other Receivables	100,873

Some Expenses Reported in the Statement of Activities Do Not Require the Use of Current Financial Resources, and Therefore Are Not Reported As Expenditures in Governmental Funds.

Compensated Absences	(13,514)
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Other Benefits Do Not Require the Use of Current Financial Resources and, Therefore, Are Not Reported as Expenditures in Governmental Funds.

Deferred Pension Outflows	1,546,050
Net Pension Asset/Liability	(4,794,153)
Deferred Pension Inflows	3,085,541

Change in Net Position of Governmental Activities	\$ 541,974
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See notes to financial statements.

**HILLTOWN TOWNSHIP**  
**BUCKS COUNTY, PA**  
**Statement of Fiduciary Net Position**  
**Custodial Funds**  
**December 31, 2023**

**Assets**

Cash	<u>\$ 1,819,374</u>
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**Liabilities**

Accounts Payable	10,402
Due to Other Funds	2,166
Total Liabilities	<u>12,568</u>

**Net Position**

Restricted for	
Held for Individuals, Organizations and Others	<u>1,806,806</u>
Total Net Position	<u><u>\$ 1,806,806</u></u>

See notes to financial statements.

**HILLTOWN TOWNSHIP  
BUCKS COUNTY, PA  
Statement of Changes in Fiduciary Net Position  
Custodial Funds  
Year Ended December 31, 2023**

Additions		
Escrow Deposits		\$ 406,782
Investment Income		5,007
		411,789
Total Additions		411,789
Deductions		
Professional Fees		148,064
Escrow Releases		756,321
Administrative		9,556
Total Deductions		913,941
Change in Net Position		(502,152)
Net Position		
Beginning of Year		2,308,958
End of Year		\$ 1,806,806

See notes to financial statements.

**HILLTOWN TOWNSHIP**  
**BUCKS COUNTY, PA**  
**Notes to Financial Statements**  
**December 31, 2023**

**1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

Hilltown Township (the Township) was incorporated in 1721, in Bucks County, Pennsylvania. The Township is classified as a “Township of the Second Class” under the laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and provides the following services as authorized by its charter: public safety, highways and streets, culture-recreation, public improvements, planning and zoning, and general and administrative services.

The Township’s statements are prepared in compliance with GASB Statement No. 34, *Basic Financial Statements - and Management’s Discussion and Analysis - for State and Local Governments*. Significant aspects of the Statement include the following:

- A Management Discussion and Analysis (MD&A) section providing an analysis of the Township’s overall financial position and changes in financial position.
- Financial statements prepared using full accrual accounting for all of the Township’s activities, including infrastructure (roads, bridges, etc.).
- A focus on major funds in the fund financial statements.

The Township complies with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP). GAAP includes all relevant Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) pronouncements. In the government-wide financial statements, Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) pronouncements and Accounting Principles Board (APB) opinions issued on or before November 30, 1989, have been applied unless those pronouncements conflict with or contradict GASB pronouncements, in which case, GASB prevails.

**A. Reporting Entity**

GASB Statement No. 14, as amended by GASB No. 61, requires Hilltown Township to include all component units in its annual financial statements. A component unit is defined as any legally separate entity which is controlled by and is financially accountable to the Township.

The Township has no component units. Although the Township appoints the Hilltown Township Water and Sewer Authority (Authority) board members, there is no financial accountability between the Township and the Authority and, therefore, does not meet the criteria of a component unit.

In addition, the Township provides some financial support to seven fire companies – the Hilltown Township Volunteer Fire Company, and the Dublin, Perkasio, Sellersville, Silverdale, Souderton and Telford Fire Companies. Since there is no fiscal dependency, financial benefit or burden relationship, these organizations have been excluded from the reporting entity. The Township levies and collects real estate taxes designated for allocation among the seven fire companies. Additionally, on occasion the Township donates funds for various capital projects of the fire companies, and pays certain expenses on their behalf. Annual appropriations totaled \$180,987 for the year ended December 31, 2023.



**HILLTOWN TOWNSHIP  
BUCKS COUNTY, PA  
Notes to Financial Statements  
December 31, 2023**

**1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)**

**B. Basis of Presentation**

**GOVERNMENT-WIDE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

The government-wide financial statements (i.e., the Statement of Net Position and the Statement of Activities) report information on all of the non-fiduciary activities of the reporting government as a whole. Governmental activities, which normally are supported by taxes and intergovernmental revenues, are reported separately from business-type activities, which primarily rely on fees and charges for support. Fiduciary funds are also excluded from the government-wide financial statements.

The government-wide Statement of Activities presents a comparison between expenses, both direct and indirect, and program revenues for each governmental program. Direct expenses are those that are specifically associated with a service, program, or department and are, therefore, clearly identifiable to a particular function. Indirect expenses for centralized services and administrative overhead are allocated among the programs, functions, and segments using a full cost allocation approach and are presented separately to enhance comparability of direct expenses between governments that allocate direct expenses and those that do not. Program revenues include charges paid by the recipients of the goods or services offered by the programs and grants and contributions that are restricted to meeting the operational or capital requirements of a particular program. Revenues not classified as program revenues are presented as general revenues. The comparison of program revenues and expenses identifies the extent to which each program is self-financing or draws from the general revenues of the Township.

Net position should be reported as restricted when constraints placed on net asset use are either externally imposed by creditors (such as through debt covenants), grantors, contributors, or laws or regulations of other governments or imposed by law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation. The net position restricted for other purposes result from special revenue funds and the restrictions on their net asset use.

Separate financial statements are provided for governmental funds and fiduciary funds, even though the latter are excluded from the government-wide financial statements. Major individual governmental funds are reported as separate columns in the fund financial statements.

**FUND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

The accounts of the Township are organized on the basis of funds and account groups, each of which is considered a separate accounting entity. The operations of each fund are accounted for with a separate set of self-balancing accounts that comprise its assets, liabilities, fund equity, revenues, and expenditures/expenses. Government resources are allocated to and accounted for in individual funds based upon the purposes for which they are to be spent and the means by which spending activities are controlled. Funds are organized into two major categories: governmental and fiduciary.

**HILLTOWN TOWNSHIP  
BUCKS COUNTY, PA  
Notes to Financial Statements  
December 31, 2023**

**1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)**

**B. Basis of Presentation (continued)**

**FUND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)**

Fund financial statements report detailed information about the Township. The focus of governmental fund financial statements is on major funds rather than reporting funds by type. Each major fund is presented in a separate column. Nonmajor funds are aggregated and presented in a single column. A fund is considered major if it is the primary operating fund of the Township or if it meets the following criteria:

1. Total assets, liabilities, revenues, or expenditures/expenses of that individual governmental or enterprise fund are at least 10 percent of the corresponding total for all funds of that category or type; and
2. Total assets, liabilities, revenues, or expenditures/expenses of that individual governmental or enterprise fund are at least 5 percent of the corresponding total for all governmental and enterprise funds combined.

The government-wide statements are prepared using the economic resources measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting. This differs from the manner in which governmental fund financial statements are prepared. Therefore, governmental fund financial statements include reconciliation with brief explanations to better identify the relationship between the government-wide statements and the statements for governmental funds.

The funds of the financial reporting entity are described below.

**Governmental Funds**

**General Fund** - The General Fund is the general operating fund of the Township and is always classified as a major fund. It is used to account for all financial resources except those required to be accounted for in another fund. The Operating Reserve Fund has been combined with the General Fund to conform with the fund definitions set forth in GASB 54 – *Fund Balance Reporting and Governmental Type Definitions*.

**Special Revenue Funds** - Special Revenue Funds are used to account for the proceeds of specific revenue sources that are restricted or committed to expenditures for specified purposes other than debt service or capital projects. The reporting entity includes the following special revenue funds:

**HILLTOWN TOWNSHIP  
BUCKS COUNTY, PA  
Notes to Financial Statements  
December 31, 2023**

**1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)**

**B. Basis of Presentation (continued)**

**FUND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)**

**Governmental Funds (continued)**

**Special Revenue Funds (continued)**

<u>Fund</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Major Fund?</u>
Liquid Fuels	Accounts for revenues and expenditures of state liquid fuels grant funds	No
Street Light	Accounts for revenues and expenditures of street light tax funds	No
Fire Tax	Accounts for revenues and expenditures of fire protection tax funds	No
Open Space	Accounts for tax money received for protection of open space	Yes
Park and Recreation	Accounts for tax money received for parks and recreation	No

**Capital Projects Funds**

Capital projects funds are used to account for financial resources that are restricted, committed, or assigned to expenditures for capital outlays, including the acquisition or construction of capital facilities and other capital assets.

<u>Fund</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Major Fund?</u>
Capital Projects	Accounts for funds received from developers to be spent for capital projects in the Township	No
Road Equipment	Accounts for tax money received for the purchase of road equipment	Yes
Recreation Capital Reserve	Accounts for funds received from developers in lieu of recreation improvements to be used to construct recreational and park facilities	No
Stormwater System Reserve	Accounts for funds received from developers in lieu of stormwater improvements	Yes
ARPA	Accounts for American Rescue Plan Act grant funds received	Yes

**HILLTOWN TOWNSHIP  
BUCKS COUNTY, PA  
Notes to Financial Statements  
December 31, 2023**

**1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)**

**B. Basis of Presentation (continued)**

**FUND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)**

**Fiduciary Funds**

**Custodial Funds** - Custodial Funds (which include the Developers Escrow and Sewer Maintenance Funds) are used to account for assets held by a third party in the Township's name as an agent for individuals, private organizations, other governments, and/or other funds.

**C. Measurement Focus and Basis of Accounting**

Measurement focus is a term used to describe “which” transactions are recorded within the various financial statements. Basis of accounting refers to “when” transactions are recorded regardless of the measurement focus applied.

**Measurement Focus**

On the government-wide Statement of Net Position and the Statement of Activities, governmental activities are presented using the economic resources measurement focus as defined below.

In the fund financial statements, the “current financial resources” measurement focus or the “economic resources” measurement focus is used as appropriate:

1. All governmental funds utilize a “current financial resources” measurement focus. Only current financial assets and liabilities are generally included on their balance sheets. Their operating statements present sources and uses of available spendable financial resources during a given period. These funds use fund balance as their measure of available spendable financial resources at the end of the period.
2. Fiduciary funds are not involved in the measurement of results of operations; therefore, measurement focus is not applicable to them.

**HILLTOWN TOWNSHIP  
BUCKS COUNTY, PA  
Notes to Financial Statements  
December 31, 2023**

**1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)**

**C. Measurement Focus and Basis of Accounting (continued)**

**Basis of Accounting**

In the government-wide Statement of Net Position and Statement of Activities, governmental activities are presented using the accrual basis of accounting. Under the accrual basis of accounting, revenues are recognized when earned, and expenses are recorded when the liability is incurred or economic asset used. Revenues, expenses, gains, losses, assets, and liabilities resulting from exchange and exchange-like transactions are recognized when the exchange takes place.

In the fund financial statements, governmental funds are presented on the modified accrual basis of accounting. Under this modified accrual basis of accounting, revenues are recognized when “measurable and available.” Measurable means knowing or being able to reasonably estimate the amount. Available means collectible within the current period or within 60 days after year end. Expenditures (including capital outlay) are recorded when the related fund liability is incurred, except for general obligation bond principal and interest which are reported when due.

All fiduciary funds utilize the accrual basis of accounting. Under the accrual basis of accounting, revenues are recognized when earned, and expenses are recorded when the liability is incurred or economic asset is used.

**D. Interfund Receivables and Payables**

During the course of operations, numerous transactions occur between individual funds that may result in amounts owed between funds. Those related to goods and services type transactions are classified as “due to and from other funds.” Interfund receivables and payables between funds within governmental activities are eliminated in the Statement of Net Position. See Note 7 for details of interfund transactions, including receivables and payables at year end.

**E. Receivables**

In the government-wide statements, receivables consist of all revenues earned at year end and not yet received. No allowance for uncollectible accounts has been provided since management considers all accounts to be collectible. The Township is permitted to lien the resident’s property if the resident does not remit payment. Major receivable balances for the governmental activities include real estate taxes, earned income taxes, franchise taxes, grants, and police fines.

In the fund financial statements, material receivables in governmental funds include revenue accruals such as real estate tax, earned income tax, franchise tax, and grants and other similar intergovernmental revenues since they are usually both measurable and available. Nonexchange transactions collectible but not available are deferred in the fund financial statements in accordance with the modified accrual basis of accounting, but not deferred in the government-wide financial statements in accordance with the accrual basis. Interest and investment earnings are recorded when earned only if paid within 60 days since they would be considered both measurable and available.

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**1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)**

**F. Capital Assets**

The accounting treatment over property, plant, and equipment (capital assets) depends on whether the assets are reported in the government-wide or fund financial statements.

**Government-wide Statements**

In the government-wide financial statements, fixed assets are accounted for as capital assets. Repairs and maintenance are recorded as expenditures, and renewals and betterments are capitalized. All capital assets are valued at historical cost, except for infrastructure acquired before January 1, 2004, which is valued at estimated historical cost less accumulated depreciation.

Depreciation of all exhaustible capital assets is recorded as an allocated expense in the Statement of Activities, with accumulated depreciation reflected in the Statement of Net Position. Depreciation is provided over the assets' estimated useful lives using the straight-line method of depreciation. The range of estimated useful lives and the capitalization level by type of asset is shown below.

Classifications	Years
Land/Park Improvements	10-20
Buildings and Improvements	20-40
Equipment	5-10
Vehicles	5-10
Furniture and Fixtures	10
Traffic Lights	20
Infrastructure	40

**Fund Financial Statements**

In the fund financial statements, capital assets used in governmental fund operations are accounted for as capital expenditures of the governmental fund upon acquisition.

**G. Long-Term Debt**

All long-term debt to be repaid from governmental resources is reported as liabilities in the government-wide statements. The long-term debt consists primarily of notes payable, if applicable, and accrued compensated absences.

Long-term debt for governmental funds is not reported as liabilities in the fund financial statements. Any debt proceeds are reported as other financing sources and payment of principal and interest reported as expenditures.

The Township had no long-term debt at December 31, 2023.

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**H. Compensated Absences**

Township uniformed employees accumulate vacation and sick time in accordance with their contract. Uniformed employees can earn up to 240 hours of vacation time depending on their years of service. Uniformed employees may carry over 120 unused vacation hours per year.

Uniformed employees are entitled to up to 96 hours of sick leave per year. Sick time can be carried over, and up to 360 hours can be accumulated from year to year. Upon retirement, resignation or termination, the employee is not paid for accumulated sick time.

Township non-uniformed employees accumulate vacation and sick time in accordance with their contract. Non-uniformed employees can earn up to 184 hours of vacation time depending on their years of service. Non-uniformed employees may carry over 240 hours of vacation per year.

Non-uniformed employees are entitled to up to 96 hours of sick leave per year. Sick time can be carried over, and up to 240 hours of sick leave can be accumulated from year to year. Upon retirement, resignation or termination, non-uniformed employees are not paid for accumulated sick time.

The Township is liable to employees in the amount of \$173,023 for vested vacation pay at December 31, 2023.

**I. Equity Classifications**

**Government-Wide Statements**

Equity is classified as net position and displayed in three components:

1. **Invested in capital assets, net of related debt** - Consists of capital assets including restricted capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation and reduced by the outstanding balances of any bonds, mortgages, notes, or other borrowings that are attributable to the acquisition, construction, or improvement of those assets.
2. **Restricted net position** - Consists of net position with constraints placed on the use either by a) external groups such as creditors, grantors, contributors, or laws or regulations of other governments; or b) law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation.
3. **Unrestricted net position** - All other net position that do not meet the definition of “restricted” or “invested in capital assets, net of related debt”.

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**1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)**

**I. Equity Classifications (continued)**

**Fund Statements**

Governmental fund equity is classified as fund balance. Fund balance is further classified as follows:

Nonspendable – includes amounts that cannot be spent because they are not in spendable form or they are legally or contractually required to be kept intact.

Restricted – includes amounts that are restricted for specific purposes by constitutional provisions, enabling legislation, or externally imposed constraints.

Committed – includes amounts that can only be used for specific purposes with constraints that are established by a formal action of the Board of Supervisors (the Board). The constraint can only be changed or removed by another formal action of the Board. The Township's fund balance policy requires passage of a Resolution or an Ordinance by the Board in order to set aside funds as Committed.

Assigned – includes amounts that are constrained by the Township's intent to be used for specific purposes, but are neither restricted nor committed. Assigned balances include all remaining government fund amounts, other than the General Fund, that are not classified as nonspendable, restricted or committed, and are intended for a specific purpose. The intent is expressed by the Board, or an individual to whom the Board has designated authority. The Township's fund balance policy grants this authority to the Township Manager and Finance Director/Treasurer, as well as the Board of Supervisors.

Unassigned – this amount is the residual classification for the General Fund, and any negative fund balances in other governmental funds. Other governmental funds cannot report any positive unassigned amounts.

When expenditures are incurred for purposes for which both restricted and unrestricted fund balance is available, restricted fund balance is considered to have been spent first. When expenditures are incurred for purposes for which amounts in any of the unrestricted fund balance classifications can be used, committed amounts should be reduced first, followed by assigned amounts, then unassigned amounts.



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**1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)**

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

In addition to assets, the statement of financial position reports a separate section for deferred outflows of resources. This separate financial statement element, *deferred outflow of resources*, represents a consumption of net position that applies to a future period and so will *not* be recognized as an outflow of resources (expense/expenditure) until then. The Township has one type of this item that qualifies for reporting in this category.

In addition to liabilities, the statement of financial position reports a separate section for deferred inflows of resources. This separate financial statement element, *deferred inflow of resources*, represents an acquisition of net position that applies to a future period and so will *not* be recognized as an inflow of resources (revenue) until then. The Township has two types of this item that qualifies for reporting in this category in the government-wide financial statements. Additionally, the Township had two types of this item that qualifies for reporting in this category in the fund financial statements as well. Accordingly, these items, *unearned revenue and deferred tax receipts*, are reported in the governmental funds balance sheet. The governmental funds report unearned revenue/deferred tax receipts from several sources: unspent grant funds, property taxes, earned income taxes and local services taxes.

**K. Expenditures/Expenses**

In the government-wide financial statements, expenses are classified by function for governmental activities.

In the fund financial statements, expenditures are classified as follows:

Governmental Funds - By Character	Current (further classified by function)
	Debt Service
	Capital Outlay

In the fund financial statements, governmental funds report expenditures of financial resources.

**L. Interfund Transfers**

Permanent reallocations of resources between funds of the reporting entity are classified as interfund transfers. For the purposes of the Statement of Activities, any interfund transfers between individual governmental funds are eliminated.

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**1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)**

**M. Estimates**

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with GAAP requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements, and the reported amount of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

**N. Stewardship, Compliance, and Accountability**

The following procedures are used by the Township in establishing budgetary data which is reflected in the financial statements.

1. The Township prepares and advertises a proposed budget at least 20 days before the budget is adopted.
2. Public hearings are conducted to obtain comments from taxpayers regarding the proposed budget.
3. The budget is formally adopted by the Board members prior to December 31.
4. The budget is prepared and adopted using the modified accrual basis of accounting, which is consistent with the basis used by the Township for financial reporting.
5. Amendments may be approved by the Board during the year.

**Excess of Expenditures Over Appropriations**

The Township has presented budget to actual comparisons for the General and Open Space Funds. For the year ended December 31, 2023, General Fund expenditures exceeded appropriations in four categories by a total of \$118,484. These excess expenditures were funded by greater than anticipated revenues and fund balance carryforwards.

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**2. CASH**

Cash as of December 31, 2023, is classified in the accompanying financial statements as follows:

Statement of Net Position	
Cash	\$ 16,668,534
Statement of Fiduciary Net Position	
Cash	<u>1,819,374</u>
Total Cash	<u>\$ 18,487,908</u>

Custodial credit risk for deposits is the risk that in the event of a bank failure, the Township's deposits may not be returned to it. All Township deposits are entirely insured or collateralized under a pooled asset program to secure public deposits, in accordance with Act 72 of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. As of December 31, 2023, \$18,341,182 of the Township's bank balance of \$18,591,182 was uninsured, but collateralized by securities held by the bank or by its trust department or agent but not in the Township's name.

**3. FIDUCIARY FUNDS - ESCROW FUND**

The Escrow Fund is a Custodial Fund in that the Township has custodial capacity of funds deposited with it on behalf of developers and other applicants. At December 31, 2023, the Township had \$1,806,806 in escrow deposits and sewer maintenance deposits.

**4. PROPERTY TAXES**

Taxes are levied on March 1, based on the assessed value established by the Bucks County Board of Assessments. Real property in the Township was originally assessed at \$240,221,410 for 2023. Property taxes attach as an enforceable lien on property as of January 15 of the following year. The Township receives all tax collections through its tax collector. The Township is legally permitted to levy up to 14 mills of assessed property valuation for general purposes (19 mills with court approval), and 3 mills for fire tax purposes. The Township had the following millage rates for the year ended December 31, 2023: general purposes, 7.30 mills; fire tax purposes, 0.75 mills; park and recreation purposes, 0.2 mills; road equipment, 0.5 mills.

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**5. CAPITAL ASSETS**

Capital asset activity for the year ended December 31, 2023, was as follows:

	Balance 1/1/23	Additions	Disposals	Balance 12/31/23
<b>Governmental Activities</b>				
Assets Not Being Depreciated				
Land and Conservation Easements	\$ 12,070,447	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 12,070,447
Depreciable Assets				
Land/Park Improvements	847,932	-	-	847,932
Buildings and Improvements	3,804,483	-	-	3,804,483
Equipment	1,875,734	37,812	-	1,913,546
Vehicles	2,869,391	190,661	-	3,060,052
Furniture and Fixtures	60,414	-	-	60,414
Traffic Lights	123,445	43,903	-	167,348
Infrastructure	29,684,781	471,048	-	30,155,829
Total Depreciable Assets	<u>39,266,180</u>	<u>743,424</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>40,009,604</u>
Less Accumulated Depreciation				
Land/Park Improvements	560,059	32,417	-	592,476
Buildings and Improvements	2,246,761	105,844	-	2,352,605
Equipment	1,260,849	126,020	-	1,386,869
Vehicles	2,185,101	284,488	-	2,469,589
Furniture and Fixtures	60,413	-	-	60,413
Traffic Lights	82,327	6,721	-	89,048
Infrastructure	19,931,708	518,316	-	20,450,024
Total Accumulated Depreciation	<u>26,327,218</u>	<u>1,073,806</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>27,401,024</u>
Total Governmental Activities Net Capital Assets	<u>\$ 25,009,409</u>	<u>\$ (330,382)</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 24,679,027</u>

Depreciation expense was charged to programs as follows:

<b>Governmental Activities</b>	
General Government	\$ 364,035
Police	100,397
Highway Maintenance	548,099
Park	61,275
	<u>\$ 1,073,806</u>

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**6. FUND BALANCE CLASSIFICATIONS**

	General Fund	Open Space Fund	Road Equipment Fund	Stormwater System Reserve Fund	ARPA Fund	Nonmajor Governmental Funds	Total
Nonspendable	\$ 13,446	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 13,446
Restricted for:							
Open Space Preservation	-	1,237,219	-	-	-	-	1,237,219
Street Light Costs	-	-	-	-	-	73,681	73,681
Fire Protection	-	-	-	-	-	695	695
Highway Improvements	-	-	-	-	-	743,688	743,688
Public Works Equipment							
Acquisition	-	-	109,522	-	-	-	109,522
Parks and Recreation	-	-	-	-	-	77,423	77,423
	<u>-</u>	<u>1,237,219</u>	<u>109,522</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>895,487</u>	<u>2,242,228</u>
Committed for:							
General Operations	<u>4,303,827</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>4,303,827</u>
Assigned for:							
Open Space Preservation	-	665,424	-	-	-	-	665,424
Capital Acquisition and Construction	-	-	-	-	-	700,461	700,461
Parks and Recreation Improvements	-	-	-	-	-	1,002,454	1,002,454
Public Works Equipment Acquisition	-	-	2,115,849	-	-	-	2,115,849
Stormwater System Improvements	-	-	-	2,851,147	19,110	-	2,870,257
	<u>-</u>	<u>665,424</u>	<u>2,115,849</u>	<u>2,851,147</u>	<u>19,110</u>	<u>1,702,915</u>	<u>7,354,445</u>
Unassigned	<u>2,471,866</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,471,866</u>
Total Fund Balances	<u>\$6,789,139</u>	<u>\$1,902,643</u>	<u>\$2,225,371</u>	<u>\$2,851,147</u>	<u>\$ 19,110</u>	<u>\$2,598,402</u>	<u>\$ 16,385,812</u>

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**7. INTERFUND TRANSACTIONS**

Interfund transactions are as follows:

Purpose	Receivable Fund	Payable Fund	Amount
<b>Due To/From</b>			
Net Funds Advanced for Operating Costs	Street Light	General	\$ 73,669
Interest Income and Admin Fees Payable	General	Escrow	\$ 2,166

**8. DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLANS**

**A. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies**

**Basis of Accounting**

The Plans' financial statements are prepared using the accrual basis of accounting. Plan member contributions are recognized in the period in which the contributions are due. Employer contributions, if required, to the Plan are recognized when due, in accordance with Act 205. Benefits and refunds are recognized when due and payable in accordance with the terms of the Plan.

**Method Used to Value Investments**

Investments are reported at fair value. The Plan' assets with the Pennsylvania Municipal Retirement System (PMRS) are pooled for investment purposes and, therefore, do not represent specific identifiable securities.

**B. Plan Descriptions**

**Plan Administration**

The Township contributes to two public employee retirement systems (PERS), one for its police employees and one for its non-uniformed employees, established in 1980 by resolutions 80-16 and 80-15, respectively. The plans were revised in 2012 by Ordinances 2012-2 and 2012-4. The Plan participates in the PMRS, which is an agent multiple-employer public employee retirement system, which consists of over 1,000 participating employer plans. It is the responsibility of PMRS to act as a common investment agent for participating municipal pension plans. PMRS maintains each municipality's plans separately with that municipality's contributions and related employees' contributions and account earnings and activity. Assets are held separately and may only be used for the payment of plan benefits to its members. Management of the plan is vested with PMRS, which consists of an eleven-member Board: the State Treasurer, Secretary of the Commonwealth, and nine other members appointed by the Governor.

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**8. DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLANS (continued)**

**B. Plan Descriptions (continued)**

**Plan Administration (continued)**

Responsibility for PMRS is vested in the eleven-member Pennsylvania Municipality Retirement Board. There are over 1000 participating employer plans, each of which has the authority to establish or amend its respective benefits and employee contribution rates, subject to PMRS Board approval. PMRS has the broad authority of enabling a municipality to design its own retirement benefit structure. As an alternative, PMRS has two basic benefit structures: one for municipal employees and one for uniformed employees (police and fire fighters). However, municipalities may provide for benefits different from those basic structures. Automatic postretirement benefit increases are optional in plan contracts. Some member municipalities include the automatic increase; others occasionally grant an ad hoc cost-of-living (COLA) increase. The most common method of granting a postretirement benefit increase is through PMRS' excess interest award. Member municipalities interested in amending benefits contact the PMRS staff to discuss desired amendments and to obtain a cost study. Amendments are drafted by the PMRS staff, reviewed by the Chief Counsel's Office, adopted by the municipality, and submitted to the Board for formal approval. PMRS issues a separate Comprehensive Annual Financial Report ("CAFR"). A copy of the CAFR can be obtained by contacting the PMRS Accounting Office, P.O. Box 1165, Harrisburg, PA 17108-1165.

**Plan Membership**

At December 31, 2022, plan membership consisted of the following:

	Police	Non-Uniform
Active Employees	17	17
Retirees and Beneficiaries Currently Receiving Benefits	16	11
Terminated Employees Entitled to Benefits but Not Yet Receiving Them	1	0
Total	34	28

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**8. DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLANS (continued)**

**B. Plan Descriptions (continued)**

**Benefits Provided**

The following table provides information concerning the **Township's Police Pension Plan**:

Covered Employees:	All full-time uniformed employees.
Normal Retirement:	Age 55 and the completion of 12 years of service.
Early Retirement:	After 24 years of service for voluntary terminations, after 8 years for involuntary terminations.
Vesting:	None for the first 12 years of service; thereafter, 100%.
Retirement Benefit:	The annual basic benefit shall be calculated by multiplying the member's final average salary (the average compensation of the participant's last 36 months of employment) by all years of credited service and multiplied by the benefit accrual rate of 2%, not to exceed 50% of final average salary, plus a service increment that is not to exceed \$100 per month, if the officer completes 26 years or more of benefit service.
Death Benefit	
Before Retirement:	Beneficiary receives the balance of the officer's account.
After Retirement:	A pension shall be provided to a retired officer's spouse or to the spouse of an officer eligible to retire, equal to 50% of the eligible pension. If no spouse, then payable to an eligible child.
Disability Benefit	
Service Related:	A disability pension shall be provided to an officer with a total and permanent service related disability equal to 50% of the officer's monthly salary at the time of disability.
Non-Service Related:	A 30% disability benefit is provided to a member who has at least 10 years of service.
Member Contributions Rate:	5% of compensation.
Interest Rate Credited to Member Contributions:	5.25% per annum.



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**8. DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLANS (continued)**

**B. Plan Descriptions (continued)**

**Benefits Provided (continued)**

The following table provides information concerning the **Township's Non-Uniform Employees' Pension Plan**:

Covered Employees:	All full-time non-uniformed employees employed by the Township.
Normal Retirement:	Age 60 and the completion of 12 years of credited service.
Early Retirement:	After 20 years of service for voluntary retirement, or after 8 years for involuntary retirement.
Vesting:	None for the first 12 years of service; thereafter 100%.
Retirement Benefit:	The annual basic benefit shall be calculated by multiplying the member's final average salary (the average compensation of the participant's last five years of employment) by all years of credited service and multiplied by the benefit accrual rate of 1.25%.
Death Benefit	
Before Retirement:	Beneficiary receives the present value of the accrued pension benefit at the date of death.
After Retirement:	The form of benefit payment in force for such participant at the time death occurs.
Disability Benefit:	A service-related disability pension shall be provided to an employee equal to 50% of the member's monthly salary at the time of disability. A 30% disability benefit is provided to a member who has at least 10 years of service. For a non-service-related disability, a 30% disability benefit is provided to a member who has at least 10 years of service
Member Contributions Rate:	N/A

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**8. DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLANS (continued)**

**B. Plan Descriptions (continued)**

**Contributions**

For the Police Plan, participating employees can be required to contribute 5% of their salary to the Plan. For the year 2023, members contributed 5% of their salary to the Plan. If a participating employee leaves covered employment of the Township, other than due to employment-connected death or disability, before 12 years of credited service, accumulated employee contributions plus related investment earnings are refunded to the employee or to a designated beneficiary.

For the Non-Uniform Plan, participating employees can be required to contribute 3.5% of their salary to the Plan. For the year 2023, members contributed 0% of their salary to the Plan. If a participating employee leaves covered employment of the Township, other than due to employment-connected death or disability, before 12 years of credited service, accumulated employee contributions plus related investment earnings are refunded to the employee or to a designated beneficiary.

The Township's funding policy provides for actuarially determined periodic contributions at rates that, for individual employees, increase gradually over time so that sufficient assets will be available to pay benefits when due. The employer's contribution rate for normal cost is determined using the entry age normal actuarial funding method.

The Township's covered employees may be required to contribute a percentage of their salary to the employees' PERS as noted above. The Township is required to contribute the remaining amounts necessary to fund the plans, using the actuarial basis specified by state statute. The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania also provides funds (distribution of foreign casualty insurance premium taxes) to the Township, which are used by the Township in making its regular contributions to the plans.

**C. Investments**

The Plans' assets are managed by PMRS. The Plans' assets with PMRS are pooled for investment purposes and, therefore, do not represent specific identifiable investment securities. Disclosures required by GASB Statement No. 3 for aggregate PMRS investments are included in PMRS' separately issued Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR). A copy of the CAFR can be obtained from the PMRS or contacting their accounting office.

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**8. DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLANS (continued)**

**C. Investments (continued)**

The PMRS Board (the Board) is governed by the “prudent investor” rule in establishing investment policy. The “prudent investor” rule requires the exercise of that degree of judgment, skill, and care under the circumstances then prevailing which investors of prudence, discretion, and intelligence, who are familiar with such matters, exercise in the management of their own affairs not in regard to speculation, but in regard to permanent disposition of the funds, considering the probable income to be derived there from, as well as the probable safety of their capital.

The Board has adopted its Statement of Investment Policy to formally document investment objectives and responsibilities. This policy, as well as applicable state law, established guidelines for permissible investments of PMRS. The pension plan’s policy in regards to the allocation of invested plan assets is established and may be amended by the Board. For the measurement period ending December 31, 2022, the adopted allocation policy is as follows:

Domestic Equities (Large Capitalized Firms)	24.5%
Domestic Equities (Small Capitalized Firms)	8.0%
International Equities (Developed Markets)	14.5%
International Equities (Emerging Markets)	3.0%
Global Equities	5.0%
Fixed Income	29.0%
Real Estate	10%
Timber	5%
Cash	1%

**Rate of Return**

For the measurement period ended December 31, 2022, the annual money-weighted rate of return on Police Plan and NU Plan investments, net of pension plan investment expense, was (12.83)%. The money-weighted rate of return expresses investment performance, net of investment expense, adjusted for changing amounts actually invested.

**D. Deferred Retirement Option Program (DROP)**

An active member who has met the eligibility requirements for the program, which are age 55 and 25 years of service, may elect to participate in the deferred retirement option program for a period of at least one year, but not more than three years. Monthly pension shall be calculated as of the date of participation in the program and shall be accumulated with interest earned on the PMRS DROP account and distributed in a lump sum at retirement.

As of December 31, 2023, there was one participant in the DROP program.

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**8. DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLANS (continued)**

**E. Net Pension Liability (Asset) of the Township**

The components of the net pension liabilities (assets) of the Township at December 31, 2023, were as follows:

	<u>Police</u>	<u>Non-Uniform</u>
Total Pension Liability	\$ 16,654,884	\$ 5,922,027
Plan Fiduciary Net Position	<u>(15,823,326)</u>	<u>(5,674,894)</u>
Township's Net Pension Liability	<u>\$ 831,558</u>	<u>\$ 247,133</u>
Plan Fiduciary Net Position As a Percentage of the Total Pension Liability	95.0%	95.8%

**Actuarial Assumptions**

The total pension liability for the Plans are measured as of December 31, 2022, based on the actuarial valuation of the same date, using the following actuarial assumptions, applied to all periods included in the measurement.

	<u>Police Per Year</u>	<u>Non-Uniform Per Year</u>
Salary Increases	Age-related scale with merit and inflation component	Age-related scale with merit and inflation component
Investment Rate of Return	5.25%	5.25%
Inflation	2.2%	2.2%

See Schedule of Township Contributions for details on mortality rates assumptions.

The actuarial assumptions used in the December 31, 2022, Plan valuations were based on the results of an actuarial experience study for the period covering January 1, 2014 through December 31, 2018.

The net pension liability for both Plans were measured as of December 31, 2022. Because the beginning and end of year total pension liabilities are based upon different actuarial valuation dates, there is a difference between expected and actual experiences reported in 2022. The beginning of the year total pension assets are based upon the January 1, 2021, actuarial valuation. The end of year total pension liabilities is based upon the January 1, 2023, actuarial valuation.

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**8. DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLANS (continued)**

**E. Net Pension Liability (Asset) of the Township (continued)**

The long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments was determined using a building-block method in which best-estimate ranges of expected future real rates of return (expected returns, net of inflation) are developed for each major asset class, for the portfolio as a whole, and at different levels of probability or confidence. These ranges are combined to produce the long-term expected rate of return by weighing the expected future real rates of return by the target asset allocation percentage and by adding expected inflation. The best estimates of arithmetic real rates of return for each major asset class included in the pension plans' target asset allocation as of December 31, 2022 are summarized as follows:

<u>Asset Class</u>	<u>Police Long-Term Expected Real Rate of Return, Per Year</u>	<u>Non-Uniform Long-Term Expected Real Rate of Return, Per Year</u>
Domestic Equity	5.00-5.70%	5.00-5.70%
International Equity	5.10-5.51%	5.10-5.51%
Real Estate	4.92%	4.92%
Timber	4.00%	4.00%
Fixed Income	2.10-5.50%	2.10-5.50%

**Changes in the Net Pension Liability**

Changes in the net pension liability for the measurement date of December 31, 2022, are as follows:

	<u>Police Pension Plan Increase (Decrease)</u>		
	<u>Total Pension Liability (a)</u>	<u>Plan Fiduciary Net Position (b)</u>	<u>Net Pension (Asset) Liability (a) – (b)</u>
Balance at December 31, 2021	\$ 15,430,983	\$ 18,280,685	\$ (2,849,702)
Changes for the Year			
Service Cost	315,713	-	315,713
Interest	811,198	-	811,198
Changes of Assumptions	-	-	-
Difference Between Expected and Actual Experience	695,250	-	695,250
Contributions – Employer	-	253,168	(253,168)
Contributions - Employee	-	161,915	(161,915)
Contributions - PMRS Assessment	-	580	(580)
Net Investment Income	-	796,408	(796,408)
Market Value Investment Loss	-	(3,028,510)	3,028,510
Benefit Payments	(598,260)	(598,260)	-
Administrative Expenses	-	(42,660)	42,660
Net Changes	<u>1,223,901</u>	<u>(2,457,359)</u>	<u>3,681,260</u>
Balances at December 31, 2022	<u>\$ 16,654,884</u>	<u>\$ 15,823,326</u>	<u>\$ 831,558</u>

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**8. DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLANS (continued)**

**E. Net Pension Liability (Asset) of the Township (continued)**

**Changes in the Net Pension Liability (continued)**

	Non-Uniform Pension Plan		
	Increase (Decrease)		
	Total Pension Liability (a)	Plan Fiduciary Net Position (b)	Net Pension (Asset) Liability (a) – (b)
Balance at December 31, 2021	\$ 5,910,118	\$ 6,775,878	\$ (865,760)
Changes for the Year			
Service Cost	105,827	-	105,827
Interest	309,230	-	309,230
Changes of Assumptions	-	-	-
Difference Between Expected and Actual Experience	(148,177)	-	(148,177)
Contributions – Employer	-	136,824	(136,824)
Contributions - PMRS Assessment	-	620	(620)
Net Investment Income	-	295,435	(295,435)
Market Value Investment Loss	-	(1,262,662)	1,262,662
Benefit Payments	(254,971)	(254,971)	-
Administrative Expenses	-	(16,230)	16,230
Net Changes	11,909	(1,100,984)	1,112,893
Balances at December 31, 2022	<u>\$ 5,922,027</u>	<u>\$ 5,674,894</u>	<u>\$ 247,133</u>

**Discount Rate**

The discount rate used to measure the total pension liability was 5.25% for both Plans. The pension plans' fiduciary net position was projected to be available to make all projected future benefit payments of current active and inactive plan members. Therefore, the long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments was applied to all periods of projected benefit payments to determine the total pension liability.

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**8. DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLANS (continued)**

**E. Net Pension Liability (Asset) of the Township (continued)**

**Pension Expense and the Deferred Outflows and Inflows of Resources Related to Pensions**

For the year ended December 31, 2023, the Township recognized pension expense of \$408,202 and \$212,501 in the Police and Non-Uniform Plans, respectively. At December 31, 2023, the Township reported deferred outflows and inflows of resources related to pensions from the following sources:

	Police	
	Deferred Outflows of Resources	Deferred Inflows of Resources
Differences Between Expected and Actual Experience	\$ 640,471	\$ (87,898)
Changes of Assumptions	206,252	-
Net Difference Between Projected and Actual Earnings on Pension Plan Investments	778,783	-
Contributions Made by Employer After Measurement Date	302,896	-
	<u>\$ 1,928,402</u>	<u>\$ (87,898)</u>

Amounts reported as deferred outflows and inflows of resources related to pensions will be recognized in pension expense as follows:

Year Ending December 31,	Amount
2023	\$ (106,292)
2024	272,126
2025	534,322
2026	721,577
2027	115,875
	<u>\$ 1,537,608</u>

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**8. DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLANS (continued)**

**E. Net Pension Liability (Asset) of the Township (continued)**

**Pension Expense and the Deferred Outflows and Inflows of Resources Related to Pensions  
(continued)**

	Non-Uniform	
	Deferred Outflows of Resources	Deferred Inflows of Resources
Differences Between Expected and Actual Experience	\$ 29,148	\$ (123,481)
Changes of Assumptions	89,401	-
Net Difference Between Projected and Actual Earnings on Pension Plan Investments	353,754	-
Contributions Made by Employer After Measurement Date	155,205	-
	\$ 627,508	\$ (123,481)

Amounts reported as deferred outflows and inflows of resources related to pensions will be recognized in pension expense as follows:

Year Ending December 31,	Amount
2023	\$ (78,538)
2024	61,319
2025	162,900
2026	227,838
2027	(24,697)
	\$ 348,822



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**8. DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLANS (continued)**

**E. Net Pension Liability (Asset) of the Township (continued)**

**Sensitivity of the Net Pension Liability (Asset) to Changes in the Discount Rate**

The following presents the net pension liabilities (assets) of the Township, calculated using the discount rate of 5.25% for both the Police and Non-Uniform Plans, as well as what the Township's net pension liabilities (assets) would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is one percentage point lower or one percentage point higher than the current rate.

	1% Decrease (4.25%)	Current Discount Rate (5.25%)	1% Increase (6.25%)
Net Police Pension Liability (Asset)	\$2,985,174	\$831,558	\$(956,813)
	1% Decrease (4.25%)	Current Discount Rate (5.25%)	1% Increase (6.25%)
Net Non-Uniform Pension Liability (Asset)	\$884,962	\$247,133	\$(297,990)

**9. POST-EMPLOYMENT BENEFITS**

In addition to the pension benefits described in Note 8, the Township provides post-employment health care benefits through a defined contribution plan, in accordance with the retiree medical plan, to all uniformed employees who retire from the Township in accordance to the criteria outlined in the police collective bargaining agreement.

The Township makes yearly contributions to a medical reimbursement account established on behalf of each eligible employee, based on the terms in the police contract. The contribution for the year ended December 31, 2023 was \$31,925. Employees are not required to contribute to the plan.

Under the terms of the plan, eligible retirees shall be entitled to receive reimbursement for eligible medical expenses up to the amount maintained in their medical reimbursement account maintained for the respective retiree. Eligible medical expenses are any medical expenses that would be eligible for deduction on an individual income tax return, other than direct long-term care expenses, and without regard to any limitations imposed based on the adjusted gross income of an eligible employee. Any plan participant who separates from police employment with the Township prior to retirement shall have his or her medical reimbursement accounts revert back to the Township. The accounts also revert back to the Township upon the death of the participant.

The plan became effective January 1, 2009. Currently, there are no retirees receiving benefits, and 19 uniformed employees are receiving contributions in their medical reimbursement account.

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**10. DEFERRED COMPENSATION PLAN**

The Township offers its employees a deferred compensation plan created in accordance with Internal Revenue Code (IRC) Section 457. The plan permits participating employees to defer a portion of their salary until future years. The deferred compensation is not available to employees until termination, retirement, death, or unforeseeable emergency.

The assets of the plan are placed in trust for the exclusive benefit of participants and their beneficiaries. The requirements of IRC Section 457(g) prescribe that the Township is not the owner of the amounts deferred by employees, including the related income on those amounts. Accordingly, the assets and the related liability for the compensation deferred by plan participants, including earnings on plan assets, are not included in the Township's financial statements.

**11. RISK MANAGEMENT**

The Township is exposed to various kinds of loss related to limited torts; theft of, and damage to and destruction of assets; errors and omissions; and natural disasters for which the Township carries commercial insurance.

**a. Health Care Coverage**

The Township participates in the Delaware Valley Health Trust (DVHT). DVHT is a regional risk sharing pool providing health insurance benefits to employees and dependents of participating municipalities.

**b. Workers' Compensation Coverage**

The Township participates in the Delaware Valley Workers' Compensation Trust (DVWCT). DVWCT is a regional risk sharing pool providing workers' compensation benefits to employees. The volunteer firemen's workers' compensation benefits are provided through the state program.

**c. Insurance Coverage**

The Township participates in the Delaware Valley Property Liability Trust (DVPLT). DVPLT is a regional risk sharing pool that provides commercial, liability and bonding coverage for the Township.

Management believes the above coverages are sufficient to preclude any significant uninsured losses to the Township. There have been no significant reductions in coverage from the prior year.

**12. CONTINGENCIES**

The Township is party to various legal proceedings which normally occur in the course of governmental operations. The financial statements do not include accruals or provisions for loss contingencies that may result from these proceedings. While the outcome of the above noted proceedings cannot be predicted, due to the insurance coverage maintained by the Township, management feels that any settlement of judgment not covered by insurance would not materially affect the financial condition of the Township.

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**13. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS**

During the year, the Township received \$18,662 from the Hilltown Township Water and Sewer Authority for cell tower rentals.

**14. SUBSEQUENT EVENTS**

Management has evaluated subsequent events through March 20, 2024, the date which the financial statements were available to be issued.

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**Police Pension Plan**  
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	Measurement Date as of December 31,				
	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018
<b>Total Pension Liability</b>					
Service Cost	\$ 315,713	\$ 310,644	\$ 290,753	\$ 272,228	\$ 227,808
Interest	811,198	783,332	728,977	716,112	732,702
Changes of Benefit Terms	-	-	-	-	-
Differences Between Expected and Actual Experience	695,250	-	122,194	-	(527,403)
Changes of Assumptions	-	-	412,505	-	-
Benefit Payments (Including Refunds of Member Contributions)	(598,260)	(539,004)	(539,004)	(978,995)	(612,744)
<b>Net Change in Total Pension Liability</b>	<u>1,223,901</u>	<u>554,972</u>	<u>1,015,425</u>	<u>9,345</u>	<u>(179,637)</u>
<b>Total Pension Liability</b>					
Beginning of Year	<u>15,430,983</u>	<u>14,876,011</u>	<u>13,860,586</u>	<u>13,851,241</u>	<u>14,030,878</u>
End of Year	<u>\$ 16,654,884</u>	<u>\$ 15,430,983</u>	<u>\$ 14,876,011</u>	<u>\$ 13,860,586</u>	<u>\$ 13,851,241</u>
<b>Plan Fiduciary Net Position</b>					
Contributions					
Employer	\$ 253,748	\$ 246,262	\$ 247,206	\$ 221,629	\$ 264,988
Member	161,915	113,517	108,504	102,111	85,780
Net Investment Income (Loss)	(2,232,102)	2,144,462	2,020,606	2,157,821	(759,525)
Benefit Payments (Including Refunds of Member Contributions)	(598,260)	(539,004)	(539,004)	(978,995)	(612,744)
Administrative Expense	(42,660)	(43,773)	(31,478)	(24,897)	(30,655)
<b>Net Change in Plan Fiduciary Net Position</b>	<u>(2,457,359)</u>	<u>1,921,464</u>	<u>1,805,834</u>	<u>1,477,669</u>	<u>(1,052,156)</u>
<b>Plan Fiduciary Net Position</b>					
Beginning of Year	<u>18,280,685</u>	<u>16,359,221</u>	<u>14,553,387</u>	<u>13,075,718</u>	<u>14,127,874</u>
End of Year	<u>\$ 15,823,326</u>	<u>\$ 18,280,685</u>	<u>\$ 16,359,221</u>	<u>\$ 14,553,387</u>	<u>\$ 13,075,718</u>

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	Measurement Date as of December 31,				
	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018
(Continued)					
<b>Township's Ending Net Pension Liability (Asset)</b>	<u>\$ 831,558</u>	<u>\$ (2,849,702)</u>	<u>\$ (1,483,210)</u>	<u>\$ (692,801)</u>	<u>\$ 775,523</u>
Plan Fiduciary Net Position As a Percentage of the Total Pension Liability	95.0%	118.5%	110.0%	105.0%	94.4%
Covered Employee Payroll	<u>\$ 2,307,382</u>	<u>\$ 2,270,338</u>	<u>\$ 2,170,082</u>	<u>\$ 2,031,820</u>	<u>\$ 1,715,599</u>
Township's Net Pension Liability (Asset) As a Percentage of Covered Employee Payroll	36.0%	(125.5)%	(68.3)%	(34.1)%	45.2%

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	Measurement Date as of December 31,			
	2017	2016	2015	2014
<b>Total Pension Liability</b>				
Service Cost	\$ 217,724	\$ 195,144	\$ 270,302	\$ 293,988
Interest	715,001	716,784	706,740	666,256
Changes of Benefit Terms	-	-	-	-
Differences Between Expected and Actual Experience	-	(244,483)	-	104,135
Changes of Assumptions	-	357,857	(398,208)	-
Benefit Payments (Including Refunds of Member Contributions)	(598,720)	(327,058)	(315,216)	(294,300)
<b>Net Change in Total Pension Liability</b>	<u>334,005</u>	<u>698,244</u>	<u>263,618</u>	<u>770,079</u>
<b>Total Pension Liability</b>				
Beginning of Year	<u>13,696,873</u>	<u>12,998,629</u>	<u>12,735,011</u>	<u>11,964,932</u>
End of Year	<u>\$ 14,030,878</u>	<u>\$ 13,696,873</u>	<u>\$ 12,998,629</u>	<u>\$ 12,735,011</u>
<b>Plan Fiduciary Net Position</b>				
Contributions				
Employer	\$ 295,271	\$ 278,370	\$ 307,434	\$ 231,746
Member	81,929	80,524	87,400	97,792
Net Investment Income (Loss)	2,087,098	760,968	(105,023)	644,800
Benefit Payments (Including Refunds of Member Contributions)	(598,720)	(327,058)	(315,216)	(294,300)
Administrative Expense	(30,556)	(31,826)	(27,429)	(23,635)
<b>Net Change in Plan Fiduciary Net Position</b>	<u>1,835,022</u>	<u>760,978</u>	<u>(52,834)</u>	<u>656,403</u>
<b>Plan Fiduciary Net Position</b>				
Beginning of Year	<u>12,292,822</u>	<u>11,531,844</u>	<u>11,584,678</u>	<u>10,928,275</u>
End of Year	<u>\$ 14,127,844</u>	<u>\$ 12,292,822</u>	<u>\$ 11,531,844</u>	<u>\$ 11,584,678</u>

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	Measurement Date as of December 31,			
	2017	2016	2015	2014
(Continued)				
<b>Township's Ending Net Pension Liability</b>	<u>\$ (96,966)</u>	<u>\$ 1,404,051</u>	<u>\$ 1,466,785</u>	<u>\$ 1,150,333</u>
Plan Fiduciary Net Position As a Percentage of the Total Pension Liability	100.7%	89.7%	88.7%	91.0%
Covered Employee Payroll	<u>\$ 1,639,655</u>	<u>\$ 1,610,469</u>	<u>\$ 1,747,984</u>	<u>\$ 1,903,578</u>
Township's Net Pension Liability (Asset) As a Percentage of Covered Employee Payroll	(5.9)%	87.2%	83.9%	60.4%

Change in benefit terms: None

Change in assumptions: 2020 - Assumptions based on PMRS Experience Study for the period covering January 1, 2014 through December 31, 2018 issued by the actuary in September 2020.

This schedule is presented to illustrate the requirement to show information for 10 years. However, until a 10-year trend is complete, available information is presented.

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	Measurement Date as of December 31,				
	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018
<b>Total Pension Liability</b>					
Service Cost	\$ 105,827	\$ 104,187	\$ 112,126	\$ 103,923	\$ 100,168
Interest	309,230	300,923	280,784	272,790	251,305
Changes of Benefit Terms	-	-	-	-	-
Differences Between Expected and Actual Experience	(148,177)	-	58,296	-	265,269
Changes of Assumptions	-	-	178,801	-	-
Benefit Payments (Including Refunds of Member Contributions)	(254,971)	(242,257)	(234,772)	(230,562)	(192,454)
<b>Net Change in Total Pension Liability</b>	<u>11,909</u>	<u>162,853</u>	<u>395,235</u>	<u>146,151</u>	<u>424,288</u>
<b>Total Pension Liability</b>					
Beginning of Year	<u>5,910,118</u>	<u>5,747,265</u>	<u>5,352,030</u>	<u>5,205,879</u>	<u>4,781,591</u>
End of Year	<u>\$ 5,922,027</u>	<u>\$ 5,910,118</u>	<u>\$ 5,747,265</u>	<u>\$ 5,352,030</u>	<u>\$ 5,205,879</u>
<b>Plan Fiduciary Net Position</b>					
Contributions					
Employer	\$ 137,444	\$ 140,950	\$ 108,070	\$ 104,789	\$ 101,594
Member	-	-	-	-	-
Net Investment Income (Loss)	(967,227)	807,483	772,273	953,956	(278,011)
Benefit Payments (Including Refunds of Member Contributions)	(254,971)	(242,257)	(234,772)	(230,562)	(192,454)
Administrative Expense	(16,230)	(16,755)	(12,078)	(9,383)	(10,883)
<b>Net Change in Plan Fiduciary Net Position</b>	<u>(1,100,984)</u>	<u>689,421</u>	<u>633,493</u>	<u>818,800</u>	<u>(379,754)</u>
<b>Plan Fiduciary Net Position</b>					
Beginning of Year	<u>6,775,878</u>	<u>6,086,457</u>	<u>5,452,964</u>	<u>4,634,164</u>	<u>5,013,918</u>
End of Year	<u>\$ 5,674,894</u>	<u>\$ 6,775,878</u>	<u>\$ 6,086,457</u>	<u>\$ 5,452,964</u>	<u>\$ 4,634,164</u>



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	Measurement Date as of December 31,				
	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018
(Continued)					
<b>Township's Ending Net Pension Liability (Asset)</b>	<u>\$ 247,133</u>	<u>\$ (865,760)</u>	<u>\$ (339,192)</u>	<u>\$ (100,934)</u>	<u>\$ 571,715</u>
Plan Fiduciary Net Position As a Percentage of the Total Pension Liability	95.8%	114.6%	105.9%	101.9%	89.0%
Covered Employee Payroll	<u>\$ 1,425,969</u>	<u>\$ 1,403,873</u>	<u>\$ 1,473,344</u>	<u>\$ 1,365,559</u>	<u>\$ 1,327,304</u>
Township's Net Pension Liability (Asset) As a Percentage of Covered Employee Payroll	17.3%	(61.7)%	(23.0)%	(7.4)%	43.1%

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	Measurement Date as of December 31,			
	2017	2016	2015	2014
<b>Total Pension Liability</b>				
Service Cost	\$ 93,914	\$ 84,467	\$ 86,229	\$ 89,869
Interest	239,988	236,208	221,762	206,453
Changes of Benefit Terms	-	-	-	-
Differences Between Expected and Actual Experience	-	(93,931)	-	30,654
Changes of Assumptions	-	98,913	10,051	-
Benefit Payments (Including Refunds of Member Contributions)	(58,442)	(58,721)	(48,665)	(41,413)
<b>Net Change in Total Pension Liability</b>	<u>275,460</u>	<u>266,936</u>	<u>269,377</u>	<u>285,563</u>
<b>Total Pension Liability</b>				
Beginning of Year	<u>4,506,131</u>	<u>4,239,195</u>	<u>3,969,818</u>	<u>3,684,255</u>
End of Year	<u>\$ 4,781,591</u>	<u>\$ 4,506,131</u>	<u>\$ 4,239,195</u>	<u>\$ 3,969,818</u>
<b>Plan Fiduciary Net Position</b>				
Contributions				
Employer	\$ 96,971	\$ 81,384	\$ 87,655	\$ 73,825
Member	-	-	-	-
Net Investment Income (Loss)	732,828	331,296	(11,654)	195,839
Benefit Payments (Including Refunds of Member Contributions)	(58,442)	(58,721)	(48,665)	(41,413)
Administrative Expense	(11,275)	(11,648)	(9,479)	(8,262)
<b>Net Change in Plan Fiduciary Net Position</b>	<u>760,082</u>	<u>342,311</u>	<u>17,857</u>	<u>219,989</u>
<b>Plan Fiduciary Net Position</b>				
Beginning of Year	<u>4,253,836</u>	<u>3,911,525</u>	<u>3,893,668</u>	<u>3,673,679</u>
End of Year	<u>\$ 5,013,918</u>	<u>\$ 4,253,836</u>	<u>\$ 3,911,525</u>	<u>\$ 3,893,668</u>

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	Measurement Date as of December 31,			
	2017	2016	2015	2014
(Continued)				
<b>Township's Ending Net Pension Liability</b>	<u>\$ (232,327)</u>	<u>\$ 252,295</u>	<u>\$ 327,670</u>	<u>\$ 76,150</u>
Plan Fiduciary Net Position As a Percentage of the Total Pension Liability	104.5%	94.4%	92.2%	98.1%
Covered Employee Payroll	<u>\$ 1,244,436</u>	<u>\$ 1,183,775</u>	<u>\$ 1,119,646</u>	<u>\$ 1,126,981</u>
Township's Net Pension Liability (Asset) As a Percentage of Covered Employee Payroll	(18.7)%	21.3%	29.2%	6.7%

Change in benefit terms: None

Change in assumptions: 2020 - Assumptions based on PMRS Experience Study for the period covering January 1, 2014 through December 31, 2018 issued by the actuary in September 2020.

This schedule is presented to illustrate the requirement to show information for 10 years. However, until a 10-year trend is complete, available information is presented.

**HILLTOWN TOWNSHIP  
BUCKS COUNTY, PA  
Required Supplementary Information  
Schedule of Township Contributions  
Police Pension Plan  
December 31, 2023  
(Unaudited)**

Year	Actuarially Determined Contribution	Contributions in Relation to the Actuarially Determined Contribution	Contribution Deficiency (Excess)	Covered Employee Payroll	Contributions As a Percentage of Covered Employee Payroll
2022	\$ 253,728	\$ 253,748	\$ 20	\$ 2,307,382	11.0%
2021	\$ 246,242	\$ 246,262	\$ 20	\$ 2,270,338	10.8%
2020	\$ 247,206	\$ 247,206	\$ -	\$ 2,170,082	11.4%
2019	\$ 222,149	\$ 222,149	\$ -	\$ 2,031,820	10.9%
2018	\$ 264,928	\$ 264,988	\$ (60)	\$ 1,715,599	15.5%
2017	\$ 295,261	\$ 295,301	\$ (40)	\$ 1,639,655	18.0%
2016	\$ 278,370	\$ 278,370	\$ -	\$ 1,610,469	17.3%
2015	\$ 307,414	\$ 307,434	\$ (20)	\$ 1,747,984	17.6%
2014	\$ 231,746	\$ 231,746	\$ -	\$ 1,903,578	12.2%

**Notes to Schedule:**

Valuation Date:

Actuarially determined contribution rates are calculated as of January 1, for the odd valuation year at least two years prior to the end of the fiscal year in which the contributions are reported.

Methods and Assumptions Used to Determine Contribution Rates:

Actuarial Valuation Date	January 1, 2019
Actuarial Cost Method	Entry Age Normal
Amortization Method	Level Dollar Closed
Asset Valuation Method	Based on the municipal reserves
Inflation	2.8%
Salary Increases	Age-related scale with merit and inflation component
Investment Rate of Return	5.25%
Retirement Age	Normal Retirement Age
Mortality	RP2000 Table
Pre-Retirement Mortality	Males - RP-2000 Male Non-Annuitant Table projected 15 years with Scale AA, Females - RP-2000 Female Non-Annuitant Table projected 15 years with Scale AA
Post-Retirement Mortality	Males - RP-2000 Male Annuitant Table projected 5 years with Scale AA, Females - RP-2000 Female Annuitant Table projected 10 years with Scale AA

**HILLTOWN TOWNSHIP  
BUCKS COUNTY, PA  
Required Supplementary Information  
Schedule of Township Contributions  
Non-Uniform Pension Plan  
December 31, 2023  
(Unaudited)**

Year	Actuarially Determined Contribution	Contributions in Relation to the Actuarially Determined Contribution	Contribution Deficiency (Excess)	Covered Employee Payroll	Contributions As a Percentage of Covered Employee Payroll
2022	\$ 137,424	\$ 137,444	\$ (20)	\$ 1,425,969	9.6%
2021	\$ 140,930	\$ 140,950	\$ (20)	\$ 1,403,873	10.0%
2020	\$ 108,070	\$ 108,070	\$ -	\$ 1,473,344	7.3%
2019	\$ 104,749	\$ 104,789	\$ (40)	\$ 1,365,559	7.7%
2018	\$ 101,554	\$ 101,594	\$ (40)	\$ 1,327,304	7.7%
2017	\$ 96,911	\$ 96,971	\$ (60)	\$ 1,244,436	7.8%
2016	\$ 81,364	\$ 81,384	\$ (20)	\$ 1,183,775	6.9%
2015	\$ 87,635	\$ 87,655	\$ (20)	\$ 1,119,646	7.8%
2014	\$ 72,077	\$ 73,825	\$ (1,748)	\$ 1,126,981	6.6%

**Notes to Schedule:**

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**HILLTOWN TOWNSHIP  
BUCKS COUNTY, PA  
Required Supplementary Information  
Schedule of Investment Returns  
December 31, 2023  
(Unaudited)**

	<u>Police</u>	<u>Non-Uniform</u>
Annual Money-Weighted Rate of Return, Net of Investment Expense		
2022	(12.83)%	(12.83)%
2021	13.34%	13.34%
2020	13.80%	13.80%
2019	20.90%	20.90%
2018	(4.57)%	(4.57)%
2017	17.84%	17.84%
2016	8.23%	8.23%
2015	(0.27)%	(0.27)%
2014	5.20%	5.20%
2013	7.28%	7.28%

**HILLTOWN TOWNSHIP**  
**BUCKS COUNTY, PA**  
**Schedule of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances**  
**Budget and Actual**  
**General and Open Space Funds**  
**Year Ended December 31, 2023**

	<b>General Fund</b>		
	Budget	Actual	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)
<b>Revenues</b>			
Taxes	\$ 4,994,149	\$ 6,447,403	\$ 1,453,254
Intergovernmental Revenues	438,000	472,796	34,796
Charges for Services	795,205	800,551	5,346
Fees, Licenses and Permits	399,300	375,839	(23,461)
Interest Income and Rents	72,550	121,570	49,020
Miscellaneous	40,000	277,276	237,276
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<u>6,739,204</u>	<u>8,495,435</u>	<u>1,756,231</u>
<b>Expenditures</b>			
General Government	756,972	794,665	(37,693)
Public Safety	4,709,382	4,720,498	(11,116)
Highways	1,785,303	1,706,379	78,924
Conservation and Development	6,500	5,880	620
Capital Expenditures	-	43,903	(43,903)
Miscellaneous Governmental	65,761	91,533	(25,772)
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<u>7,323,918</u>	<u>7,362,858</u>	<u>(38,940)</u>
<b>Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over Expenditures Before Other Financing Sources (Uses)</b>	(584,714)	1,132,577	1,717,291
<b>Other Financing Sources (Uses)</b>			
Operating Transfers Out	-	-	-
<b>Net Change in Fund Balances</b>	(584,714)	1,132,577	1,717,291
<b>Fund Balances</b>			
Beginning of Year	1,261,872	5,656,562	4,394,690
End of Year	<u>\$ 677,158</u>	<u>\$ 6,789,139</u>	<u>\$ 6,111,981</u>

See notes to schedules of budget to actual comparisons.

**Open Space Fund**

Budget	Actual	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)
\$ 500	\$ 2,950	\$ 2,450
-	-	-
-	-	-
-	-	-
15,000	18,761	3,761
-	-	-
<u>15,500</u>	<u>21,711</u>	<u>6,211</u>
-	-	-
-	-	-
-	-	-
5,000	-	5,000
-	-	-
-	-	-
<u>5,000</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>5,000</u>
10,500	21,711	11,211
-	-	-
<u>10,500</u>	<u>21,711</u>	<u>11,211</u>
1,897,807	1,880,932	(16,875)
<u>\$ 1,908,307</u>	<u>\$ 1,902,643</u>	<u>\$ (5,664)</u>



**HILLTOWN TOWNSHIP**  
**BUCKS COUNTY, PA**  
**Notes to Schedules of Budget to Actual Comparisons**  
**December 31, 2023**

**1. BASIS OF PRESENTATION**

The Township has prepared the Schedule of Budget to Actual Comparisons using the same format as the Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances.

The Township did not amend its 2023 budget as originally adopted and, therefore, is presenting its original and final budget in one column for each fund presented.

**2. DIFFERENCES IN BUDGET BASIS VERSUS GAAP BASIS**

Miscellaneous governmental expenditures are budgeted for as such. Actual expenses have been allocated to activities.

**HILLTOWN TOWNSHIP  
BUCKS COUNTY, PA  
Combining Balance Sheet  
Nonmajor Governmental Funds  
December 31, 2023**

	<u>Fire Tax Fund</u>	<u>Street Light Fund</u>	<u>Liquid Fuels Fund</u>	<u>Park and Recreation Fund</u>
<b>Assets</b>				
Cash	\$ 8,224	\$ -	\$ 743,688	\$ 317,125
Taxes Receivable	2,718	483	-	677
Due from Other Funds	-	73,669	-	-
	<u>-</u>	<u>73,669</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>Total Assets</b>	<u><u>\$ 10,942</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 74,152</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 743,688</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 317,802</u></u>
 <b>Liabilities and Fund Balances</b>				
Liabilities				
Accounts Payable and Accrued Expenses	\$ 8,079	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 152
	<u>8,079</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>152</u>
Deferred Inflows of Resources				
Deferred Tax Receipts	2,168	471	-	530
	<u>2,168</u>	<u>471</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>530</u>
Fund Balances				
Restricted	695	73,681	743,688	77,423
Assigned	-	-	-	239,697
Total Fund Balances	<u>695</u>	<u>73,681</u>	<u>743,688</u>	<u>317,120</u>
	<u>695</u>	<u>73,681</u>	<u>743,688</u>	<u>317,120</u>
<b>Total Liabilities and Fund Balances</b>	<u><u>\$ 10,942</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 74,152</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 743,688</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 317,802</u></u>

<u>Capital Projects Fund</u>	<u>Recreation Capital Reserve</u>	<u>Total Nonmajor Governmental Funds</u>
\$ 723,539	\$ 763,889	\$ 2,556,465
-	-	3,878
<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>73,669</u>
<u>\$ 723,539</u>	<u>\$ 763,889</u>	<u>\$ 2,634,012</u>
<u>\$ 23,078</u>	<u>\$ 1,132</u>	<u>\$ 32,441</u>
<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3,169</u>
-	-	895,487
<u>700,461</u>	<u>762,757</u>	<u>1,702,915</u>
<u>700,461</u>	<u>762,757</u>	<u>2,598,402</u>
<u>\$ 723,539</u>	<u>\$ 763,889</u>	<u>\$ 2,634,012</u>

**HILLTOWN TOWNSHIP**  
**BUCKS COUNTY, PA**  
**Combining Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances**  
**Nonmajor Governmental Funds**  
**Year Ended December 31, 2023**

	<u>Fire Tax Fund</u>	<u>Street Light Fund</u>	<u>Liquid Fuels Fund</u>	<u>Park and Recreation Fund</u>
Revenues				
Taxes	\$ 177,734	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 47,395
Intergovernmental Revenues	-	-	589,340	-
Charges for Services	-	57,894	-	5,660
Interest Income and Rents	716	-	11,324	3,226
Miscellaneous	-	-	-	-
Total Revenues	<u>178,450</u>	<u>57,894</u>	<u>600,664</u>	<u>56,281</u>
Expenditures				
General Government	2,879	-	-	768
Public Safety	180,987	-	-	-
Highways	-	44,670	823,255	-
Parks and Recreation	-	-	-	57,055
Capital Expenditures	-	-	-	-
Total Expenditures	<u>183,866</u>	<u>44,670</u>	<u>823,255</u>	<u>57,823</u>
Net Change in Fund Balances	(5,416)	13,224	(222,591)	(1,542)
Fund Balances				
Beginning of Year	<u>6,111</u>	<u>60,457</u>	<u>966,279</u>	<u>318,662</u>
End of Year	<u>\$ 695</u>	<u>\$ 73,681</u>	<u>\$ 743,688</u>	<u>\$ 317,120</u>

<u>Capital Projects Fund</u>	<u>Recreation Capital Reserve</u>	<u>Total Nonmajor Governmental Funds</u>
\$ -	\$ -	\$ 225,129
5,735	-	595,075
-	-	63,554
7,944	7,741	30,951
61,230	8,055	69,285
<u>74,909</u>	<u>15,796</u>	<u>983,994</u>
10,323	-	13,970
104,520	-	285,507
-	-	867,925
-	32,158	89,213
88,475	16,402	104,877
<u>203,318</u>	<u>48,560</u>	<u>1,361,492</u>
(128,409)	(32,764)	(377,498)
<u>828,870</u>	<u>795,521</u>	<u>2,975,900</u>
<u>\$ 700,461</u>	<u>\$ 762,757</u>	<u>\$ 2,598,402</u>

**HILLTOWN TOWNSHIP**  
**BUCKS COUNTY, PA**  
**Combining Statement of Fiduciary Net Position - Custodial Funds**  
**December 31, 2023**

	<u>Sewer Maintenance Funds</u>	<u>Developers' Escrow Funds</u>	<u>Total</u>
<b>Assets</b>			
Cash	<u>\$ 512,725</u>	<u>\$ 1,306,649</u>	<u>\$ 1,819,374</u>
<b>Liabilities</b>			
Accounts Payable	-	10,402	10,402
Due to Other Funds	-	2,166	2,166
Total Liabilities	<u>-</u>	<u>12,568</u>	<u>12,568</u>
<b>Net Position</b>			
Held for Individuals, Organizations and Others	<u><u>\$ 512,725</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 1,294,081</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 1,806,806</u></u>

**HILLTOWN TOWNSHIP**  
**BUCKS COUNTY, PA**  
**Combining Statement of Changes in Fiduciary Net Position - Custodial Funds**  
**December 31, 2023**

	Sewer Maintenance Funds	Developers Escrow Funds	Total
	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
Additions			
Escrow Deposits	\$ 9,000	\$ 397,782	\$ 406,782
Investment Income	5,007	-	5,007
	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
Total Additions	14,007	397,782	411,789
	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
Deductions			
Professional Fees	-	148,064	148,064
Escrow Releases	-	756,321	756,321
Administrative	-	9,556	9,556
Total Deductions	<u>          </u>	<u>913,941</u>	<u>913,941</u>
	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
Change in Net Position	14,007	(516,159)	(502,152)
	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
Net Position			
Beginning of Year	<u>498,718</u>	<u>1,810,240</u>	<u>2,308,958</u>
	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
End of Year	<u>\$ 512,725</u>	<u>\$ 1,294,081</u>	<u>\$ 1,806,806</u>
	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>