# BOROUGH OF ENGLISHTOWN FIRE DISTRICT NO. 1 Monmouth County, New Jersey

Financial Statements
December 31, 2016 and 2015
With Independent Auditors' Report



# Borough of Englishtown Fire District No. 1 Monmouth County, New Jersey December 31, 2016 and 2015

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# MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS (UNAUDITED)

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, 2016 and 2015.

#### **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 that was regularly inspected by the chief 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:

Management's Discussion and Analysis (continued)

- General Fund activities Most of the District's basic services are reported here. Property Tax Levies finance most of these activities.
- 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, 2016 and 2015, net position changed as follows:

	2016 GAAP Basis						lı	ncrease	Percentage	
	Ge	neral Fund	Ca	pital Fund			(Decrease)		Increase	
		Activities		Activities	Total		over 2015		(Decrease)	
Assets		_		_						
Current and other assets	\$	559,219	\$	-	\$	559,219	\$	(48,390)	-7.96%	
Capital assets		-		739,734		739,734		(33,497)	-4.33%	
Total assets	\$	559,219	\$	739,734	\$	1,298,953	\$	(81,887)	-5.93%	
Total liabilities	\$	287,107	\$	280,000	\$	567,107	\$	(83,844)	-12.88%	
Net position										
Net investment in capital assets						453,959		43,508	10.60%	
Restricted for capital acquisitions						145,639		(55,041)	-27.43%	
Unrestricted						132,248		13,490	11.36%	
Total net position						731,846		1,957	0.27%	
Total liabilities and net position					\$	1,298,953	\$	(81,887)	-5.93%	

In current year, the District's increase in net position signifies an improved financial condition.

Management's Discussion and Analysis (continued)

	2015 GAAP Basis						lı	ncrease	Percentage		
	Ge	neral Fund	Ca	pital Fund				ecrease)	Increase		
	/	Activities	A	Activities		Total	over 2014		(Decrease)		
Assets											
Current and other assets	\$	607,609	\$	-	\$	607,609	\$	75,335	14.15%		
Capital assets		-		773,231		773,231		(62,678)	-7.50%		
Total assets	\$	607,609	\$	773,231	\$	1,380,840	\$	12,657	0.93%		
Total liabilities	\$	295,043	\$	355,908	\$	650,951	\$	56,715	9.54%		
Net position											
Net investment in capital assets						410,451		(73,502)	-15.19%		
Restricted for capital acquisitions						200,680		37,157	22.72%		
Unrestricted						118,758		(7,713)	-6.10%		
Total net position						729,889		(44,058)	-5.69%		
Total liabilities and net position					\$	1,380,840	\$	12,657	0.93%		

In 2015, net position was reduced by \$44,000 or 6% due to purchase of various firefighting equipment, mainly self-contained breathing apparatus cylinders, and legal fee in relation of issuing bond anticipation notes.

#### **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, 2016 and 2015 and the amount and percentage of increases and decreases in relation to the prior years.

	2016 GAAP Basis		Percentage of Total Revenues	(De	crease ecrease) er 2015	Percentage Increase (Decrease)	
Revenues							
District taxes	\$	469,000	98.00%	\$	9,000	1.96%	
Supplemental fire services grant		444	0.09%		-	0.00%	
Interest income		243	0.06%		(54)	-18.18%	
Uniform fire safety act revenues		8,857	1.85%		(2,849)	-24.34%	
Miscellaneous income		21	0.00%		(199)	-90.45%	
	\$	478,565	100.00%	\$	5,898	1.25%	

For the year ended December 31, 2016, the District experienced an increase in total revenues of approximately \$6,000 or 1%. The increase is due mainly from increase in district taxes.

Management's Discussion and Analysis (continued)

	2015 GAAP Basis		Percentage of Total Revenues	(De	ecrease ecrease) er 2014	Percentage Increase (Decrease)	
Revenues		_					
District taxes	\$	460,000	97.32%	\$	12,000	2.68%	
Supplemental fire services grant		444	0.09%		-	0.00%	
Interest income		297	0.06%		71	31.42%	
Uniform fire safety act revenues		11,706	2.48%		(4,860)	-29.34%	
Miscellaneous income		220	0.05%		(3,341)	-93.82%	
	\$	472,667	100.00%	\$	3,870	0.83%	

For the year ended December 31, 2015, the District experienced an increase in total revenue of approximately \$4,000 or 1%. The increase is due mainly from increase in district taxes.

	2016 GAAP	Percentage of Total		ncrease ecrease)	Percentage Increase	
	Basis	Expenditures	over 2015		(Decrease)	
Expenditures						
Elections	\$ 928	0.19%	\$	76	8.92%	
Office expenses	2,597	0.54%		37	1.45%	
Professional services	33,869	7.11%		(2,991)	-8.11%	
Advertising	474	0.10%		85	21.85%	
Salary and wages	34,800	7.30%		1,000	2.96%	
Fringe benefits	50,318	10.56%		422	0.85%	
Training	12,781	2.68%		(3,046)	-19.25%	
Uniform fire safety act expenses	14,845	3.11%		1,936	15.00%	
Insurance	73,441	15.41%		2,211	3.10%	
Dues and subscriptions	2,502	0.52%		1,256	100.80%	
Maintenance and repairs	48,562	10.19%		(10,861)	-18.28%	
Rental charges	24,125	5.06%		(1,375)	-5.39%	
Non-bondable fire fighting equipment	28,405	5.96%		(29,682)	-51.10%	
Fuel purchase	5,961	1.25%		(1,627)	-21.44%	
Utilities	37,602	7.89%		9,685	34.69%	
Bond interest	10,368	2.18%		(4,945)	-32.29%	
Bond note interest	2,400	0.49%		750	45.45%	
Depreciation expense	 92,630	19.44%		(3,048)	-3.19%	
	\$ 476,608	100.00%	\$	(40,117)	-7.76%	

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 a decrease in total expenditures of approximately \$40,000 or 8% due to a decreased in non-bondable firefighting equipment. Decrease of repairs and maintenance, bond interest and training also contributes to lower expenditures of 2016 than 2015.

Management's Discussion and Analysis (continued)

	2015 GAAP Basis		Percentage of Total Expenditures	Increase (Decrease) over 2014		Percentage Increase (Decrease)
Expenditures						
Elections	\$	852	0.16%	\$	(342)	-28.64%
Office expenses		2,560	0.50%		704	37.93%
Professional services		36,860	7.13%		5,995	19.42%
Advertising		389	0.08%		(225)	-36.64%
Salary and wages		33,800	6.54%		10,150	42.92%
Fringe benefits		49,896	9.66%		18	0.04%
Training		15,827	3.06%		5,427	52.18%
Uniform fire safety act expenses		12,909	2.50%		(5,551)	-30.07%
Insurance		71,230	13.78%		7,692	12.11%
Dues and subscriptions		1,246	0.24%		(659)	-34.59%
Maintenance and repairs		59,423	11.50%		6,024	11.28%
Rental charges		25,500	4.93%		-	0.00%
Non-bondable fire fighting equipment		58,087	11.24%		7,474	14.77%
Fuel purchase		7,588	1.47%		(3,577)	-32.04%
Utilities		27,917	5.40%		(6,683)	-19.32%
Bond interest		15,313	2.96%		411	2.76%
Bond note interest		1,650	0.31%		600	57.14%
Depreciation expense		95,678	18.52%		-	0.00%
	\$	516,725	100.00%	\$	27,458	5.61%

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 \$27,000 or 6% in 2015, due to increase of professional services in relation of issuing bond anticipation note. Increase of insurance, salary and wage and non-bondable firefighting equipment also contributes to higher expenditures of 2015 than 2014.

#### **GENERAL FUND BUDGETARY HIGHLIGHTS**

The budget relied on the expectation of an increase in the district tax rate. The district tax rate increased slightly which produced an increase in tax revenue of approximately \$9,000.

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

#### **Capital Assets**

For the years ended December 31, 2016 and 2015, capital assets changed as follows:

Management's Discussion and Analysis (continued)

	2015 GAAP Basis	Additions	Tranfers/ Deletions	2016 GAAP Basis	Percentage Increase (Decrease)	
Buildings	\$ 400,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 400,000	0.00%	
Building improvements	49,122	-	16,362	65,484	33.31%	
Fire trucks	1,150,483	-	-	1,150,483	0.00%	
Other vehicles	107,047	59,133	-	166,180	55.24%	
Equipment	192,012	-	16,638	208,650	8.67%	
Construction in progress	33,000		(33,000)		-100.00%	
	1,931,664	59,133	-	1,990,797	3.06%	
Accumulated depreciation	1,158,433	92,630		1,251,063	8.00%	
Capital assets, net	\$ 773,231	\$ (33,497)	\$ -	\$ 739,734	-4.33%	

The District accounted for its purchase of a utility truck in current year.

	2014			2015	Percentage
	GAAP			GAAP	Increase
	Basis	Additions	Deletions	Basis	(Decrease)
Buildings	\$ 400,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 400,000	0.00%
Building improvements	49,122	ψ - -	φ - -	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%
Construction in progress	-	33,000	-	33,000	100.00%
	1,898,664	33,000	-	1,931,664	1.74%
Accumulated depreciation	1,062,755	95,678		1,158,433	9.00%
Capital assets, net	\$ 835,909	\$ (62,678)	\$ -	\$ 773,231	-7.50%

The District accounted for its purchase of firefighting equipment and building improvement in 2015.

#### **Debts**

At year end, the District had \$280,000 in district bonds and bond anticipation note versus \$335,000 last year. The decrease was due to the pay down of debt during the year.

# Outstanding Debts at Year End Government Activities

	 12/31/16	 12/31/15		
Fire District Bonds	\$ 220,000	\$ 275,000		
Bond Anticipation Note	 60,000	 60,000		
Total Debts	\$ 280,000	\$ 335,000		

Management's Discussion and Analysis (continued)

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.



#### 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, 2016 and 2015, 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 as applied to governmental units 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; 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 audits 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, 2016 and 2015, 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**

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America required that the Management's Discussion and Analysis on page A1 through A7 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.

#### **Supplementary Information**

Our audits were conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion 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 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 2016 and 2015 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 November 3, 2017 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 *Government Auditing Standards* in considering Borough of Englishtown Fire District No. 1's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

November 3, 2017

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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, 2016 and 2015, 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 November 3, 2017.

#### **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* or audit requirements as prescribed by the Local Finance Board and by the Division of Local Government Services, Department of Community Affairs, State of New Jersey.

# **Purpose of this Report**

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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 3, 2017

# Borough of Englishtown Fire District No. 1 Monmouth County, New Jersey Statement of Net Position and Governmental Funds Balance Sheet December 31, 2016

		Seneral Fund		Capital Fund		Total		justments (Note 2)		atement of et Position
Assets										
Cash Prepaid expenses Interfund receivable Deferred charges to future taxation Capital assets, net Total assets	\$	558,487 732 - - - - 559,219	\$ \$	- 145,639 283,386 - 429,025	\$	558,487 732 145,639 283,386 - 988,244	\$ 	- (145,639) (283,386) 739,734 310,709	\$ 	558,487 732 - - 739,734 1,298,953
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Liabilities										
Current liabilities Accounts payable Payroll tax liabilities Accrued interest on bonds and notes Reserve for SFSG Reserve for LOSAP Reserve for fire official trust Reserve for debt service Interfund payable Improvement authorizations Fire district bonds payable - current Bond anticipation note Total current liabilities	\$	46,226 359 5,775 645 112,300 86,323 - 145,639 - - - 397,267	\$	- - - - 20,000 - 113,318 55,000 60,000 248,318	\$	46,226 359 5,775 645 112,300 86,323 20,000 145,639 113,318 55,000 60,000 645,585	\$	- - - - 35,479 (20,000) (145,639) (113,318) - - (243,478)	\$	46,226 359 5,775 645 112,300 121,802 - - - 55,000 60,000 402,107
Other liabilities  Fire district bonds payable - long-term  Total liabilities		397,267		165,000 413,318		165,000 810,585		<u>-</u> (243,478)		165,000 567,107
Fund Balances and Net Position										
Fund balances Committed Capital improvements Assigned Appropriation reserves Designated for subsequent years' expenditures Unassigned General fund		- 82,360 62,894 16,698		15,707 - - -		15,707 82,360 62,894 16,698		(15,707) (82,360) (62,894) (16,698)		
Total fund balances		161,952	-	15,707		177,659	-	(177,659)		-
Total liabilities and fund balances	\$	559,219	\$	429,025	\$	988,244				
Net position  Net investment in capital assets Restricted for capital acquisitions  Unrestricted Total net position  Total liabilities and net position							\$	453,959 145,639 132,248 731,846 310,709	\$	453,959 145,639 132,248 731,846 1,298,953

# Borough of Englishtown Fire District No. 1 Monmouth County, New Jersey Statement of Net Position and Governmental Funds Balance Sheet December 31, 2015

	(	General Fund	(	Capital Fund	Total		Adjustments (Note 2)		atement of et Position
Assets									
Cash	\$	606,775	\$	_	\$ 606,775	\$	_	\$	606,775
Prepaid expenses	Ψ	834	Ψ	_	834	Ψ	_	Ψ	834
Interfund receivable		-		200,680	200,680		(200,680)		-
Deferred charges to future taxation		_		338,386	338,386		(338,386)		_
Capital assets, net		-		-	, -		773,231		773,231
Total assets	\$	607,609	\$	539,066	\$ 1,146,675	\$	234,165	\$	1,380,840
Liabilities									
Current liabilities									
Accounts payable	\$	27,531	\$	20,908	\$ 48,439	\$	_	\$	48,439
Payroll tax liabilities		2,448	·	-	2,448		-	·	2,448
Accrued interest on bonds and notes		6,872		-	6,872		-		6,872
Reserve for SFSG		645		-	645		-		645
Reserve for LOSAP		149,419		-	149,419		-		149,419
Reserve for fire official trust		72,649		-	72,649		35,479		108,128
Interfund payable		200,680		-	200,680		(200,680)		-
Improvement authorizations		-		112,451	112,451		(112,451)		-
Fire district bonds payable - current		-		55,000	55,000		-		55,000
Bond anticipation note		-		60,000	60,000		-		60,000
Total current liabilities		460,244		248,359	708,603		(277,652)		430,951
Other liabilities									
Fire district bonds payable - long-term		-		220,000	220,000		-		220,000
Total liabilities		460,244		468,359	928,603	-	(277,652)		650,951
Fund Balances and Net Position									
Fund balances									
Committed									
Capital improvements		-		15,707	15,707		(15,707)		-
Assigned									
Appropriation reserves		60,218		-	60,218		(60,218)		-
Designated for subsequent years'									
expenditures		62,894		55,000	117,894		(117,894)		-
Unassigned									
General fund		24,253		-	24,253		(24,253)		-
Total fund balances		147,365		70,707	218,072		(218,072)		-
Total liabilities and fund balances	\$	607,609	\$	539,066	\$ 1,146,675				
Net position									
Net investment in capital assets							410,451		410,451
Restricted for capital acquisitions							200,680		200,680
Unrestricted							118,758		118,758
Total net position							729,889		729,889
Total liabilities and net position						\$	234,165	\$	1,380,840
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# 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, 2016

	General Fund	Capital Fund	Total	Adjustments (Note 3)	Statement of Activities
Expenditures:					
Operating appropriations	\$ 458,978	\$ -	\$ 458,978	\$ 17,630	\$ 476,608
Capital improvements	60,000		60,000	(60,000)	
Total expenditures	518,978	-	518,978	(42,370)	476,608
Revenues and other financing sources: Revenues:					
District taxes	469,000	-	469,000	-	469,000
Supplemental fire services grant	444	-	444	-	444
Interest income	243	-	243	-	243
Uniform fire safety act revenues	8,857	-	8,857	-	8,857
Miscellaneous income	21	-	21	-	21
Fund balance utilized - restricted	55,000		55,000	(55,000)	
Total revenues	533,565	-	533,565	(55,000)	478,565
Transfers:					
Capital fund balance utilized		(55,000)	(55,000)	55,000	
Total transfers	-	(55,000)	(55,000)	55,000	-
Total revenues and transfers	533,565	(55,000)	478,565	-	478,565
Excess (deficit) of revenues and transfers					
over expenditures	14,587	(55,000)	(40,413)	40,413	-
Changes in net position	-	-	-	1,957	1,957
Fund balances / net position:					
Beginning of the year	147,365	70,707	218,072	511,817	729,889
End of year	\$ 161,952	\$ 15,707	\$ 177,659	\$ 554,187	\$ 731,846

# 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, 2015

	General Fund	Capital Fund	Total	Adjustments (Note 3)	Statement of Activities
Expenditures:					
Operating appropriations	\$ 475,296	\$ -	\$ 475,296	\$ 41,429	\$ 516,725
Reserve for future capital outlays	5,000		5,000	(5,000)	
Total expenditures	480,296	-	480,296	36,429	516,725
Revenues and other financing sources:					
Revenues:					
District taxes	460,000	-	460,000	-	460,000
Supplemental fire services grant	444	-	444	-	444
Interest income	297	-	297	-	297
Unifrom fire safety act revenues	11,706	-	11,706	-	11,706
Miscellaneous income	220		220		220
Total revenues	472,667	-	472,667	-	472,667
Transfers:					
Reserve for future capital outlays		5,000	5,000	(5,000)	
Total transfers		5,000	5,000	(5,000)	
Total revenues and tranfers	472,667	5,000	477,667	(5,000)	472,667
Excess (deficit) of revenues and transfers					
over expenditures	(7,629)	5,000	(2,629)	2,629	-
Changes in net position	-	-	-	(44,058)	(44,058)
Fund balances / net position					
Beginning of the year	154,994	65,707	220,701	553,246	773,947
End of year	<u>\$ 147,365</u>	\$ 70,707	\$ 218,072	\$ 511,817	\$ 729,889

#### 1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

#### **General Statement**

The accounting policies of the Borough of Englishtown Fire District No. 1 (the 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, 2016 and 2015 the financial statements of the Borough of Englishtown Fire District No. 1 have been prepared in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the 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.

#### **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.

#### **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.

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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 from 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 special election.

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 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. Significant estimates include the useful lives of capital assets and depreciation expense.

#### **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.

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

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#### **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 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 expended appropriations of the prior year.

#### **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 the value to the asset or materially extended assets lives are not capitalized.

Major outlays for capital assets and improvements are capitalized as 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.

#### **Impairment of Capital Assets**

In accordance with the provisions of the pronouncement related to accounting and financial reporting for impairment of capital assets, the District assesses capital assets for impairment whenever events or changes in circumstances indicate that the service utility of the capital asset have both significantly and unexpectedly declined. For the years ended December 31, 2016 and 2015 management has determined that there was no impairment of capital assets.

#### **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.

#### **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.

#### **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, fire truck, and equipment.
- Unrestricted net position All net positions that do not meet the definition of "restricted" or "net investment in capital assets".

#### **Advertising**

The District expenses advertising costs as they are incurred. Advertising expense for the years ended December 31, 2016 and 2015 approximated \$500 and \$400, respectively.

#### 2. ADJUSTMENTS TO ARRIVE AT NET POSITION

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

For the years ended December 31, 2016 **and 2015** capital assets, net in the amount of \$739,734 and \$773,231, respectively, and net investment in capital assets in the amount of \$453,959 and \$410,451, respectively, have been included in the government-wide presentation.

#### Interfund Receivable and Payable

For the years ended December 31, 2016 and 2015 interfund receivables and payables in the amount of \$145,639 and \$200,680, respectively, have been eliminated in arriving at the government-wide presentation.

#### **Deferred Charges to Future Taxation**

For the years ended December 31, 2016 and 2015 deferred charges to future taxation in the amount of \$283,386 and \$338,386, respectively, have been eliminated in arriving at the government-wide presentation.

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

For the years ended December 31, 2016 and 2015 fund balances in the amounts of \$177,659 and \$218,072, respectively, have been eliminated. Unrestricted net position in the amounts of \$132,248 and \$118,758, respectively, and net position restricted for capital acquisitions in the amounts of \$145,639 and \$200,680, respectively, has been included in the government-wide presentation.

#### **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, 2016 and 2015, improvement authorizations in the amounts of \$113,318 and \$112,451 respectively, have been eliminated in arriving at the government-wide presentation.

#### **Reserve for Fire Official Trust**

In the governmental-wide basis of accounting, capital assets purchased with reserve fire official trust fund are accounted as fixed assets. Therefore, for the years ended December 31, 2016 and 2015, 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.

#### Reserve for Debt Service

For budgetary purposes, appropriation for debt principal is reserved until the payment is due. For GAAP purposes, reserve for debt service does not represent a liability. Therefore, for the years ended December 31, 2016 and 2015, reserve for debt service in the amount of \$20,000 and \$-, respectively, have been eliminated in arriving at the government-wide presentation.

#### 3. ADJUSTMENTS TO ARRIVE AT THE CHANGES IN NET POSITION

#### **Operating Appropriations**

For the year ended December 31, 2016, depreciation expense in the amount of \$92,630 has been included in the government-wide presentation. Additionally, principal payments on serial bonds and notes have been decreased by \$75,000. The net effect on operating appropriations is an increase of \$17,630.

For the year ended December 31, 2015, depreciation expense in the amount of \$95,678 has been included in the government-wide presentation. In addition, non-bondable firefighting equipment has been increased by \$15,751 for non-capital assets purchased through improvement authorizations. Additionally, principal payments on serial bonds and notes have been decreased by \$70,000. The net effect on operating appropriations is an increase of \$41,429.

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

For the years ended December 31, 2016 and 2015 reserve for future capital outlays and related transfers were reduced by \$- and \$5,000, respectively, on the government-wide presentation to eliminate the general fund expenditure and capital fund revenue related to the creation of future improvement authorizations.

#### **Capital Improvements**

For the years ended December 31, 2016 and 2015, capital improvements were reduced by \$60,000 and \$-, respectively, on the government-wide presentation to eliminate the expenditure related to the creation of improvement authorizations.

#### 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, 2016 and 2015 the District's cash accounts consisted of:

	2016	2015
Brunswick - Checking	\$ 249,483	\$ 236,689
Brunswick - Savings	222,682	297,437
Brunswick - Trust	<u>86,322</u>	72,649
Total Cash	<u>\$ 558,487</u>	\$ 606,775

The carrying amount of the Board's cash at December 31, 2016 was \$558,487, and the bank balance was \$419,317 before the deposit in transit of \$147,007. Of the balance, \$250,000 was covered by federal depository insurance and \$169,317 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	169,317
Category 3	Cash which are not collateralized or insured	-

#### **Investments**

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

- (a) Bonds or other obligations of the United States or obligations guaranteed by the United States.
- (b) Bonds of any Federal Intermediate Credit Bank, Federal Home Loan Bank, Federal National Mortgage Associates or of any United 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 2016 and 2015, 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, 2016 and 2015, the fire tax rate on Fire District No. 1 was \$.195 and \$.192, 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, 2016 and 2015, 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. For 2016 and 2015 the budgeted amount of contribution was \$48,000 each year, and the contributions made in 2016 and 2015 was \$85,119 and \$-, respectively. The remaining budget is reserved for future distribution. 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 years ended December 31, 2016 and 2015:

Description	January 1, 2016	Additions	Transfer/ Deletions	December 31, 2016		
Capital assets not being depreciated:						
Construction in progress	\$ 33,000	\$ -	\$ (33,000)	\$ -		
Capital assets being depreciated:						
Buildings	400,000	-	-	400,000		
Buildings improvements	49,122	-	16,362	65,484		
Fire trucks	1,150,483	-	-	1,150,483		
Other vehicles	107,047	59,133	-	166,180		
Equipment	192,012		16,638	208,650		
Total	1,898,664	59,133	33,000	1,990,797		
Less accumulated depreciation:						
Buildings	215,000	10,000	-	225,000		
Buildings improvements	19,595	4,138	-	23,733		
Fire trucks	686,828	47,524	-	734,352		
Other vehicles	67,964	18,590	-	86,554		
Equipment	169,046	12,378	-	181,424		
Total	1,158,433	92,630	-	1,251,063		
Total capital assets being depreciated, net	740,231	(33,497)	33,000	739,734		
Net capital assets	\$ 773,231	\$ (33,497)	<u> - </u>	\$ 739,734		

Description	January 1, 2015		Additions	Transfer/ Deletions		December 31, 2015
Capital assets not being depreciated:						
Construction in progress	\$ -	\$	33,000	\$ -	\$	33,000
Capital assets being depreciated:						
Buildings	400,00	0	-	-		400,000
Buildings improvements	49,12	2	-	-		49,122
Fire trucks	1,150,48	3	-	-		1,150,483
Other vehicles	107,04	7	-	-		107,047
Equipment	192,01	2				192,012
Total	1,898,66	4	-	-		1,898,664
Less accumulated depreciation:						
Buildings	205,00	0	10,000	-		215,000
Buildings improvements	16,27	5	3,320	-		19,595
Fire trucks	639,30	4	47,524	-		686,828
Other vehicles	52,33	1	15,633	-		67,964
Equipment	149,84	5	19,201	-		169,046
Total	1,062,75	5	95,678			1,158,433
Total capital assets being depreciated, net	835,90	9_	(95,678)			740,231
Net capital assets	\$ 835,90	9 \$	(62,678)	\$ -	_ \$	773,231

Depreciation expense for the years ended December 31, 2016 and 2015 was \$92,630 and \$95,678, respectively.

#### 9. LONG-TERM DEBTS

The District's long-term debts consisted of the following at December 31, 2016:

	Date of		Original	Interest		As of
Purpose	Issue		Issue	Rate	1	2/31/16
Fire district bond - pumper	01/20/2010	\$	550,000	4.500%	\$	220,000
Less: current maturity					_	55,000
Fire district bond payable - long-term					\$	165,000

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

Fiscal Year	F	Principal	lr	nterest	Total				
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	\$	220,000	\$	19,800	\$	239,800			

Interest expense for 2016 and 2015 amounted to \$10,368 and \$15,313, respectively.

#### 10. BOND ANTICIPATION NOTE

On July 1, 2015, the District issued a \$60,000 bond anticipation note for the repairs and improvements to the fire house mechanical room and a new washer and dryer. The District rolled over the note in July 1, 2016. The bond anticipation note bears interest rate of 4.00% and matured on June 30, 2017. The interest expense accrued for 2016 amounted to \$1,200.

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 bond anticipation note bore interest rate of 4.00%. The bond anticipation note was paid off on October 4, 2015. The interest expense for 2015 amounted to \$450.

#### 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 years ended December 31, 2016 and 2015, the balance of reserve for fire official trust was \$86,323 and \$72,649, 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 Company has evaluated subsequent events occurring after December 31, 2016 through the date of November 3, 2017, which is the date the financial statements were available to be issued. Based on this evaluation, the District has determined that no subsequent event requires disclosure in the financial statements.

# BOROUGH OF ENGLISHTOWN FIRE DISTRICT NO. 1 Monmouth County, New Jersey

**Supplementary Information** 

Borough of Englishtown Fire District No. 1
Monmouth County, New Jersey
Schedule of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance
Budget and Actual – All Governmental Fund Types
Year Ended December 31, 2016

	Go	vernment	al Fun	d Type		To	otal Actual Amounts					Budgeted				
	_	eneral Fund		pital und	Budgetary A Basis			ljustments Note B		GAAP Basis	Original		Final		Budgetary Variance	
Revenues																
District taxes	\$	469,000	\$	-	\$	469,000	\$	-	\$	469,000	\$	469,000	\$	469,000	\$ -	
Supplemental fire services grant		444		-		444		-		444		444		444	-	
Interest income		243		-		243		-		243		-		-	243	
Uniform fire safety act revenues		8,857		-		8,857		-		8,857		14,000		14,000	(5,143)	
Miscellaneous income		21		-		21		-		21		-		-	21	
Fund balance utilized - unrestricted		-		-		-		-		-		62,894		62,894	(62,894)	
Fund balance utilized - restricted		55,000		-		55,000		(55,000)		-		55,000		55,000	-	
Total revenues		533,565		-		533,565		(55,000)		478,565		601,338		601,338	(67,773)	
Transfers																
Capital fund balance utilized				(55,000)		(55,000)		55,000		-		-		-	(55,000)	
Total transfers		-		(55,000)		(55,000)		55,000		-		-		-	(55,000)	
Total revenues and transfers		533,565		(55,000)		478,565		-		478,565		601,338		601,338	(122,773)	
Expenditures																
Operating appropriations																
Administration																
Elections		928		-		928		-		928		1,500		1,500	572	
Office expenses		2,597		-		2,597		-		2,597		4,000		4,000	1,403	
Professional services		33,869		-		33,869		-		33,869		40,000		40,000	6,131	
Advertising		474				474				474		1,700		1,700	1,226	
Total administration		37,868		-		37,868		-		37,868		47,200		47,200	9,332	
Operations and maintenance																
Salary and wages																
Commissioners		34,800		-		34,800		-		34,800		34,800		34,800	-	
Total salary and wages		34,800		-		34,800		-	-	34,800		34,800		34,800	-	

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Borough of Englishtown Fire District No. 1 Monmouth County, New Jersey Schedule of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance Budget and Actual – All Governmental Fund Types Year Ended December 31, 2016

	Governmenta	I Fund Type	T	otal Actual Amounts	<b>3</b>	Budgeted A		
	General Fund	Capital Fund	Budgetary Basis	Adjustments Note B	GAAP Basis	Original	Final	Budgetary Variance
Fringe benefits								
LOSAP	48,000	-	48,000	-	48,000	48,000	48,000	-
Fringe benefits	2,318	-	2,318	-	2,318	2,300	2,300	(18)
Total fringe benefits	50,318	-	50,318	-	50,318	50,300	50,300	(18)
Other expenses								
Training	12,781	-	12,781	-	12,781	25,000	25,000	12,219
Uniform fire safety act expenses	14,845	-	14,845	-	14,845	14,000	14,000	(845)
Insurance	73,441	-	73,441	-	73,441	75,000	75,000	1,559
Dues and subscriptions	2,502	-	2,502	-	2,502	2,500	2,500	(2)
Maintenance and repairs	48,562	-	48,562	-	48,562	65,000	65,000	16,438
Rental charges	24,125	-	24,125	-	24,125	26,000	26,000	1,875
Non-bondable - fire fighting equipment	28,405	-	28,405	-	28,405	58,000	58,000	29,595
Fuel purchase	5,961	-	5,961	-	5,961	15,000	15,000	9,039
Utilities	37,602	-	37,602	-	37,602	40,000	40,000	2,398
Bond principal	55,000	-	55,000	(55,000) (1)	-	55,000	55,000	-
Bond interest	10,368	-	10,368	-	10,368	11,138	11,138	770
Bond note principal	20,000	-	20,000	(20,000) (1)	-	20,000	20,000	-
Bond note interest	2,400	-	2,400	-	2,400	2,400	2,400	-
Depreciation expense				92,630 (1)	92,630			
Total other expenses	335,992		335,992	17,630	353,622	409,038	409,038	73,046
Total operations and maintenance	421,110	-	421,110	17,630	438,740	494,138	494,138	73,028
Total operating appropriations	458,978	-	458,978	17,630	476,608	541,338	541,338	82,360
pital appropriations								
Capital improvements	60,000	-	60,000	(60,000) (1)	-	60,000	60,000	-
Total capital appropriations	60,000		60,000	(60,000)	-	60,000	60,000	
tal expenditures	518,978	-	518,978	(42,370)	476,608	601,338	601,338	82,360

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Borough of Englishtown Fire District No. 1 Monmouth County, New Jersey Schedule of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance Budget and Actual – All Governmental Fund Types Year Ended December 31, 2016

	Governmental Fund Type			Total Actual Amounts							<b>Budgeted Amounts</b>						
	_	eneral Fund		Capital Fund	В	udgetary Basis		ljustments Note B		GAAP Basis		Original Final		Budgetary Variance			
Excess (deficit) of revenues and transfers									-								
over expenditures		14,587		(55,000)		(40,413)		40,413			-	\$		\$	-	\$	(40,413)
Changes in net position		-		-		-		1,957			1,957						
Fund balances/net position, beginning of the year		147,365		70,707		218,072		511,817	(2)		729,889						
Fund balances/net position, end of year	\$	161,952	\$	15,707	\$	177,659	\$	554,187		\$	731,846						

#### 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:

		ange in d Balance
(1)	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.	\$ 75,000
	Capital projects approved in the current year budget are reported as expenses in the year the funds are designated by voter election. For GAAP purposes, expenses are recorded when actual invoices are received.	60,000
	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.	 (92,630)
	Increase in fund balance - budget to GAAP	42,370

# Borough of Englishtown Fire District No. 1 Monmouth County, New Jersey Notes to Supplementary Information Year Ended December 31, 2016

(2) 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.

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#### C. BUDGET CANCELLATION

Regulations allow the District to cancel unexpended appropriations before year end by resolution. During the year ended December 31, 2016, the District cancelled \$-0- of appropriations resulting in a reservation of fund balance as follows:

Adopted budget	\$ 601,338
Expenditures	518,978
Favorable variance	82,360
Cancelled	<del></del>
Fund balance reserve	\$ 82,360

Borough of Englishtown Fire District No. 1 Monmouth County, New Jersey Schedule of Improvement Authorizations – Capital Fund Year Ended December 31, 2016

					2016		2016	-				- ,
Date	Amount		2016	Aut	horization	Pai	d/Charged		2016	F	unded	Unfunded
2006	\$ 45,000	\$	34,512	\$	-	\$	-	\$	34,512	\$	31,126	\$ 3,386
2008	75,000		43,149		-		-		43,149		43,149	-
2008	550,000		7,791		-		-		7,791		7,791	-
2015	60,000		26,999		-		-		26,999		-	26,999
2016	60,000		-		60,000		(59, 133)		867		867	
	\$ 790,000	\$	112,451	\$	60,000	\$	(59, 133)	\$	113,318	\$	82,933	\$ 30,385
	Appr Date  2006  2008 2008 2015	2006 \$ 45,000 2008 75,000 2008 550,000 2015 60,000 2016 60,000	Appropriation Jac Date Amount  2006 \$ 45,000 \$  2008 75,000 2008 550,000 2015 60,000 2016 60,000	Appropriation         January 1,           Date         Amount         2016           2006         \$ 45,000         \$ 34,512           2008         75,000         43,149           2008         550,000         7,791           2015         60,000         26,999           2016         60,000         -	Appropriation         January 1,           Date         Amount         2016         Aut           2006         \$ 45,000         \$ 34,512         \$           2008         75,000         43,149           2008         550,000         7,791           2015         60,000         26,999           2016         60,000         -	Appropriation         January 1, 2016           Date         Amount         2016         Authorization           2006         \$ 45,000         \$ 34,512         \$ -           2008         75,000         43,149         -           2008         550,000         7,791         -           2015         60,000         26,999         -           2016         60,000         -         60,000	Appropriation         January 1, 2016           Date         Amount         2016         Authorization         Pai           2006         \$ 45,000         \$ 34,512         \$ -         \$           2008         75,000         43,149         -         -           2008         550,000         7,791         -         -           2015         60,000         26,999         -         -           2016         60,000         -         60,000         -	Appropriation         January 1, 2016         2016           Date         Amount         2016         Authorization         Paid/Charged           2006         \$ 45,000         \$ 34,512         \$ -         \$ -           2008         75,000         43,149         -         -           2008         550,000         7,791         -         -           2015         60,000         26,999         -         -           2016         60,000         -         60,000         (59,133)	Appropriation         January 1,         2016         2016         Decomposition           Date         Amount         2016         Authorization         Paid/Charged           2006         \$ 45,000         \$ 34,512         \$ -         \$ -         \$           2008         75,000         43,149         -         -         -         -           2008         550,000         7,791         -         -         -         -           2015         60,000         26,999         -         -         -         -           2016         60,000         -         60,000         (59,133)         -	Appropriation         January 1, 2016         2016         December 31, 2016           Date         Amount         2016         Authorization         Paid/Charged         2016           2006         \$ 45,000         \$ 34,512         \$ -         \$ -         \$ 34,512           2008         75,000         43,149         -         -         -         43,149           2008         550,000         7,791         -         -         7,791           2015         60,000         26,999         -         -         26,999           2016         60,000         -         60,000         (59,133)         867	Appropriation         January 1, 2016         2016         December 31, 2016         Paid/Charged         2016         Paid/Charged         2016         Paid/Charged         2016         Paid/Charged         2016         Paid/Charged         Paid/Char	Appropriation         January 1, 2016         2016         December 31, 20           Date         Amount         2016         Authorization         Paid/Charged         2016         Funded           2006         \$ 45,000         \$ 34,512         \$ -         \$ -         \$ 34,512         \$ 31,126           2008         75,000         43,149         -         -         43,149         43,149           2008         550,000         7,791         -         -         7,791         7,791           2015         60,000         26,999         -         -         26,999         -           2016         60,000         -         60,000         (59,133)         867         867

Borough of Englishtown Fire District No. 1 Monmouth County, New Jersey Schedule of Improvement Authorizations – Capital Fund Year Ended December 31, 2015

		thoriz ropria		Balance anuary 1,		2015		2015	Balance cember 31,		nber 31, )15
Purpose	Date		Amount	 2015	Aut	horization	Pai	d/Charged	 2015	Funded	Unfunded
Self contained breathing apparatus											
compressor system	2006	\$	45,000	\$ 50,262	\$	-	\$	(15,750)	\$ 34,512	\$31,126	\$ 3,386
Paving of the parking lot, repairs to											
overhead doors	2008		75,000	43,149		-		-	43,149	43,149	-
Class A pumper	2008		550,000	7,791		-		-	7,791	7,791	-
Mechanical room and washer & dryer	2015		60,000	 <u>-</u> _		60,000		(33,001)	 26,999		26,999
Total		\$	730,000	\$ 101,202	\$	60,000	\$	(48,751)	\$ 112,451	\$82,066	\$30,385

# Borough of Englishtown Fire District No. 1 Monmouth County, New Jersey Schedule of Deferred Charges to Future Taxation Year Ended December 31, 2016

Purpose	Balance January 1, 2016		2016 Additions		2016 Budget Appropriation		Balance December 31, 2016	
Funded:								
Fire district bond - pumper	\$	275,000	\$	-	\$	55,000	\$	220,000
Total funded		275,000		-		55,000		220,000
Unfunded:								
SCBA - BAN		3,386		-		-		3,386
Mechanical room and washer & dryer - BAN		60,000		-		-		60,000
Total unfunded		63,386		-		-		63,386
Total	\$	338,386	\$	-	\$	55,000	\$	283,386

# Borough of Englishtown Fire District No. 1 Monmouth County, New Jersey Schedule of Deferred Charges to Future Taxation Year Ended December 31, 2015

Purpose		Balance January 1, 2015		2015 Additions		2015 Budget Appropriation		Balance December 31, 2015	
Funded:									
Fire disrict bond - pumper	\$	330,000	\$	-	\$	55,000	\$	275,000	
Total funded		330,000		-		55,000		275,000	
Unfunded:									
SCBA - BAN		3,386		-		-		3,386	
Building improvements - BAN		15,000		-		15,000		-	
Mechanical room and washer & dryer - BAN		-		60,000		-		60,000	
Total unfunded		18,386		60,000		15,000		63,386	
Total	\$	348,386	\$	60,000	\$	70,000	\$	338,386	

# **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	Fiscal Year Assessed Valuations		т	Total ax Levy	Property Tax Rates
2016	\$	240,537,900	\$	469,000	0.195
2015		239,850,700		460,000	0.192
2014		249,645,900		448,000	0.180
2013		254,020,900		429,219	0.169
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

# General Fund – Fund Balance before Current Year Appropriation Reserves

Fiscal Year Ended	End of Fiscal Year	Utilization in Subsequent Budget			
December 31, 2016	\$ 79,592	\$ 62,894			
December 31, 2015	87,147	62,894			
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			

## **Capital Fund – Fund Balance**

End of	Utilization in				
Fiscal Year	Subsequent Budget				
\$ 15,707	\$ -				
70,707	55,000				
65,707	-				
60,304	-				
55,304	-				
120,304	65,000				
105,304	10,000				
80,304	-				
40,304	-				
40,304	-				
	\$ 15,707 70,707 65,707 60,304 55,304 120,304 105,304 80,304 40,304				

# Borough of Englishtown Fire District No. 1 Monmouth County, New Jersey Roster of Officials Years Ended December 31, 2016 and 2015

Board of Commissioners	Position	Term Expires	 mount of rety Bond*
Peter Cooke	Chairman	2017	\$ 1,000,000*
Gerald Maresca	Vice Chairman	2017	1,000,000*
Ryan Reale	Treasurer/Acting Clerk	2018	1,000,000*
Brian Stonaker	Commissioner	2018	1,000,000*
Victoria Sarti	Commissioner	2019	1,000,000*

## **Other Officials**

Joseph D. Youssouf Board Attorney

# **Surety Company**

First Responder Insurance Fund

<sup>\*</sup> Blanket Bond Coverage

Borough of Englishtown Fire District No. 1 Monmouth County, New Jersey Comments and Recommendations Years Ended December 31, 2016 and 2015

#### **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, 2016 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.

Borough of Englishtown Fire District No. 1 Monmouth County, New Jersey Comments and Recommendations Years Ended December 31, 2016 and 2015

#### Recommendations

None

#### **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,

Withem Smith + Brown, PC

November 3, 2017

Borough of Englishtown Fire District No. 1 Monmouth County, New Jersey Schedule of Findings and Recommendations Years Ended December 31, 2016 and 2015

# **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, and 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, 2016 and 2015

## **Schedule of 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