Report of Audit

on the

Financial Statements

of the

Township of Franklin
Fire District No. 3

for the

Year Ended
December 31, 2023

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FIRE DISTRICT NO. 3
MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

Board of Fire Commissioners
Township of Franklin Fire District No. 3
Somerset County, New Jersey

Report on the Financial Statements

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the of the Township of Franklin Fire District No. 3, Somerset County, New Jersey (the "Fire District") as of and for the year ended December 31, 2023, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Fire District's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

Opinion

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Fire District as of December 31, 2023, and the respective changes in financial position and cash flows thereof for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Basis for Opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in Government Auditing Standards issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are required to be independent of Franklin Fire District No. 3 and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audit. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

Responsibilities of Management 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.

In preparing the financial statements, management is required to evaluate whether there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the Franklin Fire District No. 3's ability to continue as a going concern within one year after the date that the financial statements are available to be issued.

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and, therefore, is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Misstatements are considered material if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, they would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user based on the financial statements.

In performing an audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards and *Government Auditing Standards*, we:

- Exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements.

- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of Franklin Fire District No. 3's internal control. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.

- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluate the overall presentation of the financial statements.

- Conclude whether, in our judgment, there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about Franklin Fire District No. 3 ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

We are required to communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit, significant audit findings, and certain internal control related matters that we identified during the audit.

Supplementary Information

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the financial statements as a whole. The accompanying supplementary information is presented for the purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements. The information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting records used to prepare the financial statements or to the financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United states of America. In our opinion, the information is fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the financial statements as a whole.

Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with Government Auditing Standards, we have also issued our report dated November 25, 2024 on our consideration on Franklin Fire District No. 3 internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report Is an integral part of the audit preformed in accordance with Government Auditing Standards in considering Franklin Fire District No. 3's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

November 25, 2024

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

Board of Fire Commissioners
Township of Franklin Fire District No. 3
Somerset County, New Jersey

We have audited, in accordance with the auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, the financial statements of Township of Franklin Fire District No. 3, Somerset County, New Jersey (the "Fire District") as of and for the year ended December 31, 2023, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise Fire District's' financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated November 25, 2024.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered the Fire District's control over financial reporting (internal control) to determine the audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing our opinions on the financial statements but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Fire District's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the Fire District's internal control.

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

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

Compliance and Other Matters

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

Purpose of This Report

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

November 25, 2024

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PART I - REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP FIRE DISTRICT #3
SOMERSET COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS
December 31, 2023
(Unaudited)

The Franklin Township Fire District #3 (the "District") is not included in any other governmental "reporting entity" as defined by the GASB pronouncement, since fire commissioners are elected by the public and have decision-making capabilities within the District to levy taxes, the power to designate management, the ability to significantly influence operations and primary accountability for fiscal matters. The District is not considered a component-unit of the Township of Franklin, Somerset County, New Jersey (the "Township"). The District does not have any component-units. The following Management's Discussion and Analysis of the activities and financial performance of the District provide an introduction to the financial statements of the District for the year ended December 31, 2023. Please read it in conjunction with the District's financial statements and accompanying notes.

The Management's Discussion and Analysis is an element of the new reporting model adopted by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) in their Statement No.34, *Basic Financial Statements – and Management's Discussion and Analysis – for State and Local Governments*, issued June 1999 and amended by GASB Statement No. 37. Certain comparative information between the current year and the prior year is required to be presented in the MD&A.

USING THIS REPORT

This annual report consists of a series of financial statements and notes to those statements. These statements are organized so the reader can understand Franklin Township Fire District No. 3 as financial whole, an entire operating entity. The statements then proceed to provide an increasingly detailed look at specific financial activities.

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

DISTRICT-WIDE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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

FUND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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

- The governmental funds statements tell how basic services were financed in the short term as well as what remains for future spending

- Fiduciary funds statements provide information about the financial relationships in which the District acts solely as a trustee for future spending.

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

	District –wide Statements	Fund Financial Statements Governmental Funds	Fiduciary Funds
Scope	Entire district (except fiduciary funds)	The activities of the district that are not proprietary or fiduciary	Instances in which the district administers resources on behalf of someone else
Required financial statements	-Statement of net position -Statement of activities	-Balance Sheet -Statement of revenues, expenditures, and changes in fund balance	-Statement of fiduciary net position -Statement of changes in fiduciary net position
Accounting basis and measurement focus	Accrual accounting and economic resources focus	Modified accrual accounting and current financial resources focus	Accrual accounting and economic resources focus
Type of assets/liability information	All assets and liabilities, both financial and capital, short-term and long-term	Generally assets expected to be used up and liabilities that come due during the year or soon thereafter, no capital assets or long-term liabilities included	All assets and liabilities, both short-term and long-term. The District's funds do not currently contain capital assets, although they can
Type of inflow/outflow information	All revenues and expenses during the year, regardless of when cash is received of paid	Revenues for which cash is received during or soon after the end of the year, expenditures when goods or services have been received and the related liability is due and payable	All additions and deductions, during the year, regardless of when cash is received or paid

Figure A-1 summarizes the major features of the District's financial statements, including the portion of the District's activities they cover and the types of information they contain. The remainder of this overview section of management's discussion and analysis highlights the structure and contents of each of the statements.

The Statement of Net Position and Statement of Activities provide information about the activities of the whole District, presenting both an aggregate view of the District's finances and a longer-term view of those finances. Fund financial statements provide the next level of detail. For governmental funds, these statements tell how services were financed in the short-term as well as what remains for future spending. In the case of Franklin Township Fire District No. 3, the General Fund is by far the most significant fund.

REPORTING THE DISTRICT AS A WHOLE
STATEMENT OF NET POSITION AND THE STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

While this document contains the large number of funds used by the District to provide programs and activities, the view of the District, as a whole looks at all financial transactions and asks the question, "How did we do financially during 2023?" The Statement of Net Position and the Statement of Activities answer this question. These statements include all assets and liabilities using the accrual basis of accounting similar to the accounting used by most private-sector businesses. This basis of accounting takes into account all of the current year's revenues and expenses regardless of when cash is received or paid.

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

REPORTING THE DISTRICT'S MOST SIGNIFICANT FUNDS
FUND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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

GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS

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

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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

THE DISTRICT AS A WHOLE

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

Table A-1
Summary of Net Position

	2023	2022	% Increase/ (Decrease)
Current Assets	$ 1,100,334	$ 1,212,722	-9.27%
Capital Assets (net of accum depreciation)	838,463	1,225,263	-31.57%
Total Assets	1,938,797	2,437,985	-20.48%
Other Liabilities	34,541	61,641	-43.96%
Total Liabilities	34,541	61,641	-43.96%
Net Position			
Net investment in capital assets	838,463	1,225,263	-31.57%
Restricted	505,440	197,440	156.00%
Unrestricted	560,353	953,641	-41.24%
Total Net Position	$ 1,904,256	$ 2,376,344	-19.87%

Table A-2
Change in Net Position

	2023	2022	% Increase/ (Decrease)
Revenues:			
General Revenues			
Property Taxes	$ 2,108,712	$ 2,067,365	2.00%
Supplemental Fire Services	8,723	8,723	
Other	31,928	36,377	-12.23%
Total revenues	2,149,363	2,112,465	1.75%
Expenditurs			
Administration	362,388	446,783	-18.89%
Cost of Operations and Maintenance	1,190,422	1,155,345	3.04%
LOSAP	114,841	94,589	21.41%
Capital Appropriations	567,000	330,963	71.32%
Depreciation	386,800	402,008	-3.78%
Total Expenditures	2,621,451	2,429,688	7.89%
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over (Under Expenditures	(472,088)	(317,223)	48.82%
Other Financing Sources (Uses)			
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues and Other Financing Sources Over (Under) Expenditures	$ (472,088)	$ (317,223)	48.82%

GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES

The unique nature of property taxes in New Jersey creates the legal requirements to annually seek voter approval for the District operations. Property taxes made up 98.11% of revenue for governmental activities for Franklin Township Fire District No. 3 for 2023. The District's total revenues were $2,149,363.00 for the year ended December 31, 2023. State aid accounted for another 0.41% of revenue, other miscellaneous revenue accounted for the remaining 1.48%.

The Statement of Activities shows the cost of program services and the charges for services and grants offsetting those services. Table 3 shows the total cost of services and the net cost of services. The net cost shows the financial burden that was place on the District's taxpayers by each of these functions.

Table A-3
Cost of Services vs. Net Cost of Services

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

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

	Total Cost of Services 2023	Net Cost of Services 2023	Total Cost of Services 2022	Net Cost of Services 2022
Administration	$ 362,388	$ 362,388	$ 446,783	$ 446,783
Cost of Operations and Maintenance	1,190,422	1,190,422	1,155,345	1,155,345
Length of Service Awards Program	114,841	114,841	94,589	94,589
Depreciation	386,800	386,800	402,008	402,008
Total	$ 2,054,451	$ 2,054,451	$ 2,098,725	$ 2,098,725

THE DISTRICT'S FUNDS

All governmental funds (i.e., general fund and capital projects fund presented in the fund-based statements) are accounted for using the modified accrual basis of accounting. Total revenues amounted to $2,149,363.00 and expenditures were $2,621,451. The change in fund balance for the year in the general fund was an increase of $81,712.00 and in the capital fund a decrease of $167,000.00.

As demonstrated by the various statements and schedules included in the financial section of this report, the District continues to meet its responsibility for sound financial management. The following schedules present a summary of the revenues of the General Fund for the year ended December 31, 2023, and the amount of percentage of increases and decreases in relation to prior year revenues.

Table A-4
Summary of Revenues-General Fund

The following schedule presents a summary of General Fund expenditures for the year ended December 31, 2023 and the percentage of increases and decreases in relation to prior year amounts.

	2023	2022	Increase/ (Decrease) from 2022	Percentage of Increase/ (Decrease)
Revenues:				
Local Sources:				
Property Taxes	$ 2,108,712	$ 2,067,365	$ 41,347	2.00%
Other	31,928	36,377	(4,449)	-12.23%
State Sources	8,723	8,723		
Total revenues	$ 2,149,363	$ 2,112,465	$ 36,898	1.75%

Table A-5
Summary of Expenditures-General Fund

	2023	2022	Increase/ (Decrease) from 2022	Percentage of Increase/ (Decrease)
Expenditures				
Administration	$ 362,388	$ 446,783	$ (84,395)	-18.89%
Cost of Operations and Maintenance	1,190,422	1,155,345	35,077	3.04%
Other	114,841	94,589	20,252	21.41%
Total Expenditures	$ 1,667,651	$ 1,696,717	$ (29,066)	-1.71%

CAPITAL ASSETS

At the end of the year 2023, the District had $838,463 invested in equipment and vehicles, net of accumulated depreciation. Table 6 shows 2023 balances compared to 2022.

Table A-6
Summary of Capital Assets
(Net of Depreciation)

	2023	2022	Increase/ (Decrease) from 2022	Percentage of Increase/ (Decrease)
Land	$ 100,000	$ 100,000	$ -	
Vehicles	738,463	1,125,263	(386,800)	-34.37%
Total Expenditures	$ 838,463	$ 1,225,263	$ (386,800)	-31.57%

CONTACTING THE DISTRICT'S MANAGEMENT

This financial report is designed to provide Franklin Township residents and taxpayers, and the District's customers, investors and creditors, with a general overview of the District's finances and to demonstrate the District's accountability for the money it receives. If you have questions about this report or need additional information, please contact the District Treasurer, Franklin Township Fire District #3, 138 Shevchenko Avenue, Somerset, New Jersey, 08873.

BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

TOWNSHIP OF FRANKLIN FIRE DISTRICT NO. 3
SOMERSET COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS BALANCE SHEET/STATEMENT OF NET POSITION
DECEMBER 31, 2023

ASSETS	GENERAL FUND	CAPITAL FUND	TOTAL	ADJUSTMENTS NOTE (1L)	STATEMENT OF NET POSITION
Cash and Cash Equivalents	$ 1,061,171.47	$ 30,439.87	$ 1,091,611.34	$	$ 1,091,611.34
Interfund Receivable	8,723.00		8,723.00		8,723.00
Capital Assets, net of accumulated depreciation				838,463.00	838,463.00
Total Assets	$ 1,069,894.47	$ 30,439.87	$ 1,100,334.34	$ 838,463.00	$ 1,938,797.34
LIABILITIES AND NET POSITION					
Liabilities:					
Accounts Payable	$ 30,741.16	$	$ 30,741.16	$	$ 30,741.16
Reserve for Training from Dedicated Penalties	3,800.28		3,800.28		3,800.28
Total Liabilities	34,541.44		34,541.44		34,541.44
Fund Balances/Net Position:					
Fund Balances:					
Restricted:					
For Future Capital Outlays	475,000.00		475,000.00	(475,000.00)	
Capital Projects		30,439.87	30,439.87	(30,439.87)	
Assigned:					
Designated for Subsequent Year's Expenditures	227,476.00		227,476.00	(227,476.00)	
Unassigned:	332,877.03		332,877.03	(332,877.03)	
Total Fund Balances	1,035,353.03	30,439.87	1,065,792.90	(1,065,792.90)	
Total Liabilities and Fund Balances	$ 1,069,894.47	$ 30,439.87	$ 1,100,334.34		
Net Position					
Net Investment in Capital Assets				838,463.00	838,463.00
Restricted for Capital Acquisitions				505,439.87	505,439.87
Unrestricted				560,353.03	560,353.03
Total Net Position				$ 1,904,255.90	$ 1,904,255.90

The accompanying Notes to the Financial Statements are an integral part of this statement

TOWNSHIP OF FRANKLIN FIRE DISTRICT NO. 3
SOMERSET COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

STATEMENT OF GOVERNMENTAL FUND REVENUES, EXPENDITURES
AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES/STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023

	GENERAL FUND	CAPITAL FUND	TOTAL	ADJUSTMENTS NOTE (1L)	STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES
Revenues:					
District Taxes	$ 2,108,712.00	$	$ 2,108,712.00	$	$ 2,108,712.00
Interest on Investments on Deposits	122.02		122.02		122.02
Supplemental Fire Services Act Grant	8,723.00		8,723.00		8,723.00
Miscellaneous	31,806.36		31,806.36		31,806.36
Total Revenues	2,149,363.38		2,149,363.38		2,149,363.38
Expenditures:					
Operating Appropriations	1,667,651.06		1,667,651.06		1,667,651.06
Depreciation				386,800.00	386,800.00
Capital Appropriations		567,000.00	567,000.00		567,000.00
Total Expenditures	1,667,651.06	567,000.00	2,234,651.06	386,800.00	2,621,451.06
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	481,712.32	(567,000.00)	(85,287.68)	(386,800.00)	(472,087.68)
Other Financing Sources (Uses):					
Operating Transfers In		400,000.00	400,000.00		
Operating Transfers Out	(400,000.00)		(400,000.00)		
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	(400,000.00)	400,000.00			
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues and Other Financing Sources Over (Under) Expenditures and Other Financing Uses	81,712.32	(167,000.00)	(85,287.68)	85,287.68	
Change in Net Position				(472,087.68)	(472,087.68)
Fund Balances/Net Position, January 1	953,640.71	197,439.87	1,151,080.58		2,376,343.58
Fund Balances/Net Position, December 31	$ 1,035,353.03	$ 30,439.87	$ 1,065,792.90	$	$ 1,904,255.90

The accompanying Notes to the Financial Statements are an integral part of this statement

Note 1: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The accounting policies of the Franklin Township Fire District No. 3 (the "District") conform to the accounting principles applicable to special districts, which have been prescribed by the Division of Local Government Services, Department of Community Affairs, State of New Jersey. The financial statements of the Franklin Township Fire District No. 3 have been prepared in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP) as applied to governmental units. The Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) is the accepted standard-setting body for establishing governmental accounting and financial reporting principles. The more significant of the District's accounting policies are described below.

A. Reporting Entity

The District is an instrumentality of the State of New Jersey, established to function as a special district. The Board of Fire Commissioners consists of elected officials and is responsible for the fiscal control of the District.

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

B. Basis of Presentation - Fund Accounting

Combined Fund and Government-wide Financial Statements

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

The accounts of the district are maintained in accordance with the principles of fund accounting to ensure observance of limitations and restrictions on the resources available. The principle of fund accounting requires that resources be classified for accounting and reporting purposes into funds in accordance with activities or objectives specified for the resources. Each fund is a separate accounting entity with a self-balancing set of accounts. Funds are classified into three categories: governmental, proprietary and fiduciary. Each category, in turn, is divided into separate "fund types". The District does not maintain any proprietary or fiduciary funds.

Note 1: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONT'D.)

B. Basis of Presentation - Fund Accounting (Cont'd.)

Governmental Fund Types

General Fund - The General Fund is the general operating fund of the District and accounts for all revenues and expenditures of the District not encompassed within other funds. All general tax revenues and other receipts that are not allocated by law or contractual agreement to some other fund are accounted for in this fund. General operating expenditures and the capital improvement costs that are not paid through other funds are paid from the General Fund.

Capital Projects Fund - The Capital Projects Fund is used to account for all resources for the acquisition of capital facilities, including property, plant and equipment spanning more than one budgetary accounting period, by the District.

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

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

C. Basis of Accounting

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

The governmental fund types follow the modified accrual basis of accounting. Under the modified accrual basis of accounting, revenues are recorded when susceptible to accrual, i.e., both measurable and available. Available means collectible within the current period or soon enough thereafter to be used to pay liabilities of the current period. Expenditures, other than interest on long-term debt, are recorded when the related fund liability is incurred, if measurable.

Revenues from local sources consist primarily of property taxes. Property tax revenues and revenues received from the state are recognized when susceptible to accrual. Miscellaneous revenues are recorded as revenue when received in cash because they are generally not measurable until actually received. Investment earnings are recorded as earned since they are measurable and available.

Note 1: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONT'D.)

D. Budgets/Budgetary Controls

The District is required by state law to adopt an annual budget for the General Fund. Formal budgetary integration into the accounting system is employed as a management control device during the year. For governmental funds, there are no substantial differences between the budgetary basis of accounting and generally accepted accounting principles. Encumbrance accounting is also employed as an extension of formal budgetary integration in the governmental fund types.

E. Encumbrances

Encumbrances are not liabilities and, therefore, are not recorded as expenditures until receipt of material or service. Under encumbrance accounting, purchase orders, contracts and other commitments for the expenditure of resources are recorded to reserve a portion of the applicable appropriation. Open encumbrances in governmental funds are reported as reservations of fund balances at year-end as they do not constitute expenditures or liabilities but rather commitments related to unperformed contracts for goods and services. The encumbered appropriation the District carries over into the next year. For budgetary purposes, an entry will be made at the beginning of the next year to increase the appropriation reflected in the certified budget by the outstanding encumbrance amount as of the current year-end.

F. Capital Assets

Capital assets are capitalized at historical cost, or estimated historical cost for assets where actual historical cost is not available. Donated assets are recorded as capital assets at their estimated fair market value at the date of the donation. The district maintains a threshold level of $5,000 or more for capitalizing capital assets. The system for accumulation of fixed assets cost data does not provide the means for determining the percentage of assets valued at actual and those valued at estimated cost.

Capital assets are recorded in the District-wide financial statement, but are not reported in the Fund financial statements. Capital assets are depreciated using the straight-line method over their estimated useful lives. Since surplus assets are sold for an immaterial amount when declared as no longer needed for public school purpose by the District, no salvage value is taken into consideration for depreciation purpose. Useful lives vary from 25 years for fire fighting equipment, and 5 years for fire fighting equipment and general purpose vehicles. Capital assets not being depreciated include land and construction in progress.

Prior to January 1, 2003 the capital assets were not depreciated. Estimated accumulated depreciation has been reflected in the statement of net position based on the assets' remaining useful lives.

Note 1: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONT'D.)

G. Fund Equity

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

Government-wide Basis

Equity is classified as net position and is displayed in two components;
a. Net Investment in capital assets – Consists of capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation
b. Unrestricted net position – All net position that does not meet the definition of "restricted" or "net investment in capital assets".

H. Cash and Cash Equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include interest bearing accounts and short-term investments with a maturity of three months or less carried at cost, which approximates market.

I. Interfund Receivables/Payables

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

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

J. Prepaid Expenses

The cost of prepaid insurance and other similar items extending over more than one accounting period is accounted for as expenditures of the period of acquisition and not allocated between or among accounting periods. The amount of such prepayments recorded on the balance sheet is equally offset by a fund balance reserve account.

K. Net Position

Net position represents the difference between the assets and liabilities in the District-wide financial statements. Net investment in capital assets, net of related debt consists of capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation, and reduced by outstanding balance of any long-term debt used to build or acquire the capital assets. Net position are reported as restricted in the District-wide financial statement when there are limitations imposed on their use through external restrictions imposed by creditors, grantors, or laws or regulations of other governments.

Note 1: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONT'D.)

L. Reconciliation of Adjustments

The following adjustments/reclassifications were required for the combining of the government-wide and fund financial statements in accordance with GASB:

Statement of Net Position and Governmental Fund Balance Sheet

	From	Adjustment	To
Capital Assets, net of accumulated depreciation	$	$ 838,463.00	$ 838,463.00
Fund Balance			
Restricted	505,439.87	(505,439.87)	
Assigned	227,476.00	(227,476.00)	
Unassigned	332,877.03	(332,877.03)	
Net Position			
Net Investment in Capital Assets		838,463.00	838,463.00
Restricted		505,439.87	505,439.87
Unrestricted		560,353.03	560,353.03

Statement of Activities and Governmental Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balance

	From	Adjustment	To
Depreciation Expense		$ 386,800.00	$ 386,800.00
Excess/(Deficiency) of Revenues over/9under) Expenditures	$ (85,287.68)	(386,800.00)	(472,087.68)
Excess/(Deficiency) of Revenues and Other Financing Sources Over/Under Expenditures Other Financing Uses	(85,287.68)	85,287.68	
Change in Net Position		(472,087.68)	(472,087.68)

Note 2: DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS

Deposits

New Jersey statutes permit the deposit of public funds in institutions located in New Jersey that are insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC), or by any other agencies of the United States that insures deposits or the State of New Jersey Cash Management Fund.

New Jersey statutes require public depositories to maintain collateral for deposit of public funds that exceed insurance limits as follows:

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

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

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

At December 31, 2023, the book value of the District's cash and investments was $1,091,611.34 and the bank balances of the District's cash and deposits amounted to $1,240,205.07. Of the bank balance, $250,000.00 was FDIC insured and $990,205.07 was GUDPA insured.

Custodial Credit Risk – Deposits - Custodial credit risk is the risk that in the event of a bank failure, the District's deposits may not be returned to it. The government does not have a deposit policy for custodial credit risk. As of December 31, 2023, based upon the insured balances as provided by FDIC and NJGUDPA coverage, no amount of the District's bank balance of $1,240,205.07 was considered exposed to custodial risk.

Credit Risk - GASB 40 requires that disclosures be made as to the credit rating of all debt security investments except for obligations of the U.S. government or obligations explicitly guaranteed by the U.S. government. This is the risk that an issuer or other counterparty to an investment will not fulfill its obligations.

Interest Rate Risk - This is the risk that changes in interest rates will adversely affect the fair value of an investment. The District does not have a formal policy that limits investments maturities as a means of managing its exposure to fair value losses arising from interest rate fluctuations.

Investments

New Jersey statutes permit the District to purchase the following types of securities:

1. Bonds or other obligations of the United States of America or obligations guaranteed by the United States;

Note 2: DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS (CONT'D.)

Investments (Cont'd)

2. Government money market mutual funds;

3. Any obligation that a federal agency or a federal instrumentality has issued in accordance with an act of Congress, which security has a maturity date not greater than 397 days from the date of purchase, provided such obligation bear a fixed rate of interest not dependent on any index or other external factor;

4. Bonds or other obligations of the local unit or bonds or other obligations of school districts of which the local unit is a part or within which the school district is located;

5. Bonds or other obligations, having a maturity date of not more than 397 days from the date of purchase, approved by the Division of Investment in the Department of the Treasury for investment by local units;

6. Local government investment pools;

7. Deposits with the State of New Jersey Cash Management Fund established pursuant to section 1 of P.L. 1997, c. 281 (C.52: 18A-90.4); or

8. Agreements for the repurchase of fully collateralized securities, if:

   a. the underlying securities are permitted investments pursuant to paragraphs (1) and (3);

   b. the custody of collateral is transferred to a third party;

   c. the maturity of the agreement is not more than 30 days;

   d. the underlying securities are purchased through a public depository as defined in section 1 of P.L. 1970, c. 236 (C.19:9-41) and for which a master repurchase agreement providing for the custody and security of collateral is executed.

Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement No. 40 – Deposit and Investment Risk Disclosures requires the District to disclose its deposits and investment policies regarding certain type of investment risks.

New Jersey Cash Management Fund – All investments in the Fund are governed by the regulations of the Investment Council, which prescribe specific standards designed to insure the quality of investments and to minimize the risks related to investments. In all the years of the Division of Investment's existence, the Division has never suffered a default of principal or interest on any short-term security held by it due to the bankruptcy of a securities issuer; nevertheless, the possibility always exists, and for this reason a reserve is being accumulated as additional protection for the "Other-than-State" participants. In addition to the Council regulations, the Division sets further standards for specific investments and monitors the credit of all eligible securities issuers on a regular basis.

As of December 31, 2023, the District did not have deposits with the New Jersey Cash Management Fund.

Note 3: PENSIONS

Eligible employees participate in the Public Employees Retirement System (PERS); a contributory defined benefit public employee retirement system that was established by State statutes. The system is sponsored and administered by the New Jersey Division of Pensions and Benefits. The System is considered a cost sharing multiple-employer plan. Covered employees are required by statute to contribute a certain percentage of their salary to the Plan. The Division of Pensions bills the district annually for its required contribution.

The PERS was established in January, 1955 under the provisions of N.J.S.A. 43:15A to provide coverage including post-retirement health care to substantially all full-time employees of the State or any county, municipality, school district or public agency provided the employee is not a member of another State-administered retirement system. Membership is mandatory for such employees and vesting occurs after 8 to 10 years of service and 25 years for health care coverage. Members are eligible for retirement at age 60 with an annual benefit generally determined to be 1/60th of the average annual compensation for the highest three fiscal years' compensation for each year of membership during years creditable service. Early retirement is available to those under age 60 with 25 or more years of credited service. Anyone who retires early and is under age 55 receives retirement benefits as calculated in the above mentioned formula bit, but at a reduced rate (one quarter of one percent for each month the member lacks of attaining age 55).

The contribution policy is set by N.J.S.A 43:15A and requires contributions by active members, employers, and the State of New Jersey. Member contribution rates range from 4.96% to 9.91% of salary based on the member's age at date of enrollment, which is reduced by 2% for salary subject to Social Security. Once members are assigned a rate, it is not normally adjusted.

In accordance with the pension reform legislation the age-based contribution rates and the 2% offset up to the social security wage base limit have been eliminated and a uniform contribution rate of 5% has been established for all members. This change is being phased in over a two-year period as follows: Beginning July 1, 1994, all new members were assigned a 5% contribution rate. For those enrolled prior to this date, the rate change to 5% was effective July 1, 1995, with 1% offset for those employees whose previous full contribution rate was less than 6%.

In accordance with the provisions of N.J.S.A. 43:15A, the contribution policy requires state related employers and the State of New Jersey to make a normal contribution and an accrued liability contribution, if applicable, determined by a qualified actuary. The actuary uses the projected unit credit method of funding. The normal contribution includes cost-of-living adjustments, and an amount that is required to fund noncontributory death benefits.

The Franklin Township Fire District No. 3 participates in the PERS through the Township of Franklin. No information related to contributions made by the Township of Franklin on behalf of the District is available as the District employees are combined with the Township employees for reporting purposes to the Division of Pensions.

The State of New Jersey, Department of the Treasury, Division of Pensions and Benefits, issues publicly available financial reports that include the financial statements and required supplementary information for PERS. The financial reports may be obtained by writing to the State of New Jersey, Department of the Treasury, Division of Pension and Benefits, P.O. Box 295, Trenton, New Jersey 08625-0295.

Note 3: PENSIONS (CONT'D.)

The Township of Franklin has enrolled eligible District employees in the PERS through its membership. For the year ended December 31, 2023, the amount paid was for $5,025.00 for normal pension contributions.

For the year ended December 31, 2023, the Franklin Township Fire District No. 3's total payroll for all employees was $59,718.83. Total PERS covered payroll was $59,718.83. Covered payroll refers to all compensation paid by the Borough to active employees covered by the Plan.

Information presently available from the Public Employees Retirement System precludes the calculations of the portion of the Township's reported Net Pension Liability that is attributable to the District employees and retirees reported by the Township.

Note 4: POST-EMPLOYMENT BENEFIT PLANS OTHER THAN PENSION PLANS – HEALTHCARE BENEFITS

Plan Description: The Franklin Township Fire District No 3 has one employee who is eligible for postemployment health benefits. The District plans on reserving the actuarial based future cost of this benefit once final guidance is provided from the State of New Jersey.

Note 5: LENGTH OF SERVICE AWARD PROGRAM (LOSAP)

The District maintains a Length of Service Award Program (LOSAP) plan. The plan is considered to be a deferred compensation plan from volunteers and the contribution is not based on compensation. New Jersey Statutes set the contribution limits. The budgeted contributions for 2023 and 2022 were $140,000.00 for both years.

The Fire District has selected Lincoln Financial Company to administer its LOSAP. As of December 31, 2023, the Fire District's LOSAP had assets of $1,648,464.69.

Note 6: RISK MANAGEMENT

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

Note 7. FUND BALANCE APPROPRIATED

General Fund - Of the $1,035,353.03 General Fund balance at December 31, 2023, $227,476.00 has been assigned and included as anticipated revenue for the year ending December 31, 2024; $475,000.00 is for Future Capital Outlay and $332,877.03 is unassigned.

Capital Fund - Of the $30,439.87 Capital Fund balance at December 31, 2023, $21,756.94 is restricted for apparatus pumper/tanker; $585.65 is restricted for chief's vehicles; $6,060.00 is restricted for Air Pak X3 Pro w/CGA 2018 Edition 4500 w/Dual EBSS; and $2,037.28 is restricted for water rescue boat and chief vehicle.

Note 8: PENDING LITIGATION

As at the date of this report, the Fire District's legal counsel is unaware of any litigation pending.

Note 9: SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

As at the date of this report, the Fire District is unaware of any other events subsequent to the balance sheet that would have a material effect on the financial statements.

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PART II - REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

TOWNSHIP OF FRANKLIN FIRE DISTRICT NO. 3
SOMERSET COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

SUPPLEMENTAL SCHEDULE OF REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES COMPARED TO BUDGET
(BUDGETARY BASIS)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023

	ORIGINAL 2023 BUDGET	MODIFIED 2023 BUDGET	2023 ACTUAL	VARIANCE FAVORABLE (UNFAVORABLE)
Revenues:				
Fund Balance Appropriated:				
Unreserved Fund Balance	$ 204,852.00	$ 204,852.00	$ 204,852.00	$
Total Fund Balance Anticipated	204,852.00	204,852.00	204,852.00	
Miscellaneous Anticipated Revenues:				
Sale of Assets	2,000.00	2,000.00		(2,000.00)
Interest on Investments and Deposits	100.00	100.00	122.02	22.02
Total Miscellaneous Anticipated Revenues	2,100.00	2,100.00	122.02	(1,977.98)
Operating Grant Revenue:				
Supplemental Fire Services Act (P.L. 1985, Ch. 295)	8,723.00	8,723.00	8,723.00	
Total Operating Grant Revenue	8,723.00	8,723.00	8,723.00	
Miscellaneous Revenues Not Anticipated:				
Other			31,806.36	31,806.36
Total Miscellaneous Revenues Not Anticipated:			31,806.36	31,806.36
Amount to be Raised by Taxation:				
District Taxes	2,108,712.00	2,108,712.00	2,108,712.00	
Total Amount to be Raised by Taxation	2,108,712.00	2,108,712.00	2,108,712.00	
Total Revenues	$ 2,324,387.00	$ 2,324,387.00	$ 2,354,215.38	$ 29,828.38
Expenditures:				
Operating Appropriations:				
Administration				
Salaries and Wages				
Commissioners	$ 40,000.00	$ 40,000.00	$ 40,000.00	$
Administrative Aid	67,000.00	67,000.00	64,046.58	2,953.42
Total Administration Salaries and Wages	107,000.00	107,000.00	104,046.58	2,953.42
Administration				
Other Expenses				
Fringe Benefits	197,000.00	148,000.00	109,551.97	38,448.03
Election	12,000.00	12,000.00	11,929.68	70.32
Office Expenses	35,000.00	25,000.00	22,228.78	2,771.22
Other Office Services	31,800.00	31,800.00	22,907.41	8,892.59
Professional Services	113,000.00	116,000.00	89,391.19	26,608.81
Awards Program	15,000.00	15,000.00	2,331.98	12,668.02
Total Administration Other Expenses	403,800.00	347,800.00	258,341.01	89,458.99
Costs of Operations and Maintenance				
Other Expenses				
Advertising	3,600.00	3,600.00	978.77	2,621.23
Insurance	125,000.00	125,000.00	110,725.19	14,274.81
Maintenance and Repairs	280,000.00	337,000.00	337,430.27	(430.27)
Rental Charges	191,064.00	191,064.00	191,064.00	
Training and Education	86,000.00	72,000.00	68,174.69	3,825.31
Reimbursements for Expenses and Lossess	98,000.00	94,700.00	79,851.90	14,848.10

TOWNSHIP OF FRANKLIN FIRE DISTRICT NO. 3
SOMERSET COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

SUPPLEMENTAL SCHEDULE OF REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES COMPARED TO BUDGET
(BUDGETARY BASIS)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023

	ORIGINAL 2023 BUDGET	MODIFIED 2023 BUDGET	2023 ACTUAL	VARIANCE FAVORABLE (UNFAVORABLE)
Operating Materials and Supplies	$ 20,000.00	$ 14,000.00	$ 12,201.86	$ 1,798.14
Fire Prevention	10,000.00	10,000.00	9,859.60	140.40
Apparatus Fuel	65,000.00	64,000.00	34,823.14	29,176.86
Office Improvements	40,000.00	20,000.00	17,681.04	2,318.96
Cellular Telephones	20,000.00	20,000.00	17,896.61	2,103.39
Welfare and Deceased	500.00	500.00		500.00
Hose Testing	12,000.00	12,000.00	10,543.55	1,456.45
Contracted Services	65,700.00	70,000.00	44,746.55	25,253.45
Rehabilitation and Safety	3,000.00	3,000.00	2,855.18	144.82
Firefighting Tools and Equipment	70,000.00	70,000.00	69,933.99	66.01
Station Gear	10,000.00	10,000.00	9,927.13	72.87
Tunout Gear	50,000.00	89,000.00	88,785.58	214.42
Communication Equipment	75,000.00	75,000.00	74,354.94	645.06
Supplemental Fire Services Program	8,723.00	8,723.00	8,588.58	134.42
Contingency	40,000.00	40,000.00		40,000.00
Total Costs of Operations and Maintenance Other Expenses	1,273,587.00	1,329,587.00	1,190,422.57	139,164.43
Total Operating Appropriations	1,784,387.00	1,784,387.00	1,552,810.16	231,576.84
Capital Appropriations:				
Capital Outlays (NJSA 40A:14-84) Apparatus	400,000.00	400,000.00	400,000.00	
Total Capital Appropriations	400,000.00	400,000.00	400,000.00	
Length of Service Awards Program (LOSAP)	140,000.00	140,000.00	114,840.90	25,159.10
Total Expenditures	2,324,387.00	2,324,387.00	2,067,651.06	256,735.94
Budgetary Revenues Over Expenses	$	$	$ 286,564.32	$ 286,564.32

Reconciliation of Budgetary Basis to GAAP Reporting Basis:

Budgetary Revenues Over Expenses	$ 286,564.32
Adjustments to Budgetary Basis: Fund Balance Appropriated	(204,852.00)
Total Adjustments	(204,852.00)
Excess of Revenues Over Expenditures (Exhibit - B)	$ 81,712.32

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PART III – SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

TOWNSHIP OF FRANKLIN FIRE DISTRICT NO. 3
MIDDLESEXCOUNTY, NEW JERSEY

SUPPLEMENTAL COMBINING SCHEDULE OF CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND
REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGE IN FUND BALANCE
YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023

	FIRE APPARATUS	CHIEFS CARS	Air-Pak X3 Pro w/CGA 2018 Edition 4500 w/Dual EBSS	Apparatus	Water Rescue Boat and Chief Vehicle	TOTAL
Revenues						
Amount to be Raised by Taxation	$	$	$	$	$	$
Total Revenues						
Expenditures:						
Capital Outlay				(567,000.00)		(567,000.00)
Total Expenditures				(567,000.00)		(567,000.00)
Excess of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures				(567,000.00)		(567,000.00)
Other Financing Sources (Uses):						
Operating Transfers In				400,000.00		400,000.00
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)				400,000.00		400,000.00
Excess of Revenues and Other Sources Over (Under) Expenditures and Other Uses				(167,000.00)		(167,000.00)
Fund Balances at Beginning of Year	21,756.94	585.65	6,060.00	167,000.00	2,037.28	197,439.87
Fund Balances at End of Year	$ 21,756.94	$ 585.65	$ 6,060.00	$	$ 2,037.28	$ 30,439.87

PART IV – OTHER SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

TOWNSHIP OF FRANKLIN FIRE DISTRICT NO. 3
SOMERSET COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

SUPPLEMENTAL SCHEDULE OF STATISTICAL INFORMATION

Property Tax Levies

The following is a tabulation of District Assessed Valuations, Tax Levies and Property Tax Rates Per $100 of Assessed Valuations for current and the preceding two years:

Year Ended	Assessed Valuations	Total Tax Levy	Property Tax Rate Per $100 Assessment
December 31, 2023	$ 2,955,339,800	$ 2,108,712	$ 0.071
December 31, 2022	2,653,746,622	2,067,365	0.078
December 31, 2021	2,314,668,801	1,928,789	0.083

Committed/Assigned/Unassigned Fund Balance

The following is a tabulation of District Committed/Assigned/Unassigned Fund Balance at year end and the amount included as anticipated revenue in the subsequent year budget for the current and preceding two years:

Year Ended	Committed/Assigned/ Unassigned General Fund Balance	Utilized Subsequent Budget
December 31, 2023	$ 560,353	$ 227,476
December 31, 2022	953,641	204,852
December 31, 2021	1,037,892	247,803

Year Ended	Restricted Capital Fund Balance	Utilized Subsequent Budget
December 31, 2023	$ 505,440	None
December 31, 2022	197,440	None
December 31, 2021	28,403	None

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TOWNSHIP OF FRANKLIN FIRE DISTRICT NO. 3
SOMERSET COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

OFFICIALS IN OFFICE AND SURETY COVERAGE
AS AT DECEMBER 31, 2023

The following officials were in office at December 31, 2023:

Board of Fire Commissioners:	Title	Amount of Surety
Enid Janet Natal	Chairwoman/Deputy Treasurer	
Kenneth Reid	Vice Chairman	
Sherrod A. Middleton	Clerk	$ 1,500,000
Patricia Ferretti	Treasurer	
Fatiima Braxton	Deputy Clerk	
Surety Company:		
American Alternative Insurance Corporation		
All Officials and Employees		$ 1,500,000

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PART V – GENERAL COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

TOWNSHIP OF FRANKLIN FIRE DISTRICT NO. 3
SOMERSET COUNTY, NEW JERSEY
YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023

GENERAL COMMENTS

An audit of the financial accounts and transactions of the Township of Franklin Fire District No. 3, Somerset County, New Jersey, for the year ended December 31, 2023, has been completed.

RECOMMENDATIONS

None

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ACKNOWLEDGMENT

During the course of our engagement we received the complete cooperation of the various officials and employees of the District, and the courtesies extended to us were greatly appreciated.