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TOWNSHIP OF BRIDGEWATER FIRE DISTRICT NO. 2 24 OLD YORK ROAD BRIDGEWATER, NJ 08807

MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

Our discussion and analysis of the Township of Bridgewater Fire District No. 2's financial performance provides an overview of the District's financial activities for the year ended December 31, 2009.

The District provides funding for fire fighting services to the residents within its territorial location. Township of Bridgewater, Fire District #2 has one fire company within its jurisdiction. The District is a separate government body (not part of the Township of Bridgewater) known as a Special District and is governed by an elected board of five citizens. This section of the District's financial report presents our discussion and analysis of the District's financial performance during the fiscal year ended December 31, 2009.

USING THIS ANNUAL REPORT

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

Reporting on the District as a Whole

The Statement of Net Assets and the Statement of Activities

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

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

In the Statement of Net Assets and the Statement of Activities are the General Fund activities where most of the District's basic services are reported. Property tax levies and municipal assistance primarily finance most of these activities.

Reporting the District's Most Significant Funds

Fund Financial Statements

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

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

Governmental Funds

Township of Bridgewater Fire District No. 2's activities are all reported in governmental funds. These funds record the flow of cash in and out of the District during the period and the balances remaining at year end for future periods. The modified accrual basis of accounting is utilized for reporting purposes. This method of accounting measures cash and all other financial assets that can be converted to cash. The governmental fund statements provide a detailed short-term view of the District's general government operations and the basic services that it provides. Governmental fund information helps you determine whether there are more or fewer financial resources that can be spent in the near future to finance the District's services.

Township of Bridgewater Fire District No. 2 maintains two separate government funds. Information is presented in the governmental fund balance sheet and in the governmental fund statement of revenues, expenditures and changes in fund balance for the general fund and the capital fund.

As required by N.J.S.A. 40A:14:78-3, Township of Bridgewater Fire District No. 2 adopts an annual budget which is voted on by the legal voters of the District. Budgetary comparison schedules have been prepared to document compliance with budgetary requirements.

Notes to Financial Statements

The notes to the financial statements provide additional information that is essential to a full understanding of the data provided in the district-wide and fund financial statements. The notes to the financial statements are an integral part of the financial statements.

The District as a Board

Reporting the District's Fiduciary Responsibilities

The District is a board of commissioners formed to serve the residents, business community and visitors of the Township of Bridgewater by providing adequately funded fire prevention and protection in the community. The District is responsible for ensuring that the assets reported in these funds are used for their intended purposes.

THE DISTRICT AS A WHOLE

For the year ended December 31, 2009, net assets, budgetary basis, changed as follows:

	General Fund	Capital Fund	<u>Total</u>
Beginning net assets	\$100,223	\$208,178	\$308,401
Increase in net assets	33,005	61,488	94,493
Ending net assets	<u>\$133,228</u>	<u>\$269,666</u>	<u>\$402,894</u>

Governmental Activities

General Fund is mainly to provide fire protection to its residents, educate the public as to fire prevention and precaution and to train qualified personnel.

Capital fund is mainly to provide for the acquisition or construction of fire equipment or facilities.

All other government 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.

DIRECT-WIDE FINANCIAL ANALYSIS

Township of Bridgewater Fire District No. 2's net assets, GAAP basis, are a useful indicator of the District's financial condition. At the end of 2009 the District's assets, GAAP basis, exceeded the liabilities by approximately \$424,000.

Statement of Net Assets

TOWNSHIP OF BRIDGEWATER FIRE DISTRICT NO. 2 NET ASSETS DECEMBER 31, 2009

Current and Other Assets Capital Assets	\$ 445,764
Total Assets	467,170
Other Liabilities	(42,870)
Net Assets	\$ 424,300

Analysis of Net Assets

Invested in Capital Assets Net of Accumulated	
Depreciation	\$ 21,406
Unrestricted	402,894
Total Net Assets	\$ 424 300

The net assets, GAAP basis, of Township of Bridgewater Fire District No. 2 increased approximately \$83,000 during the 2009 period. During 2005, the District implemented GASB 34. One requirement of this pronouncement was the adoption of a fixed asset management plan, including a depreciation policy.

Governmental Activities

The Statement of Activities, budgetary basis, shows the cost of the governmental activities program services and the charges for services offsetting these costs. A summary of these activities follows:

Program Expenses	
Administrative Expenses	\$ 130,973
Cost of Operations & Other Appropriations	<u>150,163</u>
Total Program Expenses	281,136
General Revenues	
Property Taxes Levied for General Purposes	371,800
Other Income	3,829
Total General Revenue	<u>375,629</u>
Increase in Net Assets	94,493
Net Assets, January 1	308,401
Net Assets, December 31	<u>\$ 402,894</u>

In 2009 the property tax revenue constituted 99% of the total government activities revenue received by Township of Bridgewater Fire District No. 2.

The Cost of Operations in 2009 was 53% of the District's total expenses. Administration expenses equaled 47% of the total expenses.

FINANCIAL ANALYSIS OF THE GOVERNMENT FUNDS

Township of Bridgewater Fire District No. 2 uses fund accounting to document compliance with finance-related legal requirements.

Government Fund

The primary objective of the District's governmental funds is to report on cash flows in and out during the period and the ending balances of the spendable resources. This information is useful to evaluate the performance of the District and to assess its future needs and available resources.

As of December 31, 2009, the balance of the government cash funds of the Township of Bridgewater Fire District No. 2 was approximately \$446,000. This balance is approximately \$107,000 higher than last year's governmental cash funds balance. The general fund funded \$60,000 for future capital expenditures and operated at a surplus during the year.

The combined balance of the governmental funds, budgetary basis, of the Township of Bridgewater Fire District No. 2 was approximately \$403,000, which is all unreserved. A further breakdown of the unreserved fund balance includes \$133,228 designated for the 2009 budget period.

The general fund is the main operating fund of the Township of Bridgewater Fire District No. 2. At the end of 2009, the total fund balance, budgetary basis, of the general fund was approximately \$133,000.

During 2009 the general fund balance, budgetary basis, of the Township of Bridgewater Fire District No. 2 increased by approximately \$33,000.

At the end of 2009, the District had a capital projects fund balance of \$269,666. The change in this fund balance was a capital appropriation transfer from the general fund of \$60,000, interest income of \$1,488.

General Fund Budgetary Highlights

The 2009 budget is a balanced budget. The Commissioners decided to anticipate \$60,000 of accumulated surplus and use those funds for the future purchase of equipment.

Over the course of the year, the Board revised the General Fund budget. This budget amendment was a transfer within appropriations as a result of over expending some line items.

CAPITAL ASSETS AND DEBT ADMINISTRATION

Capital Assets

At year-end, the District had \$1,455,235 invested in capital assets, which represents the purchase or acquisition of assets as follows:

Vehicles and equipment purchased through budget

\$1,455,235

Total

\$1,455,235

ECONOMIC FACTORS AND NEXT YEAR'S BUDGETS AND RATES

An increase in district taxes has been approved and revenue for fees and penalties has been anticipated for next year. The general fund budget was determined based on these increases.

CONTACTING THE DISTRICT'S FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

This financial report is designed to provide our District's citizens, taxpayers and creditors with a general overview of the District's finances and to show the District's accountability for the money it receives. If you have questions about this report or need additional financial information, contact the District secretary's office at 24 Old York Road, Bridgewater, NJ.

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

Board of Fire Commissioners Township of Bridgewater Fire District No. 2 Somerset County, New Jersey

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the Township of Bridgewater Fire District No. 2, Somerset County, New Jersey as of and for the year ended December 31, 2009. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Fire District's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these basic financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in Government Auditing Standards, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States and in compliance with the audit requirements prescribed by the Division of Local Government Services, Department of Community Affairs, State of New Jersey. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the basic financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Township of Bridgewater Fire District No. 2, Somerset County, New Jersey as of December 31, 2009, and the results of its operations for the year then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

In accordance with Government Auditing Standards, we have also issued a report dated on September 15, 2010 on our consideration of the Township of Bridgewater Fire District No. 2, Somerset County, New Jersey's internal control over financial reporting and our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulation, contracts and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with Government Auditing Standards and should be read in conjunction with this report in considering the results of the audit.

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT (CONT'D)

The Management's Discussion and Analysis and the Schedule of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance- Budget and Actual included in the contents of this report are not a required part of the basic financial statements but are supplementary information required by accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. Certain limited procedures have been applied to the Management's Discussion and Analysis, primarily consisting of inquires of management. However, we did not audit the information and express no opinion on it. The Schedule of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance- Budget to Actual has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and, in our opinion, is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the basic financial statements taken as a whole.

Our audit has been made for the purpose of forming an opinion on the financial statements taken as a whole. The Statistical Information and Roster of Officials are supplementary information presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the basic financial statements. The supplementary information has not been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and, accordingly, we express no opinion on them.

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September 15, 2010

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

Board of Fire Commissioners Township of Bridgewater Fire District No. 2 Somerset County, New Jersey

We have audited the financial statements of the Township of Bridgewater Fire District No. 2, Somerset County, New Jersey as of and for the year ended December 31, 2009, and have issued our report thereon dated September 15, 2010. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, in compliance with the audit requirements prescribed by the Division of Local Government Services, Department of Community Affairs, State of New Jersey, and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit, we considered the Township of Bridgewater Fire District No. 2, Somerset County, New Jersey's internal control over financial reporting in order to determine our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the financial statements and not to provide assurance on the internal control over financial reporting. Our consideration of the internal control over financial reporting would not necessarily disclose all matters in the internal control that might be material weaknesses. A material weakness is a condition in which the design or operation of one or more of the internal control components does not reduce to a relatively low level the risk that misstatements caused by error or fraud in amounts that would be material in relation to the financial statements being audited may occur and not be detected within a timely period by employees in the normal course of performing their assigned functions. We noted no matters involving the internal control over financial reporting and its operation that we consider to be material weaknesses.

Compliance and other Matters

As part of Obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the Township of Bridgewater Fire District No. 2, Somerset County, New Jersey's financial statements are free of material misstatement, we performed test of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulation, contracts and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the determination of financial statement amounts. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit and, accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance or other matters that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*.

REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER FINANCIAL REPORTING (CONT'D)....

We noted certain matters that we have either included in the Schedule of Findings and Recommendations or reported to management of the Township of Bridgewater Fire District No. 2, Somerset County, New Jersey, in a separate letter dated September 15, 2010.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of the Board of Commissioners and the Division of Local Government Services, Department of Community Affairs, State of New Jersey and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than those specified parties.

Urban And Jinks, P.A.

September 15, 2010

TOWNSHIP OF BRIDGEWATER FIRE DISTRICT NO. 2 COUNTY OF SOMERSET STATEMENT OF NET ASSETS AND GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS BALANCE SHEET DECEMBER 31, 2009

	General Capital Fund Fund			Total		Adjustments (Note 2)		Statement of Net Assets		
ASSETS										
Current Assets:										
Cash	\$	279,887	\$	165,877	\$	445,764	\$	•	\$	445,764
Interfund Receivable		-		103,789		103,789		(103,789)		•
Total Current Assets		279,887		269,666		549,553		(103,789)		445,764
Capital Assets, Net				•		•		21,406		21,406
TOTAL ASSETS	\$	279,887	\$	269,666	\$	549,553	\$	(82,383)	\$	467,170
LIABILITIES										
Current Liabilities:										
Accounts Payable	\$	42,870	\$	_	\$	42,870	\$	_	\$	42,870
Improvement Authorizations - Unfunded	•	-	•	-	•		•	_	Ψ	
Interfund Payable		103,789		_		103,789		(103,789)		_
Total Current Liabilities		146,659		-		146,659		(103,789)		42,870
FUND BALANCES AND NET ASSETS										
Fund Balances: Unreserved:										
	•	122 220	•		•			(444 444)	_	
Designated for Subsequent Years' Expenditures Undesignated	\$	133,228	\$	260.666	\$	133,228	\$	(133,228)	\$	-
Total Fund Balances		133,228		269,666		269,666		(269,666)		
Total I und Datances	_	133,228		269,666		402,894	_	(402,894)		
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES	\$	279,887	\$	269,666	\$	549,553				
Net Assets:										
Invested in Capital Assets, Net								21,406		21,406
Unreserved								402,894		402,894
TOTAL NET ASSETS							\$	424,300	\$	424,300

TOWNSHIP OF BRIDGEWATER FIRE DISTRICT NO. 2 COUNTY OF SOMERSET STATEMENT OF NET ASSETS AND GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS BALANCE SHEET DECEMBER 31, 2008

	General Capital Fund Fund			Total		Adjustments (Note 2)		Statement of Net Assets	
ASSETS									
Current Assets:									
Cash	\$	174,058	\$ 164,389	\$	338,447	\$	•	\$	338,447
Interfund Receivable		-	 43,789		43,789		(43,789)		-
Total Current Assets		174,058	208,178		382,236		(43,789)		338,447
Capital Assets, Net		•	 		-		32,823		32,823
TOTAL ASSETS	\$	174,058	\$ 208,178	\$	382,236	\$	(10,966)	\$	371,270
LIABILITIES									
Current Liabilities:									
Accounts Payable	\$	30,046	\$ _	\$	30,046	\$	-	\$	30,046
Improvement Authorizations - Unfunded		•	-	•	-	-	-	•	-
Interfund Payable		43,789	_		43,789		(43,789)		
Total Current Liabilities	_	73,835	•		73,835	_	(43,789)		30,046
FUND BALANCES AND NET ASSETS									
Fund Balances:									
Unreserved:	•			_		_			
Designated for Subsequent Years' Expenditures Undesignated	\$	100,223	\$ 	\$	100,223	\$	(100,223)	\$	-
Total Fund Balances		100 222	 208,178		208,178		(208,178)		-
Total Fund Balances		100,223	 208,178	_	308,401		(308,401)		
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES	\$	174,058	\$ 208,178	\$	382,236				
Net Assets:									
Invested in Capital Assets, Net							32,823		32,823
Unreserved							308,401		308,401
TOTAL NET ASSETS						\$	341,224	\$	341,224

TOWNSHIP OF BRIDGEWATER FIRE DISTRICT NO. 2 COUNTY OF SOMERSET STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES AND GOVERNMENTAL FUND REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2009

	General Fund	Capital Fund	Total	Adjustments (Note 3)	Statement of Activities	
Expenditures:						
Operating Appropriations	\$ 247,218	\$ -	\$ 247,218	\$ 11,417	\$ 258,635	
Appropriations for Duly Incorporated Rescue Squads	33,918		33,918		33,918	
Total Expenditures	281,136	-	281,136	11,417	292,553	
General Revenues:						
District Taxes	371,800	-	371,800	-	371,800	
Miscellaneous	2,341	1,488	3,829	-	3,829	
Total General Revenues	374,141	1,488	375,629	•	375,629	
Transfers - Reserve for Future Capital Outlays	(60,000)	60,000		-		
Total General Revenues and Transfers	314,141	61,488	375,629	-	•	
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over Expenditures	33,005	61,488	94,493	(11,417)	83,076	
Fund Balances, January 1	100,223	208,178	308,401	32,823	341,224	
Fund Balances, December 31	\$ 133,228	\$ 269,666	\$ 402,894	\$ 21,406	\$ 424,300	

TOWNSHIP OF BRIDGEWATER FIRE DISTRICT NO. 2 COUNTY OF SOMERSET

STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES AND GOVERNMENTAL FUND REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2008

	General Fund	Capital Fund	Total	Adjustments (Note 3)	Statement of Activities	
Expenditures:						
Operating Appropriations	\$ 249,453	\$ 58,870	\$ 308,323	\$ 11,417	\$ 319,740	
Appropriations for Duly Incorporated Rescue Squads	25,629		25,629		25,629	
Total Expenditures	275,082	58,870	333,952	11,417	345,369	
General Revenues:						
District Taxes	299,130	58,870	358,000	-	358,000	
Miscellaneous	2,272	3,121	5,393	-	5,393	
Total General Revenues	301,402	61,991	363,393	-	363,393	
Transfers - Reserve for Future Capital Outlays	(20,000)	20,000	-			
Total General Revenues and Transfers	281,402	81,991	363,393			
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over Expenditures	6,320	23,121	29,441	(11,417)	18,024	
Fund Balances, January 1	93,903	185,057	278,960	44,240	323,200	
Fund Balances, December 31	\$ 100,223	\$ 208,178	\$ 308,401	\$ 32,823	\$ 341,224	

Note 1 - Summary of Significant Accounting Policies:

The accounting policies of the Board of Fire Commissioners (Board) of the Township of Bridgewater Fire District No. 2, Somerset County, (District) conform to the accounting principles applicable to special districts which have been prescribed by the Division of Local Government Services, Department of Community Affairs, State of New Jersey. For the years ended December 31, 2009 and 2008 the financial statements of the Township of Bridgewater Fire District No. 2 have been prepared in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP) as applied to governmental units. The Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) is the accepted standard-setting body for establishing governmental accounting and financial reporting principles. Beginning with the year ended December 31, 2004 the District implemented the new financial reporting requirements of GASB 34. As a result, an entirely new financial presentation format has been presented. The more significant of the District's accounting policies are described below.

A. Reporting Entity

The District is a political subdivision of the Township of Bridgewater, Somerset County, State of New Jersey, established to function as a special district. The Board of Fire Commissioners consists of elected officials and is responsible for the fiscal control of the District.

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

B. Basis of Presentation

Combined Fund and Government-wide Financial Statements

As a special purpose governmental entity engaged in a single governmental program the District has opted to present its financial data in the form of combined fund and government-wide financial statements to simplify their annual financial reporting process.

The accounts of the District are maintained in accordance with the principles of fund accounting to ensure observance of limitations and restrictions on the resources available. The principles of fund accounting require that resources be classified for accounting and reporting purposes into funds or account groups in accordance with activities or objectives specified for the resources. Each fund is a separate accounting entity with a self-balancing set of accounts. An account group, on the other hand, is a financial reporting device designed to provide accountability for certain assets and liabilities that are not recorded in the funds because they do not directly affect net expendable available financial resources. Funds are classified into three categories: governmental, proprietary and fiduciary. Each category, in turn, is divided into separate "fund types". The District does not maintain any proprietary or fiduciary funds.

Governmental Fund Types

General Fund: The general fund is the general operating fund of the District and is used to account for all expendable financial resources except those required to be accounted for in another fund.

Note 1 – Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Cont'd):

B. Basis of Presentation (Cont'd)

Governmental Fund Types (Cont'd)

Capital Fund: The Capital Fund is used to account for all financial resources to be used for the acquisition or construction of major capital assets.

In conformity with GASB 34, the District's combined fund and government-wide financial statements present adjustments to reconcile the general and capital fund balances to net assets.

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

C. Basis of Accounting

Fund Basis of Accounting

The modified accrual basis of accounting is used for measuring financial position and operating results of all governmental fund types, expendable trust funds and agency funds. Under the modified accrual basis of accounting, revenues are recognized when they become both measurable and available. "Measurable" means the amount of the transaction can be determined and "available" means collectible within the current period or soon thereafter to be used to pay liabilities of the current period. Expenditures are recognized in the accounting period in which the fund liability is incurred, except for principal and interest on general long-term debt which are recorded when due.

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

Government-wide Basis of Accounting

The government-wide statements are presented using the accrual basis of accounting. Under the full accrual basis, revenues are recognized when earned and expenses are recorded when the liability is incurred or economic asset used. Revenue, expenses, gains, losses, assets and liabilities resulting from exchange and exchange-like transactions are recognized when the exchange takes place.

D. Budgets/Budgetary Control

Annual budgets are prepared each year for the operations of the fire district. The budgets are approved by the Division of Local Government Services, Department of Community Affairs, State of New Jersey. The budgets are then voted upon by the public.

Formal budgetary integration into the accounting system is employed as a management control device during the year. For governmental funds there are no substantial differences between the budgetary basis of accounting and the fund basis of accounting previously described. Encumbrance accounting is also employed as an extension of formal budgetary integration in the governmental fund types. Unencumbered appropriations lapse at the end of the subsequent year.

Note 1 – Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Cont'd):

E. Encumbrances

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

The encumbered appropriation authority carries over into the following year. An entry will be made at the beginning of the next year to increase the appropriation reflected in the certified budget by the outstanding encumbrance as of the current year end.

F. Fixed Assets

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

In the government-wide basis of accounting, fixed assets are accounted for as capital assets. The District generally capitalizes assets with a cost of \$1,000 or more as outlays occur. All fixed assets are valued at fair market value as of date acquired, historical cost or estimated historical cost if actual is unavailable.

Depreciation of all fixed assets is recorded as an operating expense in the Statement of Activities and Governmental Fund Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance with accumulated depreciation reflected in the Statement of Net Assets and Governmental Funds Balance Sheet. Depreciation is provided over the assets' estimated useful lives using the straight line method of depreciation, generally 5 years for fire fighting equipment, 10 years for general purpose vehicles and 20 years for fire fighting vehicles.

G. Interfund Transactions and Balances

Transfers are used to move revenue from the fund that statue or budget requires to collect them to the fund that statue or budget requires to expend them. Transfers between the general and capital fund of the District net to zero on the Statement of Activities and Governmental Fund Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances.

During the course of operation, transactions occur between individual funds that may result in amounts owed between funds. Those loans are reported as interfund receivables and payables on the fund basis of accounting. Interfund payables and receivables between funds are eliminated in the Statement of Net Assets and Governmental Funds Balance Sheet.

H. Fund Equity

Fund Basis

Reserves represent those portions of fund equity not appropriable for expenditure or legally segregated for a specific future use. Designated fund balances represent plans for future use of financial resources.

Note 1 - Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Cont'd):

H. Fund Equity (Cont'd)

Government-wide Basis

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

- a. Invested in capital assets, net-Consists of capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation.
- b. Restricted for capital acquisitions- Current balance consists of net assets restricted to the acquisition of a fire truck.
- c. Unrestricted net assets- All net assets that do not meet the definition of "invested in capital assets, net" or "restricted".

Note 2 – Adjustments to Arrive at Net Assets:

A. Capital Assets and Net Assets Invested in Capital Assets

For the years ended December 31, 2009 and 2008, capital assets, net and net assets invested in capital assets in the amount of \$21,406 and \$32,823, respectfully, have been included in the government-wide presentation.

B. Fund Balances, Unrestricted Net Assets and Net Assets Restricted for Capital Acquisitions

For the year ended December 31, 2009 and 2008, fund balances in the amount of \$402,894 and \$308,401, respectfully, have been eliminated.

C. Interfund Receivables and Payables

For the years ended December 31, 2009 and 2008, interfund receivable and payables in the amount of \$103,789 and \$43,789, respectfully have been eliminated in arriving at the government-wide presentation.

Note 3 - Adjustments to Arrive at the Change in Net Assets:

A. Operating Appropriations

For the years ended December 31, 2009 and 2008, depreciation expense in the amount of \$11,417 and \$11,417, respectfully have been included in the government-wide presentation.

Note 4 – Deposits and Investments:

New Jersey statues permit the deposit of public funds in institutions located in New Jersey which are insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation ("FDIC"), or by any other agency of the United States that insures deposits or the State of New Jersey Cash Management Fund. New Jersey statues require public depositories to maintain collateral for deposit of public funds that exceed insurance limits as follows:

The market value of the collateral must equal 5 percent of the average daily balance of public funds; or

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

All collateral must be deposited with the Federal Reserve Bank, the Federal Home Loan Bank Board or a banking institution that is a member of the Federal Reserve System and has capital funds of not less than \$25,000,000. The State of New Jersey Cash Management Fund is authorized by statue and regulations of the State Investment Council to invest in fixed income and debt securities which mature within one year. Collateralization of fund investments is generally not required.

Note 4 - Deposits and Investments (Cont'd):

The cash on deposit is partially insured by federal deposit insurance in the amount of \$100,000 in each depository. Balances above the federal deposit insurance amount are insured by the Government Unit Deposit Protection Act (GUDPA), N.J.S.A. 17:9-41, et seq., which insures all New Jersey governmental units' deposits in excess of the federal deposit insurance maximums. Cash as determined by the Board of Commissioners consists of all bank accounts and includes certificates of deposits.

Investments

New Jersey statues establish the following securities as eligible for the investment of District Funds:

- (a) Bonds or other obligations of the United States or obligations guaranteed by the United States.
- (b) Bonds of any Federal Intermediate Credit Bank, Federal Home Loan Bank, Federal National Mortgage Associates or of any United State Bank for Cooperatives which have a maturity date not greater than twelve months from the date of purchase.
- (c) Bonds or other obligations of the District or bonds or other Obligations of school districts of which the District is a part or within which the school district is located.
- (d) Bonds or other obligations, having a maturity date of not more than twelve months from the date of purchases, that are approved by the New Jersey Department of Treasury, Division of Investments.
- (e) Qualified mutual funds with portfolios limited to (i) bonds or other obligations of, or guaranteed by, the United State of America; and (ii) repurchase agreements fully collateralized by such obligations. These investments must be transacted only through national or state banks located within New Jersey.

During the year, the District had none of its idle funds invested in repurchase agreements collateralized by eligible securities. At the close of the year, no such investments were held by the District.

As of December 31, the District's cash accounts consisted of:

	<u>2009</u>	<u>2008</u>
Checking Account	\$279,687	\$173,858
Money Market Account	64,910	64,667
Certificate of Deposits	100,967	99,722
Petty Cash	200	200
Total Cash In Bank	\$445,764	\$338,447

The carrying amount of the District's cash at December 31, 2009 and 2008 was \$445,764 and \$338,447, respectively, and the bank balance was \$528,121 and \$399,823, respectively.

Note 5 - Assessment and Collection of Money Authorized By Voters:

Upon proper certification pursuant to Section 9 of P.L. 1979 c. 453 (C.40[A]:14-78.5), the assessor of the municipality, in which the fire district is situated, shall assess the amount to be raised by taxation to support the district budget against the taxable property therein, in the same manner as municipal taxes are assessed and the same amount shall be assessed, levied and collected at the same time and in the same manner as other municipal taxes.

The collector of treasurer of the municipality, in which said district is situated, shall pay over all moneys so assessed to the treasurer or custodian of funds of said fire district as follows; on or before April 1, an amount equaling 21.25% of all moneys so assessed; on or before July 1, an amount equaling 22.5% of all monies so assessed; and on or before December 31, an amount equaling the difference between the total of all monies so assessed and the total amount of such monies previously paid over, to be held and expended for the purpose of providing and maintaining means for extinguishing fires in such district.

Notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, the municipal governing body may authorize, in the cash management plan adopted by it pursuant to N.J.S. 40A:5-14, a schedule of payments of fire districts moneys by which an amount greater than required on any of the first three payment dates cited herein may be paid over. The municipal governing body and board of fire commissioners may, by concurrent resolution, adopt a schedule of payments of fire district moneys by which an amount less than required in any of the first three payments dates, cited herein may be paid over. Such resolution shall be included in the cash management plan adopted by the municipal governing body pursuant to N.J.S. 40A:5-14.

The commissioners may also pay back, or cause to be paid back to such municipality, any funds or any part thereof paid to the treasurer or custodian of funds of such fire district by the collector or treasurer of the municipality, representing taxes levied for fire district purposes but not actually collected in cash by said collector or treasurer.

Note 6 - Funding:

The activities of the Township of Bridgewater Fire District No. 2 are primarily funded by the striking of a fire tax on the property owners of the Fire District, as provided for by state statue. For the years ended December 31, 2009 and 2008, the fire tax rate for Fire District No. 2 was \$0.060 and \$0.054 per \$100 of assessed valuation, respectfully.

Note 7 – Capital Assets:

The following schedule is a summarization of the capital assets by source for the years ended December 31, 2009 and 2008:

	Expenditures	Acquired No Cost (FMV)	Balance as of Dec. 31, 2008	2009 Additions	Balance as of Dec. 31, 2009	
Equipment	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	
Truck & Vehicles	1,455,235		1,455,235	· 	1,455,235	
	1,455,235		1,455,235		1,455,235	
Less: Accumulated						
Depreciation	1,422,412		1,422,412	11,417	1,433,829	
Net	\$ 32,823	<u>\$</u>	<u>\$ 32,823</u>	<u>\$ 11,417</u>	<u>\$ 21,406</u>	

Depreciation expense for each of the years ended December 31, 2009 and 2008 was \$11,417 and \$11,417 respectfully.

Note 8 - Rental Charges:

The District contracts with the volunteer fire company to lease the premises and some of the equipment on a yearly basis. The volunteer fire company owns both the equipment and premises. The total rental charge for each of the years 2009 and 2008 was \$42,000.

Note 9 - Risk Management:

The District is exposed to various risks of loss related to limited torts; theft of, damage to and destruction of assets; errors and omissions; and natural disasters for which the District carries commercial insurance. Settlements have not exceeded coverage in the past year. There have been no significant reductions in coverage from the prior year.

TOWNSHIP OF BRIDGEWATER FIRE DISTRICT NO. 2 COUNTY OF SOMERSET

SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES BUDGET AND ACTUAL

FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2009

		Total Actu	al Amounts					
	Government	al Fund Type	Budgetary	Adjustments	GAAP	Budgeted	Budgetary	
	General Fund	Capital Fund	Basis	Note B	Basis	Original	Final	Variance
Revenues:						*****		
District Taxes	\$ 371,800		\$ 371,800	\$ -	\$ 371,800	\$ 371,800	\$ 371,800	\$ -
Miscellaneous Income	2,341	1,488	3,829	-	3,829	5,480	5,480	(1,651)
Total Revenues	374,141	1,488	375,629	-	375,629	377,280	377,280	(1,651)
Fund Balance Utilized								
Unreserved Fund Balance		-	-	-	•	30,000	30,000	(30,000)
Transfers - Reserve for Future								
Capital Outlay	(60,000)	60,000				-		
Total General Revenues and Transfers	314,141	61,488	375,629		375,629	407,280	407,280	(31,651)
Expenditures:								
Operating Appropriations:								
Administration:								
Salary and Wages:								
Commissioners	18,335	-	18,335	-	18,335	30,000	30,000	11,665
Total Salary and Wages	18,335	-	18,335		18,335	30,000	30,000	11,665
Other Expenses:	<u> </u>							11,000
Advertising	126	-	126	-	126	450	450	324
Election	833	-	833	_	833	600	600	(233)
Insurance	27,084	-	27,084	-	27,084	40,950	40,950	13,866
Office Supplies and Postage	632	-	632	-	632	4,400	4,400	3,768
Professional Services	7,963	-	7,963	-	7,963	10,000	10,000	2,037
Rent	42,000	-	42,000	-	42,000	42,000	42,000	_,00,
Service Award Program	34,000	-	34,000	•	34,000	34,000	34,000	-
Contingent	-	•	•	-	• .,	4,500	4,500	4,500
Total Other Expenses	112,638		112,638		112,638	136,900	136,900	24,262
Total Administration	130,973	-	130,973		130,973	166,900	166,900	35,927
								

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TOWNSHIP OF BRIDGEWATER FIRE DISTRICT NO. 2 COUNTY OF SOMERSET

SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE (CONT'D) BUDGET AND ACTUAL

FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2009

Total Actual Amounts

	Total Actual Amounts							
	Governmental Fund Type		Budgetary Adjustments		GAAP	Budgeted Amounts		Budgetary
	General Fund	Capital Fund	Basis	Note B	Basis	Original	Final	Variance
Cost of Operations:				· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·				
Other Expenses:								
Maintenance and Repairs	16,165	-	16,165	-	16,165	32,500	24,500	8,335
Operating Materials and Supplies	76,009	•	76,009	•	76,009	89,180	89,180	13,171
Training and Education	2,800	-	2,800	-	2,800	11,200	11,200	8,400
Turn Out Gear	21,271	_	21,271	_	21,271	15,000	21,500	229
Vehicle Leases	, -	-		_	21,2/1	15,000	21,500	227
Purchases of Capital Outlays	-	-	_	_	_	_	-	-
Depreciation	-	_	_	11,417 (1	11,417	-	-	-
Total Other Expenses	116,245		116,245	11,417	127,662	147,880	146,380	20.125
•			110,243	11,417	127,002	147,880	140,380	30,135
Total Cost of Operations	116,245	_	116,245	11,417	127 662	147 000	146 200	20.125
	110,213		110,243	11,417	127,662	147,880	146,380	30,135
Total Operating Expenditures	247,218	_	247,218	11,417	259 (25	214 700	212.000	// O/O
· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	247,210	-	247,210	11,417	258,635	314,780	313,280	66,062
Appropriations for Duly Incorporated Rescue Squads	33,918	_	33,918		22.010	22.500	24.000	00
11 Parameter and an arrangement of database of databas	33,710	_	33,716	-	33,918	32,500	34,000	82
Reserve for Future Capital Outlay	_					(0.000	60.000	(0.000
						60,000	60,000	60,000
Total Expenditures	281,136		281,136	11 417	202 552	407.000	40# 000	10111
	201,130		261,136	11,417	292,553	407,280	407,280	126,144
Excess of Revenues Over Expenditures	33,005	61,488	94,493	f (11.417)	£ 63.057	•	•	
	55,005	01,400	74,473	\$ (11,417)	\$ 83,076	<u> </u>	2 -	\$ 94,493
Fund Balance, January 1	100 222	200 170	200 404					
Taile Datation, January 1	100,223	208,178	308,401	32,823	341,224			
Fund Balance, December 31	£ 122.000	e 2/0///	A 400 004					
· was Dutation, Description 31	\$ 133,228	\$ 269,666	\$ 402,894	\$ 21,406 (2	424,300			

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TOWNSHIP OF BRIDGEWATER FIRE DISTRICT NO. 2 COUNTY OF SOMERSET SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES BUDGET AND ACTUAL

FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2008

	Total Actual Amounts							
	Governmental Fund Type		Budgetary Adjustments		GAAP	Budgeted Amounts		Budgetary
	General Fund	Capital Fund	Basis	Note B	Basis	Original	Final	<u>Variance</u>
Revenues:								A (5)
District Taxes	\$ 299,130	\$ 58,870	\$ 358,000	\$ -	\$ 358,000	\$ 358,007	\$ 358,007	\$ (7)
Miscellaneous Income	2,272	3,121	5,393		5,393_	5,480_	5,480	(87)
Total Revenues	301,402	61,991	363,393	•	363,393	363,487	363,487	(94)
Fund Balance Utilized								(20.000)
Unreserved Fund Balance		-				30,000	30,000	(30,000)
Transfers - Reserve for Future								
Capital Outlay	(20,000)	20,000						
Total General Revenues and Transfers	281,402	81,991	363,393		363,393	393,487	393,487	(30,094)
Expenditures:								
Operating Appropriations:								
Administration:								
Salary and Wages:								
Commissioners	15,455		15,455		15,455	30,000	30,000	14,545
Total Salary and Wages	15,455	•	15,455	-	15,455	30,000	30,000	14,545
Other Expenses:								
Advertising	184	-	184	-	184	450	450	266
Election	760		760	-	760	600	600	(160)
Insurance	27,731	-	27,731	-	27,731	39,000	39,000	11,269
Office Supplies and Postage	3,589	-	3,589	-	3,589	3,400	3,400	(189)
Professional Services	6,900	-	6,900	-	6,900	10,000	10,000	3,100
Rent	42,000	-	42,000	-	42,000	42,000	42,000	-
Service Award Program	27,500	-	27,500	•	27,500	32,000	32,000	4,500
Contingent	•	-	-	-		3,000	3,000	3,000
Total Other Expenses	108,664	-	108,664	-	108,664	130,450	130,450	21,786
Total Administration	124,119	-	124,119	-	124,119	160,450	160,450	36,331

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TOWNSHIP OF BRIDGEWATER FIRE DISTRICT NO. 2 COUNTY OF SOMERSET SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE (CONT'D) BUDGET AND ACTUAL

FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2008

Total Actual Amounts Governmental Fund Type Budgetary Adjustments **GAAP Budgeted Amounts** Budgetary General Fund **Capital Fund** Basis Note B **Basis Original** Final Variance Cost of Operations: Other Expenses: Maintenance and Repairs 4,959 4,959 4,959 15,300 15,300 10,341 Operating Materials and Supplies 116,674 116,674 116,674 87,567 87,567 (29,107)Training and Education 3,215 3,215 3,215 9,100 9,100 5,885 Turn Out Gear 486 486 486 11,000 11,000 10,514 Vehicle Leases 58,870 58,870 58,870 58,870 58,870 Purchases of Capital Outlays Depreciation 11,417 (1) 11,417 **Total Other Expenses** 125,334 58,870 184,204 11,417 195,621 181,837 181,837 (2,367)**Total Cost of Operations** 125,334 58,870 184,204 11,417 195,621 181,837 181,837 (2,367)**Total Operating Expenditures** 249,453 58,870 308,323 11,417 319,740 342,287 342,287 33,964 Appropriations for Duly Incorporated Rescue Squads 25,629 25,629 25,629 31,200 31,200 5,571 Reserve for Future Capital Outlay 20,000 20,000 20,000 Total Expenditures 275,082 58,870 333,952 11,417 345,369 393,487 393,487 59,535 **Excess of Revenues Over Expenditures** 6,320 23,121 29,441 \$ (11,417)18,024 \$ 29,441 Fund Balance, January 1 93,903 185,057 278,960 44,240 323,200

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Fund Balance, December 31

The Notes to Required Supplementary Information are an integral part of this statement.

100,223

208,178

308,401

\$

32,823 (2) \$ 341,224

TOWNSHIP OF BRIDGEWATER FIRE DISTRICT NO. 2 NOTES TO REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION DECEMBER 31, 2009

Note A – Budgetary Basis of Accounting:

The modified accrual basis of accounting is used for measuring financial position and operating results of all governmental fund types, expendable trust funds and agency funds. Under the modified accrual basis of accounting, revenues are recognized when they become both measurable and available. "Measurable" means the amount of the transaction can be determined and "available" means collectible within the current period or soon enough thereafter to be used to pay liabilities of the current period. Expenditures are recognized in the accounting period in which the fund liability is incurred, except for principal and interest on general long-term debt which are recorded when due.

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

Note B - Budgetary-to-GAAP Reconciliation:

An explanation of the differences between budgetary inflows and outflows and revenues and expenditures determined in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles follows:

		•	Fund Balance nber 31,
(1)	Depreciation expense is not record on the budgetary basis of	<u>2009</u>	<u>2008</u>
(-)	accounting. For GAAP purposes, capitalized assets are depreciated		
	on a straight line basis over their respective useful lives.	<u>\$ (11,417)</u>	\$ (11,417)
	Net increase in fund balance- budget to GAAP	<u>\$ (11,417)</u>	<u>\$ (11,417)</u>
(2)	The amount reported as "fund balance" on the budgetary basis of accounting is derived from the basis of accounting used in preparing the District's budget. (See Note A for a description of the District's budgetary accounting method.) This amount differs from the fund balance reported in the statement of revenues, expenditures and changes in fund balances because of the cumulative effect of		
	transactions such as those described above.	<u>\$ (11,417)</u>	\$ (11.417)

Note C - Budgetary Cancellation:

Regulations allow the District to cancel unexpended appropriations before year end by resolution. During the years ended December 31, 2009 and 2008, the District canceled \$0 of appropriations.

TOWNSHIP OF BRIDGEWATER FIRE DISTRICT NO. 2 STATISTICAL INFORMATION FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2009

Property Tax Levies

The following is a tabulation of district assessed valuations, tax levies and property tax rates per \$100 of assessed valuations for the current and preceding year:

	Assessed	Total	Property
Fiscal Year	<u>Valuations</u>	Tax Levy	Tax Rate
2009	\$608,117,700	\$371,800	\$.060
2008	\$607,247,800	\$358,007	\$.054

Unreserved Fund Balance

General Fund:

	End of	Utilization in
Fiscal Year Ended	Fiscal Year	Subsequent Budget
December 31, 2009	\$ 133,228	\$ 30,000
December 31, 2008	100,223	30,000

Capital Fund:

Fiscal Year Ended	
December 31, 2009	269,666
December 31, 2008	208,178

TOWNSHIP OF BRIDGEWATER FIRE DISTRICT NO. 2 ROSTER OF OFFICIALS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2009

Board of Fire Commissioner	<u>s</u>	Surety Bond <u>Coverage (A)</u>
Chairman	James Brown	\$1,000,0000
Treasurer	Joseph Langon, Jr	\$1,000,0000
Secretary	Phillip Langon	\$1,000,0000
Assistant Treasurer	Ronald Hazen	\$1,000,0000
Assistant Secretary	Douglas Zielaznicki	\$1,000,0000

(A) Blanket bond coverage is provided by AAIC.

TOWNSHIP OF BRIDGEWATER FIRE DISTRICT NO. 2 COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2009

Scope of Examination and Conditions of Records

Our examination covered the funds handled by the Treasurer and Board Secretary for the Board of Fire Commissioners, Township of Bridgewater Fire District No. 2.

The Financial records were maintained in satisfactory condition.

Minutes of Board meetings were properly maintained by the Board Secretary.

Cash in Banks

The balances in banks at December 31, 2009 were reconciled with statements issued by the depositories.

Examination of Claims

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

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

N.J.S. 40A:11-4 state, "Every contract or agreement, for the performance of any work or the furnishing or hiring of any materials or supplies, the cost or the contract price whereof is to be paid with or out of public funds not included within the terms of Section 3 of this act, shall be made or awarded only after public act or specified by any other law. No work, materials or supplies shall be undertaken, acquired or furnished for a sum exceeding the bid threshold except by contract or agreement". The threshold amount beginning July 1, 2005 was \$21,000. Prior to that date, the threshold was \$17,500.

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

The results of our examination indicated that no individual payments, contracts or agreements were made "for the performance of any work or the furnishing or hiring of any materials or supplies", in excess of the statutory thresholds where there had been no advertising for bids in accordance with provisions of N.J.S.A. 40A:11-21.

Miscellaneous

An exit conference was held in accordance with the generally accepted governmental auditing standards.

Acknowledgement

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

Recommendations

None