

# BOROUGH OF ENGLISHTOWN FIRE DISTRICT NO. 1 MONMOUTH COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

**Financial Statements** 

**December 31, 2014 and 2013** 

With Independent Auditors' Report

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### MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

Our discussion and analysis of the Borough of Englishtown Fire District No. 1's financial performance provides an overview of the District's financial activities for the years ended December 31, 2014 and 2013.

### **USING THIS ANNUAL REPORT**

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

### Reporting on the District as a Whole

The Statement of Net Position and Governmental Funds Balance Sheet and the Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Governmental Fund Balances and Net Position

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

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

In the Statement of Net Position and Governmental Funds Balance Sheet and the Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Governmental Fund Balances and Net Position, we divide the District into two kinds of activities;

 General Fund activities – Most of the District's basic services are reported here. Property Tax Levies finance most of these activities.

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• Capital Fund activities – The District's equipment acquisitions are financed by prior levies and approved by the taxpayers. The District's acquisitions are reported here.

### Reporting on the District's Most Significant Funds

### **Fund Financial Statements**

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

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

### The District as a Board

### Reporting on the District's Fiduciary Responsibilities

The District is a board of commissioners formed for the safety and protection of the residents within its boundaries. The District is responsible for ensuring that the assets reported in these funds are used for their intended purposes.

### THE DISTRICT AS A WHOLE

For the years ended December 31, 2014 and 2013, net position changed as follows:

2014 GAAP Basis							lı	ncrease	Percentage
		neral Fund	Ca	Capital Fund			(D	ecrease)	Increase
		Activities		Activities		Total		ver 2013	(Decrease)
Assets									
Current and other assets	\$	532,274	\$	-	\$	532,274	\$	16,288	3.16%
Capital assets		-		835,909		835,909		(95,678)	-10.27%
Total assets	\$	532,274	\$	835,909	\$	1,368,183	\$	(79,390)	-5.48%
Total liabilities	\$	249,236	\$	345,000	\$	594,236	\$	(58,920)	-9.02%
Net position									
Net investment in capital assets						483,953		(24,393)	-4.80%
Restricted for capital acquisitions						101,202		(403)	-0.40%
Unrestricted						188,792		4,326	2.35%
Total net position						773,947		(20,470)	-2.58%
Total liabilities and net position					\$	1,368,183	\$	(79,390)	-5.48%

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	 2013 G/				Increase	Percentage	
	 neral Fund	pital Fund	<b>-</b>	,	Decrease)	Increase	
	 Activities	 Activities	 Total		ver 2012	(Decrease)	
Assets							
Current and other assets	\$ 515,986	\$ -	\$ 515,986	\$	(118,753)	-18.71%	
Capital assets	 	 931,587	 931,587		(9,696)	-1.03%	
Total assets	\$ 515,986	\$ 931,587	\$ 1,447,573	\$	(128,449)	-8.15%	
Total liabilities	\$ 238,156	\$ 415,000	\$ 653,156	\$	(102,968)	-13.62%	
Net position							
Net investment in capital assets			508,346		81,655	19.14%	
Restricted for capital acquisitions			101,605		(44,478)	-30.45%	
Unrestricted			184,466		(62,658)	-25.35%	
Total net position			794,417		(25,481)	-3.11%	
Total liabilities and net position			\$ 1,447,573	\$	(128,449)	-8.15%	

In current year, net position was reduced by \$20,000 or 3%. The decrease is due to increase in depreciation expense as to new assets purchased in prior year. In 2013, the District' decrease in net position due mainly to more firefighting equipment being purchased.

### **Governmental Activities**

The General Fund is used mainly to provide fire protection to its residents, educate the public as to fire prevention and precaution, and to train qualified personnel. All other governmental revenues are reported as general. It is important to note that all taxes are classified as general revenue even if restricted for a specific purpose. Capital Fund Activities is used mainly to provide for the acquisition of major fire equipment for fire extinguishment.

### THE DISTRICT'S FUNDS

The following schedule presents a summary of general, capital fund revenues and expenditures for the fiscal years ended December 31, 2014 and 2013 and the amount and percentage of increases and decreases in relation to the prior years.

		2014 GAAP Basis	Percentage of Total Revenues	(D	ncrease ecrease) ver 2013	Percentage Increase (Decrease)
Revenues						
District taxes	\$	448,000	95.56%	\$	18,781	4.38%
Supplemental fire services grant		444	0.09%		-	0.00%
Interest income		226	0.05%		(15)	-6.22%
Uniform fire safety act revenues		16,566	3.53%		7,328	79.32%
Miscellaneous income		3,561	0.77%		(3,875)	-52.11%
	\$	468,797	100.00%	\$	22,219	4.98%

For the year ended December 31, 2014, the District experienced an increase in total revenues of approximately \$22,000 or 5%. The increase is due mainly from increase in district taxes.

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Revenues District taxes Supplemental fire services grant Interest income Uniform fire safety act revenues Cancellation of reserve for LOSAP Miscellaneous income		Percentage of Total Revenues	(D	ncrease ecrease) /er 2012	Percentage Increase (Decrease)	
Revenues						
District taxes	\$	429,219	96.11%	\$	20,623	5.05%
Supplemental fire services grant		444	0.10%		-	0.00%
Interest income		241	0.05%		(1)	-0.41%
Uniform fire safety act revenues		9,238	2.07%		3,088	50.21%
Cancellation of reserve for LOSAP		-	0.00%		(50,000)	-100.00%
Miscellaneous income		7,436	1.67%		311	4.36%
	\$	446,578	100.00%	\$	(25,979)	-5.50%

For the year ended December 31, 2013, the District experienced a decrease in total revenue of approximately \$26,000 or 6%. The decrease related to LOSAP reserve cancellations in prior year. In 2013, the District did not make any cancellations to the LOSAP payments.

	 2014 GAAP Basis	Percentage of Total Expenditures	(De	ncrease ecrease) rer 2013	Percentage Increase (Decrease)
Expenditures	 				
Elections	\$ 1,194	0.24%	\$	303	34.01%
Office expenses	1,856	0.38%		(224)	-10.77%
Professional services	30,865	6.31%		(4,758)	-13.36%
Advertising	614	0.13%		275	81.12%
Salary and wages	23,650	4.83%		2,296	10.75%
Fringe benefits	49,878	10.19%		203	0.41%
Training	10,400	2.13%		(2,205)	-17.49%
Uniform fire safety act expenses	18,460	3.77%		3,844	26.30%
Insurance	63,538	12.99%		4,992	8.53%
Dues and subscriptions	1,905	0.39%		755	65.65%
Maintenance and repairs	53,399	10.91%		476	0.90%
Rental charges	25,500	5.21%		-	0.00%
Non-bondable fire fighting equipment	50,613	10.34%		51	0.10%
Fuel purchase	11,165	2.28%		1,480	15.28%
Utilities	34,600	7.07%		5,764	19.99%
Bond interest	14,902	3.05%		(2,960)	-16.57%
Bond note interest	1,050	0.20%		(900)	-46.15%
Depreciation expense	 95,678	19.56%		7,816	8.90%
	\$ 489,267	100.00%	\$	17,208	3.65%

Some expenditures are contractual in nature and because of market fluctuations, they can vary from year to year depending on the circumstances. Overall, the District experienced an increase in total expenditures of approximately \$17,000 or 4%, mainly due to increase of utilities, insurance, and depreciation expense.

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	 2013 GAAP Basis	Percentage of Total Expenditures	(De	ocrease ecrease) er 2012	Percentage Increase (Decrease)	
Expenditures						
Elections	\$ 891	0.19%	\$	10	1.14%	
Office expenses	2,080	0.44%		(1,872)	-47.37%	
Professional services	35,623	7.55%		7,825	28.15%	
Advertising	339	0.07%		(266)	-43.97%	
Salary and wages	21,354	4.52%		1,704	8.67%	
Fringe benefits	49,675	10.52%		130	0.26%	
Training	12,605	2.67%		2,049	19.41%	
Uniform fire safety act expenses	14,616	3.10%		3,606	32.75%	
Insurance	58,546	12.40%		9,823	20.16%	
Dues and subscriptions	1,150	0.24%		70	6.48%	
Maintenance and repairs	52,923	11.21%		18,441	53.48%	
Rental charges	25,500	5.40%		3,500	15.91%	
Non-bondable fire fighting equipment	50,562	10.71%		21,625	74.73%	
Fuel purchase	9,685	2.05%		(312)	-3.12%	
Utilities	28,836	6.11%		(1,422)	-4.70%	
Bond interest	17,862	3.78%		(3,275)	-15.49%	
Bond note interest	1,950	0.41%		-	0.00%	
Depreciation expense	 87,862	18.61%		3,931	4.68%	
	\$ 472,059	100.00%	\$	65,567	16.13%	

Some expenditures are contractual in nature and because of market fluctuations, they can vary from year to year depending on the circumstances. Overall, the District experienced an increase in total expenditures of approximately \$66,000 or 16% in 2013. The increase is due mainly increase in insurance, maintenance and repairs, and non-bondable firefighting equipment.

### **GENERAL FUND BUDGETARY HIGHLIGHTS**

The budget relied on the expectation of an increase in the district tax base. The district tax base and tax rate increased slightly which produced an increase in tax revenue of approximately \$19,000.

### **CAPITAL ASSET AND DEBT ADMINISTRATION**

### **Capital Assets**

For the years ended December 31, 2014 and 2013, capital assets changed as follows:

	2013 GAAP Basis	 Additions	Deletions		2014 GAAP Basis		Percentage Increase (Decrease)
Buildings	\$ 400,000	\$ -	\$	-	\$	400,000	0.00%
Building improvements	49,122	-		-		49,122	0.00%
Fire trucks	1,150,483	-		-		1,150,483	0.00%
Other vehicles	107,047	-		-		107,047	0.00%
Equipment	 192,012	-		-		192,012	0.00%
	1,898,664	 -		-		1,898,664	0.00%
Accumulated depreciation	967,077	95,678				1,062,755	9.89%
Capital assets, net	\$ 931,587	\$ (95,678)	\$	-	\$	835,909	-10.27%

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The District did not have any additions or deletions in current year.

	2012 GAAP Basis			Additions	2013 GAAP Basis	Percentage Increase (Decrease)		
		<u> </u>		, taditionio	 eletions	 Baoio	(200,000)	
Buildings	\$	400,000	\$	-	\$ -	\$ 400,000	0.00%	
Building improvements		49,122		-	-	49,122	0.00%	
Fire trucks		1,150,483		-	-	1,150,483	0.00%	
Other vehicles		58,028		78,166	29,147	107,047	84.47%	
Equipment		192,012			 -	 192,012	0.00%	
		1,849,645		78,166	 29,147	 1,898,664	2.65%	
Accumulated depreciation		908,362		87,862	 29,147	 967,077	6.46%	
Capital assets, net	\$	941,283	\$	(9,696)	\$ -	\$ 931,587	-1.03%	

The District accounted for its purchase and disposals of vehicles in 2013.

### **Debts**

At year end, the District had \$345,000 in district bonds and bond anticipation note versus \$415,000 last year. The decrease was due to pay down of debt during the year.

### Outstanding Debts at Year End Government Activities

	 12/31/14					
Fire District Bonds	\$ 330,000	\$	385,000			
Bond Anticipation Note	 15,000		30,000			
Total Debts	\$ 345,000	\$	415,000			

More detailed information about the District's long-term liabilities is presented in Note 9 and 10 to the financial statements.

### **ECONOMIC FACTORS AND NEXT YEAR'S BUDGETS AND RATES**

Next year's general fund budget was determined based on a slight increase in the district tax rate. Some of the significant capital asset items approved in this year's budget will be deferred to subsequent years.

### CONTACTING THE DISTRICT'S FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

This financial report is designed to provide our District's citizens, taxpayers, and creditors with a general overview of the District's finances and to show the District's accountability for the money it receives. If you have questions about this report or need additional financial information, contact the District's office at P. O. Box 1, Englishtown, New Jersey 07726.



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### **Independent Auditors' Report**

Board of Fire Commissioners Borough of Englishtown Fire District No. 1 Monmouth County, New Jersey

### **Report on the Financial Statements**

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of Borough of Englishtown Fire District No. 1, Monmouth County, New Jersey as of and for the years ended December 31, 2014 and 2013, and related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise Borough of Englishtown Fire District No. 1's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

### Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

Borough of Englishtown Fire District No. 1's 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.

### **Auditors' Responsibility**

Our responsibility is to express opinions on these financial statements based on our audits. We conducted our audits in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States and in compliance with the audit requirements prescribed by the Division of Local Government Services, Department of Community Affairs, State of New Jersey. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the 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 opinion.

### **Opinion**

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 Borough of Englishtown Fire District No. 1, Monmouth County, New Jersey as of December 31, 2014 and 2013, and the results of its operations for the years then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

### Other Matters

### Required Supplementary Information

The accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America required that the Management's Discussion and Analysis on page A1 through A6 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 audits 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 audits were conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise Borough of Englishtown Fire District No. 1 's basic financial statements. The accompanying financial information listed as Supplementary Information and Other Schedules, as listed in the table of contents, is presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not 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 2014 and 2013 basic financial statements. The information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of those 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 Supplementary Information and Other Schedules are fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the basic financial statements as a whole.

The Statistical Information and Roster of Officials have not been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements, and accordingly, we do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on them.

### Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated September 3, 2015 on our consideration of the Borough of Englishtown Fire District No. 1's internal control over financial reporting and our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, grant



agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Auditing Standards* in considering Borough of Englishtown Fire District No. 1's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

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September 3, 2015



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# 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

Independent Auditors' Report

Board of Fire Commissioners Borough of Englishtown Fire District No. 1 Monmouth County, New Jersey

We have audited, in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, in compliance with the audit requirements prescribed by the Division of Local Government Services, Department of Community Affairs, State of New Jersey and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, the financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of Borough of Englishtown Fire District No. 1, Monmouth County, New Jersey, as of and for the years ended December 31, 2014 and 2013, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise Borough of Englishtown Fire District No. 1's basic financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated September 3, 2015.

### **Internal Control over Financial Reporting**

In planning and performing our audits of the financial statements, we considered Borough of Englishtown Fire District No. 1's internal control over financial reporting 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 Borough of Englishtown Fire District No. 1's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of Borough of Englishtown Fire District No. 1'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 audits 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 Borough of Englishtown Fire District No. 1's financial statements are free of material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the determination of financial statement amounts. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit, and accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance or other matters that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*.

### **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.

Toms River, New Jersey

Withem Smith + Brown, PC

September 3, 2015

# Borough of Englishtown Fire District No. 1 Monmouth County, New Jersey Statement of Net Position and Governmental Funds Balance Sheet December 31, 2014

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Assets								
Cash Prepaid expenses Interfund receivable Deferred charges to future taxation Capital assets, net	\$	509,910 22,364 - - -	\$	- 163,523 348,386 -	\$	509,910 22,364 163,523 348,386	\$ - (163,523) (348,386) 835,909	\$ 509,910 22,364 - - 835,909
Total assets	\$	532,274	\$	511,909	\$	1,044,183	\$ 324,000	\$ 1,368,183
Liabilities								
Current liabilities:								
Accounts payable Payroll tax liabilities Accrued interest on bonds and notes Accrued audit expenses Fire district bonds payable - current Bond anticipation note Reserve for SFSG Reserve for LOSAP Reserve for fire official trust Interfund payable Improvement authorizations Total current liabilities	\$	28,422 2,576 6,956 8,900 - - 645 101,419 64,839 163,523 - 377,280	\$	55,000 15,000 - - - 101,202 171,202	\$	28,422 2,576 6,956 8,900 55,000 15,000 645 101,419 64,839 163,523 101,202 548,482	\$ - - - - - 35,479 (163,523) (101,202)	\$ 28,422 2,576 6,956 8,900 55,000 15,000 645 101,419 100,318 - - - 319,236
Other liabilities:								
Fire district bonds payable - long term Total liabilities		377,280		275,000 446,202		275,000 823,482	 (229,246)	 275,000 594,236
Fund Balances and Net Position								
Fund balances: Committed:								
Capital improvements Assigned:		-		65,707		65,707	(65,707)	-
Appropriation reserves Designated for subsequent years'		56,699		-		56,699	(56,699)	-
expenditures Unassigned:		66,070		-		66,070	(66,070)	-
General fund		32,225			_	32,225	 (32,225)	 
Total fund balances	_	154,994	_	65,707	_	220,701	 (220,701)	 
Total liabilities and fund balances	<u>\$</u>	532,274	\$	511,909	<u>\$</u>	1,044,183		
Net position: Net investment in capital assets Restricted for capital acquisitions Unrestricted Total net position							\$ 483,953 101,202 188,792 773,947	\$ 483,953 101,202 188,792 773,947

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

# Borough of Englishtown Fire District No. 1 Monmouth County, New Jersey Statement of Net Position and Governmental Funds Balance Sheet December 31, 2013

	General Fund			Capital Fund		Total	-	justments Note 2)	Statement of Net Position	
Assets										
Cash Prepaid expenses Interfund receivable Deferred charges to future taxation Capital assets, net	\$	501,209 14,777 - - -	\$	- 158,523 418,386 -	\$	501,209 14,777 158,523 418,386	\$	- (158,523) (418,386) 931,587	\$	501,209 14,777 - - 931,587
Total assets	\$	515,986	\$	576,909	\$	1,092,895	\$	354,678	\$	1,447,573
Liabilities										
Current liabilities:										
Accounts payable Payroll tax liabilities Accrued interest on bonds and notes Accrued audit expense Fire district bonds payable - current Bond anticipation note Reserve for SFSG Reserve for LOSAP Reserve for fire official trust Interfund payable Improvement authorizations Total current liabilities	\$	32,995 1,902 8,241 8,690 - - 645 93,067 57,137 158,523 - 361,200	\$	55,000 30,000 - - - 101,605 186,605	\$	32,995 1,902 8,241 8,690 55,000 30,000 645 93,067 57,137 158,523 101,605 547,805	\$	- - - - - 35,479 (158,523) (101,605) (224,649)	-	32,995 1,902 8,241 8,690 55,000 30,000 645 93,067 92,616 - - 323,156
Other Liabilities:										
Fire district bonds payable - long term Total liabilities	_	361,200	_	330,000 516,605		330,000 877,805		(224,649)		330,000 653,156
Fund Balances and Net Position										
Fund balances: Committed: Capital improvements		-		60,304		60,304		(60,304)		-
Assigned:		15,257				15,257		(15.257)		
Appropriation reserves  Designated for subsequent years'  expenditures  Unassigned:		66,844		-		66,844		(15,257) (66,844)		-
General fund		72,685			_	72,685		(72,685)	_	-
Total fund balances	_	154,786	_	60,304	_	215,090		(215,090)		
Total liabilities and fund balances  Net position Net investment in capital assets Restricted for capital acquisitions Unrestricted Total net position	<u>\$</u>	515,986	<u>\$</u>	576,909	<u>\$</u>	1,092,895	\$	508,346 101,605 184,466 794,417	\$	508,346 101,605 184,466 794,417

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

# Borough of Englishtown Fire District No. 1 Monmouth County, New Jersey Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Governmental Fund Balances and Net Position Year Ended December 31, 2014

	General Fund	Capital Fund	Total	Adjustments (Note 3)	Statement of Activities	
Expenditures:						
Operating appropriations	\$ 463,589	\$ -	\$ 463,589	\$ 25,678	\$ 489,267	
Reserve for future capital outlays	5,000		5,000	(5,000)		
Total expenditures	468,589	-	468,589	20,678	489,267	
Revenues and other financing sources: Revenues:						
District taxes	448,000	-	448,000	-	448,000	
Supplemental fire services grant	444	-	444	-	444	
Interest income	226	-	226	-	226	
Uniform fire safety act revenues	16,566	-	16,566	-	16,566	
Miscellaneous income	3,561		3,561		3,561	
Total revenues	468,797	-	468,797	-	468,797	
Transfers:						
Reserve for future capital outlays		5,000	5,000	(5,000)		
Total transfers		5,000	5,000	(5,000)		
Total revenues and transfers	468,797	5,000	473,797	(5,000)	468,797	
Excess of revenues and transfers						
over expenditures	208	5,000	5,208	(5,208)	-	
Changes in net position	-	-	-	(20,470)	(20,470)	
Fund balances / net position:						
Beginning of the year Cancellation of unexpended balances of	154,786	60,304	215,090	579,327	794,417	
improvement authorizations		403	403	(403)		
End of year	\$ 154,994	\$ 65,707	\$ 220,701	\$ 553,246	\$ 773,947	

# Borough of Englishtown Fire District No. 1 Monmouth County, New Jersey Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Governmental Fund Balances and Net Position Year Ended December 31, 2013

	General Fund	Capital Fund	Total	Adjustments (Note 3)	Statement of Activities
Expenditures:					
Operating appropriations Reserve for future capital outlays	\$ 472,406 5,000	\$ - -	\$ 472,406 5,000	\$ (347) (5,000)	\$ 472,059
Total expenditures	477,406	-	477,406	(5,347)	472,059
Revenues and other financing sources: Revenues:					
District taxes	429,219	-	429,219	-	429,219
Supplemental fire services grant	444	-	444	-	444
Interest income	241	-	241	-	241
Unifrom fire safety act revenues	9,238	-	9,238	-	9,238
Miscellaneous income	7,436		7,436		7,436
Total revenues	446,578	-	446,578	-	446,578
Transfers:					
Reserve for future capital outlays		5,000	5,000	(5,000)	
Total transfers		5,000	5,000	(5,000)	
Total revenues and tranfers	446,578	5,000	451,578	(5,000)	446,578
Deficit (excess) of revenues and transfers over expenditures	(30,828)	5,000	(25,828)	25,828	-
Changes in net position	-	- -	-	(25,481)	(25,481)
Fund balances / net position					
Beginning of the year	185,614	55,304	240,918	578,980	819,898
End of year	<u>\$ 154,786</u>	\$ 60,304	\$ 215,090	\$ 579,327	\$ 794,417

### 1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

### A. General Statement

The accounting policies of the Borough of Englishtown Fire District No. 1 (District) conform to the accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to special districts which have been prescribed by the Division of Local Government Services, Department of Community Affairs, State of New Jersey. For the years ended December 31, 2014 and 2013, the financial statements of the Borough of Englishtown Fire District No. 1 have been prepared in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in United States of America (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.

### B. 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 financial statements include all funds and account groups of the District over which the board exercises operating control. There were no additional entities required to be included in the reporting entity under the criteria as described above, in the current fiscal year. Furthermore, the District is not includable in any other reporting entity on the basis of such criteria.

### C. Basis of Presentation

Combined Fund and Government-wide Financial Statements

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

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

### Governmental Fund Types

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

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

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

The District also adopted the provisions of Statement No. 63 "Financial Reporting of Deferred Outflows of Resources, Deferred Inflows of Resources, and Net Position" and Statement No. 65 "Items Previously Reported as Assets and Liabilities". Statement No. 63 requires that Deferred Outflows of Resources be reported in a separate section after the assets, Deferred Inflows of Resources be reported in a separate section after liabilities, and replaces the term "Statement of Net Assets" with "Statement of Net Position". Statement No. 65 amends the financial statement classification of certain items to be included in the deferred inflows and outflow categories.

The adoption of Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statements 34, 63 and 65 have no significant effect on the basic financial statements, except for changing the term "Net Assets" to "Net Position" throughout the financial statements in accordance with Statement No. 63.

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect 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.

### D. Basis of Accounting

### Fund Basis of Accounting

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

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

### Government-wide Basis of Accounting

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

### E. Budgets/Budgetary Control

Annual budgets are prepared each year for the operations of the fire districts. The budgets are approved by the Division of Local Government Services, Department of Community Affairs, State of New Jersey. The budgets are then voted upon by the public. Budgetary transfers may be made during the last two months of the year.

Formal budgetary integration into the accounting system is employed as a management control device during the year. For governmental funds there are no substantial differences between the budgetary basis of accounting and the fund basis of accounting previously described. Encumbrance accounting

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is also employed as an extension of formal budgetary integration in the governmental fund types. Unencumbered appropriations lapse at year end.

### F. Encumbrances

Under encumbrance accounting, purchase orders, contracts and other commitments for the expenditure of resources are recorded to reserve a portion of the applicable appropriation. Specific encumbrances in governmental funds are reported as liabilities at year end as they constitute expenditures or rather commitments related to unperformed contracts for goods and services.

The encumbered appropriation authority carries over into the following year. The balance of the unencumbered appropriations is recorded as a reserve to fund balance for unrecorded expenditures and commitments that pertain to the prior year. At the end of the following year, an entry will be made to fund balance for the unexpended appropriations of the prior year.

### G. Fixed Assets

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

In the government-wide basis of accounting, fixed assets are accounted for as capital assets. The District generally capitalizes assets with a cost of \$5,000 or more as outlays occur. All fixed assets are valued at historical cost or estimated historical cost if actual is unavailable.

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

Major outlays for capital assets and improvements are capitalized when projects are constructed. Interest incurred during construction is not capitalized.

Depreciation of all fixed assets is recorded as an operating expense in the Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Governmental Fund Balances and Net Position with accumulated depreciation reflected in the Statement of Net Position and Governmental Funds Balance Sheet. Depreciation is provided over the assets' estimated useful lives using the straight line method of depreciation, generally 10-20 years for fire trucks, 5 years for other vehicles, 10 years for equipment, 20 years for building improvements, and 40 years for buildings.

### H. Interfund Transactions and Balances

Transfers are used to move revenues from the fund that statute or budget requires to collect them to the fund that statute or budget requires to expend them. Transfers between the general and capital fund of the District net to zero on the Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Governmental Fund Balances and Net Position.

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

### I. Long-Term Obligations

Long-term debt is recognized as a liability of a governmental fund. For long-term obligations, only that portion expected to be financed from expendable available financial resources is reported as a fund liability of a governmental fund.

### J. Net Position

Fund Basis

Fund balance is reported in classifications depicting the relative strength of the constraint that controls how specific amounts can be spent. Classifications are as follow:

- Nonspendable includes amounts that are not in a spendable form or not expected to be converted to cash (inventory, for example) or are legally and contractually required to be maintained intact (principal of an endowment fund, for example).
- Restricted includes amounts that can be spent only for the specific purposes stipulated by external resource providers such as grantors, contributors, creditors, or law or regulations of other governments or through enabling legislation that creates a new revenue source and restricts its use. Restrictions may be changed or lifted with the consent of resource providers.
- Committed includes amounts that can be used only for the specific purposes determined by a
  formal action of the District's highest level of decision-making authority, the Board of
  Commissioners. The constraint can only be removed or changed by taking the same type of
  action the District employed to commit those amounts. Such formal action consists of an
  affirmative vote by the Board of Commissioners.
- Assigned comprises amounts intended to be used by the District for specific purposes, but are neither restricted nor committed. Intent is expressed by the District Board of Commissioners.
- Unassigned this is the residual amount for the General Fund, and represents fund balance that
  has not been restricted, committed, or assigned. The General Fund is the only fund that reports a
  positive unassigned fund balance amount. In other governmental funds, if expenditures incurred
  for specific purposes exceed the amounts restricted, committed, or assigned, it may be necessary
  to report a negative unassigned fund balance.

### Government-wide Basis

Net position is classified in three components:

- Net investment in capital assets consists of capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation and related debt.
- Restricted for capital acquisitions current balance consists of net position restricted for the
  expansion of the fire house, purchase of real property, fire truck, brush truck and equipment.
- Unrestricted net position includes all items that do not meet the definition of "restricted" or "net investment in capital assets".

### K. Advertising

The District expenses advertising costs as they are incurred. Advertising expense for the years ended December 31, 2014 and 2013 approximated \$600 and \$300, respectively.

### 2. Adjustments to Arrive at Net Position

### A. Capital Assets - Net and Net Investment in Capital Assets

For the years ended December 31, 2014 and 2013 capital assets, net in the amount of \$835,909 and \$931,587, respectively, and net investment in capital assets in the amount of \$483,953 and \$508,346, respectively, have been included in the government-wide presentation.

### B. Interfund Receivable and Pavable

For the years ended December 31, 2014 and 2013 interfund receivables and payables in the amount of \$163,523 and \$158,523, respectively, have been eliminated in arriving at the government-wide presentation.

### C. Deferred Charges to Future Taxation

For the years ended December 31, 2014 and 2013 deferred charges to future taxation in the amount of \$348,386 and \$418,386, respectively, have been eliminated in arriving at the government-wide presentation.

# D. Fund Balances, Unrestricted Net Position, and Net Position Restricted for Capital Acquisitions

For the years ended December 31, 2014 and 2013 fund balances in the amounts of \$220,701 and \$215,090, respectively, have been eliminated. Unrestricted net position in the amounts of \$188,792 and \$184,466, respectively, and net position restricted for capital acquisitions in the amounts of \$101,202 and \$101,605, respectively, has been included in the government-wide presentation.

### E. Improvement Authorizations

Improvement authorizations, which are liabilities that represent the District's earmarking of fund balance for a specified future project, do not represent liabilities as defined by U.S. generally accepted accounting principles. Therefore, for the years ended December 31, 2014 and 2013, improvement authorizations in the amounts of \$101,202 and \$101,605, respectively, have been eliminated in arriving at the government-wide presentation.

### F. Reserve for Fire Official Trust

In the governmental-wide basis of accounting, capital assets purchased with reserve fire official trust fund are accounted for fixed assets. Therefore, for the years ended December 31, 2014 and 2013, capital assets purchased against the reserve fire official trust fund in an amount of \$35,479 in each year have been returned to reserve in arriving at the government-wide presentation.

### 3. Adjustments to Arrive at the Changes in Net Position

### A. Operating Appropriations

For the year ended December 31, 2014, depreciation expense in the amount of \$95,678 has been included in the government-wide presentation. Additionally, principal payments on serial bonds and notes have been decreased by \$70,000. The net effect on operating appropriations is an increase of \$25,678.

For the year ended December 31, 2013, depreciation expense in the amount of \$87,862 has been included in the government-wide presentation. Additionally, principal payments on serial bonds and notes have been decreased by \$90,000. In addition, maintenance and repairs have been increased by \$1,791 for non-capital assets purchased through improvement authorizations. The net effect on operating appropriations is a decrease of \$347.

### B. Reserve for Future Capital Outlays and Related Transfers

For the years ended December 31, 2014 and 2013 reserve for future capital outlays and related transfers were reduced by \$5,000 each year on the government-wide presentation to eliminate the general fund expenditure and capital fund revenue related to the creation of future improvement authorizations.

### C. Cancellation of Unexpended Balances of Improvement Authorizations

Cancellation of unexpended portions of capital projects are considered income in the year cancelled for budgetary purposes. For GAAP purposes, \$403 is eliminated on the government-wide presentation for no revenue was recognized for the year ended December 31, 2014. No improvement authorizations were cancelled during the year ended December 31, 2013.

### 4. Deposits and Investments

New Jersey statutes permit the deposit of public funds in institutions located in New Jersey which are insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation ("FDIC"), or by any other agency of the United

States that insures deposits or the State of New Jersey Cash Management Fund. New Jersey 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 which mature within one year. Collateralization of fund investments is generally not required.

The cash on deposit is partially insured by federal deposit insurance in the amount of \$250,000 in each depository. Balances above the federal deposit insurance amount are insured by the Government Unit Deposit Protection Act (GUDPA), N.J.S.A. 17:9-41, et seq., which insures all New Jersey governmental units' deposits in excess of the federal deposit insurance maximums. Cash determined by the Board of Commissioners consists of all bank accounts including short term certificates of deposits.

As of December 31, 2014 and 2013 the District's cash accounts consisted of:

	2014	2013
Brunswick – Checking	\$ 147,931	\$ 141,233
Brunswick – Savings	297,140	302,839
Brunswick – Trust	 64,839	 57,137
Total Cash	\$ 509,910	\$ 501,209

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The carrying amount of the Board's cash at December 31, 2014 was \$509,910 and the bank balance was \$510,330. Of the balance, \$250,000 was covered by federal depository insurance and \$260,330 was covered by the Government Unit Deposit Protection Act (GUDPA), N.J.S.A. 17:9-41, et seq., for all New Jersey governmental units' deposits in excess of the federal deposit maximums.

The cash deposits held at financial institutions can be categorized according to three levels of risk as described below:

Category 1	Deposits which are covered by FDIC, or collateralized by securities held by the District or its agent, in the District's name	\$ 250,000
Category 2	Deposits which are collateralized with securities held by the pledging financial institution's trust department, or Agent in the District's name	260,330
Category 3	Deposits which are not collateralized or insured	_

### **Investments**

New Jersey statutes establish the following securities as eligible for the investment of District funds:

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

During the year, the District had none of its idle funds invested in repurchase agreements collateralized by eligible securities. At the close of 2014, no such investments were held by the District.

### 5. Assessment and Collection of Money Authorized By Voters

Upon proper certification pursuant to Section 9 of P.L. 1979 c. 453 (C 40[A]:14-79), the assessor of the municipality, in which the fire district is situate, shall assess the amount to be raised by taxation to support the district budget against the taxable property therein, in the same manner as municipal taxes are assessed and the same amount shall be assessed, levied and collected at the same time and in the same manner as other municipal taxes.

The collector or treasurer of the municipality, in which said district is situate, shall pay over all moneys so assessed to the treasurer or custodian of funds of said fire district as follows; on or before April 1, an amount equaling 21.25% of all moneys so assessed; on or before July 1, an amount equaling 22.50% of all monies so assessed; on or before October 1, an amount equaling 25% of all monies so assessed; and on or before December 31, an amount equaling the difference between the total of all monies so assessed and the total amount of such monies previously paid over, to be held and expended for the purpose of providing and maintaining means for extinguishing fires in such district.

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

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

# 6. Funding

The activities of the Borough of Englishtown Fire District No. 1 are primarily funded by the striking of a fire tax on the property owners of the Fire District, as provided for by state statute. For the years ended December 31, 2014 and 2013, the fire tax rate on Fire District No. 1 was \$.180 and \$.169, respectively, per \$100 of assessed valuation.

The tax revenue is supplemented by income earned on surplus funds invested in savings during the year. Additionally, revenues are generated by the fire bureau through participation in the Uniform Fire Safety Act.

The District also participates in the Supplemental Fire Services Program. For each of the years ended December 31, 2014 and 2013, the District received \$444.

### 7. Length of Service Award Program (LOSAP)

The Fire District offers its employees a Length of Service Award Program in accordance with Internal Revenue Code Section 457 which has been approved by the Director of the Division of Local Government Services. The Program permits the District to provide tax-deferred income benefits to active volunteer members of an emergency service organization. The deferred compensation is not available to participants until termination, retirement, death or unforeseeable emergency.

All amounts of compensation deferred under the Program and all income attributed to those amounts are the exclusive property of the Fire District, subject to the claims of its general creditors. Participants' rights under the Program are equal to those of a general creditor of the Fire District in an amount equal to the fair market value of the deferred account for each participant. It is unlikely that the Fire District would use Program assets to satisfy claims of the general creditors in the future.

The District has Lincoln Financial Group, its agent, to administer its LOSAP program. Contributions by the district to this program have been made each year since its inception. The amount of contributions for 2014 and 2013 was \$39,648 and \$59,539, respectively. The contribution is made out of the District's reserve for LOSAP. Since this plan is administered by an outside insurance company, it was not made part of this audit. Details of this program can be obtained from Borough of Englishtown Fire District No. 1 upon request.

### 8. Capital Assets

The following schedule is a summarization of the capital assets by source for the year ended December 31, 2014:

	De	December 31,						
Description		Add	Additions		Deletions		2014	
Capital assets being depreciated:								
Buildings	\$	400,000	\$	-	\$	-	\$	400,000
Buildings improvements		49,122		-		-		49,122
Fire trucks		1,150,483		-		-		1,150,483
Other vehicles		107,047		-		-		107,047
Equipment		192,012		-		-		192,012
Total		1.898.664		_		_		1.898.664

Description	Ja	anuary 1, 2014	Δ	dditions	Deletions	De	cember 31, 2014
(continued)					 		
Less accumulated depreciation:							
Buildings		195,000		10,000	_		205,000
Buildings improvements		12,955		3,320	_		16,275
Fire trucks		591,780		47,524	_		639,304
Other vehicles		36,698		15,633	_		52,331
Equipment		130,644		19,201	_		149,845
Total		967,077		95,678	-		1,062,755
Total capital assets being depreciated, net	\$	931,587	\$	(95,678)	\$ 	\$	835,909
	Ja	anuary 1,				De	cember 31,
Description		2013	A	dditions	Deletions		2013
Capital assets being depreciated:							
Buildings	\$	400,000	\$	-	\$ _	\$	400,000
Buildings improvements		49,122		-	-		49,122
Fire trucks		1,150,483		-	-		1,150,483
Other vehicles		58,028		78,166	(29,147)		107,047
Equipment		192,012			 		192,012
Total		1,849,645		78,166	(29,147)		1,898,664
Less accumulated depreciation:							
Buildings		185,000		10,000	-		195,000
Buildings improvements		9,635		3,320	-		12,955
Fire trucks		544,256		47,524	-		591,780
Other vehicles		58,028		7,817	(29,147)		36,698
Equipment		111,443		19,201			130,644
Total		908,362		87,862	(29,147)		967,077
Total capital assets being depreciated, net	\$	941,283	\$	(9,696)	\$ 	\$	931,587

Depreciation expense for the years ended December 31, 2014 and 2013 was \$95,678 and \$87,862, respectively.

## 9. Long Term Debts

The District's long-term debts consisted of the following at December 31, 2014:

	Date of	Original	Interest		As of
Purpose	Issue	Issue	Rate	1	2/31/14
Fire district bond - pumper Less: current maturity	01/20/2010	\$ 550,000	4.500%	\$	330,000 55,000
Fire district bond payable - long-term				\$	275,000

Future debt service requirements for fire district bond are as follows:

Fiscal Year	F	Principal	I	nterest	 Total
2015	\$	55,000	\$	13,613	\$ 68,613
2016		55,000		11,138	66,138
2017		55,000		8,663	63,663
2018		55,000		6,188	61,188
2019		55,000		3,712	58,712
2020		55,000		1,237	56,237
Total	\$	330,000	\$	44,551	\$ 374,551

Interest expense for 2014 and 2013 amounted to \$14,902 and \$17,862, respectively.

### 10. Bond Anticipation Note

On October 10, 2011, the District issued a \$60,000 bond anticipation note for the repairs and improvements to the fire house property and parking area. The District paid down the note \$15,000 each year and rolled over the balance. For the year ended December 31, 2014, the balance on the note was \$15,000. The bond anticipation note bears interest rate of 4.00% and matures on October 4, 2015. The interest expense for 2014 and 2013 amounted to \$1,050 and \$1,950, respectively.

### 11. Reserve for Fire Official Trust

In March 2012, an ordinance was adopted for the District to take over the duty of bureau fire inspection. The District received approximately \$98,000 from the Borough of Englishtown. The fund is to be utilized for expenditures in compliance with the New Jersey Uniform Fire Safety Act. For the year ended December 31, 2014 and 2013, the balance of reserve for fire official trust was \$64,839 and \$57,137, respectively.

### 12. Litigation

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

### 13. Risk Assessment

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

### 14. Subsequent Events

The District has evaluated subsequent events occurring after December 31, 2014 through the date of September 3, 2015, which is the date the financial statements were available to be issued. Based on this evaluation, the District has determined the following subsequent events require disclosure in the financial statements.

### Firehouse Projects

In June 2015, the District awarded approximately \$17,000 to Hutchinson Mechanical for NJR Direct Install Program for lights and HVAC to firehouse. The District also awarded to Hutchinson Mechanical for electrical room work for approximated \$9,500.

**Borough of Englishtown Fire District No. 1 Monmouth County, New Jersey** Schedule of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances Budget and Actual - All Governmental Fund Types Year Ended December 31, 2014

	Go	vernment	rnmental Fund Type To			otal A	otal Actual Amounts			Budgeted Amounts				Budgetary Variance		
			justments Note B		GAAP Basis	Original		Final								
Revenues:																
District taxes	\$	448,000	\$	-	\$	448,000	\$	-	\$	448,000	\$	448,000	\$	448,000	\$	-
Supplemental fire services grant		444		-		444		-		444		444		444		-
Interest income		226		-		226		-		226		-		-		226
Uniform fire safety act revenues		16,566		-		16,566		-		16,566		10,000		10,000		6,566
Miscellaneous income		3,561		-		3,561		-		3,561		-		-		3,561
Fund balance utilized - unrestricted						-						66,844		66,844		(66,844)
Total revenues		468,797		-		468,797		-		468,797		525,288		525,288		(56,491)
Transfers:																
Reserve for future capital outlays		-		5,000		5,000		(5,000)						-		5,000
Total transfers				5,000		5,000		(5,000)								5,000
Total revenues and transfers		468,797		5,000		473,797		(5,000)		468,797		525,288		525,288		(51,491)
Expenditures:																
Operating appropriations:																
Administration:																
Elections		1,194		-		1,194		-		1,194		1,500		1,500		306
Office expenses		1,856		-		1,856		-		1,856		4,000		4,000		2,144
Professional services		30,865		-		30,865		-		30,865		40,000		40,000		9,135
Advertising		614				614				614		1,700		1,700		1,086
Total administration		34,529		-		34,529		-		34,529		47,200		47,200		12,671
Operations and maintenance:																
Salary and wages:																
Commissioners		23,650		-		23,650				23,650		23,650		23,650		-
Total salary and wages		23,650		-		23,650		-		23,650		23,650		23,650		-
Fringe benefits:																
LOSAP		48,000		-		48,000		-		48,000		48,000		48,000		-
Fringe benefits		1,878				1,878				1,878		2,300		2,300		422
Total fringe benefits		49,878		-		49,878		-		49,878		50,300		50,300		422

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Borough of Englishtown Fire District No. 1 **Monmouth County, New Jersey** Schedule of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances Budget and Actual - All Governmental Fund Types Year Ended December 31, 2014

	Government	al Fund Type	Т	otal Actual Amount	s	Budgeted		
	General Fund	Capital Fund	Budgetary Basis	Adjustments Note B	GAAP Basis	Original	Final	Budgetary Variance
Other expenses:					_			
Training	10,400	-	10,400	-	10,400	25,000	25,000	14,600
Uniform fire safety act expenses	18,460	-	18,460	-	18,460	19,750	19,750	1,290
Insurance	63,538	-	63,538	-	63,538	75,000	75,000	11,462
Dues and subscriptions	1,905	-	1,905	-	1,905	2,500	2,500	595
Maintenance and repairs	53,399	-	53,399	-	53,399	55,000	55,000	1,601
Rental charges	25,500	-	25,500	-	25,500	25,500	25,500	-
Non-bondable - fire fighting equipment	50,613	-	50,613	-	50,613	55,500	55,500	4,887
Fuel purchase	11,165	-	11,165	-	11,165	15,600	15,600	4,435
Utilities	34,600	-	34,600	-	34,600	38,000	38,000	3,400
Bond principal	55,000	-	55,000	(55,000) (1)	-	55,000	55,000	-
Bond interest	14,902	-	14,902	-	14,902	16,088	16,088	1,186
Bond note principal	15,000	-	15,000	(15,000) (1)	-	15,000	15,000	<del>-</del>
Bond note interest	1,050	-	1,050	-	1,050	1,200	1,200	150
Depreciation expense				95,678 (1)	95,678	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	
Total other expenses	355,532		355,532	25,678	381,210	399,138	399,138	43,606
Total operations and maintenance	429,060		429,060	25,678	454,738	473,088	473,088	44,028
Total operating appropriations	463,589		463,589	25,678	489,267	520,288	520,288	56,699
Capital appropriations:								
Reserve for future capital outlays	5,000		5,000	(5,000)		5,000	5,000	
Total capital appropriations	5,000		5,000	(5,000)		5,000	5,000	
Total expenditures	468,589		468,589	20,678	489,267	525,288	525,288	56,699
Excess of revenues and transfers								
over expenditures	208	5,000	5,208	(5,208)	-	<u>\$ - </u>	<u>\$</u> -	\$ 5,208
Changes in net position	-	-	-	(20,470)	(20,470)			
Fund balances/net position, beginning of the year	154,786	60,304	215,090	579,327 (2)	794,417			
Cancellation of unexpended balances of								
improvement authorizations	-	403	403	(403) (1)	_			
Fund balances/net position, end of year	\$ 154,994	\$ 65,707	\$ 220,701	\$ 553,246	\$ 773,947			
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See Independent Auditors' Report.
The accompanying Notes to Supplementary Information are an integral part of this schedule.

# Borough of Englishtown Fire District No. 1 Monmouth County, New Jersey Notes to Supplementary Information Year Ended December 31, 2014

### A. Budgetary Basis of Accounting

There are no substantial differences between the District's budgetary basis of accounting and the fund basis of accounting described below.

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

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

### B. Budgetary to GAAP Reconciliation

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

		hange in d Balance
ŗ	Principal debt payments are reported as budgetary expenditures in the year payment in made. For GAAP purposes debt payments are not expenses, but are applied toward the reduction of debt.	\$ 70,000
á	The unexpended portions of capital projects which are subsequently cancelled are considered income in the year cancelled for budgetary purposes. For GAAP purposes, no revenue is recognized for capital projects cancelled.	(403)
(	Depreciation expense is not recorded on the budgetary basis of accounting. For GAAP purposes, capitalized assets are depreciated on a straight line basis over their respective useful lives.	 (95,678)
1	Net decrease in fund balance - budget to GAAP	(26,081)
( 1 6	The amount reported as "fund balance" on the budgetary basis of accounting derives from the basis of accounting used in preparing the District's budget. (See Note A for a description of the District's budgetary accounting method.) This amount differs from the fund balance reported in the statement of revenues, expenditures and changes in fund balances because of the cumulative effect of transactions such as those described above.	 <u>579,327</u>
		\$ 553,246

# Borough of Englishtown Fire District No. 1 Monmouth County, New Jersey Notes to Supplementary Information Year Ended December 31, 2014

# C. Budget Cancellation

Regulations allow the District to cancel unexpended appropriations before year end by resolution. During the year ended December 31, 2014, the District canceled \$-0- of appropriations resulting in a reservation of fund balance as follows:

Adopted Budget	\$ 525,288
Expenditures Favorable Variance	 468,589 56.699
Canceled	 
Fund Balance Reserve	\$ 56,699

# Borough of Englishtown Fire District No. 1 Monmouth County, New Jersey Schedule of Improvement Authorizations - Capital Fund Year Ended December 31, 2014

		orized priation	Balance cember 31,	2	2014		2014	2	2014	Balance ember 31,
Purpose	Date	Amount	 2013	Auth	orization	Tr	ansfers	Ca	ncelled	 2014
Purchase of heavy resuce fire										
engine and utility vehicle	2001	\$ 150,000	\$ 364	\$	-	\$	-	\$	(364)	\$ -
Self contained breathing apparatus	2006	175,000	5,262		-		(5,262)		-	-
Self contained breathing apparatus										
compressor system	2006	45,000	45,000		-		5,262		-	50,262
Paving of the parking lot, repairs to										
overhead doors	2008	75,000	43,149		-				-	43,149
Class A pumper	2008	550,000	7,791		-				-	7,791
Fire hose/chiefs truck	2012	65,000	 39						(39)	 -
Total		\$1,060,000	\$ 101,605	\$	-	\$		\$	(403)	\$ 101,202
	Funded		\$ 68,219							\$ 82,816
	Unfunded		33,386							 18,386
			\$ 101,605							\$ 101,202

# Borough of Englishtown Fire District No. 1 Monmouth County, New Jersey Schedule of Improvement Authorizations - Capital Fund Year Ended December 31, 2013

		orized opriation		alance mber 31,	2	013		2013	Balance cember 31,
Purpose	Date	Amount	2012		Authorization		Paid		 2013
Purchase of heavy resuce fire									
engine and utility vehicle	2001	\$ 150,000	\$	364	\$	-	\$	-	\$ 364
Self contained breathing apparatus	2006	175,000		5,262		-		-	5,262
Self contained breathing apparatus									
compressor system	2006	45,000		45,000		-		-	45,000
Paving of the parking lot, repairs to									
overhead doors	2008	75,000		43,149		-		-	43,149
Class A pumper	2008	550,000		9,583		-		1,792	7,791
Fire hose/chief's truck	2012	65,000		42,725				42,686	39
Total		\$ 1,060,000	\$	146,083	\$		\$	44,478	\$ 101,605
	Funded		\$	97,697					\$ 68,219
	Unfunded			48,386					 33,386
			\$	146,083					\$ 101,605

# Borough of Englishtown Fire District No. 1 Monmouth County, New Jersey Schedule of Deferred Charges to Future Taxation Year Ended December 31, 2014

Purpose	Balance December 31, 2013	2014 Additions		
Funded: Fire district bond - pumper Total funded	\$ 385,000 385,000	\$ <u>-</u>	\$ 55,000 55,000	\$ 330,000 330,000
Unfunded: SCBA - BAN Building improvements Total unfunded Total	3,386 30,000 33,386 \$ 418,386	- - - \$ -	15,000 15,000 \$ 70,000	3,386 15,000 18,386 \$ 348,386

# Borough of Englishtown Fire District No. 1 Monmouth County, New Jersey Schedule of Deferred Charges to Future Taxation Year Ended December 31, 2013

Purpose	Balance December 31, 2012		r 31, 2013		2013 Budget Appropriation		Balance December 31 2013	
Funded:	•	00.000	•		•	00.000	•	
Fire disrict bond - SCBA	\$	20,000	\$	-	\$	20,000	\$	-
Fire disrict bond - pumper		440,000		-		55,000		385,000
Total funded		460,000		-		75,000		385,000
Unfunded:								
SCBA - BAN		3,386		-		-		3,386
Building improvements		45,000				15,000		30,000
Total unfunded		48,386				15,000		33,386
Total	\$	508,386	\$		\$	90,000	\$	418,386

# **Property Tax Levies**

The following is a tabulation of district assessed valuations, tax levies and property tax rates per \$100 of assessed valuation for the current and preceding nine (9) years:

Fiscal Year		Assessed Valuations	_	Total <u>Tax Levy</u>				Property Tax Rates
2014	\$	249,645,900		\$	448,000		\$	0.180
2014	φ	254,020,900		φ	429,219		φ	0.160
2012		249,869,200			408,596			0.164
2011		252,343,900			397,771			0.158
2010		259,713,563			389,067			0.150
2009		261,214,259			373,091			0.143
2008		259,882,117			358,300			0.138
2007		101,845,431			383,000			0.377
2006		97,273,374			345,000			0.355
2005		95,237,609			337,000			0.354

### **General Fund – Fund Balance before Current Year Appropriation Reserves**

Fiscal Year Ended	End of Fiscal Year	_	Itilization in equent Budget
December 31, 2014 \$	98,295	\$	66,070
December 31, 2013	139,529		66,844
December 31, 2012	128,887		53,000
December 31, 2011	85,681		53,878
December 31, 2010	45,632		53,878
December 31, 2009	36,175		34,638
December 31, 2008	48,930		48,654
December 31, 2007	88,581		55,904
December 31, 2006	103,336		43,163

### **Capital Fund – Fund Balance**

Fiscal Year Ended	End of Fiscal Year	Utilization in Subsequent Budget
December 31, 2014	\$ 65,707	\$ -
December 31, 2013	60,304	-
December 31, 2012	55,304	-
December 31, 2011	120,304	65,000
December 31, 2010	105,304	10,000
December 31, 2009	80,304	-
December 31, 2008	40,304	-
December 31, 2007	40,304	-
December 31, 2006	40,304	-

# Borough of Englishtown Fire District No. 1 Monmouth County, New Jersey Roster of Officials Years Ended December 31, 2014 and 2013

Board of Commissioners	<u>Position</u>	Amount of Surety Bond
Peter Cooke	Chairman	\$ 1,000,000 *
Gerald Maresca	Vice Chairman	1,000,000 *
Matthew Galasso	Secretary	1,000,000 *
Thomas Frueh	Treasurer	1,000,000 *
Ryan Reale	Assistant Secretary	1,000,000 *

## Other Officials

Joseph D. Youssouf Board Attorney

\* Blanket Bond Coverage

# Surety Company

First Responder Insurance Fund

# Borough of Englishtown Fire District No. 1 Monmouth County, New Jersey Comments and Recommendations Years Ended December 31, 2014 and 2013

### Scope of Examination and Conditions of Records

Our examination covered the funds of the Board of Fire Commissioners, Borough of Englishtown Fire District No. 1 handled by the Treasurer.

The financial records were adequately maintained in good condition.

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

### Cash in Banks

The balances in banks at December 31, 2014 were reconciled with statements issued by the depositories.

### **Examination of Claims**

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

The District's five (5) Commissioners receive a fee for meeting attendance during the year.

### Contracts and Agreements Required to be Advertised

### For N.J.S. 40A:11-4

N.J.S. 40A:11-4 states, "Every contract or agreement, for the performance of any work or the furnishing or hiring of any materials or supplies, the cost or the contract price whereof is to be paid with or out of public funds not included within the terms of Section 3 of this act, shall be made or awarded only after public act or specifically by any other law. No work, materials or supplies shall be undertaken, acquired or furnished for a sum exceeding the bid threshold of \$17,500 except by contract or agreement". Furthermore, contracting units now have a quotation threshold of \$2,625.

The members of the Borough of Englishtown Fire District No. 1 have the responsibility of determining whether any contract or agreement might result in violation of the statute and, when necessary, the Board Attorney's opinion should be sought before a commitment is made.

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

### **Miscellaneous**

An exit conference was held in accordance with the generally accepted governmental auditing standards in the United States of America.

### Acknowledgment

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

### Recommendations

None

See Independent Auditors' Report.

# Borough of Englishtown Fire District No. 1 Monmouth County, New Jersey Comments and Recommendations Years Ended December 31, 2014 and 2013

### **Prior Year Comments**

None

The problems and weaknesses noted in our review were not of such magnitude that they would affect our ability to express an opinion on the financial statements taken as a whole.

Respectfully submitted,

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Registered Municipal Accountant #474

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For the Firm

WithumSmith+Brown, PC

Borough of Englishtown Fire District No. 1 Monmouth County, New Jersey Schedule of Findings and Recommendations Years Ended December 31, 2014 and 2013

### **Schedule of Financial Statement Findings**

This section identifies the material weaknesses and instances of noncompliance related to the financial statements that are required to be reported in accordance with Government Auditing Standards and with audit requirements as prescribed by the Bureau of Authority Regulations, Division of Local Government Services, Department of Community Affairs, State of New Jersey.

### **Material Weaknesses**

None

# Borough of Englishtown Fire District No. 1 Monmouth County, New Jersey Schedule of Prior Year Findings and Recommendations Years Ended December 31, 2014 and 2013

# **Schedule of Prior Year Financial Statement Findings**

This section identifies the status of prior year findings related to the financial statements that are required to be reported in accordance with Government Auditing Standards.

### **Material Weaknesses**

None