Audited Financial Statements

December 31, 2022

Rye Township

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

Board of Supervisors Rye Township, Perry County Marysville, Pennsylvania

REPORT ON THE AUDIT OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Opinions

We have audited the accompanying modified cash basis financial statements of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, and each major fund of Rye Township, Perry County, Pennsylvania, as of and for the year ended December 31, 2022, 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 referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective modified cash basis financial position of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, and each major fund of the Rye Township, Perry County, Pennsylvania, as of December 31, 2022, and the respective changes in modified cash basis financial position, and, where applicable, cash flows thereof for the year then ended in accordance with the modified cash basis of accounting described in Note 1.

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 Auditor's 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.

Emphasis of Matter - Basis of Accounting

We draw attention to Note 1 of the financial statements, which describes the basis of accounting. The financial statements are prepared on the modified cash basis of accounting, which is a basis of accounting other than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. Our opinions are not modified with respect to this matter.

Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with the modified cash basis of accounting described in Note 1, and for determining that the modified cash basis of accounting is acceptable basis for the preparation of the financial statements in the circumstances.

Management is also responsible for the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinions. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with GAAS 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 Rye 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 Rye 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.

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 budgetary comparison schedules are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the basic financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements. The information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements or to the basic financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America.

In our opinion, the budgetary comparison schedules are fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the basic financial statements as a whole.

Other Information

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

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

Smith Elliott & Company, UL

Carlisle, Pennsylvania April 20, 2023

RYE TOWNSHIP

Management's Discussion and Analysis - Unaudited

Our discussion and analysis of Rye Township's (the "Township") financial performance provides an overview of the Township's financial activities for the year ended December 31, 2022, within the limitations of the Township's modified cash basis of accounting. Please read it in conjunction with the Township's financial statements that follow.

FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS/ANALYSIS OF FUNDS

- ◆ Total assets for the Solid Waste Fund at the end of the 2022 Fiscal year were \$ 296,444 which is an increase of \$ 1,793 from the preceding year. The fund increased due to an increase in the quarterly trash fees for the year 2022 and monies received from the recycling of scrap metal received at the annual clean-up. No increase in the residential and commercial trash fees is proposed for 2023.
- Solid Waste revenues are generated from quarterly trash billings, including delinquent fees and penalty charges, a small amount of investment interest, and costs recouped from recycling scrap metal received at the annual bulk clean-up.
- Effective January 2019, corrugated cardboard is the only item recycled by the Township at its voluntary drop-off site, which is located in the fenced-in lot to the rear of the Township building. The Township pays Penn Waste, Inc. a hauling charge of \$320.00 per haul when they empty the cardboard transporter. Participation increased slightly in 2022.
- ♦ A contracted trash hauler, Penn Waste, Inc. of York, continues to provide weekly trash collection service to Rye Township. A three-year contract was awarded to Penn Waste effective January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2023. Penn Waste is a "green" company and hauls all trash collected to the Harrisburg Incinerator where it is utilized to produce renewable energy.
- Paving projects completed in the 2022 Fiscal year were: a section at the southern portion of Lambs Gap Road, the entire length of Tower Road, including the cul-de-sac, and a large section of New Valley Road from the intersection of SR 850 east to the Township building.
- ♦ The amount of revenue received from the State Liquid Fuels allocation decreased from \$122,641 in 2021 to \$120,700 in 2022. Highway Aid monies are invested in short-term easy access certificates of deposit for better rates of interest return.
- ♦ The total miles of roadway resurfaced in 2021 were 0.58 miles compared to 1.30 miles resurfaced in 2022.
- ◆ Total expenditures for governmental funds in 2022 were \$ 903,566, which is an increase of \$ 245,740 from fiscal year 2021 expenditures of \$ 657,826. The increase in expenditures was mainly due to completion of major road and drainage projects in 2022.
- ◆ The Board continues their conservative cost containment measures in all areas and their policy to not hire any additional employees in all departments. The Road Department utilizes two full time employees since the trash collection was outsourced in January 2011. Seasonal temporary employees assist with winter snow removal. The Road Department utilizes in-house labor as much as possible to complete maintenance and equipment repairs and for smaller infrastructure projects. The Administrative Office has one full time and one part time employee.

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- ♦ The second tranche of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds from the Federal Government totaling \$ 125,003 was received in 2022 bringing the total to \$ 250,334. No ARPA funds were expended in 2022 but were invested in certificates of deposit to gain additional revenue as the Board evaluates how best to utilize them. ARPA monies are required to be spent or obligated to a specific project by December 31, 2024.
- ◆ Game Commission revenues, which are included in intergovernmental revenue, remain elevated at \$ 7,888 from the annual \$ 2,615, which is calculated at \$.40 per acre in lieu of taxes. Act 102 of 2006 provides for payment of fixed charges in lieu of taxes for State Game Lands in Rye Township. The additional revenue is generated from the Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board's Gaming fund monies, which is separate from the Pennsylvania Game Commission's Game Fund, which doubles the amount received and provides an additional \$.80 per acre for a total of \$ 1.20 per acre for the 6,536 acres of Game Commission's land located within the Township.
- ◆ Total current assets for governmental funds were \$ 2,104,622 as of December 31, 2022, an increase of \$ 3,996 from the previous year. The costs of capital assets used in governmental activities totals \$ 2,328,278 minus accumulated depreciation of \$ 1,107,038 equals \$ 1,221,240. Capital assets are not current financial resources, and therefore not reported in the fund financial statements, but are reported in the governmental activities of the Statement of Net Position. With the inclusion of the capital assets, collectively the governmental activities assets net a total of \$ 3,325,862.
- ◆ The General Fund, (the primary operating fund) reports a decrease in the fund balance in 2022 of \$ 91,298; the Capital Reserve reports an increase of \$279,658. The Highway Aid Fund reports a decrease of \$ 173,037. The total of all Governmental Funds, which includes the General Fund, the Capital Reserve Fund, and the Highway Aid, or Liquid Fuels Fund, reports an overall increase of \$ 15,323. The increase in the Capital Reserve, (CR) Fund is a result of American Rescue Plan Act, (ARPA) monies transferred from the General Fund to the CR Fund for investment purposes anticipated for use in the 2024 Budget for future capital expenditures and projects, including road equipment and road maintenance projects.
- ◆ The Earned Income Tax, (EIT) is the largest revenue received by the Township. The EIT tax is a one-half (.5%) tax levied on wages earned by residents within the Township. This tax is collected by Capital Tax Collection Bureau, who currently charges a 2.0% commission on what is collected. This economically sensitive revenue increased in 2022 by \$ 40,263, which is approximately a 12% increase. The rate of unemployment continued to decrease as most employees are back to work full time. While revenue appears to be recovering, Rye continues to practice prudent fiscal management. There have been so many unknowns the last several years post COVID, supply chain issues, high unprecedented inflation, and the threat of pending recession, that the Township budgeted this line item ultra-conservatively in 2022. A chart of the EIT revenue received follows:

YEAR	GROSS EIT RECEIVED
2017	\$ 331,788
2018	309,588
2019	326,956
2020	314,168
2021	352,230
2022	392,493

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- ◆ Certificates of Deposit held by the Township are renewing at significantly higher interest rates at maturity. With the Federal Reserve increasing the prime rate of interest, banks increase their savings and Cd rates. The Township attempts to take advantage of the better investment rates and make its money work to increase revenue. Rates of investment are anticipated to remain high at least for the next 12-18 months.
- ♦ The Non-Uniform and Uniform Pension Plans are Defined Benefit Plans currently invested with the Pennsylvania Municipal Retirement System, (PMRS). PMRS interest rate on investments is set at 5.25% for the years 2021 and 2022.
- ♦ In order to reduce future pension liabilities, the Board met with PMRS in December 2013, approved and adopted new ordinances and plan agreements in July, which revised the two pension plan agreements reducing benefits for all new hires effective January 1, 2015. For example, the previous number of years for vesting to receive a benefit was seven (7) years at age 62 years. The current number of years for vesting to receive a benefit is ten (10) years at 65 years.
- ♦ Pension changes were adopted by Ordinance in 2018 to take effect on January 1, 2019. The new Agreement with PMRS eliminates the Defined Benefit Plan for all newly hired full-time employees. Newly hired full time employees will now be enrolled into a Defined Contribution Plan, or as PMRS calls it a "Cash Balance Plan", following a ninety (90) day probation period. This type of plan, the Cash Balance Plan, is similar to a 401K retirement plan. The plan requires the employee to contribute at least 3% of his gross wages through payroll deduction. There were no new hires in 2022, and therefore no employees enrolled in the new Cash Balance Plan.
- ♦ Both the Non-Uniform and the Police Pension Plans invested at PMRS are fully funded. The current MMO for the Police Pension is zero dollars, (\$ 0) and the Non-Uniform Pension is \$ 4,671 for 2022. Rye received State Aid for the Pensions in 2022 of \$ 10,560. The entire amount received was deposited into the Pension plans at PMRS, which will assist with keeping the plans fully funded. State Aid is a program to aid municipalities with defraying the costs of their pension plans and is generated from proceeds of the insurance premium tax on foreign casualty insurance companies.
- Rye Township currently has no long or short-term debt.

USING THIS ANNUAL REPORT

This annual report is presented in a format consistent with the presentation requirements of the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement No. 34, as applicable to the Township's modified cash basis of accounting.

REPORT COMPONENTS

This annual report consists of five parts as follows (see table of contents for page numbers):

Management Discussion and Analysis (MD&A): This is the current section.

Government-Wide Financial Statements: The statement of Net Position and the Statement of Activities provide information about the activities of the Township's government-wide (or "as a whole") and present a longer-term view of the Township's finances.

Fund Financial Statements: Fund financial statements focus on the individual parts of the Township's government. Fund financial statements also report the Township's operations in more detail than the government-wide statements by providing information about the Township's most significant ("major") funds. For *governmental funds*, these statements tell how these services were financed in the short term as well as what remains for future spending. For *proprietary funds*, these statements offer short-term and long-term financial information about the solid waste activities the Township operates like a business.

Notes to the Financial Statements: The notes to the financial statements are an integral part of the government-wide and fund financial statements and provide expanded explanation and detail regarding the information reported in the statements.

Other Supplementary Information (two parts): This Management's Discussion and Analysis and the General Fund Budgetary Comparison Schedule provide users of this report with additional data that supplements the government-wide statements, fund financial statements, and notes (referred to as "the basic financial statements").

BASIS OF ACCOUNTING

The Township has elected to present its financial statements on a modified cash basis of accounting. This modified cash basis of accounting is a basis of accounting other than generally accepted accounting principles. Basis of accounting is a reference to *when* financial events are recorded, such as the timing for recognizing revenues, expenses, and their related assets and liabilities. Under the Township's modified cash basis of accounting, revenues and expenses and related assets and liabilities are recorded when they result from cash transactions, except for the recording of depreciation expense on capital assets in the government-wide financial statements for all activities and in the fund financial statements for proprietary funds.

As a result of the use of this modified cash basis of accounting, certain assets and their related revenues (such as accounts receivable and revenue for billed or provided services not yet collected) and certain liabilities and their related expenses (such as accounts payable and expenses for goods or services received but not yet paid, and accrued expenses and liabilities) *are not recorded* in these financial statements. Therefore, when reviewing the financial information and discussion within this annual report, the reader should keep in mind the limitations resulting from the use of the modified cash basis of accounting.

REPORTING THE TOWNSHIP AS A WHOLE

The Township's Reporting Entity Presentation

This annual report includes all activities for which the Township Board of Supervisors is fiscally responsible.

The Government-Wide Statement of Net Position and the Statement of Activities

Our financial analysis of the Township as a whole begins on page 14. The government-wide financial statements are presented on pages 14 and 15. One of the most important questions asked about the Township finances is, "Is the Township as a whole better off or worse off as a result of the year's activities?" The Statement of Net Position and the Statement of Activities report information about the Township as a whole and about its activities in a way that helps answer this question. These statements include all of the Township's assets and liabilities resulting from the use of the modified cash basis of accounting.

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Management's Discussion and Analysis - Unaudited

These two statements report the Township net position and changes in them. Keeping in mind the limitations of the modified cash basis of accounting, you can think of the Township's net position -the difference between assets and liabilities - as one way to measure the Township's financial health or financial position. Over time, increases or decreases in the Township's net position are one indicator of whether its financial health is improving or deteriorating. You will need to consider other non-financial factors, however, such as changes in the Township's tax base and the condition of the Township's roads, to assess the overall health of the Township.

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

Governmental activities. Most of the Township's basic services are reported here, including expenses for general administration, highways, and cemetery maintenance. Real estate and earned income taxes, licenses and permits, fines, and state grants finance most of these activities. The greatest source of revenue for the Township is taxes- earned income taxes and property taxes.

Business-type activities. The Township charges a fee to customers to help it cover all or most of the cost of certain services it provides. The Township's solid waste collection services are reported here.

REPORTING THE TOWNSHIP'S MOST SIGNIFICANT FUNDS

The Fund Financial Statements

Our analysis of the Township's major funds begins on page 16. The fund financial statements 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 establish certain other funds to help it control and 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 funds – governmental, proprietary and fiduciary - use different accounting approaches.

Governmental funds - Most of the Township's basic services are reported in governmental funds, which focus on how money flows into and out of those funds and the balances left at year-end that are available for spending. These funds report the acquisition of capital assets and payments for debt principal as expenditures and not as changes to asset and debt balances. The governmental 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 you determine (through a review of changes to fund balance) whether there are more or fewer financial resources that can be spent in the near future to finance the Township's programs. We describe the relationship (or differences) between governmental activities (reported in the Statement of Net position and the Statement of Activities) and governmental funds in reconciliation at the bottom of the fund financial statements. The Township considers the General Fund, Capital Reserve Fund and Highway Aid Fund to be its significant, or major, governmental funds.

Proprietary funds - When the Township charges customers for the services it provides, these services are generally reported in proprietary funds. Proprietary funds are reported in the same way that all activities are reported in the Statement of Net position and the Statement of Activities. For example, proprietary fund capital assets are capitalized and depreciated and principal payments on long-term debt are recorded as a reduction to the liability. In fact, the Township's proprietary (enterprise) fund financial statements are essentially the same as the business-type activities we report in the government-wide statements, but the fund statements provide more detail and additional information, such as cash flow. The Township only has one enterprise fund - the Solid Waste Fund.

FINANCIAL ANALYSIS OF RYE TOWNSHIP AS A WHOLE

Statement of Net position - Modified Cash Basis

The Township's combined net position for governmental activities, resulting from modified cash basis transactions, decreased from approximately \$ 3,355,484 to \$ 3,325,591 between 2021 and 2022.

Table 1
Statement of Net Position

				Total				Total
	 Governmental Activities			% of change	Business-Ty	ctivities	% of change	
	2021		2022	2021-2022	2021		2022	2021-2022
Assets								
Current & other assets	\$ 2,100,626	\$	2,104,622	14%	\$ 294,651	\$	296,212	0%
Capital assets	 1,266,456		1,221,240	-(3%)	 		232	-(100%)
Total assets	\$ 3,367,082	\$	3,325,862	7%	\$ 294,651	\$	296,444	0%
Liabilities								
Escrow	\$ 11,408	\$	271	4500%	\$ -	\$	-	0%
Accrued wages & withholdings	 190		-	100%				
Total liabilities	 11,598		271	46%	 -		-	0%
Net Position								
Net investment in capital assets	1,266,456		1,221,240	-(3%)	-		232	-(100%)
Restricted	436,009		411,898	(5%)	-		-	0%
Unrestricted	 1,653,019		1,692,453	14%	294,651		296,212	6%
Total net position and liabilities	\$ 3,367,082	\$	3,325,862	7%	\$ 294,651	\$	296,444	6%

MAJOR FACTORS AFFECTING THE CHANGE IN NET POSITION FOR GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES AND BUSINESS TYPE ACTIVITIES

The following infrastructure upgrades were completed in 2022:

- ♦ Mountain Road and nearby Dean's Gap Road culverts
- ♦ Replacement of two culvert pipes on Pierce Road
- Guiderail replacement at the southern end of Lambs Gap Road near the Idle Road intersection

The capital assets for Governmental Activities decreased by 4%. Overall, the net position for Governmental Activities decreased by 1% from 2021-2022.

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Business Type Activities or the Solid Waste Fund net position overall remained stable. Keystone Collections continued to pursue delinquent accounts in 2022; the Township office provided follow-up on new and transferred billing accounts; and the Township only held one bulk clean-up in May and recycled the scrap metal received to net additional miscellaneous income for the fund. See Table 2 below for a recap of the Statement of Activities for 2021 and 2022.

Table 2 Statement of Activities

	Governmental Activities					Business-Typ	ctivities	
		2021		2022		2021		2022
Revenues								
Program Revenues:								
Charges for services	\$	28,177	\$	23,757	\$	211,013	\$	207,360
Operating grants and contributions								
Highway aid funding		122,641		120,700		-		-
Other grants and contributions		22,234		24,963		887		951
Capital grants and contributions		-		-		-		-
General Revenues:								
Taxes		574,918		608,961		-		-
Intergovernmental		133,026		133,843		-		-
Investment income		25,865		21,639		1,837		821
Miscellaneous		892		1,961				1,050
Total Revenues		907,753	_	935,824		213,737		210,182
Expenses								
General government		172,600		174,587		_		-
Public safety		72,513		88,011		_		-
Highways		429,847		672,955		-		-
Other public works - cemeteries		1,357		1,358		_		-
Culture and recreation		14,801		11,871		-		-
Solid waste		-		-		217,508		225,324
Total expenses		691,118		948,782	_	217,508		225,324
Transfers		(3,399)		(16,935)		3,399		16,935
Increase or (decrease) in net position	\$	213,236	\$	(29,893)	\$	(372)	\$	1,793

STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

To aid in the understanding of the Statement of Activities, some additional explanation is given. Of particular interest is the format that is significantly different from a typical Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balance. You will notice that expenses are listed in the first column, with revenues from that particular program reported to the right. The result is a Net (Expense)/Revenue. This type of format highlights the relative financial burden of each of the functions on the Township's taxpayers. It also identifies how much each function draws from the general revenues or if it is self-financing through fees and grants or contributions. All other governmental revenues are reported as general. It is important to note that all taxes are classified as general revenue, even if restricted for a specific purpose.

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CAPITAL ASSETS

At December 31, 2022, the Township had \$1,221,472 invested in combined capital assets, net of depreciation, which includes bridge culverts, road culverts, office equipment/software, vehicles and machinery, buildings, property, salt sheds, recycling bins, and park and playground facilities. (See table below).

Table 3
Capital Assets

	2021	2022
Governmental Activities:		_
Construction in progress	\$ 31,026	\$ 6,246
Infrastructure	1,396,138	1,450,761
Buildings and property	171,600	173,142
Machinery and equipment	760,541	698,129
Total capital assets	2,359,305	2,322,032
Accumulated depreciation	(1,092,849)	(1,107,038)
Net capital assets	1,266,456	1,221,240
Business Activities:		
Machinery and equipment	6,387	6,627
Accumulated depreciation	(6,387)	(6,395)
Net capital assets		232
Total combined assets	\$ 1,266,456	\$ 1,221,472

The Pierce Road culvert replacement project was completed in 2022.

More detailed information about Rye Township's capital assets can be found in Note 4 of the Notes to Financial Statements.

ECONOMIC FACTORS AND NEXT YEAR'S BUDGET AND RATES

The Township services an area of approximately 26 square miles and a community of approximately 2,260 residents per the 2020 census.

The 2023 General Fund Budget, which is the chief operating fund of the Township, includes no property tax increase with the real estate tax remaining constant at .900 mills levied as follows:

	2023 millage
General	.590
Fire Companies	.160
Ambulance	.020
Library	.010
Road Equipment	<u>.120</u>
TOTAL	.900

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The Budget emphasizes cost containment. The 2023 Budget includes no major capital improvement projects or capital equipment expenditures. In general, the Township has taken a conservative budgeting approach, which entails estimating revenues on the low side and expenses on the high side of acceptable ranges. Budgeting conservatively, the Township can better manage unexpected events that may arise, such as a sudden drop in the housing market or a catastrophic weather event. For the upcoming Fiscal year ending December 31, 2023, the Township's budget decreased a total of \$69,600 or approximately 9.5% as follows:

YEAR	General Fund Budget
2016	\$ 718,000
2017	680,085
2018	548,215
2019	604,350
2020	638,000
2021	607,400
2022	739,600
2023	670,000

The 2023 General Fund budget revenues and expenditures are projected at \$ 670,000 in comparison to \$ 739,600 budgeted for the year ending December 31, 2022. The two major reasons for the decrease were: 1) a decrease in the amount of road and drainage projects scheduled for completion in 2023; and 2) no capital equipment expenditures anticipated in 2023. Rye Township evaluates carefully each capital expenditure and considers and continues to save for the expenditure over several years, and only spending for those items that are a need rather than a want.

The amount of State Liquid Fuels monies allocated for municipalities from motor vehicle fuel taxes increased in 2023 since its two-year decline in 2021 and 2022 following the COVID 19 pandemic.

In 2023, the amount budgeted for Earned Income Tax, EIT, the Township largest source of tax revenue, was increased to \$ 311,000. Earned income tax revenue is the primary source of government wide revenues funding the budget at 46.50% with property and real estate transfer taxes funding another 32%. Overall, tax revenue accounts for 78.5% of the total budget. It is apparent that the Township, like most municipalities, is dependent upon tax revenue to support its services to the Community.

The real estate transfer tax revenue was decreased to \$ 37,000. Real Estate sales remained strong for the majority of the year 2022 with homes selling quickly and above the asking price. However, with the Federal Reserve raising the prime interest rate several times in 2022, mortgage rates began to increase towards the end of the year slowing the real estate market.

No permit fee increases were proposed to the Fee Schedule in 2023.

The Board continues their effort to implement conservative financial policies and thereby absorbing the increase in utility costs, fuel, road salt, employee wages, legal expenses, health care issues and other insurance premiums.

The Township's Business-type activity, the Solid Waste Fund, proposes no increase in the residential and commercial trash fees for 2023. The Fund was balanced with the use of reserves in 2021 and 2022. Reserves will be tapped again for 2023. The Township anticipates future increases to refuse collection costs with the current contract with Penn Waste expiring December 31, 2023.

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Management's Discussion and Analysis - Unaudited

Building permit activity for the year 2022 for Rye Township remained the same as 2021 with 34 permits issued. New home permits remained stable with two (2) issued in 2022. The year 2012 remains the lowest on record with the issuance of zero (0) new home construction permits and a total receipt of only 25 permit applications for the entire year.

Rye Township has not raised municipal property taxes for over 25 years.

Rye Township budgets conservatively for real estate tax revenue. Amounts remained stable for 2022 with little variation from 2021. Residents and property owners continue to pay their taxes in the 2% discount period, appeal their assessment values, enroll their properties in the Clean and Green program, and qualified veterans are granted exonerations whereby the widows of veterans continue to be exempt from payment of all real estate taxes. All of these situations reduce the overall tax revenue received.

The high inflation rate continued during the year 2022 beginning in January at 7.5% and ending in December at 6.5% with the overall average for the year at 8%. With the Federal Reserve raising the prime rate to try to curb high inflation, this will positively affect earnings on savings and investments. The average 12-month CD at the local bank earned approximately .30% in January 2021 and increased to 4.10% by December 2022. Rates continue to rise into 2023. The Township makes every attempt to maximize earnings on idle funds while balancing cash flow needs.

The economy continues to rebound with the introduction and availability of vaccines and boosters effective against the coronavirus. However, the current high rate of inflation is a concern. It continues to drive costs up dramatically for goods and services needed such as blacktop, road salt, diesel, heating oil, electricity, and benefits. The Township has weathered similar periods in a strong financial position due to conservative fiscal principles that they plan to continue to practice in the coming years.

CONTACTING THE TOWNSHIP'S FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

This report is designed to provide our citizens, taxpayers, students, creditors, consultants, and customers with a general overview of the Township's finances and to demonstrate the Township's accountability for the money it receives. If you have questions about this report or need additional financial information, contact the Secretary/Treasurer at the Township's office at 1775 New Valley Road, Marysville, Pennsylvania 17053-9419, telephone at (717) 957-2348, or email us at ryetwp@ptd.net.

	Governmen Activities		siness-Type Activities		Total
ASSETS					
Current assets					
Cash and cash equivalents	•	52 \$	195,684	\$	199,136
Investments	2,101,1		100,528		2,201,698
Total current assets	2,104,6	22	296,212		2,400,834
Noncurrent assets					
Capital assets					
Buildings and property, net	60,0	97	-		60,097
Machinery and equipment, net	78,5	87	232		78,819
Infrastructure, net	1,076,3	10	-		1,076,310
Construction in progress	6,2	46	-		6,246
Total capital assets	1,221,2	40	232		1,221,472
Total assets	\$ 3,325,8	62 \$	296,444	\$	3,622,306
LIABILITIES					
Current liabilities	ф. 2	5 4 A		ф	254
Escrow liability	·	<u>71</u> \$		\$	271
Total current liabilities	2	<u>71</u>	-		271
NET POSITION					
Net investment in capital assets	1,221,2	40	232		1,221,472
Restricted	411,8		-		411,898
Unrestricted	1,692,4	<u>53</u>	296,212		1,988,665
Total net position	3,325,5	91	296,444		3,622,035
Total liabilities and net position	\$ 3,325,8	62 \$	296,444	\$	3,622,306

RYE TOWNSHIP **Statement of Activities - Modified Cash Basis** Year Ended December 31, 2022

									Net (Expense) Revenue and Changes in Ne					Net Position
					Prog	ram Revenu	9			F	rimary	Governmer	ıt	
Functions/Programs	Expenses		Charges for Services		Operating Grants and Contributions		Capital Grants and Contributions			vernmental Activities	Business-type Activities			Total
Primary government														
Governmental activities														
General government	\$	174,587	\$	19,669	\$	9,609	\$	-	\$	(145,309)	\$	-	\$	(145,309)
Public safety		88,011		2,538		15,354		-		(70,119)		-		(70,119)
Highways		672,955		1,200		120,700		-		(551,055)		-		(551,055)
Other public works - cemeteries		1,358		-		-		-		(1,358)		-		(1,358)
Culture and recreation		11,871		350						(11,521)		<u>-</u>		(11,521)
Total governmental activities		948,782		23,757		145,663				(779,362)				(779,362)
Business-type activities Solid waste		225,324		207,360		951				<u>-</u>		(17,013)		(17,013)
Total	\$	1,174,106	\$	231,117	\$	146,614	\$			(779,362)		(17,013)		(796,375)
	Gene	eral revenue	s and	transfers										
	Tax	kes												
	P	roperty taxes	3							167,883		-		167,883
		arned income								392,493		-		392,493
	0	ther taxes								48,585		-		48,585
	Inte	ergovernmen	ital rev	venue not re	strict	ed to specific	purı	ooses		133,843		-		133,843
	Inv	estment inco	me			-				21,639		821		22,460
	Mis	scellaneous								1,961		1,050		3,011
	Tra	ınsfers								(16,935)		16,935		-
		Total genera	l reve	nues and tra	nsfer	S				749,469		18,806		768,275
	Cha	ange in net po	ositior	1						(29,893)		1,793		(28,100)
	Net n	osition - beg	inning	Į.						3,355,484		294,651		3,650,135
	_	osition - end	_	•					\$	3,325,591	\$	296,444	\$	3,622,035
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RYE TOWNSHIP **Balance Sheet - Modified Cash Basis - Governmental Funds December 31, 2022**

	Ge	neral Fund	Cap	ital Reserve Fund	_	hway Aid Fund	Gov	Total vernmental Funds
ASSETS								
Cash and cash equivalents	\$	-	\$	-	\$	3,452	\$	3,452
Investments		1,142,228		958,942				2,101,170
Total assets	\$	1,142,228	\$	958,942	\$	3,452	\$	2,104,622
LIABILITIES								
Escrow liability	\$	271	\$	-	\$	-	\$	271
Total liabilities		271						271
FUND BALANCES								
Restricted		11,712		396,734		3,452		411,898
Committed		90,106		562,208		-		652,314
Unassigned		1,040,139						1,040,139
Total fund balances		1,141,957		958,942		3,452		2,104,351
Total liabilities and fund balance	\$	1,142,228	\$	958,942	\$	3,452	\$	2,104,622
Reconciliation to Statement of Net Positio	n							
Fund balance as shown above							\$	2,104,351
Amounts reported for governmental activitie	es in the	statement of	net po	osition are dif	ferent	because:		
Capital assets used in governmental activities reported in the fund financial statements, but Statement of Net Position.								
	Cos	st of assets				2,328,278		
	Acc	cumulated dep	orecia	ition		(1,107,038)		1,221,240
Net position of governmental activities							\$	3,325,591

RYE TOWNSHIP Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balance - Modified Cash **Basis - Governmental Funds** Year Ended December 31, 2022

	Ge	neral Fund	Сар	ital Reserve Fund	Hi	ighway Aid Fund	Gov	Total vernmental Funds
REVENUES								
Taxes	\$	608,961	\$	-	\$	-	\$	608,961
Licenses and permits		18,161		-		-		18,161
Fines and penalties		2,538		-		-		2,538
Interest and rents		16,004		4,722		1,263		21,989
Intergovernmental		158,806		-		120,700		279,506
Charges for services		2,708		-		-		2,708
Other revenue		446		15				461
Total revenues		807,624		4,737		121,963		934,324
EXPENDITURES								
General government		252,741		-		-		252,741
Public safety		88,011		-		-		88,011
Highways		254,623		-		295,000		549,623
Other public works - cemeteries		1,320		-		-		1,320
Culture and recreation		11,871		-		-		11,871
Total expenditures		608,566		-		295,000		903,566
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenditures		199,058		4,737		(173,037)		30,758
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)								
Transfers in		-		289,921		-		289,921
Transfers out		(291,856)		(15,000)		-		(306,856)
Proceeds from sale of capital assets		1,500		-		-		
Total other financing sources and uses		(290,356)		274,921				(16,935)
Net change in fund balances		(91,298)		279,658		(173,037)		15,323
Fund balances - beginning		1,233,255		679,284		176,489		2,089,028
Fund balances - ending	\$	1,141,957	\$	958,942	\$	3,452	\$	2,104,351
Reconciliation to Statement of Activities	_	, ,		,	<u>-</u>	,		
Net change in fund balance - total governmental funds							\$	15,323
Amounts reported for governmental activities in the	Staten	nent of Activit	ies a	re different be	ecaus	se:		
Governmental funds reported capital outlays as exp depreciation expense to allocate those expenditure					es rep	oort		
Depreciation expense Capital outlays								(78,164) 32,948
Change in net position of governmental activities							\$	(29,893)

RYE TOWNSHIP **Statement of Net Position - Modified Cash Basis - Proprietary Fund December 31, 2022**

	Solid Waste Fund			
ASSETS				
Current assets				
Cash and cash equivalents	\$	195,684		
Investments		100,528		
Total current assets		296,212		
Noncurrent assets				
Capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation		232		
Total assets	<u>\$</u>	296,444		
NET POSITION				
Net investment in capital assets	\$	232		
Unrestricted		296,212		
Total net position	\$	296,444		

RYE TOWNSHIP

Statement of Revenues, Expenses, and Changes in Fund Net Position - Modified Cash **Basis - Proprietary Fund**

Year Ended December 31, 2022

	Solid Waste Fund
OPERATING REVENUES	
Charges for services	\$ 208,410
OPERATING EXPENSES	
Salaries and wages	15,890
Payroll taxes and benefits	9,636
Tipping fees	429
Collection fees	3,494
Other supplies and expense	9,853
Contracted services	186,014
Depreciation expense	8
Total operating expenses	225,324
Operating income (loss)	(16,914)
NONOPERATING REVENUES (EXPENSES)	
Interest income	821
Intergovernmental revenue	951
Total nonoperating revenues	1,772
Net income (loss) before transfers	(15,142)
Transfers, net	16,935
Change in net position	1,793
Total net position - beginning	294,651
Total net position - ending	\$ 296,444

	So	olid Waste Fund
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES		
Receipts from customers	\$	208,410
Payments to suppliers		(199,790)
Payments to and on behalf of employees		(25,526)
Net cash provided (used) by operating activities		(16,906)
CASH FLOWS FROM CAPITAL FINANCING ACTIVITIES		
Purchase of capital asset		(240)
Net cash provided (used) by capital financing activities		(240)
CASH FLOWS FROM NONCAPITAL FINANCING ACTIVITIES		
Transfer from other funds		16,935
Intergovernmental grants received		951
Net cash provided (used) by non-capital financing activities		17,886
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES		
Purchase of investments		(818)
Interest		821
Net cash provided (used) by investing activities		3
Net increase in cash and cash equivalents		743
Cash and cash equivalents - beginning of the year		194,941
Cash and cash equivalents - end of the year	<u>\$</u>	195,684
Reconciliation of income (loss) from operations to net cash provided (used) by operating activities Operating income (loss)	\$	(16,914)
Adjustments to reconcile operating income (loss) to net cash provided (used) by operating activities Depreciation expense		8
Net cash provided (used) by operating activities	\$	(16,906)
		

NOTE 1 SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

General

Rye Township ("the Township") was founded through legislation in 1766 and operates under an elected three-member Board of Supervisors. The Township provides services to its residents in many areas, including various general government services and community enrichment programs.

Reporting Entity

The Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement defines the criteria used to determine the composition of the reporting entity. This standard requires that the reporting entity include (1) the primary government, (2) organizations for which the primary government is financially accountable and (3) organizations that are fiscally dependent on the primary government and a financial benefit or burden exists, and (4) other organizations for which the nature and significance of their relationship with the primary government are such that exclusion would cause the reporting entity's financial statements to be misleading or incomplete. Based on these criteria there are no agencies or entities which are considered component units of the Township.

Basis of Accounting

The government-wide and the fund financial statements are presented using a modified cash basis of accounting which is a basis of accounting other than GAAP as established by GASB. This basis recognizes assets, liabilities, net position/fund equity, revenues, and expenditures/expenses when they result from cash transactions with the exception of recording capital assets and a provision for depreciation expense in the government-wide statements and proprietary fund statements. This basis is a comprehensive basis of accounting other than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

As a result of the use of this modified cash basis of accounting, certain assets and related revenues (such as accounts receivable and revenue for billed or provided services not yet collected) and certain liabilities and related expenses (such as accounts payable and expenses for goods or services received but not yet paid, and accrued expenses and liabilities) are not recorded in these financial statements.

Basis of Presentation

Government - Wide Financial Statements

The Statement of Net Position and Statement of Activities display information about the reporting government as a whole. The statements distinguish between governmental and business-type activities. Governmental activities generally are financed through taxes, intergovernmental revenues, and other non-exchange revenues. Business-type activities are financed in whole or in part by fees charged to external parties for goods or services.

Fund Financial Statements

The accounts of the Township are organized on the basis of funds, 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 purpose for which they are to be spent and the means by which spending activities are controlled. The various funds are grouped in the financial statements as governmental and proprietary.

Governmental funds

Governmental funds are those through which most governmental functions of the Township are financed. The Township reports the following major governmental funds:

General Fund – The General Fund is the principal operating fund of the Township. It is utilized to account for all financial transactions not accounted for, or required to be accounted for, in another fund. This is a budgeted fund, and any unassigned fund balances are considered as resources available for use.

Capital Reserve Fund – The Capital Reserve Fund is used to account for funds set aside for future capital purchases.

Special Revenue Fund – Special revenue funds are used to account for and report the proceeds of specific revenue sources that are restricted or committed to expenditure for specified purposes other than debt service or capital projects. The term *proceeds of specific revenue sources* establishes that one or more specific restricted or committed revenues should be the foundation for a special revenue fund.

Highway Aid Fund - is presented as a major special revenue fund, and accounts for the proceeds and disposition of state liquid fuels entitlements that are legally restricted to expenditures for specific purposes, primarily building and maintaining local roads and bridges.

Proprietary funds

Proprietary funds are used to account for the financing of services to the general public where all or most of the costs involved are paid from user charges for the services.

Solid Waste Fund – The Solid Waste Fund accounts for revenue received from residents for solid waste pick-up and related expenses.

Cash and Cash Equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents are defined as short-term, highly liquid investments that are readily convertible to known amounts of cash and include investments with original maturities of three months or less.

Investments

Investments consist primarily of certificates of deposit with maturities greater than three months and are reported at fair value.

Statement of Cash Flows

For purposes of the statement of cash flows presented for proprietary funds, the Township considers all highly liquid debt investments, including restricted assets, with maturities of three months or less when purchased to be cash equivalents.

Capital Assets

General capital assets are those assets not specifically related to activities reported in the proprietary funds. These assets generally result from expenditures in the governmental funds. These assets are reported in the governmental activities column of the government-wide statement of net position but are not capitalized in the governmental fund financial statements. Capital assets utilized by the proprietary fund are reported both in the business-type activity column of the government-wide statement of net position and in the respective fund.

All capital assets are capitalized at cost (or estimated historical cost) and updated for additions and retirements during the year. The Township maintains a capitalization threshold of \$ 500. Improvements are capitalized; the costs of normal maintenance and repairs that do not add to the value of the asset or materially extend an asset's life are expensed.

All reported capital assets except land are depreciated. Improvements are depreciated over the remaining useful lives of the related capital assets. Depreciation is computed using the straight-line method over the following useful lives:

Buildings and property	10 – 40 years
Machinery and equipment	5 – 12 years
Infrastructure	30 years

Net Position

Net position is comprised of the various net earnings from operating income, nonoperating revenues and expenses, and capital contributions. Net position is classified in the following components:

Net Investment in Capital Assets - This component consists of capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation and reduced by the outstanding balances of any bonds, mortgages, notes, accounts payable or other borrowings that are attributable to the acquisition, construction or improvement of those capital assets.

Restricted Net Position - This category of net position has constraints placed on the use by (1) external groups such as creditors, grantors, contributors, or laws or regulations of other governments, or (2) law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation.

Net Position (Continued)

As of December 31, 2022, restricted net position in governmental activities consists of the following:

Restricted for Elaine Pierson memorial fund	\$ 11,568
Restricted for road projects/equipment	149,685
Restricted for American Rescue Plan Act	 250,645
Total restricted net position	\$ 411,898

Unrestricted Net Position- This component consists of all other net position that does not meet the definition of "restricted" or "net investment in capital assets".

Net Position Flow Assumption

Sometimes the government will fund outlays for a particular purpose from both restricted (e.g., restricted bond or grant proceeds) and unrestricted resources. In order to calculate the amounts to report as restricted-net position and unrestricted-net position, a flow assumption must be made about the order in which the resources are considered to be applied. It is the Township's policy to use restricted resources first, then unrestricted resources as they are needed.

Fund Balance - Governmental Funds

Governmental funds classify fund balance based on the relative strength of the spending constraints placed on the purpose for which resources can be used. The classifications are as follows:

Nonspendable: This classification includes amounts that cannot be spent because they are either (1) not in spendable form or (2) legally or contractually required to be maintained intact. This classification includes items such as prepaid amounts, inventories, and long-term amount of loans and notes receivable. This also includes the corpus (or principal) of permanent funds.

Restricted: This classification includes amounts where the constraints placed on the use of resources are either (1) externally imposed by creditors (such as through debt covenants), grantors, contributors, or laws or regulations of other governments; or (2) imposed by law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation. Enabling legislation authorizes the government to assess, levy, change or mandate payment and includes a legally enforceable requirement on the use of these funds.

Committed: This classification includes amounts that can only be used for specific purposes pursuant to constraints imposed by formal action of the Township's highest level of decision-making authority. This formal action is in the form of a resolution which is made by the Board of Supervisors. Once an amount is committed, it cannot be used for any other purpose unless changed by the same type of formal action used to initially constrain the funds.

Fund Balance - Governmental Funds (Continued)

Assigned: This classification includes spendable amounts that are reported in governmental funds other than *in the General Fund*, that are neither restricted nor committed, and amounts in the General Fund that are intended to be used for a specific purpose. The intent of an assigned fund balance should be expressed by either the Board of Supervisors, or a subordinate high-level body, such as the secretary/treasurer that is authorized to assign amounts to be used for specific purposes. The Board of Supervisors has the authority to make assignments of fund balance. Thus, these assignments can only be made or changed with formal action by the Board of Supervisors. The assignment of fund balance cannot result in a negative unassigned fund balance.

Unassigned: This classification represents the portion of a spendable fund balance that has not been categorized as restricted, committed, or assigned. The general fund is the only fund which would include a positive unassigned fund balance as all other fund types must categorize amounts within the other classifications. A negative unassigned fund balance may occur in any fund when there is an over expenditure of restricted or committed fund balance. In this case, any assigned fund balance (and unassigned fund balance in the general fund) would be eliminated prior to reporting a negative unassigned fund balance.

Policy Regarding Order of Spending

It is the government's policy to consider restricted fund balance to have been depleted before using any of the components of unrestricted fund balance. Further, when the components of unrestricted fund balance can be used for the same purpose, unassigned fund balance is depleted first, followed by assigned fund balance, and finally committed fund balance.

Interfund Activity

Advances between funds are accounted for in the appropriate interfund receivable and payable accounts. Advances between funds which are not expected to be repaid are accounted for as transfers. Interfund balances and transactions are eliminated in the government-wide financial statements.

Exchange transactions, if any, between funds are reported as revenues in the seller funds and as expenditures/expenses in the purchaser funds. Flows of cash or goods from one fund to another without a requirement for repayment are reported as interfund transfers. Interfund transfers are reported as other financing sources/uses in governmental funds and are shown separately in proprietary funds.

Budget

Rye Township annually adopts calendar year budgets for its general fund, highway aid fund, and solid waste fund. As changes are made to the budget during the fiscal year, amendments are proposed and approved by the Board of Supervisors. All annual appropriations lapse at year end and must be re-appropriated.

Program Revenues

In the Statement of Activities, modified cash basis revenues that are derived directly from each activity or from parties outside the Township's taxpayers are reported as program revenues. The Township has the following program revenues in each activity:

General Government Licenses and permits

Public Safety Fines and penalty revenue and fire relief funds

Highways Commercial vehicle and gasoline excise tax shared by the

State and other grants

Culture and Recreation Rental income

All other governmental revenues are reported as general revenues. All taxes are classified as general revenues even if restricted for a specific purpose.

Operating Revenues and Expenses

Operating revenues and expenses for proprietary funds result from providing services and producing and delivering goods and/or services. They also include all revenues and expenses not related to capital and related financing, noncapital financing, or investing activities.

Use of Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with the modified cash basis of accounting used by the Township requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect certain reported amounts and disclosures (such as estimated useful lives in determining depreciation expense). Accordingly, actual results could differ from those estimates.

NOTE 2 CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AND INVESTMENTS

The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania's "Second Class Township Code" and Act 10 of 2016 define allowable investments for Township funds as follows:

- United States Treasury Bills
- > Short-term obligations of the United States Government and federal agencies.
- ➤ Deposits in savings accounts or time deposits or share accounts of institutions insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation or the National Credit Union Share Insurance Fund, to the extent that the accounts are so insured and, for any amounts above the insured maximum, if approved collateral therefore is pledged by the depository.
- > Obligations of the United States of America or any of its agencies or instrumentalities backed by the full faith and credit of the United States of America, the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania or any of its agencies or instrumentalities backed by the full faith and credit of the Commonwealth or any political subdivision of the Commonwealth or any of its agencies or instrumentalities backed by the full faith and credit of the political subdivision.

NOTE 2 CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AND INVESTMENTS (CONTINUED)

- ➤ Shares of an investment company registered under the Investment Company Act of 1940 whose shares are registered under the Securities Act of 1933, if the only investments at that company are in the authorized investments for Township funds listed in the four (4) categories above.
- ➤ Certificates of deposit purchased from institutions insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, or the National Credit Union Share Insurance Fund, to the extent that the accounts are so insured. However, for any amounts above the insured maximum, the certificates of deposit shall be secured by a pledge or assignment of assets of the institution, and the collateral may include loans, including interest in pools of loans, secured by first mortgage liens on real property. Certificates of deposit purchased from commercial banks shall be limited to an amount equal to twenty percent of a bank's total capital and surplus. Certificates of deposit purchased from savings and loan associations or savings banks shall be limited to an amount equal to twenty percent of an institution's assets minus liabilities.
- Any investment authorized by 20 Pa. C.S. Ch. 73 (relating to fiduciaries investments). This paragraph is limited to investments for any pension or retirement fund.
- ➤ Obligations, participations, or other instruments of any Federal agency, instrumentality, or United States government-sponsored enterprises, if the debt obligations are rated at least "A" or its equivalent by at least two nationally recognized statistical ratings organizations.
- Negotiable certificates of deposit or other evidences of deposit, with a remaining maturity of three years or less.
- ➤ Bills of exchange or time drafts drawn on and accepted by a commercial bank, otherwise known as bankers' acceptances, if the bankers' acceptances do not exceed 180 days maturity.
- Commercial paper issued by corporations or other business entities organized in accordance with federal or state law, with a maturity not to exceed 270 days.

Custodial Credit Risk - Deposits

Custodial credit risk is the risk that in the event of bank failure, the Township's deposits may not be returned to it. The Township does not have a written policy for custodial credit risk. As of December 31, 2022, \$ 941,577 of the Township's bank balance of \$ 2,425,720 was exposed to custodial credit risk as follows:

Uncollaterialized	\$ -
Collaterialized with securities held by	
the pledging financial institution	-
Collaterialized with securities held by the	
pledging bank's trust department, not	
in the Township's name	941,577
	\$ 941,577

NOTE 2 CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AND INVESTMENTS (CONTINUED)

Custodial Credit Risk - Deposits (Continued)

All bank deposits are fully insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) or collateralized under Pennsylvania Act 72. Act 72 of 1971, as amended, is an act standardizing the procedures for pledges of assets to secure deposits of public funds with banking institutions pursuant to other laws; establishing a standard rule for the types, amounts and valuations of assets eligible to be used as collateral for deposits of public funds; permitting assets to be pledged against deposits on a pooled basis and authorizing the appointment of custodians to act as the pledger of the assets.

Based on the standards outlined in Act 72, the various banks utilized by the Township have pledged collateral on a pooled basis on behalf of the Township and all other governmental depositors in the respective financial institutions. The Township has a deposit policy for custodial risk that requires depository institutions to pledge securities as collateral for deposits that exceed depository insurance.

Investments

The Township's investments consist primarily of certificates of deposit at local financial institutions. These are considered deposits and are included above for purposes of this disclosure.

NOTE 3 PROPERTY TAXES

The Township's property tax is levied in December of the previous year on the assessed value as of January 1 as maintained by the county for all nonexempt real property located in the Township. The tax millage rate assessed for the year ended December 31, 2022 was .90 mills (\$.090 per \$ 100 valuation).

Real estate taxes attach as an enforceable lien on property on January 1 and are levied in December of the previous year. The taxes are collected by an elected tax collector. Taxes paid through March 31 are given a 2% discount. Taxes paid after May 30 are charged a 10% penalty. Delinquent real estate taxes are collected by the county.

Tax Abatements

Pennsylvania Clean and Green Program

Clean and Green is a preferential tax assessment program that bases property taxes on use values rather than fair market values. This ordinarily results in tax savings for landowners.

Property owners can apply at the Perry County tax assessment office for their property to be included in Pennsylvania's Clean and Green program. The program was enacted as a tool to encourage protection of the Commonwealth's valuable farmland, forestland, and open spaces. To be eligible, a property must be at least ten acres in size, and in Agriculture Use, Agriculture Reserve, or Forest Reserve. Agricultural Use applications may be less than 10 acres in size if the property is capable of generating at least \$ 2,000 annually in farm income. A landowner who breaches the covenant is subject to seven years of rollback taxes at 6% interest per year. The rollback tax is the difference between what was paid under Clean and Green versus what would have been paid, if the property had not been enrolled, plus 6% simple interest per year.

For the fiscal year ended December 31, 2022, total Township property taxes of \$ 15,490 were abated under this program.

NOTE 4 CAPITAL ASSETS

Capital asset activity resulting from modified cash basis transactions in 2022 was as follows:

	1	Balance at					Balance at
	Jan	uary 1, 2022		Additions	Deletions	Dec	ember 31, 2022
Governmental Activities							
Capital assets not being depreciated							
Construction in progress	\$	31,026	\$	6,246	\$ (31,026)	\$	6,246
Capital assets being depreciated							
Buildings and property		171,600		1,542	-		173,142
Machinery and equipment		760,541		1,563	(63,975)		698,129
Infrastructure		1,396,138	_	54,623	 		1,450,761
Total capital assets being depreciated		2,328,279		57,728	 (63,975)		2,322,032
Less accumulated depreciation							
Buildings and property		(107,577)		(5,468)	-		(113,045)
Machinery and equipment		(658,244)		(25,273)	63,975		(619,542)
Infrastructure		(327,028)		(47,423)	-		(374,451)
Total accumulated depreciation		(1,092,849)		(78,164)	 63,975		(1,107,038)
Governmental activities							
capital assets, net	\$	1,266,456	\$	(14,190)	\$ (31,026)	\$	1,221,240
Business-Type Activities							
Capital assets at cost							
Machinery and equipment	\$	6,387	\$	240	\$ 	\$	6,627
Less accumulated depreciation							
Machinery and equipment		(6,387)		(8)	 -		(6,395)
Business-type activities							
capital assets, net	\$		\$	232	\$ 	\$	232

Depreciation expense was charged to functions as follows in the Statement of Activities:

Governmental Activities:	
General government	\$ 7,061
Highways	 71,103
	\$ 78,164
Business-Type Activities:	
Solid waste	\$ 8

NOTE 5 PENSION PLANS

Plan Descriptions

The Township sponsors two defined benefit retirement plans which cover Police and Non-Uniformed Employees. Plan provisions are established by municipal ordinance with the authority for municipal contributions required by Act 205 of the Commonwealth.

The plans participate in the Pennsylvania Municipal Retirement System (PMRS), which is an agent multiple-employer public employee retirement system that acts as a common investment and administrative agent for participating municipal pension plans. PMRS issues a separate Comprehensive Annual Financial Report. A copy of the most recent Comprehensive Annual Financial Report can be obtained by contacting the PMRS accounting office at (717) 787-2065, or by accessing their website at www.pmrs.state.pa.us. These plans are not reported in the Township's financial statements as pension trust funds since the Township is not holding these resources in a trustee capacity.

Separate plan financial statements are produced by PMRS for Rye Township's Police and Non-Uniformed Plans. These financial statements can be obtained by contacting the Rye Township office.

Benefits

For Township employees hired prior to January 1, 2019, the plan provides a defined benefit component and a cash balance component. Township employees hired on or after January 1, 2019, receive only the cash balance component. Benefits vest after seven years of service for non-uniformed employees and police officers for hires prior to January 1, 2014. For employees hired after January 1, 2014, vesting occurs after 10 years of service. Non-uniformed employees are eligible for normal retirement after attaining age sixty-two and seven years of service. Eligibility for normal retirement under the Police Officers' plan is attained at age fifty and completion of seven years of service. The Police Officers' plan also includes a disability benefit and survivor benefits. The Township does not have any active police employees; however, the Township is maintaining the police pension plan for inactive plan members. See table that further describes contributions and benefits.

Contributions

The Township is required to contribute at an actuarially determined rate. Act 205 establishes the contribution requirements of the plan members and the Township. There is no maximum amount of funds the Township may contribute to the plan in a given year. Administrative costs, including investment services, custodial trustee and actuarial services are charged to the appropriate plan and funded from investment earnings. Plan members are not required to contribute to the plans.

The non-uniform plan is also eligible to receive an allocation of state aid from the General Municipal Pension System State Aid Program which must be used for pension funding. Any funding requirements established by the MMO in excess of employee contributions and state aid must be paid by the Township in accordance with Act 205.

Pension plans for non-uniform employees and police with contributions and benefits varying based on the employee's hire date as summarized below.

NOTE 5 PENSION PLANS (CONTINUED)

Non-Uniform

	Contributions	Benefits
Employees hired on or before December 31, 2013	Defined Benefit • Actuarially determined contribution Cash Balance • Township contributes 3% of employee's compensation • Mandatory employee contribution of 3% of after-tax compensation • Optional employee contributions of up to 20% of after-tax compensation	Defined Benefit Member's final salary multiplied by 2% multiplied by years of credited service Cash Balance Gown of compensation earned by the employee during each cash balance contribution period Member optional after-tax contributions Interest credited at a rate of 5.25%
Employees hired from January 1, 2014 through December 31, 2018	Defined Benefit • Actuarially determined contribution Cash Balance • Township contributes 1% of employee's compensation • Optional employee contributions of up to 20% of after-tax compensation	Defined Benefit Member's final salary multiplied by 1.5% multiplied by years of credited service Cash Balance 1% of compensation earned by the employee during each cash balance contribution period Member optional after-tax contributions Interest credited at a rate of 5.25%
Employees hired after January 1, 2019	Cash Balance Township contributes 3% of employee's compensation Mandatory employee contribution of 3% of after-tax compensation Optional employee contributions of up to 20% of after-tax compensation	Cash Balance • 6% of compensation earned by the employee during each cash balance contribution period • Member optional after-tax contributions • Interest credited at a rate of 5.25%

Police

	Contributions	Benefits
Members hired prior to January 1, 2000	Actuarially determined	Member's final salary multiplied by years of credited service multiplied by the benefit accrual rate of 2.25% Maximum benefit is 70% of the Member's final salary
Members hired on or after January 1, 2000 through December 31, 2013	Actuarially determined	Member's final salary multiplied by years of credited service multiplied by the benefit accrual rate of 2.00% Maximum benefit is 50% of the Member's final salary
Members hired after January 1, 2014	Actuarially determined	Member's final salary multiplied by years of credited service multiplied by the benefit accrual rate of 1.50% Maximum benefit is 50% of the Member's final salary

NOTE 5 PENSION PLANS (CONTINUED)

The Township's annual pension cost and contributions for each plan are as follows:

	Non-	
	Uniform	Police
Contribution rates (% of covered salary,		
including administrative costs):		
Defined Benefit	Actuarially	
	determined	None
Cash Balance		
Employer	1%-3%	None
Employees	0%-3%	None
Required contribution – Defined Benefit	\$ 4,671	\$ 0
Required contribution – Defined Contribution	\$ 4,893	\$ 0
Contributions made, including \$ 10,560 of state aid	\$ 20,124	\$ 0

Plan Membership

Plan membership consisted of the following at December 31, 2022:

	Non-Uniformed	Police
Active Plan Members	3	0
Retirees and beneficiaries currently receiving benefits	2	3
Terminated plan members entitled to but not yet receiving benefits	1	0_
	6	3

NOTE 6 RISK MANAGEMENT – INSURANCE

The Township's risk management activities are recorded in the general fund and are related to administering employee life, health, property and liability, worker's compensation and unemployment insurance programs. Significant losses are covered by commercial insurance for all major programs. For these insured programs, there have been no significant reductions in insurance coverage. Settlement amounts have not exceeded insurance coverage for the current year or three prior years.

NOTE 7 INTERFUND ACTIVITY

Transfers between funds for the year ended December 31, 2022 were as follows:

	Transfers In		Tra	nsfers Out
General Fund	\$	-	\$	291,856
Capital Reserve Fund		289,921		15,000
Solid Waste Fund		16,935		
Total	\$	306,856	\$	306,856

The following transfers were made during the year:

General Fund to Capital Reserve: budgeted transfer for future capital projects.

General Fund to Solid Waste: transfer for the solid waste fund's share of benefit costs.

Capital Reserve to Solid Waste: transfer for the solid waste fund's share of non-payroll benefits.

NOTE 8 LEASES

The Township currently leases the land on which the Township Park is located. The lease requires a payment of \$1,100 per year with additional \$150 increases every fifth year thereafter and expires September 2027. The lease expense for 2022 was \$1,100.

Future minimum lease payments for the next five years ending December 31 are as follows:

2023	\$ 1,100
2024	1,100
2025	1,100
2026	1,250
2027	 1,250
	\$ 5,800

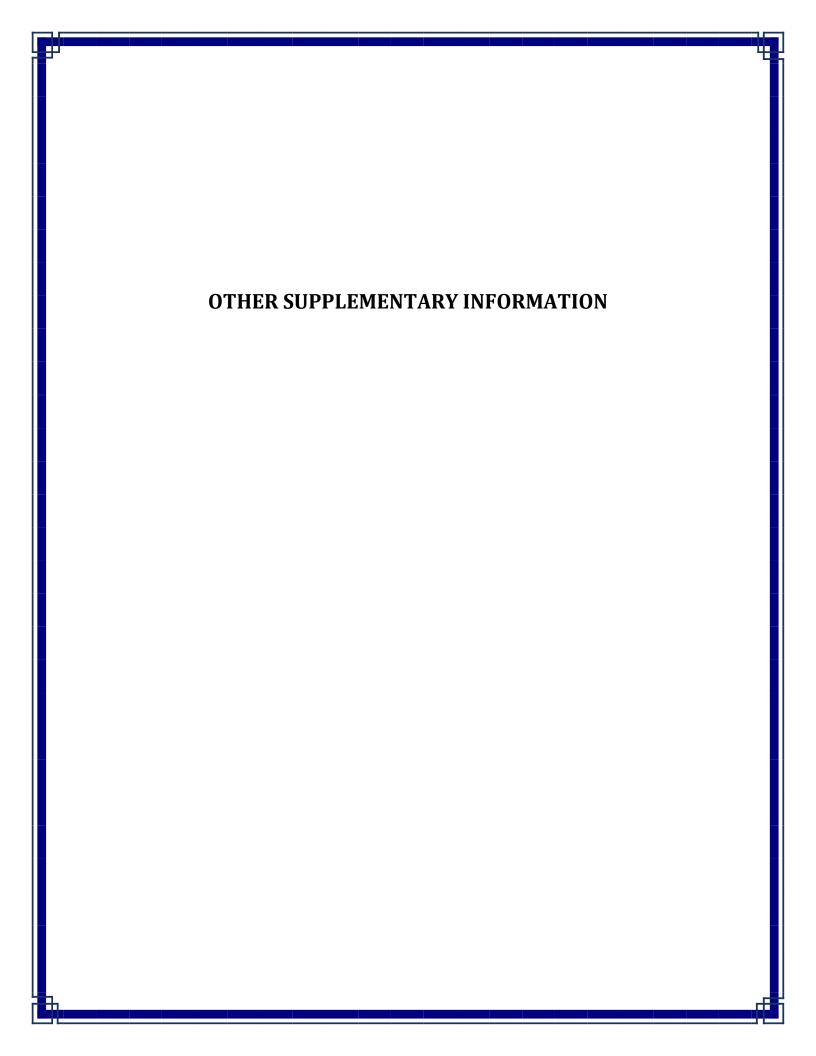
NOTE 9 GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS – FUND BALANCE

The following table provides details of the fund balance classifications which are aggregated on the governmental funds balance sheet:

		eral Fund	Capital Reserve Fund		Highway Aid Fund		Governmental Funds	
FUND BALANCES								
Restricted for								
Future road projects/equipment	\$	8,846	\$	137,387	\$	3,452	\$	149,685
Elaine Pierson memorial fund		-		11,568		-		11,568
American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA)		2,866		247,779		-		250,645
		11,712		396,734		3,452		411,898
Committed for								
Comp plan update		-		17,548		-		17,548
Act 537 plan update		20,000		-		-		20,000
Underground storage tanks		-		21,770		-		21,770
Future land purchase		-		182,299		-		182,299
Future road projects		-		117,603		-		117,603
Future trash expenditures		-		92,448		-		92,448
Future parks and recreation expenditures		-		5,339		-		5,339
Future bridge projects		50,106		57,879		-		107,985
Future capital improvements		20,000		5,919		-		25,919
Future MS4 expenditures		-		37,648		-		37,648
Future office equipment		-		2,008		-		2,008
Future guide rail expenditures		-		21,747		-		21,747
	_	90,106		562,208		-		652,314
Unassigned		1,040,139		<u>-</u>		<u>-</u>		1,040,139
Total fund balances	\$	1,141,957	\$	958,942	\$	3,452	\$	2,104,351

NOTE 10 CONTINGENCIES

During the course of performing its duties for the general public that it services, the Township may be subject to various threatened lawsuits and claims. There were no claims that management or legal counsel believes would have a material effect on the Township's financial position. Management believes that losses resulting from these matters, if any, would be substantially covered under the Township's professional liability insurance policy and would not have a material effect on the financial position of the Township.



RYE TOWNSHIP Budgetary Comparison Schedule - Modified Cash Basis - General Fund Year Ended December 31, 2022

	Original Final		Actual	Variance with Final Budget	
REVENUES	J			<u> </u>	
Taxes					
Real estate	\$ 169,874	\$ 169,8	74 \$ 167,883	\$ (1,991)	
Per capita	8,611	8,6	11 8,510	(101)	
Real estate transfer	38,200	38,2	00 40,075	1,875	
Earned income	296,000	296,0	00 392,493	96,493	
Total taxes	512,685	512,6	85 608,961	<u>96,276</u>	
Licenses and permits					
Sewage	9,500	9,5	5,640	(3,860)	
Miscellaneous	12,495	12,4	95 12,521	26	
Total licenses and permits	21,995	21,9	95 18,161	(3,834)	
Fines and penalties	5,325	5,3	25 2,538	(2,787)	
Interest and rents	12,350	12,3	50 16,004	3,654	
Intergovernmental					
Game commission	7,888	7,8	7,888	_	
Public utility realty tax	530		30 558	28	
Federal, state and other grants	23,160	23,1		127,200	
Total intergovernmental revenue	31,578	31,5		127,228	
Charges for services	3,405	3,4	05 2,708	(697)	
Other revenue					
Miscellaneous revenue and reimbursements	222	2	22 446	224	
Total revenues	587,560	587,5	60 807,624	220,064	
EXPENDITURES					
General government					
Salaries and wages	75,010	75,0	10 70,913	4,097	
Advertising and printing	750		50 943	7	
Auditing and accounting	10,350	10,3	•	42	
Building maintenance and supplies	11,925	14,3		2,806	
Legal services	14,750	14,7		2,197	
Engineering	12,000	4,5		4,069	
Payroll taxes	16,550	16,5		2,885	
Non-uniform pension	4,671	4,6 25,0		(9,560) 494	
Property insurance Workmen's compensation insurance	23,150 12,500	25,0 12,5		1,750	
Group insurance	55,985	12,3 58,9	•	3,590	
Supplies and other expenditures	31,049	32,4		5,022	
Total general government	268,690	270,1		17,399	
Public sofety					
Public safety Contributions to fire and reason companies	F2 (40	F2.6	40 52554	0.0	
Contributions to fire and rescue companies	53,640	53,6 12.0		86 (2.554)	
Fire relief pass-through payments Supplies and zoning ordinance update	12,800 12,150	12,8 12,1		(2,554) 5,527	
Other expenditures	15,300	12,1 16,3		3,820	
Total public safety	\$ 93,890	\$ 94,8	_	\$ 6,879	

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RYE TOWNSHIP Budgetary Comparison Schedule - Modified Cash Basis - General Fund (Continued) Year Ended December 31, 2022

		Budgeted	l An	nounts		Variance with			
	(Original		Final		Actual	Variance with Final Budget		
EXPENDITURES - (CONTINUED)		011 5 11141				1100001		ui Duuget	
Highways									
Salaries and wages	\$	112,600	\$	112,600	\$	98,513	\$	14,087	
Fuel		10,000		14,950		14,873		77	
Supplies		500		500		574		(74)	
Snow and ice removal		15,000		19,000		17,661		1,339	
Equipment purchases		3,000		3,000		1,397		1,603	
Street signs/traffic signals		12,000		12,000		7,357		4,643	
Storm sewers/drains		30,000		30,000		13,073		16,927	
Machine repairs and maintenance		13,400		13,400		9,874		3,526	
Maintenance - roads and bridges		105,300		134,300		91,301		42,999	
Total highways		301,800		339,750		254,623		85,127	
Other public works									
Cemeteries		1,440	_	1,440		1,320		120	
Culture and recreation									
Payments and contributions to library		3,570		3,570		3,556		14	
Contributions to Senior Citizens Center		1,200		1,200		1,200		-	
Other culture and recreation		9,970		8,070		7,115		955	
Total culture and recreation		14,740	_	12,840		11,871		969	
Total expenditures		680,560		719,060		608,566		110,494	
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES/(USES)									
Transfers in		151,500		151,500		-		(151,500)	
Transfers out		(58,500)		(20,000)		(291,856)		(271,856)	
Refund of prior year expenditure		-		-		212		212	
Proceeds from sale of capital asset		-		-		1,500		1,500	
Total other financing sources (uses)		93,000		131,500		(290,144)		(421,644)	
Net change in fund balance	\$	-	\$	-		(91,086)	\$	(91,086)	
Fund balance - beginning						1,233,255			
Fund balance - ending					\$	1,142,169			

RYE TOWNSHIP Budgetary Comparison Schedule - Modified Cash Basis - Highway Aid Fund Year Ended December 31, 2022

	Budgeted Amounts							
	Original			Final	Actual		Variance with Final Budget	
REVENUES								
State grant - liquid fuels tax Interest	\$	120,825 1,000	\$	120,825 1,000	\$	120,700 1,263	\$	(125) 263
Total revenues		121,825		121,825		121,963		138
EXPENDITURES				_				
Construction and rebuilding of highways		335,000		335,000		295,000		40,000
Total expenditures		335,000		335,000	_	295,000		40,000
Net change in fund balance	<u>\$</u>	(213,175)	\$	(213,175)		(173,037)	\$	40,138
Fund balance - beginning						176,489		
Fund balance - ending					\$	3,452		

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RYE TOWNSHIP Budgetary Comparison Schedule - Modified Cash Basis - Solid Waste Fund Year Ended December 31, 2022

	Budgeted Amounts							
	(Original		Final	Actual		Variance with Final Budget	
OPERATING REVENUES		204 550		201 == 0		222.442		2.262
Charges for services	\$	204,550	\$	204,550	\$	208,410	\$	3,860
OPERATING EXPENSES								
Salaries and wages		15,735		15,735		15,890		(155)
Payroll taxes and benefits		7,850		7,850		9,636		(1,786)
Tipping fees		395		430		429		1
Collection fees		6,100		6,100		3,494		2,606
Other supplies and expenses		12,406		12,371		9,853		2,518
Contracted services		186,014		186,014		186,014		-
Depreciation expenses		-		_		8		(8)
Total expenses	_	228,500		228,500		225,324		3,176
Operating income (loss)		(23,950)		(23,950)		(16,914)		7,036
NONOPERATING REVENUES								
Interest		950		950		821		(129)
Intergovernmental revenue		-		-		951		951
Total nonoperating revenues		950		950		1,772		822
Net income (loss) before transfers		(23,000)		(23,000)		(15,142)		7,858
Transfers in		23,000		23,000		16,935		(6,065)
Transfers out		-				-		-
Net transfers		23,000		23,000		16,935		(6,065)
Change in net position	\$		\$			1,793	\$	1,793
Total net position - beginning						294,651		
Total net position - ending					\$	296,444		