

Ross Township, Pennsylvania

Financial Statements and Required Supplementary and Supplementary Information

Year Ended December 31, 2014
with Independent Auditor's Report

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Independent Auditor's Report

Board of Commissioners
Ross Township, Pennsylvania

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of Ross Township, Pennsylvania (Township) as of and for the year ended December 31, 2014, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Township'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. 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, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Township, as of December 31, 2014, 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, pension and other post-employment benefit plan information, and budgetary comparison information on pages i–xii, 41-51, and 52-53, respectively, 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 the Township's basic financial statements. The combining and individual other governmental and agency fund financial statements are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the basic financial statements.

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

Maher Duessel

Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania
June 30, 2015

MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS DECEMBER 31, 2014

Ross Township, Pennsylvania, hereafter referred to as the "Township," is pleased to present its financial statements developed in compliance with Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement No. 34, entitled "Basic Financial Statements – and Management's Discussion and Analysis - for State and Local Governments" (hereafter "GASB 34"), and related standards. GASB 34 enhances information provided to the users of its financial statements. This section of the financial reporting package presents the discussion and analysis of the Township's financial performance during the year that ended on December 31, 2014. Please read this Management's Discussion and Analysis in conjunction with the Township's financial statements that follow this section.

OVERVIEW OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

This report consists of the following:

- Management's discussion and analysis (this section)
- Basic financial statements (including notes to the financial statements)
- Required supplementary information

Management's discussion and analysis is a guide to reading the financial statements and provides related information to help the reader to better understand the Township's government. The basic financial statements include notes that provide additional information essential to a full understanding of the financial data provided in the government-wide and fund financial statements. Required supplementary information is provided on the Township's budget to actual figures for the General Fund and the Sewer Fund.

The basic financial statements present two different views of the Township.

- *Government-wide financial statements*, the first two statements (pages 1-2) provide information about the Township's overall financial status.
- *Fund financial statements*, the remaining statements (pages 3-8) focus on individual parts of the Township's government. They provide more detail on operations than the government-wide statements. There are two types of fund statements:
 - *Governmental funds statements* show how general government services such as public safety, human services, public works, culture and recreation, and conservation and development are financed in the short term, as well as what remains for future spending.
 - *Fiduciary funds statements* reflect activities involving resources that are held by the Township as a trustee or agent for the benefit of others. Fiduciary funds are not reflected in the government-wide statements because the resources cannot be used to support the Township's programs.

Table A-1: Organization of the Township’s Annual Financial Report

Required Components of the Annual Financial Statements

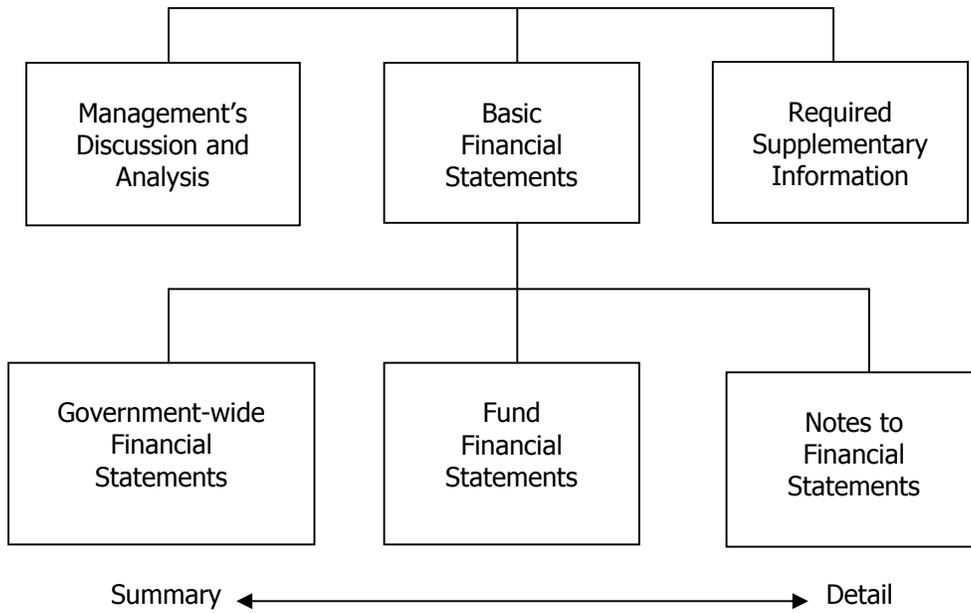


Table A-2 summarizes the major features of the Township’s financial statements, including the area of the Township’s activities they cover and the types of information they contain.

Table A-2: Major Features of the Government-Wide and Fund Financial Statements

	<u>Fund Financial Statements</u>		
	<u>Government-wide Statements</u>	<u>Governmental</u>	<u>Fiduciary</u>
Scope	Entire entity (except fiduciary funds)	The day-to-day operating activities of the Township, such as public safety	Instances in which the Township administers resources on behalf of others
Required financial statements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Statement of Net Position • Statement of Activities 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Balance sheet • Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Statement of Fiduciary Net Position
Accounting basis and measurement focus	Accrual	Modified accrual	Accrual accounting and economic resources focus
Type of asset/liability information	All assets and liabilities, short-term and long-term	Current assets and liabilities that come due during the year or soon thereafter; no capital assets or long-term liabilities included	All assets and liabilities, short-term and long-term
Type of inflow and outflow information	All revenues and expenses during year, regardless of when cash is received or paid	Revenues for which cash is received during or soon thereafter; expenditures when goods or services have been received and the related liability is due and payable.	All additions and deductions during year, regardless of when cash is received or paid

The remainder of the overview explains the structure and contents of the government-wide and fund financial statements.

Government-wide Financial Statements

Government-wide financial statements report information about the Township as a whole, using accounting methods similar to those used by private-sector companies.

- The statement of net position includes all the Township's assets and liabilities, except fiduciary funds, with the difference between the two reported as net position. This statement serves a purpose similar to that of the balance sheet of a private-sector business.
- The statement of activities focuses on how the Township's net position changed during the year. Because it separates program revenue (revenue generated by specific programs through charges for services, grants, and contributions) from general revenue (revenue provided by taxes and other sources not tied to a particular program), it shows to what extent each program has to rely on local taxes for funding.

All changes to net position are reported using the economic resources measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting, which requires that revenues be reported when they are earned and expenses be recorded when a liability is incurred, regardless of the timing of the related cash flow.

Net position is one way to measure the Township's financial position. Over time, increases or decreases in the Township's net position are one indicator of whether the Township's financial position is improving or deteriorating. However, other non-financial factors such as changes in the Township's property tax base and general economic conditions must be considered to assess the overall position of the Township.

The activities for the primary government include the Township's basic services such as general government, judicial, public safety, public works, human services, culture and recreation, and conservation and development.

Net position of the governmental activities differs from the governmental fund balances because governmental fund level statements only report transactions using or providing current financial resources. Also, capital assets in the fund level statements are reported as expenditures when financial resources (money) are expended to purchase or build assets. Likewise, the financial resources that may have been borrowed are considered revenue when they are received. The principal and interest payments are both considered revenue when they are received. The principal and interest payments are both considered expenditures when paid. Depreciation is not calculated as it does not provide or reduce current financial resources. Finally, capital assets and long-term debt do not affect fund balances.

Government-wide statements are reported on the accrual basis of accounting that involves the following steps to format the statement of net position:

- Capitalize current outlays for capital assets
- Report long-term debt as liabilities

- Depreciate capital assets and allocate the depreciation to the proper program/activities
- Allocate net position balances as follows:
 - Net investment in capital assets
 - Restricted net position is that with constraints placed on its use by external sources (creditors, grantors, contributors, or laws or regulations of governments) or imposed by law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation
 - Unrestricted net position is net position that does not meet any of the above restrictions

Fund Financial Statements

Fund financial statements provide more detailed information on the Township's most significant funds, not the Township as a whole. Funds are accounting devices, i.e., a group of related accounts that the Township uses to keep track of specific sources of funding and spending for particular purposes. Some funds are required by state law. Other funds are established to control and manage resources designated for specific purposes. Fund financial statements are reported using the modified accrual basis of accounting.

The Township has two kinds of funds:

- *Governmental funds* include most of the Township's basic services and focus on: (1) the flow in and out of cash and other financial assets that can readily be converted into cash, and: (2) the balances left at year-end that are available for spending. These funds are reported using the modified accrual basis of accounting.

The relationship between governmental activities (reported in the statement of net position and the statement of activities) and governmental funds is described in a reconciliation that follows the governmental fund financial statements.

The Township adopts an annual budget for the General Fund, as required by state law, and the Sewer Fund. A budgetary comparison of the Township's General and Sewer Funds is presented as required supplementary information.

- *Fiduciary Funds* are those for which the Township is the trustee or fiduciary. This includes the pension trust funds. The Township is responsible to ensure the assets reported in these funds are used for their intended purposes. This fiduciary activity is reported in a separate statement of fiduciary net position. These funds are excluded from the Township's government-wide financial statements because the Township cannot use these assets to finance its operations. The fiduciary funds are reported using the accrual basis of accounting.

GOVERNMENT-WIDE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Net Position

Condensed Statement of Net Position

December 31, 2014 and 2013

	2014	2013
	Governmental	Governmental
	Activities	Activities
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Current and other assets	\$ 16,763,591	\$ 15,733,319
Capital assets	<u>19,558,028</u>	<u>19,909,213</u>
Total Assets	<u><u>\$ 36,321,619</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 35,642,532</u></u>
Current and other liabilities	\$ 2,725,091	\$ 2,725,850
Long-term liabilities	<u>2,956,391</u>	<u>3,316,627</u>
Total Liabilities	<u><u>\$ 5,681,482</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 6,042,477</u></u>
Net Position:		
Net investment in capital assets	\$ 16,928,028	\$ 16,306,467
Restricted	1	355
Unrestricted	<u>13,712,108</u>	<u>13,293,233</u>
Total Net Position	<u><u>\$ 30,640,137</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 29,600,055</u></u>

At December 31, 2014, the Township's total net position was approximately \$30.6 million. Of this amount, approximately \$17 million is accounted for by net investment in capital assets. There was an increase in current and other assets of approximately \$1 million due to an increase in cash and cash equivalents.

Change in Net Position

The following statement of activities represents the changes in net position for the years ended December 31, 2014 and 2013. It shows revenues by source and expenses by function.

Condensed Statement of Activities December 31, 2014 and 2013

	2014	2013
	Governmental Activities	Governmental Activities
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Revenues:		
Program revenues:		
Charges for services	\$ 9,735,250	\$ 8,498,594
Grants and contributions	1,443,434	1,789,125
General revenues:		
Real estate taxes	7,064,191	7,293,011
Other taxes	7,248,926	6,695,654
Interest income	15,186	25,298
Miscellaneous	218,362	323,149
	<u>25,725,349</u>	<u>24,624,831</u>
Expenses:		
Program expenses:		
General government	2,521,745	1,855,243
Public safety	6,843,847	6,771,794
Fire and building inspection	1,418,149	1,402,312
Highways, roads, and streets	5,236,792	4,670,896
Sanitation	7,435,789	6,492,675
Parks and recreation	548,978	570,759
Library	437,884	416,716
Senior citizen services	74,370	74,370
Interest	105,615	130,320
	<u>24,623,169</u>	<u>22,385,085</u>
Change in net position	1,102,180	2,239,746
Net position - beginning, as restated	<u>29,537,957</u>	<u>27,298,211</u>
Net position - ending	<u>\$ 30,640,137</u>	<u>\$ 29,537,957</u>

Charges for services increased approximately \$1.2 million due to an increase in sewer charges. General revenues, however, were consistent from year to year. General government expenses increased by approximately \$667,000 due to staff enhancements, IT upgrades, and municipal facility repairs. Highways, roads, and streets expenses increased by approximately \$556,000 due

to bad weather resulting in increased labor costs, and new vehicle purchases. Sanitation expenses increased by approximately \$943,000 due to consent order repairs and purchase of a camera truck.

Net Program Expenses

Net program expenses indicate the amount of support required from taxes and other general revenues for a program of the government. In 2014, taxes brought in \$14,313,117.

Net Cost of Governmental Activities

	2014 Total Cost of Services	2013 Total Cost of Services	2014 Net Cost of Services	2013 Net Cost of Services
Program:				
General government	\$ 2,521,745	\$ 1,855,243	\$ 1,636,373	\$ 187,310
Public safety	6,843,847	6,771,794	5,825,691	5,972,388
Fire and building inspection	1,418,149	1,402,312	863,863	1,181,402
Highways, roads, and streets	5,236,792	4,670,896	4,490,244	4,052,754
Sanitation	7,435,789	6,492,675	(280,585)	(342,951)
Parks and recreation	548,978	570,759	291,030	425,057
Library	437,884	416,716	437,884	416,716
Senior citizens service	74,370	74,370	74,370	74,370
Interest	105,615	130,320	105,615	130,320
Total	<u>\$ 24,623,169</u>	<u>\$ 22,385,085</u>	<u>\$ 13,444,485</u>	<u>\$ 12,097,366</u>

Capital Assets

The Township's investment in capital assets at December 31, 2014, net of accumulated depreciation, was \$19,558,028. Capital assets consist primarily of land, buildings, and equipment. The following is a summary of capital assets at December 31, 2014:

	Capital Assets	
	2014 Governmental Activities	2013 Governmental Activities
Land	\$ 7,719,337	\$ 7,719,337
Building	6,748,182	6,748,182
Machinery and equipment	4,080,426	3,469,612
Vehicles	3,381,056	3,335,556
Infrastructure	10,228,547	10,228,547
	<u>32,157,548</u>	<u>31,501,234</u>
Less accumulated depreciation	<u>12,599,520</u>	<u>11,592,021</u>
Total net capital assets	<u><u>\$ 19,558,028</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 19,909,213</u></u>

Detailed information about the Township's capital assets can be found in Note 4 of the notes to financial statements.

Debt Administration

At December 31, 2014, the Township had \$3,530,698 of debt outstanding. Debt decreased 9% from the previous year. The following is a summary of long-term debt for the 2014 year:

	Balance at December 31, 2013	Additions	Reductions	Balance at December 31, 2014	Due Within One Year
Governmental Activities:					
Bonds payable	\$ 3,035,000	\$ -	\$ (405,000)	\$ 2,630,000	\$ 405,000
Capital lease payable	567,746	152,938	(187,003)	533,681	219,416
Compensated absences	288,044	98,605	-	386,649	-
Total long-term liabilities	<u><u>\$ 3,890,790</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 251,543</u></u>	<u><u>\$ (592,003)</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 3,550,330</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 624,416</u></u>

The Township has an unfunded Other Post-Employment Liability (OPEB) of \$30,477 at December 31, 2014, an increase of \$1,538 from December 31, 2013. The liability results from health insurance payments that will be made on behalf of police officers after retirement.

See Note 7 for more information regarding long-term debt.

GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS

The Township uses fund accounting to ensure and demonstrate compliance with finance-related legal requirements.

The focus of governmental funds is to provide information on inflows, outflows, and balances of spendable resources. Such information is useful in assessing the Township's financing requirements. In particular, unrestricted fund balance may serve as a useful measure of the Township's net resources available for spending at the end of the year.

The Township's governmental funds include the General Fund and various special revenue funds. The General Fund is the chief operating fund for the Township. Special revenue funds are restricted to specific legislated use. The major funds are shown on the statement of revenues, expenditures, and changes in fund balance in the financial statements.

GOVERNMENTAL FUND REVENUES

Governmental fund revenues by source at December 31, 2014 and 2013 were as follows:

	<u>2014</u>	<u>2013</u>
Revenues:		
Taxes	\$ 14,387,488	\$ 14,991,508
Licenses and permits	1,089,488	1,202,035
Fines and forfeits	160,623	164,674
Interest, rent, and royalties	15,186	33,066
Intergovernmental	1,443,434	1,780,562
Charges for services	8,610,976	7,285,366
Miscellaneous	198,778	245,881
Operating transfer in	1,452,927	1,421,785
Proceeds from capital lease	152,938	483,501
Total Revenues	<u>\$ 27,511,838</u>	<u>\$ 27,608,378</u>

While a majority of the revenue sources were relatively flat or changed slightly in 2014 when compared to 2013, charges for services increased by approximately \$1.3 million.

GOVERNMENTAL FUND EXPENDITURES

Governmental fund expenditures by function at December 31, 2014 and 2013 were as follows:

	<u>2014</u>	<u>2013</u>
Expenditures:		
General government	\$ 1,935,203	\$ 1,719,779
Public safety	6,909,043	7,040,155
Fire and building inspection	1,413,808	1,397,967
Highways, roads, and streets	5,113,961	4,472,928
Sanitation	7,435,789	6,492,675
Parks and recreation	551,353	510,647
Library	437,884	416,716
Senior citizen services	74,370	74,370
Miscellaneous	379,020	-
Debt service	511,374	520,929
Operating transfer out	<u>1,452,927</u>	<u>1,421,785</u>
Total	<u>\$ 26,214,732</u>	<u>\$ 24,067,951</u>

While most of the Township's expenditures were held relatively flat or changed slightly in 2014 when compared to 2013, highways, roads, and street expenditures increased by approximately \$641,000 due to bad weather resulting in increased labor costs, and new vehicle purchases. Sanitation expenses increased by approximately \$943,000 due to consent order repairs and purchase of a camera truck.

GOVERNMENTAL FUND BALANCES

Ending balances for governmental funds at December 31, 2014 and 2013, as restated, were as follows:

<u>Fund</u>	<u>2014</u> Governmental Funds	<u>2013</u> Governmental Funds
General	\$ 9,031,771	\$ 7,869,457
Sewer	1,839,954	1,704,808
Liquid Fuels	<u>1</u>	<u>355</u>
Total	<u>\$ 10,871,726</u>	<u>\$ 9,574,620</u>

The reasons for the changes in governmental fund balances are explained above in the governmental funds revenues and expenditures sections.

BUDGETARY HIGHLIGHTS

The Township adopts an annual appropriated budget for its General Fund and Sewer Fund. Detailed information about the Township's 2014 General Fund and Sewer Fund budget can be found in Required Supplementary Information.

Overall the Township had a favorable variance of \$1,152,338 for actual results in comparison to budget for the General Fund. Numerous factors went into these results. General Fund revenue had a positive variance of \$1,880,986 due to better than expected tax collections.

ECONOMIC CONDITIONS AND NEXT YEAR'S BUDGET

Ross Township is very fortunate, in that a large portion of our revenue stream is from our business taxes related to our high-end retail district; the recent economic environment affected those businesses has improved. We also have a large population of residents that are senior citizens and those residents are less directly affected by housing price fluctuations and job market changes. In general, the Pittsburgh area seems to have been insulated from the large swings in the housing markets. The Township has continued to implement programs to reduce costs whenever possible and will continue to work toward reducing overall expenditures.

CONTACTING THE TOWNSHIP'S FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

This financial report is designed to provide citizens, taxpayers, customers, investors and creditors with a general overview of the Township's finances and to demonstrate the Township's accountability. Questions concerning this financial information or requests for additional information should be directed to:

Ross Township Finance Department
1000 Ross Municipal Drive
Pittsburgh, PA 15237

ROSS TOWNSHIP, PENNSYLVANIA

STATEMENT OF NET POSITION

DECEMBER 31, 2014

	Governmental Activities
Assets	
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 9,409,310
Receivables, net of allowance for uncollectibles:	
Taxes	1,750,105
Sewer charges	3,204,521
Other	363,070
Net pension asset	463,457
Net investment in joint venture	1,573,128
Capital assets, not being depreciated	7,719,337
Capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation	11,838,691
Total Assets	36,321,619
Liabilities	
Accounts payable	1,655,460
Accrued payroll and related benefits	216,161
Returnable deposits	211,065
Other liabilities	11,472
Accrued interest payable	6,517
Long-term liabilities due within one year:	
Capital lease payable	219,416
Bonds payable	405,000
Long-term liabilities due in more than one year:	
Other postemployment benefits obligation	30,477
Compensated absences	386,649
Capital lease payable	314,265
Bonds payable	2,225,000
Total Liabilities	5,681,482
Net Position	
Net investment in capital assets	16,928,028
Restricted for highways and streets	1
Unrestricted	13,712,108
Total Net Position	\$ 30,640,137

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

ROSS TOWNSHIP, PENNSYLVANIA

STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2014

Functions/Programs	Expenses	Program Revenues		Net (Expense) Revenue and Changes in Net Position
	Charges for Services	Operating Grants and Contributions	Capital Grants and Contributions	Total
Governmental activities:				
General government	\$ 2,521,745	\$ 885,372	\$ -	\$ -
Public safety	6,843,847	528,846	489,310	-
Fire and building inspection	1,418,149	345,673	208,613	-
Highways, roads, and streets	5,236,792	78,537	668,011	-
Sanitation	7,435,789	7,716,374	-	-
Parks and recreation	548,978	180,448	77,500	-
Library	437,884	-	-	-
Senior citizen services	74,370	-	-	-
Interest	105,615	-	-	-
Total governmental activities	\$ 24,623,169	\$ 9,735,250	\$ 1,443,434	\$ -
General revenues:				
Taxes:				
Real estate				7,064,191
Earned income				4,606,052
Business and mercantile				1,423,070
Other				1,219,804
Interest income				15,186
Miscellaneous				218,362
Total general revenues				14,546,665
Change in Net Position				1,102,180
Net position - beginning of year, as restated				29,537,957
Net position - end of year				\$ 30,640,137

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

ROSS TOWNSHIP, PENNSYLVANIA

BALANCE SHEET

GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS

DECEMBER 31, 2014

Assets	General Fund	Sewer Fund	Other Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 8,410,140	999,169	\$ 1	\$ 9,409,310
Accounts receivable:				
Taxes	1,750,105	-	-	1,750,105
Sewer charges	-	3,204,521	-	3,204,521
Other	363,070	-	-	363,070
Due from other funds	6,206	5,508	-	11,714
Total Assets	\$ 10,529,521	\$ 4,209,198	\$ 1	\$ 14,738,720
Liabilities, Deferred Inflows of Resources, and Fund Balance				
Liabilities:				
Accounts payable	87,018	1,568,442	-	1,655,460
Accrued payroll and related benefits	216,161	-	-	216,161
Returnable deposits	205,405	5,660	-	211,065
Other liabilities	11,472	-	-	11,472
Due to other funds	9,684	2,030	-	11,714
Total Liabilities	529,740	1,576,132	-	2,105,872
Deferred Inflows of Resources:				
Unavailable revenue - taxes	968,010	-	-	968,010
Unavailable revenue - sewer charges	-	793,112	-	793,112
Total Deferred Inflows of Resources	968,010	793,112	-	1,761,122
Fund Balance:				
Restricted:				
Liquid Fuels	-	-	1	1
Assigned	-	1,839,954	-	1,839,954
Unassigned	9,031,771	-	-	9,031,771
Total Fund Balance	9,031,771	1,839,954	1	10,871,726
Total Liabilities, Deferred Inflows of Resources, and Fund Balance	\$ 10,529,521	\$ 4,209,198	\$ 1	\$ 14,738,720

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

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RECONCILIATION OF THE BALANCE SHEET OF GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS TO THE STATEMENT OF NET POSITION

DECEMBER 31, 2014

Total Fund Balance - Governmental Funds	\$ 10,871,726
Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of net position are different because:	
Capital assets used in governmental activities are not financial resources and, therefore, are not reported as assets in the funds.	19,558,028
Certain taxes and sewer charges are not available to pay for current period expenditures and, therefore, are reported as unavailable revenue in the funds.	1,761,122
Interest expense on long-term debt is not recognized on the fund statements until due.	(6,517)
Amounts contributed in excess of the annual pension cost are not current financial resources and, therefore, not reported in the funds.	463,457
The Township's net investment in joint venture does not represent a financial asset that would be recorded as an asset in the governmental funds.	1,573,128
Long-term liabilities, including compensated absences, capital leases, bonds payable, and OPEB obligation, are not due and payable in the current period and, therefore, are not reported in the funds.	<u>(3,580,807)</u>
Net Position - Governmental Activities	<u><u>\$ 30,640,137</u></u>

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

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STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE

GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS

YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2014

	General Fund	Sewer Fund	Other Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
Revenues:				
Taxes	\$ 14,387,488	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 14,387,488
Licenses and permits	1,089,488	-	-	1,089,488
Fines and forfeits	160,623	-	-	160,623
Interest, rent, and royalties	13,403	1,717	66	15,186
Intergovernmental	777,301	-	666,133	1,443,434
Charges for services	779,905	7,831,071	-	8,610,976
Miscellaneous	198,778	-	-	198,778
Total revenues	17,406,986	7,832,788	666,199	25,905,973
Expenditures:				
Current:				
General government	1,935,203	-	-	1,935,203
Public safety	6,909,043	-	-	6,909,043
Fire and building inspection	1,413,808	-	-	1,413,808
Highways, roads, and streets	5,113,961	-	-	5,113,961
Sanitation	13,147	7,422,642	-	7,435,789
Parks and recreation	551,353	-	-	551,353
Library	437,884	-	-	437,884
Senior citizen services	74,370	-	-	74,370
Miscellaneous	379,020	-	-	379,020
Debt service	-	-	511,374	511,374
Total expenditures	16,827,789	7,422,642	511,374	24,761,805
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over Expenditures	579,197	410,146	154,825	1,144,168
Other Financing Sources (Uses):				
Proceeds from capital lease	152,938	-	-	152,938
Transfers in	941,553	-	511,374	1,452,927
Transfers out	(511,374)	(275,000)	(666,553)	(1,452,927)
Total other financing sources (uses)	583,117	(275,000)	(155,179)	152,938
Net Change in Fund Balance	1,162,314	135,146	(354)	1,297,106
Fund Balance:				
Beginning of year, as restated	7,869,457	1,704,808	355	9,574,620
End of year	<u>\$ 9,031,771</u>	<u>\$ 1,839,954</u>	<u>\$ 1</u>	<u>\$ 10,871,726</u>

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

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RECONCILIATION OF THE STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE OF GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS TO THE STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2014

Net Change in Fund Balance - Governmental Funds \$ 1,297,106

Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of activities are difference because:

Governmental funds report capital outlays as expenditures. However, in the statement of activities, the cost of those assets is allocated over their estimated useful lives and reported as depreciation expense. This is the amount by which depreciation exceeded capital outlays in the current period.

Capital additions	\$ 656,314	
Depreciation expense	<u>(1,007,499)</u>	(351,185)

Revenues in the statement of activities that do not provide current financial resources are not reported as revenues in the funds. (200,208)

The issuance of long-term obligations (bonds and capital leases) provides current financial resources to governmental funds, while the repayment of the principal on long-term obligations consumes the current financial resources of governmental funds. This amount is the net effect of these differences in the treatment of the long-term debt and related items. 439,065

Interest on long-term obligations in the statement of activities differs from the amount reported in the governmental funds because interest is recognized as an expenditure in the funds when it is due, and thus requires the use of current financial resources. In the statement of activities, interest expense is recognized as the interest accrues, regardless of when it is due. The difference between the interest accrued in the statement of activities and the amount due is shown here. 759

The Township's increase in the value of the net investment in joint venture does not represent a revenue that would be recorded in the governmental funds. 19,584

The net pension asset is reflected on the statement of net position, but is not considered an available resource for the fund statements. Likewise, the actuarially accrued other post-employment benefit (OPEB) obligation for the police and general employees is not recorded on the fund financial statements. The value of these items changed by this amount during the year.

Net pension asset	(2,798)	
OPEB obligation	<u>(1,538)</u>	(4,336)

In the statement of activities, certain operating expenses - accumulated employee benefits (vacation and sick days) are measured by the amounts earned during the year. In the governmental funds, however, expenditures for these items are measured by the amount of financial resources used. This amount represents the difference between the amount earned versus the amount used. (98,605)

Change in Net Position of Governmental Activities \$ 1,102,180

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

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STATEMENT OF NET POSITION FIDUCIARY FUNDS - TRUST AND AGENCY FUNDS

DECEMBER 31, 2014

Assets	Pension Trust Funds	Agency Fund
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 1,381,053	\$ 33,674
Investments:		
U.S. Treasury notes	849,940	-
U.S. Government agencies	2,058,936	-
Corporate bonds	2,708,669	-
Municipal bonds	101,383	-
Mortgages	1,473,176	-
Asset backed securities	551,493	-
Certificates of deposit	1,549,764	-
Equity mutual funds	9,260,562	-
Common stock	13,412,368	-
Other assets	3,798,753	-
Total Assets	37,146,097	33,674
Liabilities		
Escrow liabilities	-	33,674
Net Position Restricted For		
Pension benefits	\$ 37,146,097	\$ -

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN FIDUCIARY NET POSITION FIDUCIARY FUNDS - TRUST FUNDS

YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2014

	Pension Trust Funds
Additions:	
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Contributions:	
Employer, including state aid	\$ 619,516
Employee	267,854
Other receipts	9,563
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Total contributions	896,933
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Investment income:	
Net increase in fair value of investments	1,733,614
Interest and dividends	666,972
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Total investment income	2,400,586
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Less investment expense	(203,008)
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Net investment income	2,197,578
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Total additions	3,094,511
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Deductions:	
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Benefits	2,016,514
Administrative expense	93,572
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Total deductions	2,110,086
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Net Increase in Net Position	984,425
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Net Position:	
Beginning of year	36,161,672
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End of year	\$ 37,146,097
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See accompanying notes to financial statements.

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NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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1. REPORTING ENTITY

Ross Township, Pennsylvania (Township) operates under the First Class Township Code (Code). In accordance with the Code, the Township is governed by an elected Board of nine Commissioners (Commissioners) and a Manager who is appointed by the Commissioners. The Township provides services in many areas to its residents, including various general government services, public safety, highway maintenance, sanitation, and health and welfare.

No potential component units meet the criteria for inclusion in the Township reporting entity.

Please refer to Note 10 for a description of joint ventures, a jointly governed organization, and a related organization of the Township.

2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Government-Wide and Fund Financial Statements

The government-wide financial statements include the statement of net position and the statement of activities. These statements report financial information on all of the non-fiduciary activities of the Township. Governmental activities, which are normally supported by taxes and intergovernmental revenues, are reported separately from any business-type activities or component units for which the primary government is financially accountable. As a general rule, any effect of interfund activity has been eliminated from the government-wide financial statements.

The statement of activities demonstrates the degree to which the direct expenses of a given function or segment is offset by program revenues. Direct expenses are those clearly identifiable with a specific function or segment. Program revenues include charges to customers or applicants who purchase, use, or directly benefit from goods, services, or privileges provided by a given function or segment. Grants and contributions are restricted to meeting the operational or capital requirements of a particular function or segment. Taxes and other items properly excluded among program revenues are reported instead as general revenues.

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

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Measurement Focus, Basis of Accounting, and Financial Statement Presentation

The government-wide financial statements are reported using the economic resources measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting, as are the fiduciary fund financial statements. Agency funds are also reported on the accrual basis; however, they have no measurement focus. Revenues are recorded when earned and expenses are recorded when a liability is incurred, regardless of the timing of related cash flows. Property taxes are recognized as revenues in the year for which they are levied. Grants and similar items are recognized as revenue as soon as all eligibility requirements imposed by the provider have been met.

Governmental fund financial statements are reported using the current financial resource measurement focus and the modified accrual basis of accounting. Revenues are recognized as soon as they are both measurable and available. Revenues are considered to be available when they are collectible within the current period or soon enough thereafter to pay liabilities of the current period. The Township considers revenues to be available if they are collected within 60 days of the end of the current fiscal period. Property, earned income, local services, and franchise taxes, as well as licenses and interest associated with the current fiscal period are all considered to be susceptible to accrual and so have been recognized as revenues of the current fiscal period. All other revenue items are considered to be measurable and available only when cash is received by the Township. Expenditures generally are recorded when a liability is incurred, as under accrual accounting. However, debt service expenditures, as well as expenditures related to compensated absences and claims and judgments, are recorded only when payment is due.

The Township reports the following major governmental funds:

The *General Fund* is the Township's primary operating fund. It accounts for all financial resources of the general government, except those required to be accounted for in another fund.

The *Sewer Fund*, a special revenue fund, is used to account for resources derived from sewer billings to Township residents and related disbursements. Sewer treatment services are provided by the Allegheny County Sanitary Authority (ALCOSAN). The Township bills customers based on ALCOSAN rates plus the Township surcharge (\$2.25 per 1,000 gallons of water consumed). The Township then pays ALCOSAN for providing services.

The Township also reports other governmental funds, which are comprised of the Liquid Fuels Fund and the Debt Service Fund. Additionally, the Township reports the following fiduciary funds:

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The *Pension Trust Funds* are used to account for the assets held by the Township in a trustee capacity for future payment of retirement benefits to employees or former employees. The Township has two separate pension trust funds: the General Employees Plan and the Police Plan.

The *Agency Fund* is used to account for amounts collected and held on behalf of third parties. Escrow deposits are received for building projects that are being undertaken within the Township.

Cash and Cash Equivalents

The Township's cash and cash equivalents are considered to be cash on hand, demand deposits, and short-term investments with original maturities of three months or less from the date of acquisition.

Investments

Investments are reported at fair value. Short-term investments are reported at cost, which approximates fair value. Securities traded on national exchanges are valued at the last reported sales price.

Interfund Receivables and Payables

Activities between funds that are representative of lending/borrowing arrangements outstanding at the end of the fiscal year are referred to as "due to/from other funds."

Capital Assets

Capital assets, which include buildings, machinery and equipment, vehicles, and infrastructure assets (e.g., roads, bridges, sidewalks, and similar items) are reported in the governmental activities column in the government-wide financial statements. Capital assets, other than infrastructure assets, are defined by the Township as assets with an initial, individual cost of more than \$5,000 and an estimated useful life in excess of two years. Such assets are recorded at estimated historical cost or historical cost if purchased or constructed. Donated capital assets are recorded at estimated fair market value at the date of donation.

In the case of the initial capitalization of general infrastructure assets (i.e., those reported by governmental activities) the Township chose to include all such items regardless of their acquisition date or amount. The Township was able to estimate the historical cost for the initial reporting of these assets through backtrending (i.e., estimating the current

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replacement cost of the infrastructure to be capitalized and using an appropriate price-level index to deflate the cost to the acquisition year or estimated acquisition year). As the government constructs or acquires additional capital assets each period, including infrastructure assets, they are capitalized and reported at historical cost.

The costs of normal maintenance and repairs that do not add to the value of the asset or materially extend assets lives are not capitalized.

Major outlays for capital assets and improvements are capitalized as projects are constructed.

Property, plant, and equipment of the Township are depreciated using the straight-line method over the following estimated useful lives:

Buildings	40 years
Building improvements	20 years
Infrastructure – bridges and sewers	50 years
Infrastructure – roads	20 years
Vehicles	2-8 years
Machinery, equipment, and fixtures	5-20 years

Compensated Absences

Calculation of the liability is determined by the vacation and sick-day payments that would be made if employees were to leave or retire from the Township. Compensated absences accrue when incurred in the government-wide financial statements. A liability for these amounts is reported in governmental funds only if they have matured, for example, as a result of employee resignations and retirements. The liability for compensated absences has typically been liquidated by the General Fund in prior years.

Employees earn vacation, based upon their anniversary date, for use during the current calendar year. The number of days earned each month varies depending upon length of service and union contracts. Vacation pay cannot be carried over; therefore, it is not recorded as a liability.

Employees earn sick days based upon their contract. General employees (those other than police officers) are not paid sick leave upon termination, therefore, no liability is accrued. Police officers earn sick leave at the rate of 10 sick days in the first year, 15 sick days in the second year, and 18 sick days in each of the following years. Unused sick days may be accumulated, up to a maximum of 250 days. Upon retirement, officers are entitled to sell back one sick day for every four days of accumulated sick time. Using the vesting

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method, all officers with 10 years of service or more are presumed to stay until retirement and $\frac{1}{4}$ of sick leave is accrued.

Long-Term Obligations

In the government-wide financial statements, long-term debt and other long-term obligations are reported as liabilities. Bond premiums and discounts are deferred and amortized over the life of the bonds using the effective interest method. Bonds payable are reported net of any applicable bond premium or discount.

In the fund financial statements, governmental fund types recognize bond premiums and discounts during the current period. The face amount of the debt issued is reported as other financing sources. Premiums received on debt issuances are reported as other financing sources, while discounts on debt issuances are reported as other financing uses.

Issuance costs, whether or not withheld from the actual debt proceeds received, are reported as debt service expenditures/expenses.

Deferred Outflows/Inflows of Resources

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

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

Fund Balance

In the fund financial statements, governmental funds report fund balance in categories based on the level of restriction placed upon the funds. These levels are as follows:

- Nonspendable – This category represents funds that are not in spendable form. The Township did not have any nonspendable fund balance as of December 31, 2014.
 - Restricted – This category represents funds that are limited in use due to constraints on purpose and circumstances of spending that are legally enforceable
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by outside parties. This category includes funds that are legally restricted for highways and streets.

- Committed – This category represents funds that are limited in use due to constraints on purpose and circumstances of spending imposed by the Township’s highest level of decision-making authority. The Commissioners are the highest level of decision-making authority for the Township and can make such commitment via an ordinance or resolution prior to the end of the fiscal year. A commitment can only be modified or removed by an equal action of the Commissioners. The Township did not have any committed fund balance as of December 31, 2014.
- Assigned – This category represents intentions of the Township to use the funds for specific purposes but do not meet the criteria to be classified as committed. The Commissioners have authorized the Township’s management to assign fund balance. This category includes amounts set aside for sewer expenditures.
- Unassigned – This category includes the residual classification for the Township’s General Fund and includes all spendable amounts not contained in other classifications.

The Township would typically use restricted fund balance first, followed by committed fund balance, and then assigned fund balance, as appropriate opportunities arise; however the Township reserves the right to selectively spend unassigned resources first to defer the use of these other classified funds.

Net Position

Accounting standards require the classification of net position into these components – net investment in capital assets; restricted; and unrestricted. These classifications are defined below:

- Net investment in capital assets – The net investment in capital assets component of net position consists of capital assets net of accumulated depreciation, reduced by the outstanding balances of any bonds, mortgages, notes, or other borrowings that are attributable to the acquisition, construction, or improvement of those assets. Deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources that are attributable to the acquisition, construction, or improvement of those assets or related debt are also included in this component of net position. If there are significant unspent related debt proceeds or deferred inflows of resources at the end of the reporting period, the portion of the debt or deferred inflows of resources
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attributable to the unspent amount is not included in the calculation of net investment in capital assets. Instead, that portion of the debt or deferred inflow of resources is included in the same net position component (restricted or unrestricted) as the unspent amount.

- Restricted – The restricted component of net position consists of restricted assets reduced by liabilities and deferred inflows of resources related to those assets. Generally, a liability relates to restricted assets if the asset results from a resource flow that also results in the recognition of a liability or if the liability will be liquidated with the restricted assets reported. The Township has restricted net position of \$1 related to highways and streets.
- Unrestricted – The unrestricted component of net position is the net amount of the assets, deferred outflows of resources, liabilities, and deferred inflows of resources that are not included in the determination of net investment in capital assets or the restricted components of net position.

When both restricted and unrestricted resources are available for use, it is the Township's policy to use restricted resources first, then unrestricted resources as they are needed.

Budgets and Budgetary Accounting

An annual appropriated budget was adopted for 2014 for the General Fund and the Sewer Fund on the same basis of accounting described above for governmental fund types. Management control over other Special Revenue Funds is exercised through either their relationship with the General Fund or the terms of grant awards. Management control over the Debt Service Fund is exercised through the indenture provisions of the general obligation bonds issued to fund the capital projects. The Township uses the following procedures in establishing the budgetary data reflected in the financial statements:

- The proposed budget is published or made available for public inspection at least twenty days prior to the date set for the adoption of the budget.
- Final action is not taken on the proposed budget until after at least ten days of public notice.
- The Commissioners legally adopt the budget prior to December 31 of each preceding year.

Appropriations may be transferred between departments only if approved by a Commissioner's resolution. Department heads, in consultation with the Township

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Manager, may transfer funds within departments. The Commissioners also have the authority to enact supplemental appropriations and emergency appropriations. No emergency or supplemental appropriations were necessary during the year. The budget and actual financial statements presented for the General Fund and Sewer Fund display departmental information as the Township defines departments for budgetary purposes. For the year ended December 31, 2014, General Fund expenditures for general government, public safety, highways, roads, and streets, and miscellaneous exceeded their budget. Budgetary amounts reflected in the statement of revenues, expenditures, and changes in fund balance - budget and actual incorporate any budgetary transfers approved by the Commissioners throughout the year. Appropriations lapse at the close of the fiscal year to the extent that they have not been expended.

Estimates

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

Encumbrances

The Township uses encumbrances accounting for budgetary reporting, wherein purchase orders, contracts, and other commitments for the expenditure of funds are recorded to reserve that portion of the applicable appropriation. Funding for all encumbrances lapses at year-end and re-appropriation is required by the Commissioners. As of December 31, 2014, the Township had no outstanding encumbrances.

Adopted Pronouncements

The requirements of the following Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statements were adopted for the Township's 2014 financial statements:

GASB Statement No. 67, "*Financial Reporting for Pension Plans.*" The objective of this Statement is to improve financial reporting by state and local governmental pension plans.

GASB Statement No. 69, "*Government Combinations and Disposals of Government Operations.*" This statement provides new accounting and financial reporting standards for government mergers and acquisitions and for government operations that have been transferred or sold.

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GASB Statement No. 70, *“Accounting and Financial Reporting for Non-exchange Financial Guarantees.”* This statement specifies the information required to be disclosed by governments that extend non-exchange financial guarantees, and requires a government that extends a non-exchange financial guarantee to recognize a liability when qualitative factors and historical data, if any, indicate that it is more likely than not that the government will be required to make a payment on the guarantee.

Pending Pronouncements

GASB has issued the following statements that will become effective in future years as shown below. Management has not yet determined the impact of these statements on the Township’s financial statements:

GASB Statement No. 68, *“Accounting and Financial Reporting for Pensions,”* and Statement No. 71, *“Pension Transition for Contributions Made Subsequent to the Measurement Date,”* effective for fiscal years beginning after June 15, 2014 (the Township’s financial statements for the year ending December 31, 2015). These statements establish new financial reporting requirements for most governments that provide their employees with pension benefits.

GASB Statement No. 72, *“Fair Value Measurement and Application,”* effective for fiscal years beginning after June 15, 2015 (the Township’s financial statements for the year ending December 31, 2016). This statement addresses accounting and financial reporting issues related to fair value measurements.

GASB Statement No. 73, *“Accounting for Financial Reporting for Pensions and Related Assets That Are Not within the Scope of GASB 68 and Amendments to Certain Provisions of GASB Statements 67 and 68,”* effective for fiscal years beginning after June 15, 2015 (the Township’s financial statements for the year ending December 31, 2016), except those provisions that address employers and governmental nonemployer contributing entities for pensions that are not within the scope of Statement 68, which are effective for fiscal years beginning after June 15, 2016 (the Township’s financial statements for the year ending December 31, 2017). This statement establishes requirements for pensions and pension plans that are not administered through a trust meeting specified criteria.

3. DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS

Pennsylvania statutes provide for investment of governmental funds into certain authorized investments including U.S. Treasury bills, other short-term U.S. and Pennsylvania government obligations, insured or collateralized time deposits, and

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certificates of deposit. The statutes also allow pooling of governmental funds for investment purposes. The deposit and investment policy of the Township adheres to state statutes. Governmental funds are either maintained in demand deposits or invested with the Pennsylvania Local Government Investment Trust (PLGIT). There were no deposit or investment transactions during the year that were in violation of either the state statutes or the Township's policy.

Deposits

The following is a description of the Township's deposit risk:

Custodial Credit Risk – Custodial credit risk is the risk that in the event of a bank failure, the Township's deposits may not be returned to it. The Township does not have a formal deposit policy for custodial credit risk.

As of December 31, 2014, \$250,000 of the Township's \$9,851,187 governmental funds bank balance was insured by the Federal Depository Insurance Corporation (FDIC). The remaining bank balance was exposed to custodial credit risk, which is collateralized in accordance with Act 72 of the Pennsylvania state legislature, which requires the institution to pool collateral for all governmental deposits and have the collateral held by an approved custodian in the institution's name. These deposits have carrying amounts of \$8,702,130 as of December 31, 2014.

Investments

The Township's cash equivalent investments in PLGIT cannot be classified by risk category because they are not evidenced by securities that exist in physical or book entry form. The fair value of the Township's position in the external investment pool is the same as the value of the pool shares. All investments in external investment pools that are not SEC registered are subject to oversight by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

As of December 31, 2014, the entire PLGIT book balance of \$707,180 (bank balance of \$713,177) is considered to be a cash equivalent for presentation on the statement of net position and governmental fund balance sheet.

The following is a description of the Township's investment risks:

Credit Risk – The risk that an issuer or other counterparty to an investment will not fulfill its obligations is called credit risk. The Township has no formal investment policy that would limit its investment choices based on credit ratings by nationally

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recognized statistical rating organizations. As of December 31, 2014, investments in PLGIT have received an AAA rating from Standard & Poor's.

Custodial Credit Risk – For an investment, custodial credit risk is the risk that in the event of the failure of the counterparty, the Township will not be able to recover the value of its investments or collateral securities that are in the possession of an outside entity. The Township does not have a formal investment policy for custodial credit risk. The Township's investments in PLGIT cannot be classified by risk category because they are not evidenced by securities that exist in physical or book entry form.

Concentration of Credit Risk – The Township places no limit on the amount the Township may invest in any one issuer. The Township has no investments of greater than 5% with one issuer.

Interest Rate Risk – Interest rate risk is the risk that changes in interest rates will adversely affect the fair market value of the Township's investments. The Township does not have a formal investment policy that limits investment maturities as a means of managing its exposure to fair value losses arising from increasing interest rates. All investments have an average maturity of less than one year.

Agency Fund

The Township maintains a bank account for the Agency Fund. The balance of this account is reflected in the statement of fiduciary net position. As of December 31, 2014, none of the Township's \$33,674 Agency Fund bank balance was insured by the FDIC; as such, the remaining bank balance was exposed to custodial credit risk, which is collateralized in accordance with Act 72 of the Pennsylvania state legislature, which requires the institution to pool collateral for all governmental deposits and have the collateral held by an approved custodian in the institution's name. These deposits have carrying amounts of \$33,674 as of December 31, 2014.

Pension Trust Funds

The Pension Trust Funds' investments are held separately from those of other Township funds. Assets in the Pension Trust Funds are stated at fair value. The Commissioners determine the investment managers of the General Employees Pension Plan and the Police Pension Committee determines the investment managers of the Police Pension Plan. The Commissioners and investment managers meet periodically with the trustees to discuss the general categories of investments to be made. Currently, the investments agreed upon are equities, fixed income, and real estate. Investments were consistent with those authorized.

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As of December 31, 2014, pension trust fund investments consisted of the following:

Deposit or Investment Type	Fair Market Value	Investment Maturities from December 31, 2014			
		Less than 1 year	1-5 Years	6-10 Years	More than 10 years
U.S. Treasury notes	\$ 849,940	\$ -	\$ 380,709	\$ 469,231	\$ -
U.S. Government agencies	2,058,936	-	-	868,977	1,189,959
Corporate bonds	2,708,669	-	1,515,444	1,193,225	-
Municipal bonds	101,383	-	101,383	-	-
Mortgages	1,473,176	-	48,443	214,811	1,209,922
Asset backed securities	551,493	-	478,895	72,598	-
Total debt securities	<u>7,743,597</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 2,524,874</u>	<u>\$ 2,818,842</u>	<u>\$ 2,399,881</u>
Cash and cash equivalents	1,381,053				
Certificates of deposit	1,549,764				
Equity mutual funds	9,260,562				
Common stock	13,412,368				
Other assets	<u>3,798,753</u>				
Total cash, cash equivalents, and other investments	<u>29,402,500</u>				
Total cash, cash equivalents, and investments reported on statement of net position	<u><u>\$ 37,146,097</u></u>				

The following is a description of the Pension Trust Funds' deposit and investment risks:

Credit risk – The risk that an issuer or other counterparty to an investment will not fulfill its obligations is called credit risk. The Pension Trust Funds have no formal deposit or investment policy that would limit their investment choices based on credit ratings by nationally recognized statistical rating organizations. As of December 31, 2014, the pension trust funds' investments had the following rates:

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Investment Type	Standard & Poor's Rating	Percentage of Debt Securities
Bonds	AAA	4%
Bonds	AA	27%
Bonds	A	50%
Bonds	BAA	19%
		100%
		100%
Mortgages	AAA	21%
	Not Rated	79%
		100%
		100%
Asset backed securities	AAA	54%
Asset backed securities	AA	13%
Asset backed securities	A	14%
Asset backed securities	Not Rated	19%
		100%
		100%

Custodial Credit Risk – For investments, custodial credit risk is the risk that in the event of the failure of the bank or counterparty, the Pension Trust Funds will not be able to recover the value of their investments or collateral securities that are in the possession of an outside entity. The Pension Trust Funds do not have a formal investment policy for custodial credit risk. The Township’s investments in mutual funds cannot be classified by risk category because they are not evidenced by securities that exist in physical or book entry form. As of December 31, 2014, the Township’s entire pension cash balance of \$1,319,290 (bank and book balance) was exposed to custodial credit risk.

Interest Rate Risk – Interest rate risk is the risk that changes in interest rates will adversely affect the fair market value of the Pension Trust Funds’ investments. The Pension Trust Funds do not have a formal deposit or investment policy that limits investment maturities as a means of managing their exposure to fair value losses arising from increasing interest rates. The average maturities of the various investments are disclosed above.

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4. CAPITAL ASSETS

A summary of changes in capital assets during 2014 is as follows:

	Balance at January 1, 2014	Additions	Transfers/ Deletions	Balance at December 31, 2014
Governmental Activities:				
Capital assets, not being depreciated:				
Land	\$ 7,719,337	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 7,719,337
Capital assets, being depreciated:				
Buildings	6,748,182	-	-	6,748,182
Machinery and equipment	3,469,612	610,814	-	4,080,426
Vehicles	3,335,556	45,500	-	3,381,056
Infrastructure	10,228,547	-	-	10,228,547
Total capital assets, being depreciated	23,781,897	656,314	-	24,438,211
Less: accumulated depreciation for:				
Buildings	(2,774,717)	(186,356)	-	(2,961,073)
Machinery and equipment	(2,413,138)	(200,998)	-	(2,614,136)
Vehicles	(2,370,924)	(208,750)	-	(2,579,674)
Infrastructure	(4,033,242)	(411,395)	-	(4,444,637)
Total accumulated depreciation	(11,592,021)	(1,007,499)	-	(12,599,520)
Total capital assets, being depreciated net	12,189,876	(351,185)	-	11,838,691
Governmental activities, capital assets, net	<u>\$ 19,909,213</u>	<u>\$ (351,185)</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 19,558,028</u>

Depreciation expense was charged to functions/programs of the Township as follows:

Governmental activities:	
General government	\$ 179,581
Public safety	121,807
Highways, roads, and streets	632,445
Fire and building inspection	4,341
Parks and recreation	69,325
Total depreciation expense	<u>\$ 1,007,499</u>

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5. REAL ESTATE TAXES

Real estate taxes are an enforceable lien on property as of January 1 and are levied on July 1. These taxes are billed and collected by an outside tax collection agency. Taxes paid through August 31 are given a 2% discount. Amounts paid after October 31 are assessed a 10% penalty.

The Township is permitted by the First Class Township Code of Pennsylvania to levy real estate taxes up to 30 mills on every dollar of assessed valuation for general Township purposes. Additional taxes may be levied for certain specified purposes. For 2014, Township real estate taxes were levied at the rate of 2.7 mills for general purposes. The millage is applied to assessed market valuation as determined periodically by Allegheny County, Pennsylvania. Assessed valuation was \$2,480,980,425 for 2014.

6. INTERFUND RECEIVABLES, PAYABLES, AND TRANSFERS

Interfund receivables, payables, and transfers at December 31, 2014, were as follows:

<u>Fund</u>	<u>Interfund Receivable</u>	<u>Interfund Payable</u>	<u>Transfers In</u>	<u>Transfers Out</u>
Major Funds:				
General	\$ 6,206	\$ 9,684	\$ 941,553	\$ 511,374
Sewer	5,508	2,030	-	275,000
Other Governmental Funds:				
Liquid Fuels	-	-	-	666,553
Debt Service	-	-	511,374	-
Total	<u>\$ 11,714</u>	<u>\$ 11,714</u>	<u>\$ 1,452,927</u>	<u>\$ 1,452,927</u>

Transactions between funds which are not expected to be repaid are accounted for as transfers. In those cases when repayment is expected within the next fiscal year, the transactions are accounted for through the various due from and due to accounts. The transfer from the General Fund to the Debt Service Fund was for debt service payments. The transfer from the Sewer Fund represents transfers to the General Fund for operating purposes. The transfer from the Liquid Fuels Fund to the General Fund represents reimbursements made to the General Fund for expenditures on behalf of the Liquid Fuels Fund.

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7. LONG-TERM DEBT

General Obligation Bonds

In 2009, the Township issued General Obligation Bonds (Series 2009 Bonds) in the amount of \$4,650,000, to refund \$4,480,000 of outstanding Series 2002 Bonds and to purchase capital assets for the Township. The Series 2009 Bonds bear interest at rates ranging from 1.125% to 3.375% and are scheduled to mature annually through December 2020.

Annual debt service requirements to maturity related to the above-discussed bonds as follows:

	Governmental Activities	
	Principal	Interest
2015	\$ 405,000	\$ 78,206
2016	420,000	68,588
2017	435,000	57,038
2018	440,000	43,988
2019	460,000	30,238
2020	470,000	15,862
	<u>\$ 2,630,000</u>	<u>\$ 293,920</u>

Capital Leases

The Township has entered into lease agreements for financing the acquisitions of vehicles and road equipment. These lease agreements qualify as capital leases for accounting purposes and the leased assets have been recorded as capital assets in the statement of net position. Reductions to the capital lease liabilities are recorded to expenses in which they relate on the statement of revenues, expenditures, and changes in fund balance – governmental funds.

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The future minimum lease obligations are as follows:

<u>Year</u>	<u>Amount</u>
2015	\$ 219,416
2016	197,239
2017	117,026
	<u>\$ 533,681</u>

Tax Anticipation Note

In January 2014, the Township issued a tax and revenue anticipation note in the amount of \$2 million. The note was paid in full by December 31, 2014.

Long-term liability activity for the year ended December 31, 2014 was as follows:

	<u>Balance at December 31, 2013</u>	<u>Additions</u>	<u>Reductions</u>	<u>Balance at December 31, 2014</u>	<u>Due Within One Year</u>
Governmental Activities:					
Bonds payable	\$ 3,035,000	\$ -	\$ (405,000)	\$ 2,630,000	\$ 405,000
Capital lease payable	567,746	152,938	(187,003)	533,681	219,416
Compensated absences	288,044	98,605	-	386,649	-
Total long-term liabilities	<u>\$ 3,890,790</u>	<u>\$ 251,543</u>	<u>\$ (592,003)</u>	<u>\$ 3,550,330</u>	<u>\$ 624,416</u>

8. PENSION PLANS

Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

Financial information of the pension plans (Plans) is presented on the accrual basis of accounting.

Benefits and refunds are recognized when due and payable in accordance with the terms of the Plans. Employer contributions to the Plans are recognized when due as required by applicable law.

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Plan Descriptions

The Township administers two single-employer, defined benefit pension plans established under the provisions of Act 205 of 1984 of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania (Act). The Plans cover substantially all full-time employees. The Plans are governed by the Township's Board, which has delegated the authority to manage certain Plan assets to the Township Manager. Plan provisions and contribution requirements are established and may be amended by the Township. The activity of the Plans is reported as the Pension Trust Funds in the accompanying financial statements. Separate plan financial statements are not available.

At December 31, 2014, Plan membership consisted of the following:

	<u>General Employees</u>	<u>Police</u>
Inactive plan members or beneficiaries currently receiving benefits	36	35
Inactive plan members entitled to but not yet receiving benefits	3	2
Active plan members	<u>39</u>	<u>42</u>
Total plan members	<u><u>78</u></u>	<u><u>79</u></u>

Benefits Provided – General Employees Plan

Retirement Benefit - A participant is entitled to begin receiving retirement benefits after completing 25 years of service and attaining age 55 for employment that began after November 1, 1998. Public works employees hired before November 1, 1998 are entitled to receive benefits after completing 20 years of service and attaining age 60. The scheduled monthly retirement benefit is 55% of the participant's final average salary earned during the highest three years of employment for office employees or the last 36 months of employment out of the last five years for public works employees, plus an additional monthly benefit of \$25 for each completed year of service in excess of 25 years.

Survivor Benefit - If a participant's death occurs before retirement eligibility, the participant's estate receives a refund of contributions made by the participant, plus interest. If a participant's death occurs after the participant has qualified for retirement, the survivor annuity is based on 50% of the pension the participant was receiving or entitled to receive on the date of death.

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Disability Benefit - If a participant becomes totally and permanently disabled as a result of a service related accident or sickness, the participant is entitled to receive a monthly disability benefit. The scheduled benefit is 25% of the participant's average compensation at the time the disability was incurred.

Benefits Provided – Police Plan

Retirement Benefit – A participant is entitled to begin receiving retirement benefits after completing 25 years of service and attaining age 50 for employment. The scheduled monthly retirement benefit is 50% of the participant's final average monthly compensation earned during the last 36 months of employment, plus a service increment to participants who retire after the completion of 26 years of service of \$100 per month. Compensation if hired prior to January 1, 2005 is total compensation. For those employees hired after January 1, 2005, compensation is the basic rate of pay, including longevity.

Survivor Benefit – If a participant's death occurs before retirement eligibility, the participant's estate receives a refund of contributions made by the participant, plus interest. If a participant's death occurs after the participant has qualified for retirement and the participant is survived by an eligible spouse, the benefit payable is 50% of the amount the participant was receiving or entitled to receive on the date of death, for life. In the event of the spouse's death, the participant's children under age 18 (age 23 if attending college) will share the benefit.

Disability Benefit – If a participant becomes totally and permanently disabled as a result of accident or sickness occurring in the line of duty, the participant is entitled to receive a monthly disability benefit. The scheduled benefit is 50% of the participant's salary at the time the disability was incurred, offset by Social Security disability benefits as a result of the same injury.

Cost-of-Living Adjustments – Benefit terms provide for annual cost-of-living adjustments to each member's retirement allowance subsequent to the member's retirement date. On the anniversary of the participant's retirement, a retiree will receive an increase in the monthly benefit equal to the percentage change in the Consumer Price Index during the last year. The total increase of all increases may not exceed 30% of the original benefit, nor can the benefit ever exceed 75% of the final average monthly compensation used to compute the original benefit. Participants who retire on or after January 1, 2007 will receive cost-of-living adjustments on January 1 following the date which is 12 months after the date of retirement.

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Deferred Retirement Option Program (DROP)

The Police Plan includes a DROP. Active participants who have attained normal retirement age are eligible to participate for a period of three years beginning on the first day of any calendar month coinciding with or next following the date the individual attains normal retirement age. Participation shall automatically end on the third anniversary of the effective date of participation in the DROP, or if earlier, on the date of their death or the date his covered employment terminates. Distribution of a DROP account to a DROP participant is made after the later of the date participation ends for any reason other than death or the date the participant files the application for distribution. At December 31, 2014, there was one employee participating in the DROP Plan.

Contributions

The Plans are funded by the Township on an annual basis pursuant to the provisions of the Act. The Act requires that annual contributions be based upon the calculation of the Minimum Municipal Obligation (MMO). Employees are not required to contribute under the Act; such contributions are subject to collective bargaining. For the year ended December 31, 2014, participating employees in the General Employees and Police Plans were required to contribute 3% and 5% of their compensation, respectively. During the year, the Township made its required contributions of \$137,596 and \$481,920 to the General Employees and Police Pension Plans, respectively, based upon the MMO.

Net Pension Liability

The components of the net pension liability of the Plans at December 31, 2014 were as follows:

	<u>General Employees</u>	<u>Police</u>
Total pension liability	\$ 11,546,180	\$ 26,805,506
Plan fiduciary net position	<u>12,364,266</u>	<u>24,781,831</u>
Net pension liability	<u>\$ (818,086)</u>	<u>\$ 2,023,675</u>
Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total pension liability	<u>107%</u>	<u>92%</u>

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Actuarial Assumptions - The total pension liability was determined by an actuarial valuation using the following actuarial assumptions, applied to all periods in the measurement:

	General Employees	Police
Actuarial valuation date	1/1/2013	1/1/2013
Actuarial cost method	Entry Age Normal	Entry Age Normal
Actuarial assumptions:		
Investment rate of return	7.50%	7.50%
Projected salary increases	5.00%	5.00%
Underlying inflation rate	2.75%	2.75%
Cost-of-living adjustments increase	2.75%	2.75%

UP-94 Mortality Table with rates set forward 7 years for all disabled lives.

Investment Policy – The Plan’s policies in regard to the allocation of invested assets is established and may be amended by the Board. It is the policy of the Board to pursue an overall asset allocation strategy that identifies a portfolio structure and sets a long-term percentage target for the amount of the Plan’s market value that is to be invested in each asset class. Numerous asset classes are considered to provide the Plan with a diversified investment portfolio.

Long-Term Expected Rate of Return – The long-term expected rate of return on Plan investments was determined using a building-block method in which best-estimate ranges of expected future real rates of return (expected returns, net of 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.

The following was the asset allocation policy and best estimates of arithmetic real rates of return for each major asset class included in the Plans’ target asset allocation as of December 31, 2014:

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Asset Class	Target Allocation		Long-Term Expected Real Rate of Return	
	General Employees	Police	General Employees	Police
Domestic equity	48.00%	48.00%	6.00%	6.00%
International equity	12.00%	12.00%	6.25%	6.25%
Fixed income	30.00%	30.00%	1.25%	1.25%
Real estate	10.00%	10.00%	5.00%	5.00%
	<u>100.00%</u>	<u>100.00%</u>		

Rate of Return – The money-weighted rate of return expresses investment performance, net of investment expense, adjusted for the changing amounts actually invested. For the year ended December 31, 2014, the annual money-weighted rate of return on the General Employees and Police Plan investments, net of investment expense, was 6.14% and 6.33%, respectively.

Concentrations – At December 31, 2014, the Plans had no investments (other than mutual funds or other pooled investments) in any one issuer that represented 5% or more of either Plan’s fiduciary net position.

Discount Rate – The discount rates used to measure the total pension liability for the General Employees and Police Plan were 7.50% and 7.50%, respectively. The projection of cash flows used to determine the discount rate assumed that plan member contributions will be made at the current contribution rate and that the Township’s contributions will be made based on the yearly MMO calculation. Based on those assumptions, the Plan’s fiduciary net position was projected to be available to make all projected future benefit payments of current plan members. Therefore, the long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments was applied to all periods of projected benefit payments to determine the total pension liability.

Sensitivity of the Net Pension Liability to Changes in the Discount Rate – The following presents the net pension liability of the Plans calculated using the discount rates described above, as well as what the Plans’ net pension liabilities would be if they were calculated using a discount rate that is one-percentage-point lower or one-percentage-point higher than the current rates:

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	1% Decrease (6.25%)	Current Discount Rate (7.25%)	1% Increase (8.25%)
General Employees Plan	\$ 246,521	\$ (818,086)	\$ (1,741,969)
	1% Decrease (6.25%)	Current Discount Rate (7.25%)	1% Increase (8.25%)
Police Plan	\$ 5,154,940	\$ 2,023,675	\$ (608,381)

Additional Employer Disclosures Required by GASB Statements No. 27 and 50

The information below is with regard to employer pension activity for the year ended December 31, 2014. Costs and contributions were based upon an actuarial valuation performed as of January 1, 2013, as required by Act 205.

The Plan assumptions under Act 205 are as follows:

	General Employees	Police
Actuarial valuation date	1/1/2013	1/1/2013
Actuarial cost method	Entry Age Normal	Entry Age Normal
Amortization method	Level Dollar Open	Level Dollar Open
Asset valuation method	Method described in Act 205, Section 210(a), Asset corridor +/- 20%	Method described in Act 205, Section 210(a), Asset corridor +/- 20%
Amortization period	15 years	14 years
Actuarial assumptions:		
Investment rate of return	7.50%	7.50%
Projected salary increases	5.00%	5.00%
Underlying inflation rate	2.75%	2.75%
Cost of living adjustments	2.75%	2.75%

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The Township's annual pension cost, percentage of the annual pension costs contributed, and net pension obligation (asset) for the past three years for the General Employees and Police Pension Plans is as follows:

<u>Year Ending</u>	<u>Annual Pension Cost (APC)</u>	<u>Percentage of APC Contributed</u>	<u>Net Pension Obligation (Asset)</u>
12/31/2012	\$ 613,908	100%	\$ (466,508)
12/31/2013	563,054	100%	(466,255)
12/31/2014	622,314	100%	(463,457)

The Township's net pension asset (a negative net pension obligation (NPO)) as of December 31, 2014 is calculated as follows:

	<u>General Employees and Police Consolidated Totals</u>
Annual required contribution (ARC)	\$ 619,516
Interest on NPO	(34,969)
Adjustment to the ARC	<u>37,767</u>
Annual pension cost	622,314
Contribution made	<u>619,516</u>
Change in NPO	2,798
NPO, 12/31/2013	<u>(466,255)</u>
NPO, 12/31/2014	<u>\$ (463,457)</u>

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The Township's funded status and related information for the Plan as of the latest actuarial valuation date, January 1, 2013, under Act 205, is as follows:

	Actuarial Value of Assets	Actuarial Accrued Liability (AAL) Entry Age	Excess of Assets Over (Under) AAL	Funded Ratio	Covered Payroll	Excess (Deficiency) as a % of Covered Payroll
General Employees	\$11,834,141	\$ 11,168,315	\$ 665,826	106.0%	\$ 1,862,444	35.8%
Police	22,574,229	23,100,011	(525,782)	97.7%	3,661,016	-14.4%

The General Employees Pension Plan has been amended for three assumption changes. The method used to determine the actuarial value of plan assets was changed from five year smoothing, to the method added to Act 205 by Act 44 of 2009. The assumed retirement age has been changed from normal retirement age to the later of normal retirement age and one year from the valuation date. The rate of future cost-of-living was reduced to 2.75% (from 3%). These assumption changes decreased the unfunded actuarial accrued liability by approximately \$1,358,000.

The Police Pension Plan has been amended for four assumption changes. The method used to determine the actuarial value of plan assets was changed from five year smoothing, to the method added to Act 205 by Act 44 of 2009. The assumed retirement age has been changed from normal retirement age to the later of normal retirement age and one year from the valuation date. The age difference between a married participant and their spouse has been increased to five years (from three years). The rate of future cost-of-living was reduced to 2.75% (from 3%). These assumption changes decreased the unfunded actuarial accrued liability by approximately \$2,355,000.

The schedule of funding progress, included as required supplementary information immediately following the notes to financial statements, presents multi-year trend information about whether the actuarial value of plan assets is increasing or decreasing over time relative to the actuarial accrued liability for benefits.

9. OTHER POST-EMPLOYMENT BENEFITS (OPEBS)

Plan Description

In addition to the pension benefits described in Note 8, the Township provides post-employment health care benefits to all retired police officers, in accordance with collective bargaining agreements between the Township and the Township Police.

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Effective for retirees during 1996 and subsequent years, the Township pays \$200 per month towards the retiree's own health care costs until the officer is eligible for Medicare. Retirees not eligible for Medicare shall be paid this monthly stipend for life.

Funding Policy

Expenditures for post-retirement health care benefits are recognized in the General Fund when paid by the Township. During 2014, total disbursements from the General Fund for sixteen beneficiaries were \$38,400.

The Township's annual OPEB cost is calculated based on the annual required contribution of the employer (ARC), an amount actuarially determined in accordance with the parameters of GASB Statement No. 45. The ARC represents a level of funding that, if paid on an ongoing basis, is projected to cover the normal cost each year and to amortize any unfunded actuarial liabilities (or funding excess) over a closed period not to exceed 30 years. The following table shows the component of the Township's annual OPEB cost for the year, the amount actually contributed, and changes in the Township's net OPEB obligation:

Annual required contribution	\$ 40,589
Interest on net OPEB obligation	1,158
Adjustment to annual required contribution	<u>(1,609)</u>
Annual OPEB cost	40,138
Contributions made	<u>(38,600)</u>
Increase in net OPEB obligation	1,538
Net OPEB obligation - beginning of year	<u>28,939</u>
Net OPEB obligation - end of year	<u><u>\$ 30,477</u></u>

The Township's annual OPEB cost, the percentage of annual OPEB cost contributed and the net OPEB obligation were as follows:

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<u>Fiscal Year Ending</u>	<u>Annual OPEB Cost</u>	<u>% Contributed</u>	<u>Net OPEB Obligation</u>
December 31, 2012	\$ 41,131	89.96%	\$ 27,377
December 31, 2013	40,162	96.11%	28,939
December 31, 2014	40,138	96.17%	30,477

The schedule of funding progress for the post-employment healthcare benefits is as follows:

<u>Actuarial Valuation Date</u>	<u>Actuarial Value of Assets</u>	<u>Actuarial Accrued Liability (AAL)</u>	<u>Unfunded Actuarial Accrued Liability (UAAL)</u>	<u>Funded Ratio</u>	<u>Covered Payroll</u>	<u>UAAL as a Percentage of Covered Payroll</u>
January 1, 2008	\$ -	\$ 327,435	\$ (327,435)	0.0%	\$ 3,324,748	-9.8%
January 1, 2009	-	322,167	(322,167)	0.0%	3,397,590	-9.5%
January 1, 2011	-	567,018	(567,018)	0.0%	3,191,450	-17.8%
January 1, 2013	-	543,793	(543,793)	0.0%	3,661,016	-14.9%

Fiscal year 2009 was the first year of implementation for GASB Statement No. 45.

Actuarial valuations of an ongoing plan involve estimates of the value of reported amounts and assumptions about the probability of occurrence of events far into the future. Examples include assumptions about future employment, mortality, and the healthcare cost trend. Healthcare cost trend assumptions are based on recent experience and anticipated future cost increases under the Township's medical plans. Amounts determined regarding the funded status and the annual required contributions of the employer are subject to continual revision, as actual results are compared with past expectations and new estimates are made about the future.

Projections and calculations of benefits for financial reporting purposes are based on the substantive plan (the plan as understood by the employer and the plan members) and include the types of benefits provided at the time of each valuation and the historical pattern of sharing of benefit costs between the employer and covered members to that point. The actuarial methods and assumptions used include techniques that are designed to reduce the effects of short-term volatility in actuarial accrued liabilities and the actuarial value of assets, consistent with the long-term perspective of the calculations.

For the January 1, 2013 actuarial valuation, the entry age normal actuarial cost method was used. The actuarial assumptions included a 4% investment rate of return, which is the expected long-term investment yield on investments that are expected to be used to

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finance the payments of benefits. The unfunded actuarial accrued liability is being amortized using the level dollar method over a period of 30 years on a closed basis.

10. JOINT VENTURES AND RELATED ORGANIZATIONS

Joint Ventures

Northland Public Library

Northland Public Library (Library) is a public library that is considered to be a municipal authority by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. The governing body of the Library is its Board of Trustees, which is comprised of seven members appointed by the elected officials of its five supporting municipalities (one of which is the Township). Since no individual municipality has control, the Library is not considered a component unit of any one member community.

The Library meets the criteria for a joint venture as it is an organization that results from a contractual arrangement that is owned by two or more participants as a separate and specific activity subject to joint control, in which participants retain an ongoing financial responsibility.

The Township, per contractual agreement, is obligated to pay a share of the budgeted expenses of operation annually. The Township's contribution is based upon circulation, population, and assessed valuation. Such payments amounted to \$437,884 for the year ended December 31, 2014.

The Township has no equity interest in the Library.

The Library issues separate financial statements, which are available at the Northland Public Library, 300 Cumberland Road, Pittsburgh, PA 15237.

Lowries Run Joint Owned Sewer

Lowries Run Joint Owned Sewer (Lowries Run) is a jointure formed to handle the sewer activity in a particular area of the northern suburbs of Pittsburgh. The governing body of Lowries Run is its Board of Directors, which is comprised of representatives from its two member entities (the Township and the McCandless Township Sanitary Authority). Since no individual entity has control, Lowries Run is not considered a component unit of any one member.

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Lowries Run meets the criteria for a joint venture, as it is an organization that results from a contractual arrangement that is owned by two or more participants as a separate and specific activity subject to joint control, in which participants retain an ongoing financial responsibility.

The Township is responsible for a pro rata share of net expenses incurred by this entity which could not be met with existing resources. The Township's contribution for 2014 was \$3,145. The Township maintains a 50% equity interest in Lowries Run, and if Lowries Run were to be liquidated, the Township would receive 50% of the assets. The Township holds an equity interest in Lowries Run valued at \$1,573,128 as of December 31, 2014.

Lowries Run issues separate financial statements, which are available at the McCandless Township Sanitary Authority, 418 Arcadia Drive, Pittsburgh, PA 15237.

Jointly Governed Organization

Girty's Run Joint Sewer Authority

The Township, in conjunction with three other neighboring municipalities, created the Girty's Run Joint Sewer Authority (Authority) to handle the sewer systems and the main trunk line within the Girty's Run Watershed. The governing Board of the Authority is comprised of two representatives from each of the member municipalities. Except for user fees related to the sewer system usage based on the volume of water consumed by individual residents and commercial enterprises within the watershed for each respective municipality, no participant has any obligation, entitlement, or residual interest. The Township's user charges related to the Authority for the year ended December 31, 2014 approximated \$1.2 million. Separate financial statements for the Authority are available at their office.

Related Organization

Ross/West View EMS

Ross/West View EMS (EMS) is a related organization in that a majority of its governing Board is appointed by the Commissioners, without the Township being financially accountable for the organization. The EMS Board is appointed by the Township and operates independently of any ongoing involvement of the Commissioners. Separate financial statements for EMS are available at their office.

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11. COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES

Sanitary Sewer System

In 1997, the United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) ordered 51 communities tributary to ALCOSAN, which includes the Township, whose sanitary sewers had been identified as being subject to wet weather overflows. The Township signed an Administrative Consent Order (ACO) in January 2004. The ACO details the timetable for completion of each phase which involved inspecting, mapping, correcting, and monitoring the sewer system. The Township is subject to a civil penalty for untimely completion of each term or provision of the ACO. The Township has paid no civil penalties for the year ended December 31, 2014. The Township has estimated the completion cost of the projects mandated by the ACO to be approximately \$22 million through the year 2014.

Other

Various claims and lawsuits are pending against the Township. In the opinion of the Township management and solicitor, the outcome of these claims and lawsuits will not have a material adverse effect on the accompanying financial statements.

12. RISK FINANCING

The Township is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts; theft of, damage to, and destruction of assets; errors and omissions; and natural disasters. These risks are covered by commercial insurance purchased from independent third parties. Settled claims from these risks have not exceeded commercial insurance coverage for the past three years. There were no significant reductions in insurance coverage from coverage in the prior year.

For its workers' compensation insurance coverage, the Township participates in the Municipal Risk Management Worker's Compensation Pooled Trust (Trust), a public entity risk pool operated for the benefit of 214 cities, municipalities, boroughs, townships, and municipal authorities. Trust underwriting and rate-setting policies are established after consultation with an independent actuary and certain approvals of the Pennsylvania Department of Labor and Industry as mandated by Act 44 of 1993 (Act 44). All Trust participants may be subject to a supplemental assessment/dividend based on the overall experience of the participants, pursuant to Act 44. Dividends received in 2014 were \$144,551. Each participant of the Trust agrees to jointly and severally assume and discharge the liabilities arising under the Worker's Compensation Act and Occupational Disease Act of each and every participant of the Trust. Settled claims from these risks

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have not exceeded commercial insurance coverage for the past three years the Trust purchased excess insurance coverage with statutory limits. The retention for this excess coverage is \$750,000 per occurrence. There were no significant reductions in insurance coverage from coverage in the prior year. Political subdivisions joining the Trust must remain members for a minimum of four years; a member may withdraw from the Trust after that time by giving ninety days notice, subject to approval by the Trust actuary under specified circumstances related to the continued fiscal stability of the pool. At the time of withdrawal, the participant is responsible for their share of assessments but has no claim on any other assets of the Trust. Estimates of any additional assessments are unknown.

13. FUND BALANCE AND NET POSITION RESTATEMENT

The Township made various restatements to the fund balance reported as of December 31, 2013. For the government-wide statements, net position was restated to adjust beginning of year deferred revenue. The total government-wide restatement was \$62,098 as follows:

Net position at December 31, 2013, as previously presented	\$ 29,600,055
Fund balance restatement (described below)	1,154,794
Net position restatement	<u>(1,216,892)</u>
Net position at December 31, 2013, as restated	<u>\$ 29,537,957</u>

Governmental fund balance was restated to adjust beginning of the year balance sheet accounts including: accounts receivable, taxes receivable, sewer charges receivable, due to/due from, and deferred revenue. The total governmental fund balance restatement was \$1,154,794 as follows:

Fund balance at December 31, 2013, as previously presented	\$ 8,419,826
Beginning of year balance sheet restatements	<u>1,154,794</u>
Fund balance at December 31, 2013, as restated	<u>\$ 9,574,620</u>

14. SUBSEQUENT EVENT

In 2015, the Township issued General Obligation Bonds, Refunding Series A of 2015 (Series A 2015 Bonds) in the amount of \$2,640,000. The proceeds of the Series A 2015 Bonds will be used to (1) current refund the Series 2009 Bonds, and (2) pay all costs and expenses incurred by the issuance and sale of the Series A 2015 Bonds. The Series A

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2015 Bonds bear interest at rates ranging from 0.35% to 2.00% and are scheduled to mature annually through December 2020.

In 2015, the Township issued General Obligation Bonds, Series B of 2015 (Series B 2015 Bonds) in the amount of \$7,315,000. The proceeds of the Series B 2015 Bonds will be used to (1) finance the construction of a new public works complex for the Township, and (2) pay all costs and expenses incurred by the issuance and sale of the Series B 2015 Bonds. The Series B 2015 Bonds bear interest at rates ranging from 2.00% to 2.95% and are scheduled to mature between 2021 and 2034.

**Required Supplementary
Information – Pension Plan
Disclosures**

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SCHEDULES OF REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION - PENSION PLAN

SCHEDULE OF CHANGES IN THE TOWNSHIP'S NET PENSION LIABILITY AND RELATED RATIOS

GENERAL EMPLOYEES PLAN

YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2014
(Dollar Amounts in Thousands)

Total Pension Liability:	
Service cost	\$ 227,147
Interest	634,166
Differences between expected and actual experience	(273,994)
Changes of assumptions	193,321
Benefit payments, including refunds of member contributions	(743,393)
	37,247
Net Changes in Total Pension Liability	37,247
Total Pension Liability - Beginning	11,508,933
Total Pension Liability - Ending (a)	\$ 11,546,180
Plan Fiduciary Net Position:	
Contributions - employer	\$ 137,596
Contributions - member	64,626
Net investment income	728,928
Benefit payments, including refunds of member contributions	(743,393)
Administrative expense	(14,165)
	173,592
Net Change in Plan Fiduciary Net Position	173,592
Plan Fiduciary Net Position - Beginning	12,190,674
Plan Fiduciary Net Position - Ending (b)	\$ 12,364,266
Net Pension Liability - Ending (a-b)	\$ (818,086)
Plan Fiduciary Net Position as a Percentage of the Total Pension Liability	107.09%
Covered Employee Payroll	\$ 2,173,878
Net Pension Liability as a Percentage of Covered Employee Payroll	-37.63%

See accompanying notes to schedules of required supplementary information - pension plan.

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SCHEDULES OF REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION - PENSION PLAN

SCHEDULE OF CHANGES IN THE TOWNSHIP'S NET PENSION LIABILITY AND RELATED RATIOS

POLICE PLAN

YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2014
(Dollar Amounts in Thousands)

Total Pension Liability:	
Service cost	\$ 622,437
Interest	1,841,562
Changes of benefit terms	-
Differences between expected and actual experience	953,980
Changes of assumptions	495,132
Benefit payments, including refunds of member contributions	(1,336,336)
	2,576,775
Net Changes in Total Pension Liability	2,576,775
Total Pension Liability - Beginning	24,228,731
	24,228,731
Total Pension Liability - Ending (a)	\$ 26,805,506
	26,805,506
Plan Fiduciary Net Position:	
Contributions - employer	\$ 481,920
Contributions - member	188,318
Net investment income	1,486,313
Benefit payments, including refunds of member contributions	(1,336,336)
Administrative expense	(24,291)
Other	-
	795,924
Net Change in Plan Fiduciary Net Position	795,924
Plan Fiduciary Net Position - Beginning	23,985,907
	23,985,907
Plan Fiduciary Net Position - Ending (b)	\$ 24,781,831
	24,781,831
Net Pension Liability - Ending (a-b)	\$ 2,023,675
	2,023,675
Plan Fiduciary Net Position as a Percentage of the Total Pension Liability	92.45%
	92.45%
Covered Employee Payroll	\$ 4,082,778
	4,082,778
Net Pension Liability as a Percentage of Covered Employee Payroll	49.57%

See accompanying notes to schedules of required supplementary information - pension plan.

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SCHEDULES OF REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION - PENSION PLAN

SCHEDULES OF TOWNSHIP CONTRIBUTIONS AND INVESTMENT RETURNS

YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2014

GENERAL EMPLOYEES PLAN:

<u>Schedule of Township Contributions</u>	
Actuarially determined contribution	\$ 137,596
Contributions in relation to the actuarially determined contribution	<u>137,596</u>
Contribution deficiency (excess)	<u>\$ -</u>
Covered employee payroll	<u>\$ 2,173,878</u>
Contributions as a percentage of covered employee payroll	6.33%
<u>Investment Returns</u>	
Annual money-weighted rate of return, net of investment expense	6.14%

POLICE PLAN:

<u>Schedule of Township Contributions</u>	
Actuarially determined contribution	\$ 481,920
Contributions in relation to the actuarially determined contribution	<u>481,920</u>
Contribution deficiency (excess)	<u>\$ -</u>
Covered employee payroll	<u>\$ 4,082,778</u>
Contributions as a percentage of covered employee payroll	11.80%
<u>Investment Returns</u>	
Annual money-weighted rate of return, net of investment expense	6.33%

See accompanying notes to schedules of required supplementary information - pension plan.

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NOTES TO SCHEDULES OF REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION – PENSION PLAN

YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2014

Actuarial Methods and Assumptions under GASB Statement No. 67

The information presented in the required supplementary information – pension plan was determined as part of the actuarial valuations at the dates indicated. Methods and assumptions used to determine contribution rates are as follows:

	<u>General Employees</u>	<u>Police</u>
Actuarial valuation date	1/1/2013	1/1/2013
Actuarial cost method	Entry Age Normal	Entry Age Normal
Amortization method	Level Dollar Open	Level Dollar Open
Asset valuation method	Method described in Act 205, Section 210(a), Asset corridor +/- 20%	Method described in Act 205, Section 210(a), Asset corridor +/- 20%
Amortization period	15 years	14 years
Actuarial assumptions:		
Investment rate of return	7.50%	7.50%
Projected salary increases	5.00%	5.00%
Underlying inflation rate	2.75%	2.75%
Cost of living adjustments	2.75%	2.75%

Change in Actuarial Assumptions

General Employees Plan

The General Employees Pension Plan has been amended for three assumption changes. The method used to determine the actuarial value of plan assets was changed from five year smoothing, to the method added to Act 205 by Act 44 of 2009. The assumed retirement age has been changed from normal retirement age to the later of normal retirement age and one year from the valuation date. The rate of future cost-of-living was reduced to 2.75% (from 3%).

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NOTES TO SCHEDULES OF REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION – PENSION PLAN

YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2014

Police Plan

The Police Pension Plan has been amended for four assumption changes. The method used to determine the actuarial value of plan assets was changed from five year smoothing, to the method added to Act 205 by Act 44 of 2009. The assumed retirement age has been changed from normal retirement age to the later of normal retirement age and one year from the valuation date. The age difference between a married participant and their spouse has been increased to five years (from three years). The rate of future cost-of-living was reduced to 2.75% (from 3%).

**Required Supplementary
Information – Employer Pension
Plan Disclosures**

ROSS TOWNSHIP

SCHEDULE OF FUNDING PROGRESS - PENSION TRUST FUNDS

	Actuarial Valuation Date	Actuarial Value of Assets	Actuarial Accrued Liability (AAL) Entry Age	Excess of Assets Over (Under) AAL	Funded Ratio	Covered Payroll	Excess (Deficiency) as a % of Covered Payroll
General Employees:	1/1/2009	\$ 12,080,774	\$ 10,236,870	\$ 1,843,904	118.0%	\$ 1,989,640	92.7%
	1/1/2011	11,507,725	11,145,361	362,364	103.3%	2,092,655	17.3%
	1/1/2013	11,834,141	11,168,315	665,826	106.0%	1,862,444	35.8%
Police:	1/1/2009	\$ 20,662,508	\$ 20,435,490	\$ 227,018	101.1%	\$ 2,746,719	8.3%
	1/1/2011	21,332,782	21,462,005	(129,223)	99.4%	2,906,073	-4.4%
	1/1/2013	22,574,229	23,100,011	(525,782)	97.7%	3,661,016	-14.4%

Note: State law requires biennial valuations on the odd-numbered years.

See accompanying notes to schedules of required supplementary information - employer.

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SCHEDULE OF CONTRIBUTIONS FROM EMPLOYER AND OTHER CONTRIBUTING ENTITIES - PENSION TRUST FUND

General Employees		
Calendar Year	Annual Required Contributions	Percentage Contributed
2005	\$ -	n/a
2006	-	n/a
2007	-	n/a
2008	-	n/a
2009	-	n/a
2010	-	n/a
2011	19,722	100%
2012	126,243	100%
2013	109,855	100%
2014	137,596	100%

Police		
Calendar Year	Annual Required Contributions	Percentage Contributed
2005	\$ 219,445	125%
2006	319,835	118%
2007	345,494	115%
2008	271,624	131%
2009	209,607	118%
2010	229,683	105%
2011	315,178	105%
2012	408,387	100%
2013	438,037	100%
2014	481,920	100%

See accompanying notes to schedules of required supplementary information - employer.

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NOTES TO SCHEDULES OF REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION - EMPLOYER

YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2014

Actuarial Methods and Assumptions

The information presented in the required supplementary schedules was determined as part of the actuarial valuations at the dates indicated. Additional information as of the latest actuarial valuation follows:

	<u>General Employees</u>	<u>Police</u>
Actuarial valuation date	1/1/2013	1/1/2013
Actuarial cost method	Entry Age Normal	Entry Age Normal
Amortization method	Level Dollar Open	Level Dollar Open
Asset valuation method	Method described in Act 205, Section 210(a), Asset corridor +/- 20%	Method described in Act 205, Section 210(a), Asset corridor +/- 20%
Amortization period	15 years	14 years
Actuarial assumptions:		
Investment rate of return	7.50%	7.50%
Projected salary increases	5.00%	5.00%
Underlying inflation rate	2.75%	2.75%
Cost of living adjustments	2.75%	2.75%

Change in Actuarial Assumptions

General Employees Plan

The General Employees Pension Plan has been amended for three assumption changes. The method used to determine the actuarial value of plan assets was changed from five year smoothing, to the method added to Act 205 by Act 44 of 2009. The assumed retirement age has been changed from normal retirement age to the later of normal retirement age and one year from the valuation date. The rate of future cost-of-living was reduced to 2.75% (from 3%).

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NOTES TO SCHEDULES OF REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION - EMPLOYER

YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2014

Police Plan

The Police Pension Plan has been amended for four assumption changes. The method used to determine the actuarial value of plan assets was changed from five year smoothing, to the method added to Act 205 by Act 44 of 2009. The assumed retirement age has been changed from normal retirement age to the later of normal retirement age and one year from the valuation date. The age difference between a married participant and their spouse has been increased to five years (from three years). The rate of future cost-of-living was reduced to 2.75% (from 3%).

**Required Supplementary
Information – Postemployment
Benefits Other than Pension
Benefits (OPEBs) Disclosures**

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POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS OTHER THAN PENSION BENEFITS (OPEBs)

SCHEDULE OF FUNDING PROGRESS

Actuarial Valuation Date	Actuarial Value of Assets	Actuarial Accrued Liability (AAL) Entry Age	Excess of Assets Over (Under) AAL	Funded Ratio	Covered Payroll	Excess (Deficiency) as a Percentage of Covered Payroll
1/1/2008	\$ -	\$ 327,435	\$ (327,435)	0%	\$ 3,324,748	-9.8%
1/1/2009	-	322,167	(322,167)	0%	3,397,590	-9.5%
1/1/2011	-	567,018	(567,018)	0%	3,191,450	-17.8%
1/1/2013	-	543,793	(543,793)	0%	3,661,016	-14.9%

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POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS OTHER THAN PENSION BENEFITS (OPEBs) FACTORS AND TRENDS USED IN ACTUARIAL VALUATION

YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2014

The information presented in the required supplementary schedules was determined as part of the actuarial valuations at the dates indicated. Additional information as of the latest actuarial valuation follows:

Actuarial valuation date	1/1/2013
Actuarial cost method	Entry Age Normal
Amortization method	Level Dollar
Amortization period	30 years
Actuarial assumptions:	
Investment rate of return	4.00%
Mortality	UP-94 Mortality Table

**Supplementary
Information**

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STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE - BUDGET AND ACTUAL

GENERAL FUND

YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2014

	Budgeted Amounts		Actual	Variance with Final Budget
	Original	Final		
Revenues:				
Taxes	\$ 13,024,500	\$ 13,024,500	\$ 14,387,488	\$ 1,362,988
Licenses and permits	886,800	886,800	1,089,488	202,688
Fines and forfeits	193,000	193,000	160,623	(32,377)
Interest, rent, and royalties	17,000	17,000	13,403	(3,597)
Intergovernmental	696,000	696,000	777,301	81,301
Charges for services	565,700	565,700	779,905	214,205
Miscellaneous	143,000	143,000	198,778	55,778
Total revenues	15,526,000	15,526,000	17,406,986	1,880,986
Expenditures:				
Current:				
General government	1,674,720	1,769,720	1,935,203	(165,483)
Public safety	6,771,705	6,771,705	6,909,043	(137,338)
Fire and building inspection	1,529,720	1,529,720	1,413,808	115,912
Highways, roads, and streets	3,890,551	4,134,759	5,113,961	(979,202)
Sanitation	15,000	15,000	13,147	1,853
Parks and recreation	585,191	585,191	551,353	33,838
Library	437,884	437,884	437,884	-
Senior citizen services	75,000	75,000	74,370	630
Miscellaneous	242,530	242,530	379,020	(136,490)
Debt service	876,840	537,632	-	537,632 *
Total expenditures	16,099,141	16,099,141	16,827,789	(728,648)
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues over Expenditures	(573,141)	(573,141)	579,197	1,152,338
Other Financing Sources (Uses):				
Proceeds from capital lease	-	-	152,938	152,938
Transfers in	870,000	870,000	941,553	71,553
Transfers out	(1,000,000)	(1,000,000)	(511,374)	488,626
Total other financing sources (uses)	(130,000)	(130,000)	583,117	713,117
Net Change in Fund Balance	\$ (703,141)	\$ (703,141)	1,162,314	\$ 1,865,455
Fund Balance:				
Beginning of year, as restated			7,869,457	
End of year			\$ 9,031,771	

* Debt service expenditures are recorded in the Debt Service Fund.

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STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE - BUDGET AND ACTUAL

SEWER FUND

YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2014

	Budgeted Amounts		Actual	Variance with Final Budget
	Original	Final		
Revenues:				
Interest, rent, and royalties	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,000	\$ 1,717	\$ (283)
Charges for services	9,412,000	9,412,000	7,831,071	(1,580,929)
Total revenues	9,414,000	9,414,000	7,832,788	(1,581,212)
Expenditures:				
Sanitation	9,164,000	9,164,000	7,422,642	1,741,358
Total expenditures	9,164,000	9,164,000	7,422,642	1,741,358
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues over Expenditures	250,000	250,000	410,146	160,146
Other Financing Sources (Uses):				
Operating transfers out	(250,000)	(250,000)	(275,000)	(25,000)
Net Change in Fund Balance	\$ -	\$ -	135,146	\$ 135,146
Fund Balance:				
Beginning of year			1,704,808	
End of year			\$ 1,839,954	

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OTHER GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS

COMBINING BALANCE SHEET

DECEMBER 31, 2014

	<u>Special Revenue Fund Liquid Fuels</u>	<u>Debt Service</u>	<u>Total</u>
<hr/> Assets <hr/>			
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 1	\$ -	\$ 1
Total Assets	<u>\$ 1</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 1</u>
<hr/> Liabilities and Fund Balance <hr/>			
Fund Balance:			
Restricted	\$ 1	\$ -	\$ 1
Total Liabilities and Fund Balance	<u>\$ 1</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 1</u>

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OTHER GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS

COMBINING STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE

YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2014

	Special Revenue Fund			
	Liquid Fuels	Debt Service	Total	
Revenues:				
Interest, rent, and royalties	\$ 66	\$ -	\$ 66	
Intergovernmental	666,133	-	666,133	
Total revenues	666,199	-	666,199	
Expenditures:				
Debt service:				
Principal	-	405,000	405,000	
Interest	-	106,374	106,374	
Total expenditures	-	511,374	511,374	
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues over Expenditures	666,199	(511,374)	154,825	
Other Financing Sources (Uses):				
Transfers in	-	511,374	511,374	
Transfers out	(666,553)	-	(666,553)	
Total other financing sources (uses)	(666,553)	511,374	(155,179)	
Net Change in Fund Balance	(354)	-	(354)	
Fund Balance:				
Beginning of year	355	-	355	
End of year	\$ 1	\$ -	\$ 1	

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AGENCY FUND STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN ASSETS AND LIABILITIES - FIRE ESCROW FUND

YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2014

	Balance January 1, 2014	Additions	Deductions	Balance December 31, 2014
Assets				
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ -	\$ 78,504	\$ 44,830	\$ 33,674
Liabilities				
Escrow liabilities	\$ -	\$ 78,504	\$ 44,830	\$ 33,674