

HAMILTON TOWNSHIP FIRE COMMISSIONERS DISTRICT No. 8

Financial Statements and Supplementary Information

For the Year Ended December 31, 2020

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HAMILTON TOWNSHIP FIRE COMMISSIONERS DISTRICT No. 8

Roster of Officials

For the year ended December 31, 2020

Board of Fire Commissioners

Michael Kashella, Chairman

Danny Birkenstock, Treasurer

Patricia Willever, Secretary

Wayne P. D'Artagnan, Commissioner

Kelly Montesano, Commissioner

Other Officials

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Mayor, Administrator and Governing Body of
the Township of Hamilton
Hamilton Township Fire Commissioners District No. 8
Hamilton, New Jersey

Report on the Financial Statements

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities and each major fund of Hamilton Township Fire Commissioners District No. 8, in the County of Mercer, State of New Jersey, as of and for the year ended December 31, 2020, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the District's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America; this includes the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express opinions on these 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 audit standards prescribed by the Local Finance Board and 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 financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinions.



Opinions

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities and each major fund of Hamilton Township Fire Commissioners District No. 8, in the County of Mercer, State of New Jersey, as of December 31, 2020, and the respective changes in financial position for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Other Matters

Required Supplementary Information

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the management's discussion and analysis, budgetary comparison information, schedules of the District's proportionate share of the net pension liability – PERS and PFRS, schedules of District contributions – PERS and PFRS, schedules of the District's proportionate share of the net OPEB liability, schedules of District contributions - OPEB and notes to the required supplementary information, as listed on the table of contents, be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board, who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. We have applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, which consisted of inquiries of management about the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. We do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide us with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance.

Other Information

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise Hamilton Township Fire Commissioners District No. 8 basic financial statements. The introductory section and other supplementary information are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the basic financial statements.

The other supplementary information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements or to the financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the information is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the financial statements as a whole.

The introductory section has not been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and, accordingly, we express no opinion or provide any assurance on it.

Other Reporting Required by *Government Auditing Standards*

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated February 27, 2022, on our consideration of Hamilton Township Fire Commissioners District No. 8's internal control over financial reporting and our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations,

contracts and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing and not to provide an opinion on the internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering Hamilton Township Fire Commissioners District No. 8's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

DePietto & DePietto, LLC

Holland, Pennsylvania

February 27, 2022

REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

HAMILTON TOWNSHIP FIRE COMMISSIONERS DISTRICT No. 8

Management's Discussion and Analysis
For the Year Ended December 31, 2020
Unaudited

The discussion and analysis of the Hamilton Township Fire Commissioners District No. 8's financial performance provides an overall review of the District's financial activities for the year ended December 31, 2020. The intent of the discussion and analysis is to look at the District's financial performance as a whole; readers should also review the basic financial statements and notes to enhance their understanding of the District's financial performance.

The Management's Discussion and Analysis (MD&A) is an element of Required Supplementary Information specified in the Governmental Accounting Standards Board's (GASB) Statement No. 34 – *Basic Financial Statements and Management's Discussion and Analysis for State and Local Governments* issued in June 1999.

Financial Highlights

Key financial highlights for 2020 are as follows:

In total, net position decreased (\$628,579) from 2019.

General revenues accounted for \$2,529,698 or 100% of all revenues.

Per generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP) basis, the District had \$3,158,277 in expenses including \$65,253 of depreciation, and \$399,447 in additional pension expense and OPEB to be in compliance with GASB 68 and GASB 75 for 2020. General revenues (primarily taxes) of \$2,529,698 were not adequate to provide for these programs, resulting in a change in net position of (\$628,579.)

Per Non-GAAP budgetary basis, the District had \$2,752,675 in expenditures and capital outlay and \$2,529,698 of actual revenue which resulted in a deficit of \$222,977 of revenues over expenditures. General revenues (primarily taxes) of \$2,529,698 were not adequate to provide for these programs. The District had to utilize all of the \$171,543 of unrestricted fund balance noted in the budget plus and additional \$51,434 of unrestricted fund balance not in the budget.

Using this Report

This annual report consists of a series of financial statements and notes to those financial statements. These statements are organized so the reader can understand Hamilton Township Fire Commissioners District No. 8 as a financial whole, an entire operating entity. The statements then proceed to provide an increasingly detailed look at specific financial activities.

This annual report consists of the following three parts: management's discussion and analysis, the basic financial statements, and required supplementary information. The basic financial statements include two kinds of statements that present different views of the District:

District-Wide Financial Statements (Statement of Net Position and Statement of Activities)

These statements provide both short-term and long-term information about the District's overall financial status.

Fund Financial Statements

Fund financial statements focus on individual parts of the District, reporting the District's operations in more detail than the district-wide statements.

- The governmental funds statements tell how basic services were financed in the short term as well as what remains for future spending.
- Fiduciary funds statements provide information about the financial relationships in which the District acts solely as a trustee or agent for the benefit of others.

The financial statements also include notes that explain some of the information in the statements and provide more detailed data. The statements are followed by a section of required supplementary information that further explains and supports the financial statements with a comparison of the District's budget for the year.

Reporting the District as a Whole Statement of Net Position and the Statement of Activities

The Statement of Net Position and Statement of Activities provide information about the activities of the whole District, presenting both an aggregate view of the District's finances and a longer-term view of those finances. Fund financial statements provide the next level of detail. For governmental funds, these statements tell how services were financed in the short-term as well as what remains for future spending.

While this document contains the large number of funds used by the District to provide programs and activities, the view of the District, as a whole looks at all financial transactions and asks the question, "How did we do financially during 2020?" The Statement of Net Position and the Statement of Activities answer this question. These statements include all assets and liabilities using the accrual basis of accounting similar to the accounting used by most private-sector businesses. This basis of accounting, takes into account, all of the current year's revenues and expenses regardless of when cash is received or paid.

These two statements report the District's net position and changes in those positions. This change in net position is important because it tells the reader that, for the District as a whole, the financial position of the District has improved or diminished. The causes of this change may be the result of many factors, some financial and some not. Non-financial factors include the District's property tax base, current laws in New Jersey restricting revenue growth, facility condition, required programs and other factors.

Reporting the District's Most Significant Funds Fund Financial Statements

Fund financial reports provide detailed information about the District's funds. The District uses many funds to account for a multitude of financial transaction. The District's governmental funds are the General Fund and Capital Projects Fund.

Governmental Funds

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

Notes to the Financial Statements

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

The District as a Whole

Recall that the Statement of Net Position provides the perspective of the District as a whole. Net position may serve over time as a useful indicator of a government's financial position. The District's financial position is the product of several financial transactions including the net results of activities, the acquisition and payment of debt, the acquisition and disposal of capital assets, and the depreciation of capital assets.

A summary of the District's Statement of Net Position and Statement of Changes in Net Position is presented below.

Table 1
Condensed Statement of Net Position

	<u>Governmental Activities 2020</u>	<u>Governmental Activities 2019</u>
Current and Other Assets	\$ 693,432	\$ 1,692,724
Capital Assets, net of accumulated depreciation	<u>748,012</u>	<u>494,643</u>
Total Assets	<u>1,441,444</u>	<u>2,187,367</u>
Deferred Outflow of Resources	<u>2,274,618</u>	<u>1,597,263</u>
Total Assets and Deferred Outflow of Resources	<u>\$ 3,716,062</u>	<u>\$ 3,784,630</u>
Current Liabilities	\$ 345,827	\$ 359,331
Long-Term Liabilities	<u>4,726,736</u>	<u>4,314,589</u>
Total Liabilities	<u>5,072,563</u>	<u>4,673,920</u>
Deferred Inflow of Resources	<u>1,524,318</u>	<u>1,559,137</u>
Net Position:		
Invested in Capital Assets, net of related debt	132,109	138,265
Restricted for Capital Projects	243,064	243,064
Restricted for Post-Retirement Sick Pay Benefits	23,645	1,030
Restricted for Length of Service Awards Program	0	356,253
Unrestricted	<u>(3,279,637)</u>	<u>(3,187,039)</u>
Total Net Position	<u>(2,880,819)</u>	<u>(2,448,427)</u>
Total Liabilities, Deferred Inflow of Resources and Net Position	<u>\$3,716,062</u>	<u>\$ 3,784,630</u>

Table 2
Condensed Statement of Activities and Changes in Net Position

	<u>Governmental Activities 2020</u>	<u>Governmental Activities 2019</u>
REVENUES:		
General Revenues:		
Property Taxes	\$2,495,850	\$2,329,165
Grants – state	14,199	14,199
Fees and other revenue	<u>19,649</u>	<u>26,257</u>
Total Revenues	<u>\$2,529,698</u>	<u>\$2,369,621</u>
EXPENSES:		
Administration	\$ 73,965	\$ 81,861
Cost of Operations and Maintenance	3,084,312	2,682,079
Length of Service Award Program, net activity	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Total Expenses	<u>3,158,277</u>	<u>2,763,940</u>
Increase (Decrease) in Net Position	<u>(\$628,579)</u>	<u>(\$394,319)</u>

Governmental Activities

The unique nature of property taxes in New Jersey creates the legal requirements to annually seek voter approval for the District operations. Property taxes made up 98.7% of revenues for governmental activities for Hamilton Township Fire Commissioners District No. 8 for 2020. The District's total revenues were \$2,529,698 for the year ended December 31, 2020. The state grant accounted for another .6% of revenue, uniform fire safety revenue and other miscellaneous revenue accounted for the remaining .7%.

The Statement of Activities shows the cost of program services and the charges for services and grants offsetting those services.

Administration includes expenses associated with administrative and financial supervision of the District.

Cost of Operations and Maintenance involve keeping equipment in an effective working condition.

The District's Funds

All governmental funds (i.e., general fund and capital projects fund) are accounted for using the modified-accrual basis of accounting. Total revenues amounted to \$2,529,698 and expenditures were \$2,409,709. The total change in fund balance for the year in the governmental funds was \$40,088.

The following schedule presents a summary of the revenues of the General Fund for the year ended December 31, 2020, and the amount of increases and decreases in relation to prior year revenues.

Table 3
Summary of Revenues – General Fund

	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>Increase (Decrease) from 2019</u>
Revenue:			
Local Sources:			
Amount to be Raised by Taxation	\$2,495,850	\$2,329,165	\$166,685
Miscellaneous	19,649	26,257	(6,608)
State sources	<u>14,199</u>	<u>14,199</u>	<u>0</u>
Total	<u>\$2,529,698</u>	<u>\$2,369,621</u>	<u>\$160,077</u>

The following schedule presents a summary of the expenditures of the General Fund for the year ended December 31, 2020, and the amount of increases and decreases in relation to prior year amounts.

Table 4
Summary of Expenditures – General Fund

	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>Increase (Decrease) from 2019</u>
Expenditures:			
Administration	\$ 73,965	\$ 81,861	\$ (7,896)
Cost of Operations and Maintenance	<u>2,599,902</u>	<u>2,327,848</u>	<u>272,054</u>
Total	<u>\$2,673,867</u>	<u>\$2,409,709</u>	<u>\$264,158</u>

Capital Assets

At the end of the year 2020, the District had \$138,265 invested in fire apparatus net of accumulated depreciation. Table 5 shows 2020 balances compared to 2019.

Table 5
Capital Assets (Net of Depreciation)

	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>Increase (Decrease) from 2019</u>
Fire Apparatus and Vehicles	<u>\$748,012</u>	<u>\$138,265</u>	<u>\$609,747</u>
Total	<u>\$748,012</u>	<u>\$138,265</u>	<u>\$609,747</u>

In 2020, depreciation expense for was \$65,253. No capital assets were purchased or disposed of during the year. The District signed a contract for a new fire truck in 2018 for a cost of \$675,000. The District took delivery of the truck in August 2020.

Economic Factors

For the 2020 year, the Hamilton Township Fire Commissioners District No. 8 was able to sustain its budget through the district tax levy, other sources of revenue and utilization of the unassigned fund balance. Approximately 98.7% of total revenue was from the local tax levy, while the remaining 1.3% was from other sources. The tax rate levy per \$100 of property valuation increased from \$.456 in 2019 to \$.487 in 2020.

For the Future

On September 9, 2020, the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs Local Finance Board unanimously approved a plan to consolidate Hamilton Township's Fire Districts. The transition of fire districts took effect on January 1, 2021. All fire houses throughout the Township remain open. Under the plan, the existing eight districts were dissolved thereby creating one Township of Hamilton Fire Department. It consists of both career and volunteer firefighters. There is no expected change to the number of officers and firefighters. However, three fire chiefs will be reclassified as deputy fire chiefs, one will become a battalion chief, and one firefighter mechanic will be reclassified as a firefighter.

Contacting the District's Financial Management

This financial report is designed to provide our citizens, taxpayers, investors, creditors and other interested parties with a general overview of the District's finances and to show the District's accountability for the money it receives. Should the reader have questions regarding the information included in this report or wish to request additional financial information, please contact, The Township of Hamilton, 2090 Greenwood Avenue, Hamilton, New Jersey, 08609.

BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

HAMILTON TOWNSHIP FIRE COMMISSIONERS DISTRICT No. 8

Statement of Net Position

December 31, 2020

ASSETS

Current assets:

Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 693,307
Capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation	748,012
Receivables - other	125
Total current assets	<u>1,441,444</u>

DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES

Deferred outflows related to OPEB	530,504
Deferred outflows related to pensions	1,744,114
Total deferred outflows of resources	<u>2,274,618</u>
Total assets and deferred outflows of resources	<u>\$ 3,716,062</u>

LIABILITIES

Current liabilities:

Accounts payable and accrued expenses	\$ 14,124
Capital lease payable - current portion	60,824
Pension payable	270,879
Total current liabilities	<u>345,827</u>

Long-term liabilities:

Capital lease payable - long-term portion	555,079
Net OPEB liability	1,033,366
Net pension liability - PFRS/PERS	3,138,291
Total long-term liabilities	<u>4,726,736</u>
Total liabilities	<u>5,072,563</u>

DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES

Deferred inflows related to pensions	878,836
Deferred inflows related to OPEB	645,482
Total deferred inflows of resources	<u>1,524,318</u>
Total liabilities and deferred inflows of resources	<u>6,596,881</u>

NET POSITION

Invested in capital assets, net of related debt	132,109
Restricted for:	
Capital projects	243,064
Post-retirement sick pay benefits	23,645
Unrestricted	(3,279,637)
Total net position	<u>(2,880,819)</u>
Total liabilities and deferred inflows of resources and net position	<u>\$ 3,716,062</u>

HAMILTON TOWNSHIP FIRE COMMISSIONERS DISTRICT No. 8

Statement of Activities

For the Year Ended December 31, 2020

Expenditures:		
Fire protection - administration		\$ 73,965
Fire protection - operations		<u>3,084,312</u>
	Total expenditures	<u>3,158,277</u>
General revenues:		
Taxes		2,495,850
Grants - State of New Jersey		14,199
Investment earnings		3,711
Miscellaneous revenue		<u>15,938</u>
	Total general revenues	<u>2,529,698</u>
	Change in net position	(628,579)
Net position		
Net position, January 1		(2,448,427)
Termination of LOSAP Plan - GASB 73		<u>196,187</u>
	Net position, December 31	<u><u>\$ (2,880,819)</u></u>

THE ACCOMPANYING NOTES ARE AN INTEGRAL PART OF THESE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS.

HAMILTON TOWNSHIP FIRE COMMISSIONERS DISTRICT No. 8

Governmental Funds

Balance Sheet

December 31, 2020

	<u>Governmental Funds</u>		
		<u>Capital Projects</u>	
	<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Fund</u>	<u>Total</u>
ASSETS			
Current assets:			
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 450,243	\$ 243,064	\$ 693,307
Receivables - other	125	0	125
Total current assets	<u>\$ 450,368</u>	<u>\$ 243,064</u>	<u>\$ 693,432</u>
Total assets	<u>\$ 450,368</u>	<u>\$ 243,064</u>	<u>\$ 693,432</u>
LIABILITIES			
Current liabilities:			
Accounts payable	<u>\$ 14,124</u>	<u>\$ 0</u>	<u>\$ 14,124</u>
Total current liabilities	<u>14,124</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>14,124</u>
Total liabilities and deferred inflows of resources	<u>14,124</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>14,124</u>
FUND BALANCES			
Fund balances:			
Unassigned	412,599	0	412,599
Assigned			
For capital projects	0	243,064	243,064
Committed			
For post retirement sick pay benefits	<u>23,645</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>23,645</u>
Total fund balances	<u>436,244</u>	<u>243,064</u>	<u>679,308</u>
Total liabilities and fund balances	<u>\$ 450,368</u>	<u>\$ 243,064</u>	<u>\$ 693,432</u>

THE ACCOMPANYING NOTES ARE AN INTEGRAL PART OF THESE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS.

HAMILTON TOWNSHIP FIRE COMMISSIONERS DISTRICT No. 8

Governmental Funds

Balance Sheet

December 31, 2020

Governmental Funds - Fund Balance, December 31, 2020	\$ 679,308
Differences to amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of net position:	
Capital assets used in governmental activities are not financial resources and therefore are not reported in the funds. The cost of the assets is \$1,613,843 and the accumulated depreciation is \$865,831	748,012
Capital leases and loans used in governmental activities are not financial resources and therefore are not reported in the funds and are offset against capital assets.	(615,903)
Deferred outflows and inflows of resources related to pensions, LOSAP and OPEB are applicable to future reporting periods and, therefore, are not reported in the funds.	750,300
Accrued PERS and PFRS pension payable is not recorded in financial statements of governmental funds	(270,879)
Long-term liabilities, including net pension liability, net pension liability LOSAP, and net OPEB liability are not due and payable in the current period therefore are not reported as liabilities in the funds	<u>(4,171,657)</u>
Governmental Activities - Net Position, December 31, 2020	<u><u>\$ (2,880,819)</u></u>

HAMILTON TOWNSHIP FIRE COMMISSIONERS DISTRICT No. 8

Governmental Funds

Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance

For the Year Ended December 31, 2020

	<u>Governmental Funds</u>		
	<u>General</u>	<u>Capital</u>	<u>Total</u>
	<u>Fund</u>	<u>Projects</u> <u>Fund</u>	
Expenditures/expenses:			
Fire protection - administration	\$ 73,965	\$ 0	\$ 73,965
Fire protection - operations	2,599,902	0	2,599,902
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Total expenditures/expenses	2,673,867	0	2,673,867
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General revenues:			
Taxes	2,495,850	0	2,495,850
Grants - State of New Jersey	14,199	0	14,199
Investment earnings	3,711	0	3,711
Miscellaneous revenue	15,938	0	15,938
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Total general revenues	2,529,698	0	2,529,698
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Transfers - internal activities:			
For debt service	(78,808)	0	(78,808)
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Total transfers - internal activities	(78,808)	0	(78,808)
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Total general revenues and transfers	2,450,890	0	2,450,890
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Deficit of revenues over expenses	(222,977)	0	(222,977)
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Fund balance:			
Beginning of the year	1,015,474	243,064	1,258,538
Termination of LOSAP Plan - GASB 73	(356,253)	0	(356,253)
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	659,221	243,064	902,285
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Fund balance, end of year	<u>\$ 436,244</u>	<u>\$ 243,064</u>	<u>\$ 679,308</u>

THE ACCOMPANYING NOTES ARE AN INTEGRAL PART OF THESE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS.

HAMILTON TOWNSHIP FIRE COMMISSIONERS DISTRICT No. 8

Reconciliation of the Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance
in the Governmental Funds to the Statement of Activities

December 31, 2020

Total changes in Governmental Funds - Fund Balance, December 31, 2020 \$ (222,977)

Differences to amounts reported for governmental
activities in the statement of net position:

Capital outlays are reported in governmental funds as expenditures.

However, in the statement of activities, the cost of those assets is
allocated over their estimated useful lives as depreciation expense.

Depreciation Expense (65,253)

Capital leases and loans used in governmental activities are not
financial resources and therefore are not reported as assets in the
funds and are offset against capital assets.

Capital lease payment 59,098

District health insurance premiums for retired employees are reported as
expenditures in the governmental funds when made. However, they are
reported as deferred outflows of resources in the Statement of Net Position
because the reported net pension OPEB liability is measured a year before
the District's report date. Included in fringe benefits expense, is the change
in the net OPEB liability adjusted for changes in deferred outflows and
inflows of resources related to OPEB, is reported in the Statement of
Activities.

OPEB expense (30,268)

District pension contributions are reported as expenditures in the
governmental funds when made. However, they are reported as
deferred outflows of resources in the Statement of Net Position
because the reported net pension liability is measured a year before
the District's report date. Pension expense, which is the change in the
net pension liability adjusted for changes in deferred outflows and
inflows of resources related to pension, is reported in the Statement of
Activities.

Pension expense (369,179)

Governmental Activities - Change in Net Position, December 31, 2020 \$ (628,579)

HAMILTON TOWNSHIP FIRE COMMISSIONERS DISTRICT No. 8
 Statement of Fiduciary Net Assets
 Fiduciary Funds
 December 31, 2020

	Deferred Compensation Trust
ASSETS	
Investments with fiscal agents	<u>\$ 150,531</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	150,531
LIABILITIES	
Accounts payable - overpayments	<u>125</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES	<u>125</u>
NET ASSETS	
Held in trust for deferred compensation	<u><u>\$ 150,406</u></u>

THE ACCOMPANYING NOTES ARE AN INTEGRAL PART OF THESE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS.

HAMILTON TOWNSHIP FIRE COMMISSIONERS DISTRICT No. 8
Statement of Changes in Fiduciary Net Assets
Fiduciary Funds
For the Year Ended December 31, 2020

	Deferred Compensation Trust
ADDITIONS TO NET ASSETS	
Additions to net assets attributed to:	
Investment income:	
Net appreciation in fair value of investments	\$ 19,669
Interest income	<u>6</u>
Net investment earnings (losses)	19,675
Contributions:	
Participants'	<u>11,880</u>
TOTAL ADDITIONS TO NET ASSETS	31,555
DEDUCTIONS FROM NET ASSETS	
Distributions:	
Participants'	8,952
Guaranteed Withdrawal Fees	<u>208</u>
TOTAL DEDUCTIONS FROM NET ASSETS	<u>9,160</u>
Net decrease prior to interfund transfers	<u>22,395</u>
NET INCREASE	22,395
NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS	
BEGINNING OF YEAR	<u>128,011</u>
END OF YEAR	<u><u>\$ 150,406</u></u>

THE ACCOMPANYING NOTES ARE AN INTEGRAL PART OF THESE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS.

HAMILTON TOWNSHIP FIRE COMMISSIONERS DISTRICT No. 8

Notes to the Financial Statements

December 31, 2020

NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The financial statements of the Hamilton Township Fire Commissioners District No. 8 (the “District”) 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. The more significant of the District’s accounting policies are described below.

Reporting Entity

Hamilton Township Fire Commissioners District No. 8 is a political subdivision of the Township of Hamilton, County of Mercer, New Jersey. The District was formed to provide fire prevention and suppression services to the residents of Hamilton Township. The District functions independently through a Board of Fire Commissioners. The board is comprised of five members elected to three-year terms. The annual Fire District election is held the third Saturday of February.

In accordance with the requirements of Statement No. 14, *The Financial Reporting Entity, of the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB)*, the financial statements must present the District (the primary government) and its component units. Component units are legally separate entities for which the District (the primary entity) is financially accountable. Financial accountability is defined as the ability to appoint a voting majority of the organization’s governing body and either (1) the District’s ability to impose its will over the organization or (2) the potential that the organization will provide a financial benefit to, or impose a financial burden on, the District. Pursuant to this criterion, no component units were identified for inclusion in the accompanying financial statements.

Basis of Presentation

The financial statements of the Fire District conform to generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP) applicable to governmental funds of state and local governments in accordance with the provisions of N.J.A.C. 5:31-7-1. The Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) is the accepted standard-setting body for establishing governmental accounting and financial reporting principles. The more significant of the Board’s accounting policies are described below.

The basic financial statements report using the economic resources measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting generally includes the reclassification or elimination of internal activity (between or within funds). Revenues are recorded when earned and expenses are recorded when the liability is incurred, regardless of the timing of the related cash flows. The tax revenues are recognized in the year for which they are levied while grants are recognized when grantor eligibility requirements are met.

Governmental fund financial statements report using the *current financial resources measurement focus* and the *modified accrual basis of accounting*. Revenues are recognized when they are both measurable and available. Available means collectible within the current period or soon thereafter, within 60 days of the end of the fiscal year. Expenditures are recorded when the related fund liability is incurred.

HAMILTON TOWNSHIP FIRE COMMISSIONERS DISTRICT No. 8

Notes to the Financial Statements

December 31, 2020

NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

Fund Accounting

The accounts of the District are organized on the basis of funds. A fund is an independent fiscal and accounting entity with a self-balancing set of accounts. Fund accounting segregates funds according to their intended purpose and is used to aid management in demonstrating compliance with finance-related legal and contractual provisions. The minimum number of funds is maintained consistent with legal and managerial requirements.

The District reports the following major governmental funds:

The General Fund is the District's primary operating fund. It accounts for all the financial resources and the legally authorized activities of the District except those required to be accounted for in other specialized funds.

The Capital Projects Fund is used to account for the financial resources for the acquisition of capital assets or the construction of major capital facilities within the District. The financial resources are derived from the issuance of debt or by reservation of fund balance that are specifically authorized by the voters as a separate question on the ballot either during the annual election or at a special election.

Fiduciary funds are used to account for assets held by a governmental entity for other parties (either as trustee or as an agent) and that cannot be used to finance the governmental entity's own operating programs which includes private purpose trust funds and agency funds.

District Wide and Fund Financial Statements

The district-wide financial statements report information of all of the nonfiduciary activities of the District. For the most part, the effect of inter-fund activity has been removed from these district-wide statements. District activities, which normally are supported by taxes and intergovernmental revenues, are reported separately from business-type activities, which rely to a significant extent on fees and charges for support. Individual funds are not displayed but the statements distinguish governmental activities as generally supported through taxes and user fees.

The statement of activities demonstrates the degree to which the direct expenses of a given function are offset by program revenues. Direct expenses are those that are clearly identifiable with a specific function. Program revenues include charges to customers who purchase, use or directly benefit from goods or services provided by a given function, segment or component unit. Program revenues also include grants and contributions that are restricted to meeting the operational or capital requirements of a particular function, segment, or component unit. Taxes and other items not properly included among program revenues are reported instead as general revenues. The District does not allocate general government (indirect) expenses to other functions.

Net position is restricted when constraints placed on it is either externally imposed or imposed by constitutional provisions or enabling legislation. Internally imposed designations of resources are not presented as restricted net position. When both restricted and unrestricted resources are available for use,

HAMILTON TOWNSHIP FIRE COMMISSIONERS DISTRICT No. 8

Notes to the Financial Statements

December 31, 2020

NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

District Wide and Fund Financial Statements (continued)

generally it is the District's policy to use restricted resources first, and then unrestricted resources as they are needed.

Separate financial statements are provided for governmental funds. Major individual governmental funds are reported as separate columns in the fund financial statements.

The district-wide financial statements include the statement of net position and the statement of activities. These statements report financial information of the District as a whole. All inter-fund activity has been eliminated in the statement of activities. Individual funds are not displayed but the statements distinguish governmental activities as generally supported through taxes and user fees.

Fund Financial Statements

The fund financial statements provide detail of the governmental and fiduciary funds.

Basis of Accounting

The accounting and financial reporting treatment applied to a fund is determined by its measurement focus. All governmental funds are accounted for using a current financial resources measurement focus. With this measurement focus, only current assets and current liabilities generally are included on the balance sheet. Operating statements of these funds present increases (i.e. revenues and other financing sources) and decreases (i.e., expenditures and other financing uses) in net position.

The modified accrual basis of accounting is used for measuring financial position and operating results of all governmental fund types. 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. State equalization monies are recognized as revenue during the period in which they are appropriated. A one-year availability period is used for revenue recognition for all other governmental fund revenues. 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.

In its accounting and financial reporting, the District follows the pronouncements of the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) and the pronouncements of the Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB).

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 fiscal year end as they do not constitute expenditures of liabilities but rather commitments related to unperformed contracts for goods and services. The encumbered appropriation authority carries over into the next fiscal year. An entry will

HAMILTON TOWNSHIP FIRE COMMISSIONERS DISTRICT No. 8

Notes to the Financial Statements

December 31, 2020

NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

Encumbrances (continued)

be made at the beginning of the next fiscal year to increase the appropriation reflected in the adopted budget by the outstanding encumbrance amounts as of the current fiscal year end.

Revenues and Expenditures

Revenues are recorded when they are determined to be both available and measurable. Generally, fees and other non-tax revenues are recognized when received. Grants from other governments are recognized when qualifying expenditures are incurred. Expenditures are recorded when the related liability is incurred, if measurable, except for unmatured interest on general long-term debt, which is recognized when due.

Prepaid expenses

Prepaid expenses that benefit future periods are recorded as expenditures during the year of purchase.

Capital Assets

Capital assets, which include buildings, building improvements, fire trucks, telecommunications and office furniture and equipment, generally result from expenditures in the governmental funds. These assets are reported on the government-wide statement of net position.

All capital assets are capitalized at cost (or estimated historical cost) and updated for additions and retirements during the year. The District maintains a capitalization threshold of \$1,000. The District does not possess any infrastructure. Improvements are capitalized; the cost of normal maintenance and repairs that do not add to the value of the asset or materially extend the asset's life are not.

Depreciation has been provided over estimated useful lives of the assets using the straight-line method.

The estimated useful lives are as follows:

Fire apparatus and vehicles	10 - 30 years
Equipment	20 years

Employee Benefits

Vacation, sick pay and other employee benefits are recorded as expenditures when paid except for other postemployment benefits noted in Note 12.

Use of Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect certain reported amounts and disclosures. Accordingly, actual results may differ from those estimates.

HAMILTON TOWNSHIP FIRE COMMISSIONERS DISTRICT No. 8

Notes to the Financial Statements

December 31, 2020

NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

Income Taxes

As a public body, the District is exempt from both federal and state taxes existing under statute.

Budget and Budgetary Accounting

The District must adopt an annual budget in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:14-78.1 et. al.

The fire commissioners must introduce and approve the annual budget no later than sixty days prior to the annual election. Upon introduction, the commissioners fix the time and place for a public hearing on the budget and must advertise the time and place at least ten days prior to the hearing in a newspaper having substantial circulation in the District. The public hearing must not be held less than twenty-eight days after the date the budget was introduced. After the hearing has been held, the fire commissioners may, by majority vote, adopt the budget.

Amendments may be made to the District budget in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:14-78.3.

Subsequent to the adoption of the District budget, the amount of money to be raised by taxation in support of the District budget must appear on the ballot for the annual election for approval of the legal voters.

Fire districts have a prescribed budgetary basis to demonstrate legal compliance. However, budgets are adopted on principally the same basis of accounting utilized for the preparation of the District's financial statements. Each annual budget lapses at the end of the year..

Fire District Taxes

Upon proper certification to the assessor of the municipality in which the District is located, the assessor shall assess the amount of taxes to be raised in support of the District's budget in the same manner as all other municipal taxes. The collector or treasurer of the municipality then pays the assessed taxes in four equal installments to the treasurer or custodian of funds of the District.

Deferred Outflows and Deferred Inflows of Resources

In addition to assets, the statement of net position will sometimes report a separate section for deferred outflows of resources. This separate financial statement element, deferred outflows of resources, represents a consumption of net position that applies to a future period(s) and so will not be recognized as an outflow of resources (expense/expenditure) until then.

In addition to liabilities, the statement of net position will sometimes report a separate section for deferred inflows of resources. This separate financial statement element, deferred inflows of resources, represents an acquisition of net position that applies to a future periods and so will not be recognized as an inflow of resources (revenue) until that time.

HAMILTON TOWNSHIP FIRE COMMISSIONERS DISTRICT No. 8

Notes to the Financial Statements

December 31, 2020

NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

Pensions Section

For purposes of measuring the net pension liability, deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions, and pension expense, information about the pension plan's fiduciary net position and additions to/deductions from the plan's fiduciary net position have been determined on the same basis as they are reported by the plan. For this purpose, benefit payments (including refunds of employee contributions) are recognized when due and payable in accordance with the benefit terms. Investments are reported at fair value.

Fund Equity

In accordance with Government Accounting Standards Board 54, Fund Balance Reporting and Governmental Fund Type Definitions, the District classifies governmental fund balances as follows:

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

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

Net position

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

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

HAMILTON TOWNSHIP FIRE COMMISSIONERS DISTRICT No. 8

Notes to the Financial Statements

December 31, 2020

NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

Fair Value Measurement

The District categorizes its assets and liabilities measured at fair value into a three-level hierarchy based on the priority of the inputs to the valuation technique used to determine fair value. The fair value hierarchy gives the highest priority to quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities (Level I) and the lowest priority to unobservable inputs (Level III). If the inputs used in the determination of the fair value measurement fall within different levels of the hierarchy, the categorization is based on the lowest level input that is significant to the fair value measurement. Assets and liabilities valued at fair value are categorized based on the inputs to the valuation techniques as follows:

Level I – Inputs that utilize quoted prices (unadjusted) in active markets for identical assets or liabilities that the District has the ability to access. Fair values for these instruments are estimated using pricing models or quoted prices of securities with similar characteristics.

Level II – Inputs that include quoted market prices for similar assets and liabilities in active markets and inputs that are observable for the asset or liability, either directly or indirectly, for substantially the full term of the financial instrument.

Level III – Inputs that are unobservable inputs for the asset or liability, which are typically based on an entity's assumptions, as there is little, if any, related market activity. Fair values for these instruments are estimated using appraised values.

Subsequent to initial recognition, the District may remeasure the carrying value of assets and liabilities measured on a nonrecurring basis to fair value. Adjustments to fair value usually result when certain assets are impaired. Such assets are written down from their carrying amounts to their fair value.

The following methods and assumptions were used by the District in estimating the fair value of its financial instruments:

Mutual Funds: Valued at the net asset value (NAV) of shares held by the plan at year end.

Fixed Account Investment Contract: Valued at the contract's market value as reported by the insurance company.

The preceding methods described above may produce a fair value calculation that may not be indicative of net realizable value or reflective of future fair values. Furthermore, while the Plan believes its valuation methods are appropriate and consistent with other market participants, the use of different methodologies or assumptions to determine the fair value of certain financial instruments could result in a different fair value measurement at the reporting date.

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Notes to the Financial Statements

December 31, 2020

NOTE 2 – CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AND CONCENTRATION OF CREDIT RISK

Cash and Cash Equivalents

Cash used for the day-to-day operations of the Fire District is in non-interest-bearing checking accounts and interest-bearing savings and money market accounts. The balances in these accounts at December 31, 2020 were \$43,520 and \$649,787, respectively. The interest rate varied for 2020.

Concentration of Credit Risk

The District has adopted a cash management plan that requires it to deposit public funds in public depositories protected from loss under the provisions of the Government Unit Deposit Protection Act (“GUDPA”). GUDPA was enacted in 1970 to protect Governmental Units from a loss of funds on deposit with a failed banking institution in New Jersey.

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

Bank deposits

All bank deposits are classified as to credit risk by the three categories. **Category 1** consists of bank deposits insured or collateralized with securities held by the District or in the District’s name by its agent. **Category 2** consists of bank deposits collateralized with securities held by pledging public depository’s trust department or agent in the District’s name. **Category 3** includes uncollateralized deposits including any deposits that are collateralized with securities held by the pledging public depository or by its trust department or agent but not in the District’s name. At December 31, 2020, the District’s deposits of \$336,863 are classified as Category 1 deposits.

New Jersey Cash Management Fund

During the year, the District participated in the New Jersey Cash Management Fund. The fund is governed by regulations of the State Investment Council, which prescribes the standards designed to insure the quality of investments in order to minimize the risk to the Fund’s participants. At December 31, 2020, \$356,444 maintained within the New Jersey Cash Management Fund is not subject to categorization as defined above.

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Notes to the Financial Statements

December 31, 2020

NOTE 3 – INVESTMENT IN LENGTH OF SERVICE AWARD PROGRAM (LOSAP)

Investment Interest Rate Risk

Interest rate risk is the risk that changes in interest rates that will adversely affect the fair value of an investment. The Fire District has no formal investment policy that limits investment maturities as a means of managing its exposure to fair value losses arising from increasing interest rates. Maturities of investments held at December 31, 2020, are provided in the below schedule.

Investment Credit Risk

The Fire District has no investment policy that limits its investment choices other than the limitation of state law as follows:

- Bonds or other obligations of the United States of America or obligations guaranteed by the United States of America;
- Government money market mutual funds;
- Any obligation that a federal agency or federal instrumentality has issued in accordance with an act of Congress, which security has a maturity date not greater than 397 days from the date of purchase, provided that such obligations bear a fixed rate of interest not dependent on any index or other external factor;
- Bonds or other obligations of the Fire District or bonds or other obligations of the local unit or units within which the Fire District is located;
- Bonds or other obligations, having a maturity date of not more than 397 days from the date of purchase, approved by the Division of Investment in the Department of Treasury for investment by the Fire District;
- Local Government investment pools;
- Deposits with the State of New Jersey Cash Management Fund established pursuant to section 1 of P.L. 1977, c.281; or
- Agreements for the repurchase of fully collateralized securities.

As of December 31, 2020, the Fire District had the following investments and maturities:

	<u>Assets at Fair Value as of December 31, 2020</u>			
	<i>Level I</i>	<i>Level II</i>	<i>Level III</i>	Total
LOSAP:				
Fixed Account Investments	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
Total assets at fair value	<u>\$ 0</u>	<u>\$ 0</u>	<u>\$ 0</u>	<u>\$ 0</u>

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Notes to the Financial Statements
December 31, 2020

**NOTE 3 – INVESTMENT IN LENGTH OF SERVICE AWARD PROGRAM (LOSAP)
(CONTINUED)**

Level III Gains and Losses

The following table sets forth a summary of changes in the fair value of the LOSAP's *Level III* assets for the year ended December 31, 2020.

	Level III Assets Year Ended December 31, 2020
Balance, beginning of year	\$ 356,253
Purchases, sales, issuances and settlements (net)	(356,253)
Gains & (Losses)	<u>0</u>
Balance, end of year	<u><u>\$ 0</u></u>

In April 2019, the fire commissioners passed a resolution to terminate the LOSAP plan as of January 1, 2020.

NOTE 4 – FIXED ASSETS

	<u>Beginning Balance</u>	<u>Increases</u>	<u>Decreases</u>	<u>Ending Balance</u>
Governmental Activities:				
Capital Assets, Being Depreciated:				
Fire apparatus and vehicles	<u>\$938,843</u>	<u>\$675,000</u>	<u>\$ 0</u>	<u>\$1,613,843</u>
Total Capital Assets, Being Depreciated	938,843	675,000	0	1,613,843
Less: Total Accumulated Depreciation	<u>800,578</u>	<u>65,253</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>865,831</u>
Total Capital Assets, Being Depreciated, Net	<u>\$138,265</u>	<u>\$609,747</u>	<u>\$ 0</u>	<u>\$ 748,012</u>

In 2020, depreciation expense of \$65,253 was charged to governmental activities as part of its cost of operations. The District signed a contract for a new fire truck in 2018. A loan of \$675,000 to purchase the truck was disbursed to the District in October 2019. The District took delivery of the truck in August 2020.

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Notes to the Financial Statements

December 31, 2020

NOTE 5 – ACCRUED EXPENSES

Accrued expenses include professional fees that were incurred for the year ended December 31, 2020 but were not paid by that date.

NOTE 6 – NJ SUPPLEMENTAL FIRE SERVICES PROGRAM GRANT

New Jersey Basic Entitlement Grant

Annually, the Supplemental Fire Services Program (SFSP) awards a grant to the Fire District for volunteer fire services. By acceptance of the grant, the Fire District agrees to all obligations and responsibilities pursuant to the SFSP as provided in Ch. 295, P.L., 1985.

The funds are utilized for the purchase of items as defined in compliance with state statutes. The grant was budgeted for \$14,199 for the year ended December 31, 2020. The District received and expended \$14,199 for the year ended December 31, 2020.

NOTE 7 – PENSION OBLIGATIONS

Public Employees' Retirement System (PERS)

Plan Description

The State of New Jersey, Public Employees' Retirement System (PERS) is a cost-sharing multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan administered by the State of New Jersey, Division of Pensions and Benefits (the Division). For additional information about PERS, please refer to Division's Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) which can be found at www.state.nj.us/treasury/pensions/annual-reports.shtml.

The vesting and benefit provisions are set by N.J.S.A. 43:15A. PERS provides retirement, death and disability benefits. All benefits vest after ten years of service, except for medical benefits, which vest after 25 years of service or under the disability provisions of PERS.

The following represents the membership tiers for PERS:

<u>Tier</u>	<u>Definition</u>
1	Members who were enrolled prior to July 1, 2007
2	Members who were eligible to enroll on or after July 1, 2007 and prior to November 2, 2008
3	Members who were eligible to enroll on or after November 2, 2008 and prior to May 22, 2010
4	Members who were eligible to enroll on or after May 22, 2010 and prior to June 28, 2011
5	Members who were eligible to enroll on or after June 28, 2011

Service retirement benefits of 1/55th of final average salary for each year of service credit is available to tiers 1 and 2 members upon reaching age 60 and to tier 3 members upon reaching age 62. Service retirement benefits of 1/60th of final average salary for each year of service credit is available to tier 4 members upon reaching age 62 and tier 5 members upon reaching age 65.

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December 31, 2020

NOTE 7 – PENSION OBLIGATIONS (CONTINUED)

Public Employees' Retirement System (PERS)

Plan Description (continued)

Early retirement benefits are available to tiers 1 and 2 members before reaching age 60, tiers 3 and 4 before age 62 with 25 or more years of service credit and tier 5 with 30 or more years of service credit before age 65. Benefits are reduced by a fraction of a percent for each month that a member retires prior to the age at which a member can receive full early retirement benefits in accordance with their respective tier. Tier 1 members can receive an unreduced benefit from age 55 to age 60 if they have at least 25 years of service. Deferred retirement is available to members who have at least 10 years of service credit and have not reached the service retirement age for the respective tier.

Allocation Methodology and Reconciliation to Financial Statements

GASB Statement No. 68, *Accounting and Financial Reporting for Pensions*, requires participating employers in PERS to recognize their proportionate share of the collective net pension liability, collective deferred outflows and inflows of resources and collective pension expense. The employer allocation percentages presented and applied are based on the ratio of the contributions of an individual employer to the total contributions to PERS during the measurement period July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020. The employer allocation percentages have been rounded for presentation purposes; therefore amounts may result in immaterial differences. Contributions from employers are recognized when due, based on statutory requirements.

Contributions

The contribution policy for PERS is set by N.J.S.A. 15A and requires contributions by active members and contributing employers. State legislation has modified the amount that is contributed by the State. The State's pension contribution is based on an actuarially determined amount which includes the employer portion of the normal cost and an amortization of the unfunded accrued liability. Funding for noncontributory group insurance benefits is based on actual claims paid. For fiscal year 2020, the State's pension contribution was less than the actuarial determined amount.

The local employers' contribution amounts are based on an actuarially determined rate which includes the normal cost and unfunded accrued liability. Chapter 19, P.L. 2009 provided an option for local employers of PERS to contribute 50% of the normal and accrued liability contribution amounts certified for payments due in State fiscal year 2009. Such employers will be credited with the full payment and any such amounts will not be included in their unfunded liability. The actuaries will determine the unfunded liability of those retirement systems, by employer, for the reduced normal and accrued liability contributions provided under this law. This unfunded liability will be paid by the employer in level annual payments over a period of 15 years beginning with the payments due in the fiscal year ended June 30, 2012 and will be adjusted by the rate of return on the actuarial value of assets.

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NOTE 7 – PENSION OBLIGATIONS (CONTINUED)

Public Employees’ Retirement System (PERS)
Contributions (continued)

Three-Year Trend Information for PERS

<u>Year</u> <u>Funding</u>	<u>Pension</u> <u>Cost (APC)</u>	<u>% of APC</u> <u>Contributed</u>	<u>Net Pension</u> <u>Obligation</u>
12/31/20	\$ 1,430	100%	\$ 23,538
12/31/19	\$ 1,480	100%	\$ 26,489
12/31/18	\$ 1,731	100%	\$ 29,296

Components of Net Pension Liability

At December 31, 2020, the District reported a liability of \$23,538 for its proportionate share of the PERS net pension liability. The net pension liability was measured as of June 30, 2020. The total pension liability for the June 30, 2020 measurement date was determined by an actuarial valuation as of July 1, 2019, which was rolled forward to June 30, 2020. The District’s proportion of the net pension liability was based on the District’s actual contributions to the plan relative to the total of all participating employers’ contributions for the year ended June 30, 2020. The District’s proportion measured as of June 30, 2020, was 0.00014701260% which was a decrease of - 0.00000267320% from its proportion of 0.00014701260% measured as of June 30, 2019.

Collective balances at December 31, 2020 and 2019

	<u>12/31/19</u>	<u>12/31/19</u>
Actuarial valuation date	July 1, 2018	July 1, 2018
Deferred Outflows of Resources	\$ 1,998	\$ 3,154
Deferred Inflows of Resources	\$ 24,279	\$ 39,637
Net Pension Liability (NPL)	\$ 23,538	\$ 26,489
District's portion of the Plan's total NPL	0.00014433940%	0.00014701260%

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NOTE 7 – PENSION OBLIGATIONS (CONTINUED)

Public Employees’ Retirement System (PERS) (continued)

Pension Expense and Deferred Outflows/Inflows of Resources

For the year ended December 31, 2020, the District recognized pension expense (recovery) of (\$17,004).

At December 31, 2020, the District reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to PERS from the following sources:

	<u>Deferred Outflows of Resources</u>	<u>Deferred Inflows of Resources</u>
Changes of assumptions	\$ 764	\$ 9,856
Net difference between expected and actual experience	429	83
Net difference between projected and actual earnings on pension plan investments	805	0
Changes in proportion and differences between District contributions and proportionate share of contributions	0	14,340
Total	<u>\$ 1,998</u>	<u>\$ 24,279</u>

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

<u>Year Ended June 30:</u>	<u>PERS</u>
2021	\$ (6,636)
2022	(7,423)
2023	(6,825)
2024	(6,092)
2025	(6,567)
Thereafter	<u>11,263</u>
	<u>\$ (22,281)</u>

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NOTE 7 – PENSION OBLIGATIONS (CONTINUED)

Public Employees’ Retirement System (PERS) (continued)

Actuarial Assumptions

The total pension asset/(liability) as of the measurement date was determined by using an actuarial valuation as noted in the table below, with update procedures used to roll forward the total pension liability to the measurement date. The actuarial valuations used the following actuarial assumptions:

Measurement date	June 30, 2020
Actuarial valuation date	July 1, 2019
Investment rate of return	7.00%
Salary increases:	
Through 2026	2.00 – 6.00%
	based on years of service
Thereafter	3.00 – 7.00%
	based on years of service
Inflation rate:	
Price	2.75%
Wage	3.25%

Pre-retirement mortality rates were based on the Pub-2010 General Below-Median Income Employee mortality table with an 82.2% adjustment for males and 101.4% adjustment for females, and with future improvement from the base year of 2010 on a generational basis. Post-retirement mortality rates were based on the Pub-2010 General Below-Median Income Healthy Retiree mortality table with a 91.4% adjustment for males and 99.7% adjustment for females, and with future improvement from the base year of 2010 on a generational basis. Disability retirement rates used to value disabled retirees were based on the Pub-2010 Non-Safety Disabled Retiree mortality table with a 127.7% adjustment for males and 117.2% adjustment for females, and with future improvement from the base year of 2010 on a generational basis. Mortality improvement is based on Scale MP-2020.

The actuarial assumptions used in the July 1, 2019 valuation were based on the results of an actuarial experience study for the period July 1, 2014 to June 30, 2018. It is likely that future experience will not exactly conform to these assumptions.

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NOTE 7 – PENSION OBLIGATIONS (CONTINUED)

Public Employees' Retirement System (PERS) (continued)

Long-Term Expected Rate of Return

In accordance with State statute, the long-term expected rate of return on plan investments (7.00% at June 30, 2020) is determined by the State Treasurer, after consultation with the Directors of the Division of Investments and Division of Pensions and Benefits, the board of trustees and the actuaries. The long-term expected rate of return was determined using a building block method in which best-estimate ranges of expected future real rates of return (expected returns, net of pension plan investment expense and inflation) are developed for each major asset class. These ranges are combined to produce the long-term expected rate of return by weighting the expected future real rates of return by the target asset allocation percentage and by adding expected inflation. Best estimates of arithmetic rates of return for each major asset class included in PERS's target asset allocation as of June 30, 2020 are summarized in the following table:

<u>Asset Class</u>	<u>Target Allocation</u>	<u>Long-Term Expected Real Rate of Return</u>
Risk Mitigation Strategies	3.00%	3.40%
Cash Equivalents	4.00%	0.50%
U.S. Treasuries	5.00%	1.94%
Investment Grade Credit	8.00%	2.67%
High Yield	2.00%	5.95%
Private Credit	8.00%	7.59%
Real Assets	3.00%	9.73%
Real Estate	8.00%	9.56%
U.S. Equity	27.00%	7.71%
Non-U.S. Developed Markets Equity	13.50%	8.57%
Emerging Markets Equity	5.50%	10.23%
Private Equity	<u>13.00%</u>	11.42%
Total	<u>100.00%</u>	

Discount Rate

The discount rate used to measure the total pension liability was 7.00% as of June 30, 2020. The projection of cash flows used to determine the discount rate assumed that contributions from plan members will be made at the current member contribution rates and that contributions from employers will be based on 78% of the actuarially determined contributions for the State employer and 100% of actuarially determined contributions for the local employers. Based on those assumptions, the plan's fiduciary net position was projected to be available to make projected future benefit payments of current plan members. Therefore, the long-term expected rate of return on plan investments was applied to all projected benefit payments to determine the total pension liability.

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NOTE 7 – PENSION OBLIGATIONS (CONTINUED)

Public Employees’ Retirement System (PERS) (continued)

Sensitivity of the District’s proportionate share of the Net Pension Liability to Changes in the Discount Rate

The following presents the District’s proportionate share of the net pension liability calculated using the discount rate as disclosed above, as well as what the District’s proportionate share of the net pension liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is 1-percentage-point lower (6.00%) or 1-percentage-point higher (8.00%) than the current rate:

	<u>At 1% decrease 6.00%</u>	<u>At current discount rate (7.00%)</u>	<u>At 1% increase (8.00%)</u>
District's proportionate share of the net pension liability	\$ 29,863	\$ 23,538	\$ 18,513

Police and Firemen’s Retirement System (PFRS)

Plan Description

The State of New Jersey, Police and Firemen’s Retirement System (PFRS) is a cost-sharing multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan administered by the State of New Jersey, Division of Pensions and Benefits (the Division). For additional information about PFRS, please refer to Division's Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) which can be found at www.state.nj.us/treasury/pensions/annual-reports.shtml.

The vesting and benefit provisions are set by N.J.S.A. 43:16A. PERS provides retirement as well as death and disability benefits. All benefits vest after ten years of service, except disability benefits, which vest after four years of service.

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NOTE 7 – PENSION OBLIGATIONS (CONTINUED)

Police and Firemen’s Retirement System (PFRS) (continued)

Plan Description (continued)

The following represents the membership tiers for PFRS:

<u>Tier</u>	<u>Definition</u>
1	Members who were enrolled prior to May 22, 2010
2	Members who were eligible to enroll on or after May 22, 2010 and prior to June 28, 2011
3	Members who were eligible to enroll on or after June 28, 2011

Service retirement benefits are available at age 55 and are generally determined to be 2% of final compensation for each year of creditable service up to 30 years plus 1% for each year of service in excess of 30 years. Members may seek special retirement after achieving 25 years of creditable service, in which benefits would equal 65% (tiers 1 and 2 members) and 60% (tier 3 members) of final compensation plus 1% for each year of creditable service over 25 years, but not to exceed 30 years. Members may elect deferred retirement benefits after achieving ten years of service, in which case benefits would begin at age 55 equal to 2% of final compensation for each year of service.

Allocation Methodology and Reconciliation to Financial Statements

GASB Statement No. 68, *Accounting and Financial Reporting for Pensions*, requires participating employers in the New Jersey Police and Firemen’s Retirement System (PFRS) to recognize their proportionate share of the collective net pension liability, collective deferred outflows of resources, collective deferred inflows of resources and collective pension expense. The employer and nonemployer allocation percentages presented and applied are based on the ratio of the contributions of an individual employer to the total contributions to PFRS during the measurement period July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020. The employer and nonemployer allocation percentages have been rounded for presentation purposes; therefore, amounts presented in the schedules may result in immaterial differences. Contributions from employers are recognized when due, based on statutory requirements.

Special Funding Situation

Under N.J.S.A. 43:16A-15, local participating employers are responsible for their own contributions based on actuarially determined amounts, except where legislation was passed which legally obligated the State if certain circumstances occurred. The legislation which legally obligates the state is as follows: Chapter 8, P.L. 2000, Chapter 318, P.L. 2001, Chapter 86, P.L. 2001, Chapter 511, P.L. 1991, Chapter 109, P.L. 1979, Chapter 247, P.L. 1993 and Chapter 201, P.L. 2001. The amounts contributed on behalf of the local participating employers, under this legislation, is considered to be a special funding situation as defined by GASB Statement No. 68 and the State is treated as a non-employer contributing entity. Since the local participating employers do not contribute under this legislation directly to the plan (except for employer specific financed amounts), there is no net pension liability or deferred outflows or inflows to report in the financial statements of the local participating employers related to this legislation.

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NOTE 7 – PENSION OBLIGATIONS (CONTINUED)

Police and Firemen’s Retirement System (PFRS) (continued)

Special Funding Situation (continued)

However, the notes to the financial statements of the local participating employers must disclose the portion of the non-employer contributing entities’ total proportionate share of the collective net pension liability that is associated with the local participating employer.

Contributions

The contribution policy for PFRS is set by N.J.S.A. 43:16A and requires contributions by active members and contributing employers. State legislation has modified the amount that is contributed by the State. The State's pension contribution is based on an actuarially determined amount which includes the employer portion of the normal cost and an amortization of the unfunded accrued liability. For fiscal year 2020, the State's pension contribution was less than the actuarial determined amount.

The local employers' contribution amounts are based on an actuarially determined rate which includes the normal cost and unfunded accrued liability. Chapter 19, P.L. 2009 provided an option for local employers of PFRS to contribute 50% of the normal and accrued liability contribution amounts certified for payments due in State fiscal year 2009. Such employers will be credited with the full payment and any such amounts will not be included in their unfunded liability. The actuaries will determine the unfunded liability of those retirement systems, by employer, for the reduced normal and accrued liability contributions provided under this law. This unfunded liability will be paid by the employer in level annual payments over a period of 15 years beginning with the payments due in the fiscal year ended June 30, 2012 and will be adjusted by the rate of return on the actuarial value of assets.

Three-Year Trend Information for PFRS

<u>Year</u> <u>Funding</u>	<u>Pension</u> <u>Cost (APC)</u>	<u>% of APC</u> <u>Contributed</u>	<u>Net Pension</u> <u>Obligation</u>
12/31/20	\$ 183,239	100%	\$ 3,114,753
12/31/19	\$ 148,922	100%	\$ 2,220,000
12/31/18	\$ 84,470	100%	\$ 2,061,234

Components of Net Pension Liability

At December 31, 2020, the District reported a liability of \$6,391,871 for its proportionate share of the PFRS net pension liability. The net pension liability was measured as of June 30, 2020. The total pension liability for the June 30, 2020 measurement date was determined by an actuarial valuation as of July 1, 2018, which was rolled forward to June 30, 2020. The District’s proportion of the net pension liability was based on the District’s actual contributions to the plan relative to the total of all participating employers’ contributions for the year ended June 30, 2020. The District’s proportion measured as of June 30, 2020, was 0.02410553400% which was an increase of 0.0059650452% from its proportion of 0.01814048880% measured as of June 30, 2019.

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December 31, 2020

NOTE 7 – PENSION OBLIGATIONS (CONTINUED)

Police and Firemen’s Retirement System (PFRS) (continued)

Components of Net Pension Liability (continued)

	<u>PFRS Collective balances at December 31, 2020 and 2019</u>	
	<u>12/31/20</u>	<u>12/31/19</u>
Actuarial valuation date	July 1, 2019	July 1, 2018
Deferred Outflows of Resources	\$ 1,742,116	\$ 1,075,098
Deferred Inflows of Resources	\$ 854,557	\$ 782,170
Net Pension Liability (NPL)	\$ 3,114,753	\$ 2,220,000
District's portion of the Plan's total NPL	0.02410553400%	0.01814048880%

Pension Expense and Deferred Outflows/Inflows of Resources

For the year ended December 31, 2020, the District recognized pension expense of \$386,183. At December 31, 2020, the District reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to PFRS from the following sources:

	<u>Deferred</u> <u>Outflows</u> <u>of</u> <u>Resources</u>	<u>Deferred</u> <u>Inflows</u> <u>of</u> <u>Resources</u>
Changes of assumptions	\$ 7,838	\$ 835,047
Net difference between expected and actual experience	31,402	11,178
Net difference between projected and actual earnings on pension plan investments	182,633	0
Changes in proportion and differences between District contributions and proportionate share of contributions	<u>1,520,243</u>	<u>8,332</u>
Total	<u>\$1,742,116</u>	<u>\$ 854,557</u>

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NOTE 7 – PENSION OBLIGATIONS (CONTINUED)

Police and Firemen’s Retirement System (PFRS) (continued)

Pension Expense and Deferred Outflows/Inflows of Resources (continued)

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

<u>Year Ended</u> <u>June 30:</u>	<u>PFRS</u>
2021	\$128,446
2022	120,716
2023	177,900
2024	217,017
2025	154,340
Thereafter	<u>89,140</u>
	<u>\$887,559</u>

Special Funding Situation – State’s Proportionate Share

Additionally, the State’s proportionate share of the net pension liability attributable to the District is \$483,395 as of December 31, 2020. The net pension liability was measured as of June 30, 2020. The total pension liability used to calculate the net pension liability was determined using procedures to roll forward the total pension liability from an actuarial valuation as of July 1, 2019, to the measurement date of June 30, 2020. The State’s proportion of the net pension liability associated with the District was based on a projection of the District’s long-term share of contributions to the pension plan relative to the projected contributions of all participating members, actuarially determined. The State’s proportion measured as of June 30, 2020, was 0.02410553400% which was an increase of 0.0059650452% from its proportion of 0.01814048880% measured as of June 30, 2019, which is the same proportion as the District’s.

District’s Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability	\$3,114,753
State’s Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability Associated with the District	<u>483,395</u>
Total Net Pension Liability	<u>\$3,598,148</u>

Actuarial Assumptions

The collective total pension liability for the June 30, 2020 measurement date was determined by using an actuarial valuation date as noted in the table below, with update procedures used to roll

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NOTE 7 – PENSION OBLIGATIONS (CONTINUED)

Police and Firemen’s Retirement System (PFRS) (continued)

Actuarial Assumptions (continued)

forward the total pension liability to the measurement date. The actuarial valuations used the following actuarial assumptions:

Measurement date	June 30, 2020
Actuarial valuation date	July 1, 2019
Investment rate of return	7.00%
Salary increases:	
Through all future years	3.25 – 15.25% based on years of service
Inflation rate:	
Price	2.75%
Wage	3.25%

Pre-retirement mortality rates were based on the Pub-2010 Safety Employee mortality table with a 105.6% adjustment for males and 102.5% adjustment for females, and with future improvement from the base year of 2010 on a generational basis. For healthy annuitants, post-retirement mortality rates were based on the Pub-2010 Safety Retiree Below-Median Income Weighted mortality table with a 96.7% adjustment for males and 96.0% adjustment for females, and with future improvement from the base year of 2010 on a generational basis. For beneficiaries, the Pub-2010 General Retiree Below-Median Income Weighted mortality table was used, unadjusted, and with future improvement from the base year of 2010 on a generational basis. Disability rates were based on the Pub-2010 Safety Disabled Retiree mortality table with a 152.0% adjustment for males and 109.3% adjustment for females, and with future improvement from the base year of 2010 on a generational basis. Mortality improvement is based on Scale MP-2020.

The actuarial assumptions used in the July 1, 2019 valuation were based on the results of an actuarial experience study for the period July 1, 2013 to June 30, 2018.

Long-Term Expected Rate of Return

In accordance with State statute, the long-term expected rate of return on plan investments (7.00% at June 30, 2020) is determined by the State Treasurer, after consultation with the Directors of the Division of Investments and Division of Pensions and Benefits, the board of trustees and the actuaries. The long-term expected rate of return was determined using a building block method in which best-estimate ranges of expected future real rates of return (expected returns, net of pension plan investment expense and inflation) are developed for each major asset class. These ranges are combined to produce the long-term expected rate of return by weighting the expected future real rates of return by the target asset allocation percentage and by adding expected inflation. Best estimates of

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NOTE 7 – PENSION OBLIGATIONS (CONTINUED)

Police and Firemen’s Retirement System (PFRS) (continued)

Long-Term Expected Rate of Return (continued)

arithmetic rates of return for each major asset class included in PFRS's target asset allocation as of June 30, 2020 are summarized in the following table:

<u>Asset Class</u>	<u>Target Allocation</u>	<u>Long-Term Expected Real Rate of Return</u>
Risk Mitigation Strategies	3.00%	3.40%
Cash Equivalents	4.00%	0.50%
U.S. Treasuries	5.00%	1.94%
Investment Grade Credit	8.00%	2.67%
High Yield	2.00%	5.95%
Private Credit	8.00%	7.59%
Real Assets	3.00%	9.73%
Real Estate	8.00%	9.56%
U.S. Equity	27.00%	7.71%
Non-U.S. Developed Markets Equity	13.50%	8.57%
Emerging Markets Equity	5.50%	10.23%
Private Equity	<u>13.00%</u>	11.42%
Total	<u>100.00%</u>	

Discount Rate

The discount rate used to measure the total pension liability was 7.00% as of June 30, 2020. The projection of cash flows used to determine the discount rate assumed that plan member contributions will be made at the current member contribution rates and that contributions from employers and the non-employer contributing entity will be based on 78% of the actuarially determined contributions for the State employer and 100% of actuarially determined contributions for local employers. Based on those assumptions, the plan’s fiduciary net position was projected to be available to make projected future benefit payments of current plan members. Therefore, the long-term expected rate of return on plan investments was applied to projected benefit payments to determine the total pension liability.

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NOTE 7 – PENSION OBLIGATIONS (CONTINUED)

Police and Firemen’s Retirement System (PFRS) (continued)

Sensitivity of the District’s proportionate share of the Net Pension Liability to Changes in the Discount Rate

The following presents the District’s proportionate share of the net pension liability calculated using the discount rate as disclosed above, as well as what the District’s proportionate share of the net pension liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is 1-percentage-point lower (6.00%) or 1-percentage-point higher (8.00%) than the current rate:

	<u>At 1%</u> <u>decrease</u> <u>(6.00%)</u>	<u>At current</u> <u>discount rate</u> <u>(7.00%)</u>	<u>At 1%</u> <u>increase</u> <u>(8.00%)</u>
District's proportionate share of the net pension liability	\$ 4,784,797	\$3,598,148	\$2,612,546

Deferred Compensation Plan

The District also provides a deferred compensation plan under section 457(b) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, which was approved by the State of New Jersey, Department of Community Affairs. The purpose of this Plan is to provide an optional benefit to employees whereby a designated amount of the participant’s compensation is withheld each month from his paycheck and is then invested in the plan according to the investments the employee selected. An employee becomes a participant when he has executed and entered into an agreement with the employer. A participant must agree to defer a minimum of twenty dollars per payroll period or such greater amount as specified by the employee in his agreement. For 2020, the maximum amount deferred could not exceed the lesser of \$19,500 or 100% of normal compensation. There was a catch-up contribution of \$6,500 allowed for those individuals who were age 50 and over. The agent providing administrative services for the plan is The Variable Annuity Life Insurance Company. Employee contributions for 2020 were \$11,880.

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NOTE 8 – LONG-TERM LIABILITIES

During the fiscal year ended December 31, 2020, the following changes occurred in liabilities reported in long-term debt:

	<u>Balance</u> <u>1/1/20</u>	<u>Accrued/</u> <u>Increases</u>	<u>Retired/</u> <u>Decreases</u>	<u>Balance</u> <u>12/31/20</u>	<u>Due within</u> <u>one year</u>
Capital lease payable	\$ 615,902	\$ 0	\$ 60,823	\$ 555,079	\$ 0
Net pension liability – PFRS/PERS	2,246,489	891,802	0	3,138,291	0
Net OPEB liability	847,849	185,517	0	1,033,366	0
Net pension liability - LOSAP	<u>604,349</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>604,349</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Total long-term liabilities	<u>\$4,314,589</u>	<u>\$1,077,319</u>	<u>\$665,172</u>	<u>\$4,726,736</u>	<u>\$ 0</u>

NOTE 9 - FIRE SERVICES CONTRACT

The fire safety of the Township of Hamilton is administered through a series of fire districts organized, operated and funded pursuant to NJSA 40A:14-70 et seq.

The Fire Commissioners, District No. 8, Hamilton Township are elected members and provide fire support to the Volunteers to District No. 8, Hamilton Township (also known as the Colonial Volunteer Fire Company). The District has an agreement with the fire company for the volunteers to provide fire services on an annual basis. The District paid the fire company \$62,000 in 2020 for these services.

NOTE 10 – DATE OF MANAGEMENT’S REVIEW

Subsequent events have been evaluated through February 27, 2022 which is the date the financial statements were available to be issued. No subsequent events were identified that required adjustment to or disclosure within the financial statements.

NOTE 11 – SHARED SERVICES AGREEMENT UNIFORM SAFETY ACT

On November 1, 2017, Hamilton Township Fire District No. 6 entered into a shared services agreement with Hamilton Township Fire District No. 8 for Fire Chief, in which Hamilton Township Fire District No. 6 will provide the services of Fire Chief effective as of November 1, 2017. Under the contract, Hamilton Township Fire District No. 8 will reimburse Hamilton Township Fire District No. 6 a portion of the Fire Chief’s actual payroll, benefits and expenses to be determined by the amount of full-time subornment employees of all participating Fire Districts. Reimbursement increases paid to Hamilton Township Fire District No. 6 will occur on the anniversary date of the agreement. The first year reimbursement amount will be \$56,000 per year. The second year reimbursement amount will be the previous year plus an additional 5% per subsequent year. The reimbursement amount as of December 31, 2020 was \$57,110.

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NOTE 12 – OTHER POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS

State Health Benefit Local Government Retired Employees Plan

Plan Description

The State Health Benefit Local Government Retired Employees Plan (the Plan) is a cost-sharing multiple-employer defined benefit other postemployment benefit (OPEB) plan with a special funding situation. It covers employees of local government employers that have adopted a resolution to participate in the Plan. The plan meets the definition of an equivalent arrangement as defined in paragraph 4 of GASB Statement No. 75, *Accounting and Financial Reporting for the Postemployment Benefits Other Than Pensions* (GASB Statement No. 75); therefore, assets are accumulated to pay associated benefits. For additional information about the Plan, please refer to the State of New Jersey (the State), Division of Pensions and Benefits' (the Division) Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR), which can be found at <https://www.state.nj.us/treasury/pensions/financial-reports.shtml>.

The Plan provides medical and prescription drug coverage to retirees and their covered dependents of the employers. Under the provisions of Chapter 88, P.L. 1974 and Chapter 48, P.L. 1999, local government employers electing to provide postretirement medical coverage to their employees must file a resolution with the Division. Under Chapter 88, local employers elect to provide benefit coverage based on the eligibility rules and regulations promulgated by the State Health Benefits Commission. Chapter 48 allows local employers to establish their own age and service eligibility for employer paid health benefits coverage for retired employees. Under Chapter 48, the employer may assume the cost of postretirement medical coverage for employees and their dependents who: 1) retired on a disability pension; or 2) retired with 25 or more years of service credit in a State or locally administered retirement system and a period of service of up to 25 years with the employer at the time of retirement as established by the employer; or 3) retired and reached the age of 65 with 25 or more years of service credit in a State or locally administered retirement system and a period of service of up to 25 years with the employer at the time of retirement as established by the employer; or 4) retired and reached age 62 with at least 15 years of service with the employer. Further, the law provides that the employer paid obligations for retiree coverage may be determined by means of a collective negotiations agreement.

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NOTE 12 – OTHER POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS (CONTNUED)

State Health Benefit Local Government Retired Employees Plan

Plan Description (continued)

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

Pursuant to Chapter 78, P.L, 2011, future retirees eligible for postretirement medical coverage who have less than 20 years of creditable service on June 28, 2011 will be required to pay a percentage of the cost of their health care coverage in retirement provided they retire with 25 or more years of pension service credit. The percentage of the premium for which the retiree will be responsible will be determined based on the retiree's annual retirement benefit and level of coverage.

The funding policy for the OPEB plan is pay-as-you-go; therefore, there is no prefunding of the liability.

Allocation Methodology

GASB Statement No. 75 requires participating employers in the Plan to recognize their proportionate share of the collective net OPEB liability, collective deferred outflows of resources, collective deferred inflows of resources, and collective OPEB expense. The special funding situation's and nonspecial funding situation's net OPEB liability, deferred outflows of resources, deferred inflows of resources, and OPEB expense are based on separately calculated total OPEB liabilities. For the special funding situation, the total OPEB liability for the year ended June 30, 2020 was \$157,260, while for the nonspecial funding situation, the total OPEB liability was \$359,423. The nonspecial funding situation's net OPEB liability, deferred outflows of resources, deferred inflows of resources, and OPEB expense are further allocated to employers based on the ratio of the plan members of an individual employer to the total members of the Plan's nonspecial funding situation during the measurement period July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020. Employer and nonemployer allocation percentages have been rounded for presentation purposes; therefore, amounts presented in the schedules may result in immaterial differences.

Special Funding Situation

Under Chapter 330, P.L. 1997, the State shall pay the premium or periodic charges for the qualified local police and firefighter retirees and dependents equal to 80 percent of the premium or periodic charge for the category of coverage elected by the qualified retiree under the State managed care plan or a health maintenance organization participating in the program providing the lowest premium or periodic charge. The State also provides funding for retiree health benefits to survivors of local police officers and firefighters who die in the line of duty under Chapter 271, P.L.1989.

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NOTE 12 – OTHER POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS (CONTNUED)

State Health Benefit Local Government Retired Employees Plan

Special Funding Situation (continued)

Therefore, these employers are considered to be in a special funding situation as defined by GASB Statement No. 75 and the State is treated as a nonemployer contributing entity. Since the local participating employers do not contribute under this legislation directly to the plan, there is no net OPEB liability, deferred outflows of resources or deferred inflows of resources to report in the financial statements of the local participating employers related to this legislation. However, the notes to the financial statements of the local participating employers must disclose the portion of the nonemployer contributing entities' total proportionate share of the collective net OPEB liability that is associated with the local participating employer.

At June 30, 2020 the State's proportionate share of the net OPEB liability attributable to the District was 0.005758% of the total proportionate share of \$5,462,303,132 or \$2,698,105. The State of New Jersey's OPEB expense (recovery) related to the District was \$(134,312).

Net OPEB Liability

The components of the collective net OPEB liability of the participating employers in the Plan, for the years ending December 31, 2020 and 2019 is as follows:

Actuarial valuation date	<u>12/31/20</u> July 1, 2019 rolled forward to June 30, 2020	<u>12/31/19</u> July 1, 2018 rolled forward to June 30, 2019
Total OPEB liability	\$ 18,111,475,228	\$ 13,819,244,582
Plan fiduciary net position	164,862,282	273,173,482
Net OPEB liability	\$ 17,946,612,946	\$ 13,546,071,100
Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total OPEB liability	.89%	1.98%
District's portion of the Plan's total Net OPEB liability	0.0062590%	0.0062590%
Total OPEB liability - District	\$ 1,042,859	\$ 864,947
Plan fiduciary net position - District	9,493	17,098
Net OPEB liability - District	<u>\$ 1,033,366</u>	<u>\$ 847,849</u>

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NOTE 12 – OTHER POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS (CONTNUED)

State Health Benefit Local Government Retired Employees Plan (continued)

Net OPEB Liability (continued)

The total OPEB liability as of June 30, 2020 was determined by an actuarial valuation as of July 1, 2019, which was rolled forward to June 30, 2020. The actuarial assumptions vary for each plan member depending on the pension plan the member is enrolled in. This actuarial valuation used the following actuarial assumptions, applied to all periods in the measurement:

Inflation rate		2.50%
Salary increases*:		
Public Employees' Retirement System (PERS)		
Initial fiscal year applied		
Rate through 2026		2.00% to 6.00%
Rate thereafter		3.00% to 7.00%
Police and Firemen's Retirement System (PFRS)		
Rate for all future years		3.25% to 15.25%
Mortality:		
PERS	Pub-2010 General classification headcount weighted mortality with fully generational mortality improvement projections from the central year using Scale MP-2020	
PFRS	Pub-2010 Safety classification headcount weighted mortality with fully generational mortality improvement projections from the central year using Scale MP-2020	

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

Actuarial assumptions used in the July 1, 2019 valuation were based on the results of the pension plans' experience studies for which the members are eligible for coverage under this Plan — the Police and Firemen Retirement System (PFRS) and the Public Employees' Retirement System (PERS). The PFRS and PERS experience studies were prepared for the periods July 1, 2013 to June 30, 2018 and July 1, 2014 to June 30, 2018, respectively.

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

Health Care Trend Assumptions

For pre-Medicare medical benefits, the trend is initially 5.6% and decreases to a 4.5% long-term trend rate after seven years. For post-65 medical benefits, the actual fully-insured Medicare Advantage trend rates for fiscal year 2021 through 2022 are reflected. The rates used for 2023 and 2024 are 21.83% and 18.53%, respectively, trending to 4.5% for all future years. For prescription drug benefits, the initial trend rate is 7.0% and decreases to a 4.5% long-term trend rate after seven years.

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NOTE 12 – OTHER POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS (CONTNUED)

State Health Benefit Local Government Retired Employees Plan (continued)

Discount Rate

The discount rate for June 30, 2020 was 2.21%. This represents the municipal bond return rate as chosen by the State. The source is the Bond Buyer Go 20-Bond Municipal Bond Index, which includes tax-exempt general obligation municipal bonds with an average rating of AA/Aa or higher. As the long-term rate of return is less than the municipal bond rate, it is not considered in the calculation of the discount rate, rather the discount rate is set at the municipal bond rate.

Sensitivity of the District’s proportionate share of the Net OPEB Liability to Changes in the Discount Rate

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

	<u>At 1% decrease</u> <u>(1.21%)</u>	<u>At current</u> <u>discount rate</u> <u>(2.21%)</u>	<u>At 1% increase</u> <u>(3.21%)</u>
District's proportionate share of the State of New Jersey’s net OPEB liability	\$ 1,221,657	\$ 1,033,366	\$ 884,317
State of New Jersey’s total net OPEB liability	\$21,216,688,254	\$17,946,612,946	\$15,358,051,000

Sensitivity of the District’s proportionate share of the Net OPEB Liability to Changes in the Healthcare Trend Rate

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

	<u>At 1% decrease</u> <u>(1.21%)</u>	<u>Healthcare cost</u> <u>trend rate</u> <u>(2.21%)</u>	<u>At 1% increase</u> <u>(3.21%)</u>
District's proportionate share of the State of New Jersey’s net OPEB liability	\$ 1,266,793	\$ 1,033,366	\$ 855,111
State of New Jersey’s total net OPEB liability	\$22,000,569,109	\$17,946,612,946	\$14,850,840,718

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NOTE 12 – OTHER POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS (CONTNUED)

State Health Benefit Local Government Retired Employees Plan

Collective Deferred Outflows/Deferred Inflows of Resources

For the year ended December 31, 2020, the District recognized OPEB expense of \$30,268. At December 31, 2020, the District reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to OPEB from the following sources:

	<u>Deferred Outflows of Resources</u>	<u>Deferred Inflows of Resources</u>
Changes of assumptions	\$ 154,559	\$ 229,805
Net difference between expected and actual experience	27,218	192,432
Net difference between projected and actual earnings on OPEB plan investments	656	0
Changes in proportion – employer specific	348,071	223,245
Total	<u>\$ 530,504</u>	<u>\$ 645,482</u>

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

<u>Year Ended June 30:</u>	<u>OPEB</u>
2021	\$(22,480)
2022	(22,480)
2023	(22,505)
2024	(22,559)
2025	(22,615)
Thereafter	<u>(2,338)</u>
	<u>\$(114,978)</u>

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NOTE 12 – OTHER POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS (CONTNUED)

State Health Benefit Local Government Retired Employees Plan

OPEB Expense

The components of allocable OPEB expense for the year ending June 30, 2020 are as follows:

	State of New Jersey's OPEB expense	District's proportionate share (.005758%) of the State of New Jersey's OPEB expense
Service cost	\$ 605,949,339	\$ 34,891
Interest on total OPEB liability	497,444,533	28,643
Expected investment return	(7,632,336)	(439)
Administrative expense	9,913,267	571
Changes of benefit terms	1,034,142	60
Current period recognition (amortization) of deferred inflows/outflows of resources:		
Differences between expected and actual experience	(550,598,668)	(31,703)
Changes of assumptions	(418,656,482)	(24,106)
Differences between projected and actual investment earnings on OPEB plan investments	<u>4,535,144</u>	<u>261</u>
Total OPEB expense	<u>\$141,988,939</u>	8,176
Changes in proportion – employer specific		<u>40,945</u>
Total OPEB expense with employer specific liability		49,121
Other adjustments		<u>(18,853)</u>
District's total OPEB expense at December 31, 2020		<u>\$ 30,268</u>

Compensated absences

Fire district employees are entitled to fifteen paid sick leave days (180 hours) per year. Each employee is entitled to utilize the earned sick time during the calendar year. Unused sick leave will be accumulated but will not be carried forward to be paid in future years. Unused sick leave may only be accumulated to be used toward the option to sell back at the time of retirement. Employees are entitled to two personal days, which may not be carried forward to subsequent years and if unused, are paid by December 31 of each year. Vacation days not used during the year are accumulated and carried forward. However, the employee may only carry up to one year worth of entitled vacation days and will be reimbursed for any unused vacation days in excess of what is carried over. Benefits to be paid in any future year will be calculated according to a formula outlined in the District's agreement with the employee union and included in the current year's budget.

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NOTE 12 – OTHER POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS (CONTNUED)

Compensated absences (continued)

Based on accumulated sick days as of December 31, 2020, the sick pay reserved for employees under the terms of the contract at death or retirement was \$23,645.

NOTE 13 – LONG-TERM LIABILITIES

Obligation under Capital Lease

On August 25, 2019, Hamilton Township Fire District No. 8 entered into a lease purchase agreement for \$675,000 with TD Equipment Finance to lease a new Fire Pumper and Apparatus. The lease provides for annual payments in the amount of \$78,807.86 for ten (10) years beginning on August 20, 2020 and ending on August 26, 2021. The annual rate of interest is 2.92%. The Fire Pumper and Apparatus was received by the District on August 2, 2020.

The lease payable principal balance at December 31, 2020 was \$615,903. Interest expense for the year ended December 31, 2020 was \$19,710.

The following schedule reflects the amortization of the rescue pumper lease over the next five (5) years and thereafter:

<u>Year</u>	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Interest</u>	<u>Total</u>
2021	60,824	17,984	\$ 78,808
2022	62,600	16,208	78,808
2023	64,427	14,381	78,808
2024	66,309	12,499	78,808
2025	68,245	10,563	78,808
Thereafter	<u>293,498</u>	<u>21,733</u>	<u>315,231</u>
Total	<u>\$615,903</u>	<u>\$93,368</u>	<u>\$709,271</u>

NOTE 14– RISK MANAGEMENT

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

Property and Liability Insurance

The District maintains commercial insurance coverage for property, liability and surety bonds.

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NOTE 16 – LITIGATION

As of the date of this report there is no litigation pending which, if decided adversely to the District would have a material impact on the District.

NOTE 17 – DEFICIT IN UNRESTRICTED NET POSITION

As reflected on the Statement of Net Position, a deficit in unrestricted net position of (\$3,279,637) existed as of December 31, 2018. The primary cause of this deficit was the recording of the long-term liabilities for net pension liability and net OPEB liability. In accordance with full accrual accounting, which is the basis of accounting for the Statement of Net Position, such liabilities are required to be recorded in the period in which they are incurred. However, in accordance with the rules and regulations that govern the District in the formulation of their annual budget, pension and OPEB liabilities that relate to future services, or that are contingent on a specific event outside the control of the District and its employees, are funded in the period in which such services are rendered or in which such events take place. Therefore, this deficit in unrestricted net position does not indicate that the District is facing financial difficulties.

NOTE 18 – SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

COVID-19 Pandemic

The outbreak of the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) the World Health Organization declared as a pandemic in March 2020 continues to spread throughout the United States and the entire world in 2021. The District remained open throughout the pandemic and has continued to provide firefighting services to the public. The duration and impact of the COVID-19 pandemic, as well as the effectiveness of government and central bank responses, remains unclear at this time. It is not possible to reliably estimate the duration and severity of these consequences, as well as their impact on the financial position and results of the District for future periods.

Consolidation:

On September 9, 2020, the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs Local Finance Board unanimously approved a plan to consolidate Hamilton Township's Fire Districts. The transition of fire districts took effect on January 1, 2021. All fire houses throughout the Township remain open. Under the plan, the existing eight districts were dissolved thereby creating one Township of Hamilton Fire Department. It consists of both career and volunteer firefighters. There is no expected change to the number of officers and firefighters. However, three fire chiefs will be reclassified as deputy fire chiefs, one will become a battalion chief, and one firefighter mechanic will be reclassified as a firefighter.

REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

HAMILTON TOWNSHIP FIRE COMMISSIONERS DISTRICT No. 8

Schedule of Revenues and Expenditures

Budget and Actual (Non-GAAP Budgetary Basis) - General Fund

For the Year Ended December 31, 2020

	<u>Budgeted Amounts</u>			Variance with Final Budget
	<u>Original</u>	<u>Final</u>	<u>Actual</u>	Positive (Negative)
<u>Revenues:</u>				
Taxes	\$ 2,495,850	\$ 2,495,850	\$ 2,495,850	\$ 0
Designated surplus	171,543	171,543	222,977	51,434
Grants - State of New Jersey	14,199	14,199	14,199	0
Investment earnings	7,000	7,000	3,711	(3,289)
Miscellaneous revenue	15,000	15,000	15,938	(938)
Total Revenues	2,703,592	2,703,592	2,752,675	47,207
<u>Expenditures:</u>				
General Government:				
Salaries and wages	\$ 1,408,902	\$ 1,408,902	\$ 1,448,527	\$ (39,625)
Fringe benefits	707,867	707,867	721,539	(13,672)
Administration:				
Advertising	500	500	319	181
Election expenses	2,000	2,000	1,407	593
Memberships and dues	3,000	3,000	3,200	(200)
Insurance	28,500	28,500	27,693	807
Office expenses	10,000	10,000	16,821	(6,821)
Professional fees	25,000	25,000	24,525	475
Total Administration	69,000	69,000	73,965	(4,965)
Operations:				
Computer software/maintenance	9,500	9,500	6,673	2,827
Fire prevention	65,740	65,740	62,915	2,825
Fire services contract	62,000	62,000	62,000	0
Materials, supplies and personal equipment	44,300	44,300	73,718	(29,418)
Rent - water and hydrant	180,000	180,000	178,522	1,478
Repairs and maintenance	65,000	65,000	38,254	26,746
Telephone	2,475	2,475	2,897	(422)
Training	10,000	10,000	4,857	5,143
Total Operations	439,015	439,015	429,836	9,179
Total General Government	2,624,784	2,624,784	2,673,867	(49,083)

THE ACCOMPANYING NOTES ARE AN INTEGRAL PART OF THESE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS.

HAMILTON TOWNSHIP FIRE COMMISSIONERS DISTRICT No. 8

Schedule of Revenues and Expenditures

Budget and Actual (Non-GAAP Budgetary Basis) - General Fund

For the Year Ended December 31, 2020

	<u>Budgeted Amounts</u>		<u>Actual</u>	<u>Variance with</u>
	<u>Original</u>	<u>Final</u>		<u>Final Budget</u>
				<u>Positive</u>
				<u>(Negative)</u>
Capital Outlay				
Payment of principal on capital leases/loans	59,098	59,098	59,098	0
Interest on capital leases/loans	19,710	19,710	19,710	0
Total Capital Outlay	<u>78,808</u>	<u>78,808</u>	<u>78,808</u>	<u>0</u>
Total Expenditures	<u>2,703,592</u>	<u>2,703,592</u>	<u>2,752,675</u>	<u>(49,083)</u>
Excess of Revenues				
Over Expenditures	<u>\$ 0</u>	<u>\$ 0</u>	<u>\$ 0</u>	<u>\$ (1,876)</u>

Reconciliation of Budget Basis to GAAP Basis:

Excess of Revenues Over Expenditures - Budget Basis	\$ 0
Depreciation is not an outflow of a budgetary resource but is an expenditure for financial reporting purposes	(65,253)
Designated surplus is an inflow of resources for budgetary purposes but not for financial reporting purposes	(222,977)
Payment of principal on a capital lease/loan an outflow of a budgetary resource and not an expenditure for financial reporting purposes	59,098
OPEB expense reported in accordance with GASB 75 is an outflow for financial reporting purposes but is not an outflow of a budgetary resource	(30,268)
Pension expense reported in accordance with GASB 68 is an outflow for financial reporting purposes but is not an outflow of a budgetary resource	<u>(369,179)</u>
Change in Net Position - GAAP Basis	<u>\$ (628,579)</u>

HAMILTON TOWNSHIP FIRE COMMISSIONERS DISTRICT No. 8

Schedule of the District's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability
Public Employees' Retirement System (PERS)
Last Ten Fiscal Years

	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013
District's proportion of the net pension liability (asset)	0.00014433940%	0.00014701260%	0.00014879200%	0.00018685370%	0.00022456460%	0.00058727620%	0.0005857696%	0.0005871427%
District's proportionate share of the net pension liability (asset) \$	23,538 \$	26,489 \$	29,296 \$	43,497 \$	66,510 \$	131,832 \$	109,672 \$	112,215 \$
District's covered-employee payroll	\$ 10,448	\$ 10,448	\$ 10,448	\$ 11,072	\$ 13,569	\$ 14,403	\$ 38,426	\$ 40,508
District's proportionate share of the net pension liability (asset) as a percentage of its covered-employee payroll	225.29%	253.53%	280.40%	392.86%	490.16%	915.31%	285.41%	277.02%

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

HAMILTON TOWNSHIP FIRE COMMISSIONERS DISTRICT No. 8

Schedule of the District's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability
Police and Firemen's Retirement System (PPRS)
Last Ten Fiscal Years

	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013
District's proportion of the net pension liability (asset)	0.02410553400%	0.01814048880%	0.01523269130%	0.00954443370%	0.00958961210%	0.01002705490%	0.00919435554%	0.00823078830%
District's proportionate share of the net pension liability (asset) \$	\$ 3,114,753	\$ 2,220,000	\$ 2,061,234	\$ 1,473,476	\$ 1,831,861	\$ 1,670,158	\$ 1,156,565	\$ 1,094,209
District's covered-employee payroll	\$ 1,025,469	\$ 828,684	\$ 702,977	\$ 501,282	\$ 284,682	\$ 376,212	\$ 474,311	\$ 369,076
District's proportionate share of the net pension liability (asset) as a percentage of its covered-employee payroll	303.74%	267.89%	293.21%	293.94%	643.48%	443.94%	243.84%	296.47%

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

HAMILTON TOWNSHIP FIRE COMMISSIONERS DISTRICT No. 8

Schedule of District Contributions
Public Employees' Retirement System (PERS)
Last Ten Fiscal Years

	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013
Contractually required contributions	\$ 1,430	\$ 1,480	\$ 1,731	\$ 1,995	\$ 5,049	\$ 4,829	\$ 4,424	\$ 4,541
Contributions in relation to the contractually required contributions	1,430	1,480	1,731	1,995	5,049	4,829	4,424	4,541
	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
District's covered-employee payroll	\$ 10,448	\$ 10,448	\$ 10,448	\$ 11,072	\$ 13,569	\$ 14,403	\$ 38,426	\$ 40,508
Contributions as a percentage of its covered-employee payroll	13.69%	14.17%	16.57%	18.02%	37.21%	33.53%	11.51%	11.21%

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

HAMILTON TOWNSHIP FIRE COMMISSIONERS DISTRICT No. 8

Schedule of District Contributions
Police and Firemen's Retirement System (PFRS)
Last Ten Fiscal Years

	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013
Contractually required contributions	\$ 183,239	\$ 148,922	\$ 84,470	\$ 78,188	\$ 81,505	\$ 70,619	\$ 60,050	\$ 62,344
Contributions in relation to the contractually required contributions	183,239	148,922	84,470	78,188	81,505	70,619	60,050	62,344
District's covered-employee payroll	\$ 1,025,469	\$ 828,684	\$ 702,977	\$ 501,282	\$ 284,682	\$ 376,212	\$ 474,311	\$ 369,076
Contributions as a percentage of its covered-employee payroll	17.87%	17.97%	12.02%	15.60%	28.63%	18.77%	12.66%	16.89%

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

HAMILTON TOWNSHIP FIRE COMMISSIONERS DISTRICT No. 8

Changes in the Net Pension Liability and Related Ratios

Length of Service Award Program (LOSAP)

Last Ten Fiscal Years

	2020	2019	2018	2017
Total pension liability:				
Service cost	\$ 0	\$ 13,934	\$ 10,578	\$ 19,025
Interest	0	14,031	21,367	17,305
Changes of benefit terms	0	0	0	0
Differences between expected and actual experience	0	(230)	(45,741)	0
Changes of assumptions	0	78,264	(31,359)	44,852
Benefit payments and expenses	0	(20,392)	(20,234)	(35,636)
Net changes	0	85,607	(65,389)	45,546
Total pension liability - beginning	0	518,742	584,131	538,585
Total pension liability - ending	\$ 0	\$ 604,349	\$ 518,742	\$ 584,131

Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total pension liability

	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
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District's covered employee payroll

	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
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Net pension liability as a percentage of covered employee payroll

	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
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Expected average remaining service years of all participants

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

HAMILTON TOWNSHIP FIRE COMMISSIONERS DISTRICT No. 8

Schedule of Differences between Expected and Actual Experience
and Schedule of Deferred Outflows and Deferred Inflows of Resources Arising from Differences between Assumptions
Length of Service Award Program (LOSAP)

Schedule of Differences between Expected and Actual Experience and Differences between Assumptions:

<u>Year</u>	<u>Differences Between Expected and Actual Experience</u>	<u>Recognition Period (Years)</u>	<u>Actual Experience</u>							<u>Total</u>	
			<u>2018</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>Thereafter</u>		
2018	\$ (45,741)	4	\$ (11,435)	\$ (11,435)	\$ (11,435)	\$ (11,436)	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ (45,741)
2019	\$ (230)	5	0	(46)	(46)	(46)	(46)	(46)	0	0	(230)
	Net increase (decrease) in pension expense		\$ (11,435)	\$ (11,481)	\$ (11,481)	\$ (11,482)	\$ (46)	\$ (46)	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ (45,971)

<u>Year</u>	<u>Differences Between Assumptions</u>	<u>Recognition Period (Years)</u>	<u>Increase (Decrease) in Pension Expense Arising from the Recognition of Differences between Assumptions</u>							<u>Total</u>	
			<u>2017</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2023</u>		<u>Thereafter</u>
2017	\$ 44,852	8	\$ 5,607	\$ 5,607	\$ 5,607	\$ 5,607	\$ 5,607	\$ 5,607	\$ 5,607	\$ 5,603	\$ 44,852
2018	\$ (31,359)	4	0	(7,840)	(7,840)	(7,840)	(7,839)	0	0	0	(31,359)
2019	\$ 78,264	5	0	-	15,653	15,653	15,653	15,653	15,653	15,652	78,264
	Net increase (decrease) in pension expense		\$ 5,607	\$ (2,233)	\$ 13,420	\$ 13,420	\$ 13,421	\$ 21,260	\$ 21,259	\$ 5,603	\$ 91,757

In conformity with paragraph 33a of GASB Statement 73, the effects of differences between assumptions are recognized in pension expense, beginning in the current reporting period, using a systematic and rational method over a closed period equal to the average of the remaining service lives of all employees that are provided with pensions through the pension plan (active and inactive employees), determined as of the beginning of the measurement period. The table above illustrates the application of this requirement.

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Schedule of Differences between Expected and Actual Experience and Schedule of Deferred Outflows and Deferred Inflows of Resources Arising from Differences between Assumptions and Length of Service Award Program (LOSAP)

Schedule of Deferred Outflows and Deferred Inflows of Resources Arising from Differences between Expected and Actual Experience:

<u>Year</u>	<u>Experience Losses (a)</u>	<u>Experience Gains (b)</u>	<u>Pension Expense Through December 31, 2019 (c)</u>	<u>Balances at December 31, 2019</u>	
				<u>Deferred Outflows of Resources (a) - (c)</u>	<u>Deferred Inflows of Resources (b) - (c)</u>
2018	\$ 0	45,741	\$ 22,870	\$ 0	\$ 22,871
2019	0	230	46		184
				<u>\$ 0</u>	<u>\$ 23,055</u>

Schedule of Deferred Outflows and Deferred Inflows of Resources Arising from Differences between Assumptions:

<u>Year</u>	<u>Assumption Losses (a)</u>	<u>Assumption Gains (b)</u>	<u>Expense Through December 31, 2018 (c)</u>	<u>Balances at December 31, 2019</u>	
				<u>Deferred Outflows of Resources (a) - (c)</u>	<u>Deferred Inflows of Resources (b) - (c)</u>
2017	\$ 44,852	0	\$ 16,821	\$ 28,031	\$ 0
2018	0	31,359	15,680		15,679
2019	78,264	0	15,653	62,611	-
				<u>\$ 90,642</u>	<u>\$ 15,679</u>
			Total	<u>\$ 90,642</u>	<u>\$ 38,734</u>

In conformity with paragraph 33a of GASB Statement 73, the effects of differences between assumptions are recognized in pension expense, beginning in the current reporting period, using a systematic and rational method over a closed period equal to the average of the remaining service lives of all employees that are provided with pensions through the pension plan (active and inactive employees), determined as of the beginning of the measurement period. The table above illustrates the application of this requirement.

HAMILTON TOWNSHIP FIRE COMMISSIONERS DISTRICT No. 8

Schedule of the District's Proportionate Share of the Net OPEB Liability

State Health Benefits Local Government Retired Employees Plan

Last Ten Fiscal Years

	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016
District's proportion of the net OPEB liability (asset)	0.005758%	0.006259%	0.005794%	0.006672%	0.004213%
District's proportionate share of the net OPEB liability (asset)	\$ 1,033,366	\$ 847,849	\$ 907,724	\$ 1,362,141	\$ 914,957
District's covered-employee payroll	\$ 1,035,917	\$ 839,132	\$ 713,425	\$ 512,354	\$ 298,251
District's proportionate share of the net OPEB liability (asset) as a percentage of its covered-employee payroll	99.75%	101.04%	127.23%	265.86%	306.77%
Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total OPEB liability	0.89%	1.98%	1.97%	1.03%	0.69%

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

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Schedule of District Contributions

State Health Benefits Local Government Retired Employees Plan

Last Ten Fiscal Years

	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016
Pay-as-you-go monthly employer contributions billed - retired employees	\$ 79,367	\$ 85,789	\$ 142,515	\$ 150,638	\$ 95,087
Pay-as-you-go monthly employer contributions paid - retired employees	79,367	85,789	142,515	150,638	95,087
Contribution deficiency (excess)	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
District's covered-employee payroll	\$ 1,035,917	\$ 839,132	\$ 713,425	\$ 512,354	\$ 298,251
Contributions as a percentage of its covered-employee payroll	7.66%	10.22%	19.98%	29.40%	31.88%

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

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Notes to Required Supplementary Information

For the Year Ended December 31, 2020

Budgets and Budgetary Controls

The District must adopt an annual budget in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:14-78.1 et. al.

The fire commissioners must introduce and approve the annual budget no later than 25 days prior to the third Saturday in February, with the adopted budget advertised at least seven days prior to the same date, regardless of when the annual fire district election is held. Upon introduction, the commissioners fix the time and place for a public hearing on the budget and must advertise the time and place at least ten days prior to the hearing in a newspaper having substantial circulation in the District. The public hearing must not be held less than twenty-eight days after the date the budget was introduced. After the hearing has been held, the fire commissioners may, by majority vote, adopt the budget. When the annual election is in November, the public no longer votes on approving the fire district's budget when it is within the tax levy guidelines issued by the NJ Department of Community Affairs.

Amendments may be made to the District budget in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:14-78.3.

Fire districts have a prescribed budgetary basis to demonstrate legal compliance. However, budgets are adopted on principally the same basis of accounting utilized for the preparation of the District's financial statements. Each annual budget lapses at the end of the year.

Public Employees' Retirement System (PERS)

The amounts presented in the Schedules were prepared in accordance with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles. The numbers were derived in a report provided by KPMG dated June 4, 2021. The full report is available by the State of New Jersey, Division of Pension and Benefits. Such preparation requires management of PERS to make a number of estimates and assumptions relating to the reported amounts. Due to the inherent nature of these estimates, actual results could differ from those estimates.

Changes of Benefit Terms

The vesting and benefit provisions are set by N.J.S.A. 43:15A. PERS provides retirement, death and disability benefits. All benefits vest after ten years of service, except for medical benefits, which vest after 25 years of service or under the disability provisions of PERS.

Changes of Assumptions

Pre-retirement mortality rates were based on the Pub-2010 General Below-Median Income Employee mortality table with an 82.2% adjustment for males and 101.4% adjustment for females, and with future improvement from the base year of 2010 on a generational basis. Post-retirement mortality rates were based on the Pub-2010 General Below-Median Income Healthy Retiree mortality table with a 91.4% adjustment for males and 99.7% adjustment for females, and with future improvement from the base year of 2010 on a generational basis. Disability retirement rates used to value disabled retirees were based on the Pub-2010 Non-Safety Disabled Retiree mortality table with a 127.7% adjustment for males and

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Public Employees' Retirement System (PERS)

Changes of Assumptions (continued)

117.2% adjustment for females, and with future improvement from the base year of 2010 on a generational basis. Mortality improvement is based on Scale MP-2020.

The actuarial assumptions used in the July 1, 2019 valuation were based on the results of an actuarial experience study for the period July 1, 2014 to June 30, 2018. It is likely that future experience will not exactly conform to these assumptions.

Police and Firemen's Retirement System (PFRS)

Basis of Presentation

The amounts presented in the Schedules were prepared in accordance with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles. The numbers were derived in a report provided by KPMG dated June 4, 2021. The full report is available by the State of New Jersey, Division of Pension and Benefits. Such preparation requires management of PFRS to make a number of estimates and assumptions relating to the reported amounts. Due to the inherent nature of these estimates, actual results could differ from those estimates.

Changes of Benefit Terms

The vesting and benefit provisions are set by N.J.S.A. 43:16A. PFRS provides retirement, death and disability benefits. All benefits vest after ten years of service, except disability payments which vest after four years of service.

Changes of Assumptions

Pre-retirement mortality rates were based on the Pub-2010 Safety Employee mortality table with a 105.6% adjustment for males and 102.5% adjustment for females, and with future improvement from the base year of 2010 on a generational basis. For healthy annuitants, post-retirement mortality rates were based on the Pub-2010 Safety Retiree Below-Median Income Weighted mortality table with a 96.7% adjustment for males and 96.0% adjustment for females, and with future improvement from the base year of 2010 on a generational basis. For beneficiaries, the Pub-2010 General Retiree Below-Median Income Weighted mortality table was used, unadjusted, and with future improvement from the base year of 2010 on a generational basis. Disability rates were based on the Pub-2010 Safety Disabled Retiree mortality table with a 152.0% adjustment for males and 109.3% adjustment for females, and with future improvement from the base year of 2010 on a generational basis. Mortality improvement is based on Scale MP-2020.

The actuarial assumptions used in the July 1, 2019 valuation were based on the results of an actuarial experience study for the period July 1, 2013 to June 30, 2018.

Length of Service Awards Program (LOSAP)

Changes of Benefit Terms and Changes of Assumptions

None

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Notes to Required Supplementary Information

For the Year Ended December 31, 2020

State Health Benefit Local Government Retired Employees Plan (OPEB)

Basis of Presentation

The amounts presented in the Schedules were prepared in accordance with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles. The numbers were derived in a report provided by KPMG dated January 28, 2022. The full report is available by the State of New Jersey, Division of Pension and Benefits. Such preparation requires management of the Plan to make a number of estimates and assumptions relating to the reported amounts. Due to the inherent nature of these estimates, actual results could differ from those estimates.

General Information about the OPEB Plan

The Plan provides medical and prescription drug coverage to retirees and their covered dependents of the employers. Under the provisions of Chapter 88, P.L. 1974 and Chapter 48, P.L. 1999, local government employers electing to provide postretirement medical coverage to their employees must file a resolution with the Division. Under Chapter 88, local employers elect to provide benefit coverage based on the eligibility rules and regulations promulgated by the State Health Benefits Commission. Chapter 48 allows local employers to establish their own age and service eligibility for employer paid health benefits coverage for retired employees. Under Chapter 48, the employer may assume the cost of postretirement medical coverage for employees and their dependents who: 1) retired on a disability pension; or 2) retired with 25 or more years of service credit in a State or locally administered retirement system and a period of service of up to 25 years with the employer at the time of retirement as established by the employer; or 3) retired and reached the age of 65 with 25 or more years of service credit in a State or locally administered retirement system and a period of service of up to 25 years with the employer at the time of retirement as established by the employer; or 4) retired and reached age 62 with at least 15 years of service with the employer. Further, the law provides that the employer paid obligations for retiree coverage may be determined by means of a collective negotiations agreement.

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

Pursuant to Chapter 78, P.L. 2011, future retirees eligible for postretirement medical coverage who have less than 20 years of creditable service on June 28, 2011 will be required to pay a percentage of the cost of their health care coverage in retirement provided they retire with 25 or more years of pension service credit. The percentage of the premium for which the retiree will be responsible will be determined based on the retiree's annual retirement benefit and level of coverage.

The funding policy for the OPEB plan is pay-as-you-go; therefore, there is no prefunding of the liability.

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Notes to Required Supplementary Information

For the Year Ended December 31, 2020

State Health Benefit Local Government Retired Employees Plan (OPEB) (continued)

Changes of Assumptions

The total OPEB liability as of June 30, 2020 was determined by an actuarial valuation as of July 1, 2019, which was rolled forward to June 30, 2020. The actuarial assumptions vary for each plan member depending on the pension plan the member is enrolled in. This actuarial valuation used the following actuarial assumptions, applied to all periods in the measurement:

Inflation rate		2.50%
Salary increases*:		
Public Employees' Retirement System (PERS)		
Initial fiscal year applied		
Rate through 2026		2.00% to 6.00%
Rate thereafter		3.00% to 7.00%
Police and Firemen's Retirement System (PFRS)		
Rate for all future years		3.25% to 15.25%
Mortality:		
PERS	Pub-2010 General classification headcount weighted mortality with fully generational mortality improvement projections from the central year using Scale MP-2020	
PFRS	Pub-2010 Safety classification headcount weighted mortality with fully generational mortality improvement projections from the central year using Scale MP-2020	

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

Actuarial assumptions used in the July 1, 2019 valuation were based on the results of the pension plans' experience studies for which the members are eligible for coverage under this Plan — the Police and Firemen Retirement System (PFRS) and the Public Employees' Retirement System (PERS). The PFRS and PERS experience studies were prepared for the periods July 1, 2013 to June 30, 2018 and July 1, 2014 to June 30, 2018, respectively.

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

OTHER SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

HAMILTON TOWNSHIP FIRE COMMISSIONERS DISTRICT No. 8
Schedule of Supplemental Fire Services Grant Expenditure Report
For the Year Ended December 31, 2020

REVENUE

State of New Jersey Supplemental Fire Services Grant \$ 14,199

Total revenue \$ 14,199

EXPENDITURES

Emergency equipment and fire gear \$ 14,199

Total expenditures \$ 14,199



Independent Auditor's Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting and on Compliance and Other Matters Based on an Audit of Financial Statements Performed in Accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*

To the Mayor, Administrator and Governing Body of
the Township of Hamilton
Hamilton Township Fire Commissioners District No. 8
Hamilton, New Jersey

We have audited, in accordance with the 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 audit requirements as prescribed by the Local Finance Board and by the Division of Local Government Services, Department of Community Affairs, State of New Jersey, the financial statements of the governmental activities and each major fund of Hamilton Township Fire Commissioners District No. 8 as of and for the year ended December 31, 2020, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise Hamilton Township Fire Commissioners District No. 8's basic financial statements and have issued our report thereon dated February 27, 2022.

Internal Control over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered Hamilton Township Fire Commissioners District No. 8's internal control over financial reporting (internal control) to determine the audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing our opinions on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Hamilton Township Fire Commissioners District No. 8's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the Hamilton Township Fire Commissioners District No. 8's internal control.

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

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

Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether Hamilton Township Fire Commissioners District No. 8's financial statements are free of material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the determination of financial



statement amounts. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit, and accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance or other matters that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*.

We noted certain matters that we reported to management of Hamilton Township Fire Commissioners District No. 8 in a separate letter dated February 27, 2022.

Purpose of this Report

The purpose of this report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control or on compliance. This report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the entity's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose.

DePietto & DePietto, LLC

Holland, Pennsylvania
February 27, 2022

HAMILTON TOWNSHIP FIRE COMMISSIONERS DISTRICT No. 8

General Comments and Recommendations

For the Year Ended December 31, 2020

This section identifies any material weaknesses and significant deficiencies in internal control and instances of non-compliance related to the December 31, 2020 financial statements that are required to be reported in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* and with audit requirements as prescribed by the Bureau of Authority Regulation, Division of Local Government Services, Department of Community Affairs, State of New Jersey.

Section I - Summary of Audit Results

1. The auditor's report expresses an unqualified opinion on the financial statements of Hamilton Township Fire Commissioners District No. 8.
2. There were no material weaknesses identified and there were no significant deficiencies reported relating to the audit of the financial statements as reported in the Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting and on Compliance and Other Matters Based on an Audit of Financial Statements Performed in Accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*.
3. There were no instances of noncompliance or other matters reported relating to the audit of the financial statements as reported in the Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting and on Compliance and Other Matters Based on an Audit of Financial Statements Performed in Accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*.

Section II – Financial Statement Findings – Current Year

None

Section III – Financial Statement Findings - Current Year Status of Prior Year Findings

None