

**TOWNSHIP OF GLOUCESTER  
FIRE DISTRICT No. 1**

**GLENDORA, NEW JERSEY  
CAMDEN COUNTY**



**REPORT OF AUDIT  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED  
DECEMBER 31, 2014**

LOCAL AUTHORITIES GROUP AFFIDAVIT FORM

PRESCRIBED BY THE NEW JERSEY LOCAL FINANCE BOARD

AUDIT REVIEW CERTIFICATE

We, the members of the Board of Commissioners of Fire District No. 1 of the Township of Gloucester, County of Camden, being of full age and being duly sworn according to law, upon our oath, depose and say:

1. We are duly elected members of the Board of Commissioners of Fire District No. 1 of the Township of Gloucester, County of Camden.

2. We certify, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:5A-17, that we have each reviewed the annual report of audit for the year ended December 31, 2014, and specifically the section of the report of audit entitled "Schedule of Findings and Recommendations."

Name

Signature

Woodrow Munner

Woodrow Munner

Howard F Books

Howard F Books

GARY A EMMETT

Gary a Emmett

Philip A. Knast

Philip A. Knast

JOHN R. ATKINSON JR

John R. Atkinson Jr

Sworn to and subscribed before me  
this 14<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2015

H. Calamien  
Notary Public of New Jersey  
at Law & J.

FIRE DISTRICT NO. 1  
TOWNSHIP OF GLOUCESTER, NEW JERSEY

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FIRE DISTRICT NO. 1  
TOWNSHIP OF GLOUCESTER, NEW JERSEY  
Roster of Officials and Surety Bonds

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Board of Commissioners

<u>Name</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Amount of Surety Bond</u>
Philip Knast	Chairman	(A)
Gary Emmett	Treasurer	(A)
Woodrow Minner	Secretary	(A)
John Atkinson	Clerk	(A)
Howard Brooks	In Charge of Insurance	(A)

(A) American Alternative Insurance Corporation provides a blanket position bond for a limited amount of \$10,000.00.



**FINANCIAL SECTION**

## **INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT**

Board of Fire Commissioners  
Fire District No. 1  
Township of Gloucester  
Glendora, New Jersey 08029

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

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, and each major fund of the Township of Gloucester Fire District No. 1, in the County of Camden, State of New Jersey, as of and for the year ended December 31, 2014, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Fire District's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

### ***Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements***

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

### ***Auditor's Responsibility***

Our responsibility is to express opinions on these financial statements based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America; the standards applicable to financial audits contained in Government Auditing Standards, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States; and in compliance with audit requirements as prescribed by the Bureau of Authority Regulation, Division of Local Government Services, 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 of material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about 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 Fire District'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 Fire District's internal control. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

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

**Opinions**

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, and each major fund of the Township of Gloucester Fire District No. 1, in the County of Camden, State of New Jersey as of December 31, 2014, and the respective changes in financial position thereof for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

**Other Matters**

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

**Other Information**

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the Township of Gloucester Fire District No. 1's basic financial statements. The related major fund supporting statements and schedules listed in the table of contents are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the basic financial statements.

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

**Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards**

In accordance with Government Auditing Standards, we have also issued our report dated March 25, 2015 on our consideration of the Township of Gloucester Fire District No. 1's internal control over financial reporting and our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with Government Auditing Standards in considering the Township of Gloucester Fire District No. 1's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

Respectfully submitted,



BOWMAN & COMPANY LLP  
 Certified Public Accountants  
 & Consultants

**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 AUDITOR'S REPORT**

Board of Fire Commissioners  
Fire District No. 1  
Township of Gloucester  
Glendora, New Jersey 08029

We have audited, in accordance with the auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, and the audit requirements as prescribed by the Bureau of Authority Regulation, Division of Local Government Services, Department of Community Affairs, State of New Jersey, the financial statements of the governmental activities, and each major fund of the Township of Gloucester Fire District No. 1, in the County of Camden, State of New Jersey, as of and for the year ended December 31, 2014, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise Fire District's basic financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated March 25, 2015.

***Internal Control Over Financial Reporting***

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered the Township of Gloucester Fire District No. 1's internal control over financial reporting (internal control) to determine the audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing our opinions on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Fire District's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of Township of Gloucester 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 audit we did not identify any deficiencies in internal control that we consider to be material weaknesses. However, material weaknesses may exist that have not been identified.

***Compliance and Other Matters***

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the Township of Gloucester Fire District No. 1's financial statements are free from material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the determination of financial statement amounts. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit, and accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance or other matters that are required to be reported under Government Auditing Standards, and audit requirements as prescribed by the Bureau of Authority Regulation, Division of Local Government Services, Department of Community Affairs, State of New Jersey.

***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 Fire District's internal control or on compliance. This report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with Government Auditing Standards and audit requirements as prescribed by the Bureau of Authority Regulation, Division of Local Government Services, Department of Community Affairs, State of New Jersey in considering the Fire District's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose.

Respectfully submitted,



BOWMAN & COMPANY LLP  
Certified Public Accountants  
& Consultants

Voorhees, New Jersey  
March 25, 2015

REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION  
PART I



## TOWNSHIP OF GLOUCESTER FIRE DISTRICT NO. 1

Management's Discussion and Analysis  
For the Year Ended December 31, 2014  
(Unaudited)

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As management of the Township of Gloucester Fire District No. 1 (the "Fire District"), we offer readers of the Fire District's financial statements this narrative overview and analysis of the financial activities of the Fire District for the year ended December 31, 2014. The intent of this discussion and analysis is to look at the Fire District's financial performance as a whole; readers should also review the information furnished in the notes to the basic financial statements and financial statements to enhance their understanding of the Fire District's financial performance.

### Financial Highlights

- The assets of the Fire District exceeded its liabilities at the close of the most recent year by \$512,663.59 (net position).
- As of the close of the current year, the Fire District's governmental funds reported combined ending fund balances of \$439,432.00, an increase of \$27,607.19 in comparison with the prior year. The increase was attributable to the results of operations in the General Fund.
- At the end of the current year, unassigned fund balance for the general fund was \$402,050.00, approximately a 6 percent increase from that of the prior year.

### Overview of the Financial Statements

This discussion and analysis is intended to serve as an introduction to the Fire District's basic financial statements. The Fire District's basic financial statements comprise three components: (1) government-wide financial statements, (2) fund financial statements, and (3) notes to the basic financial statements themselves.

**Government-wide Financial Statements.** The government-wide financial statements are designed to provide readers with a broad overview of the Fire District's finances, in a manner similar to a private-sector business.

The Statement of Net Position presents information on all of the Fire District's assets and liabilities, with the difference between the two reported as net position. Over time, increases or decreases in net position may serve as a useful indicator of whether the financial position of the Fire District is improving or deteriorating.

The Statement of Activities presents information showing how the Fire District's net position changed during the most recent year. All changes in net position are reported as soon as the underlying event giving rise to the change occurs, regardless of the timing of related cash flows. Thus, revenues and expenses are reported in this statement for some items that will only result in cash flows in future periods (e.g., accrued interest on capital leases).

Both of the government-wide financial statements distinguish functions of the Fire District that are principally supported by taxes and intergovernmental revenues (governmental activities). The activities of the Fire District include fire-fighting and emergency medical services, which are provided to the citizens of the Township of Gloucester residing within District No. 1.

**Fund Financial Statements.** A fund is a grouping of related accounts that is used to maintain control over resources that have been segregated for specific activities or objectives. The Fire District, like other state and local governments, uses fund accounting to ensure and demonstrate compliance with finance-related legal requirements. All of the funds of the Fire District constitute one fund type, governmental funds.

**TOWNSHIP OF GLOUCESTER FIRE DISTRICT NO. 1**

Management's Discussion and Analysis  
For the Year Ended December 31, 2014  
(Unaudited) (Cont'd)

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**Governmental Funds.** All of the Fire District's activities are reported in governmental funds, which focus on how money flows into and out of those funds and the balances left at year-end available for spending in the future periods. These funds are reported using an accounting method called modified accrual basis of accounting, which measures cash and all other financial assets that can readily be converted to cash. The governmental fund statements provide a detailed short-term view of the Fire District's general government operations and the basic services it provides. Governmental fund information helps you determine whether there are more or fewer financial resources that can be spent in the near future to finance fire-fighting and emergency medical services operations.

The Fire District maintains four individual governmental funds. Information is presented separately in the governmental fund balance sheet and in the governmental fund statement of revenues, expenditures, and changes in fund balances for the general fund, special revenue fund, capital projects fund, and debt service fund.

The relationship (or differences) between governmental activities (reported in the Statement of Net Position and the Statement of Activities) and governmental funds is reconciled in the financial statements.

Also, the Fire District adopts an annual budget in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:14-78.3. Budgetary comparison schedules have been provided to demonstrate compliance with the budget.

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

**Government-wide Financial Analysis**

As noted earlier, net position may serve over time as a useful indicator of a government's financial position. In the case of the Fire District, assets exceeded liabilities by \$512,663.59 at the close of the most recent year.

A significant portion of the Fire District's net position (15.4 percent) reflects its investment in capital assets (i.e., fire apparatus and equipment); less any related debt used to acquire those assets that is still outstanding. The Fire District uses these assets to provide fire-fighting and emergency medical services to the citizens of the Township of Gloucester residing within District No. 1; consequently, these assets are not available for future spending. Although the Fire District's investment in its capital assets is reported net of related debt, it should be noted that the resources needed to repay this debt must be provided from sources, since the capital assets themselves cannot be used to liquidate these liabilities.



**TOWNSHIP OF GLOUCESTER FIRE DISTRICT NO. 1**

Management's Discussion and Analysis  
For the Year Ended December 31, 2014  
(Unaudited) (Cont'd)

TOWNSHIP OF GLOUCESTER FIRE DISTRICT NO. 1'S NET POSITION		
DECEMBER 31,		
	<u>2014</u>	<u>2013</u>
Current and Other Assets	\$ 457,466.58	\$ 427,871.75
Capital Assets	331,034.10	420,424.65
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>788,500.68</b>	<b>848,296.40</b>
Long-term Liabilities Outstanding	220,356.33	252,133.86
Other Liabilities	55,480.76	52,911.35
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>275,837.09</b>	<b>305,045.21</b>
Net Position:		
Net Investment in Capital Assets	78,900.24	137,779.48
Restricted	5,000.00	5,000.00
Unrestricted	428,763.35	400,471.71
<b>Total Net Position</b>	<b>\$ 512,663.59</b>	<b>\$ 543,251.19</b>

An additional portion of the Fire District's net position (0.98 percent) represents resources that are subject to external restrictions on how they may be used.

**Governmental Activities.** The Statement of Activities shows the cost of the governmental activities' program services and the charges for services and grants offsetting those services. Key elements of the increase in governmental activities are as follows:

TOWNSHIP OF GLOUCESTER FIRE DISTRICT NO. 1'S STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES		
FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31,		
	<u>2014</u>	<u>2013</u>
Expenses:		
Operating Appropriations:		
Administration	\$ 40,537.31	\$ 37,997.02
Cost of Operations and Maintenance	294,592.87	285,196.92
Operating Appropriations Offset with Revenues	6,195.08	6,512.71
Interest on Long-Term Debt	11,045.33	12,286.44
<b>Total Program Expenses</b>	<b>352,370.59</b>	<b>341,993.09</b>
Program Revenues:		
Charges for Services	12,156.45	16,194.80
Operating Grants and Contributions	2,584.03	2,584.02
<b>Net Program Expenses</b>	<b>337,630.11</b>	<b>323,214.27</b>

**TOWNSHIP OF GLOUCESTER FIRE DISTRICT NO. 1**

Management's Discussion and Analysis  
For the Year Ended December 31, 2014  
(Unaudited) (Cont'd)

TOWNSHIP OF GLOUCESTER FIRE DISTRICT NO. 1'S STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31,		
	<u>2014</u>	<u>2013</u>
General Revenues		
Taxes:		
Property Taxes, Levied for General Purposes	\$ 261,558.91	\$ 255,658.91
Taxes Levied for debt Service	42,241.09	42,241.09
Unrestricted Investment Earnings	631.51	657.53
Miscellaneous Income	2,611.00	905.01
Total General Revenues	<u>307,042.51</u>	<u>299,462.54</u>
Change in Net Position	(30,587.60)	(23,751.73)
Net Position, January 1	<u>543,251.19</u>	<u>567,002.92</u>
Net Position, December 31	<u>\$ 512,663.59</u>	<u>\$ 543,251.19</u>

Property taxes constituted 94.41% of revenues for governmental activities for the Fire District for the year 2014.

Cost of operations and maintenance comprises 83.6% of Fire District expenses, with administration comprising 11.5% of total expenses.

**Financial Analysis of the Fire District's Funds**

As stated earlier, the Fire District uses fund accounting to ensure and demonstrate compliance with finance-related legal requirements.

**Governmental Fund.** The focus of the Fire District's governmental funds is to provide information on near-term inflows, outflows, and balances of spendable resources. Such information is useful in assessing the Fire District's financing requirements. In particular, unreserved fund balance may serve as a useful measure of a government's net resources available for spending at the end of the year.

As of the end of the current year, the Fire District's governmental funds reported combining ending fund balances of \$439,432.00, an increase of \$27,607.19 in comparison with the prior year. The increase was attributable to the results of operations in the General Fund.

Of the combined ending fund balances of \$439,432.00, 91.5% constitutes unreserved fund balance in the amount of \$402,050.00. The remainder of fund balance is reserved to indicate that it is not available for new spending because it has already been committed to fund the purchase of future capital purchases.

The general fund is the main operating fund of the Fire District. At the end of the current year, total fund balance of the general fund was \$434,432.00. Of this amount, \$32,382.00 has been designated for the subsequent year's expenditures.

**TOWNSHIP OF GLOUCESTER FIRE DISTRICT NO. 1**  
 Management's Discussion and Analysis  
 For the Year Ended December 31, 2014  
 (Unaudited) (Cont'd)

The fund balance of the Fire District's general fund increased by \$27,607.19 during the current year. Key factors in this increase are as follows:

- The Fire District's expenditures were less than the budgeted appropriations during 2014.

The capital projects fund had fund balance of \$5,000.00 at the end of the current and previous year.

**General Fund Budgetary Highlights**

For the year 2014, the Fire District's budget, as approved by the voters, included a budgetary basis revenue estimate of \$271,284.00. The original budgeted estimate, as introduced and approved by the voters, was not amended.

During the year 2014, the Fire District budgeted \$260,800.00 and \$2,584.00 for property taxes (local tax levy) and state aid revenues (supplemental fire services grant), respectively.

The final budgetary basis expenditure appropriation estimate, \$303,666.00 was not amended and, therefore, was identical to the amount introduced and approved by the voters.

**Capital Asset and Debt Administration**

**Capital Assets.** The Fire District's investment in capital assets for its governmental activities as of December 31, 2014 amounts to \$331,034.10 (net of accumulated depreciation and related debt). This investment in capital assets includes fire apparatus and various types of equipment.

<b>TOWNSHIP OF GLOUCESTER FIRE DISTRICT NO. 1'S CAPITAL ASSETS</b>		
<b>(NET OF ACCUMULATED DEPRECIATION)</b>		
<b>DECEMBER 31,</b>		
	<u><b>2014</b></u>	<u><b>2013</b></u>
Vehicles and Apparatus	\$ 273,890.01	\$ 343,156.31
Equipment	<u>57,144.09</u>	<u>77,268.34</u>
Total	<u><u>\$ 331,034.10</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 420,424.65</u></u>

Additional information on the Fire District's capital assets can be found in Note 5.

**TOWNSHIP OF GLOUCESTER FIRE DISTRICT NO. 1**  
Management's Discussion and Analysis  
For the Year Ended December 31, 2014  
(Unaudited) (Cont'd)

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**Economic Factors and Next Year's Budget**

For the 2014 year, the Fire District was able to sustain its budget through the township tax levy, state aid, and miscellaneous revenue sources. The 2015 budget was adopted on December 9, 2014 by the Commissioners, and the voters subsequently approved the budget at the annual fire district election held on February 21, 2015.

**Requests for Information**

This financial report is designed to provide a general overview of the Fire District's finances for all those with an interest in the Fire District's finances. Questions concerning any of the information provided in this report or requests for additional financial information should be addressed to Gary Emmett, Treasurer at the Township of Gloucester Fire District No. 1, P.O. Box 38, Glendora, New Jersey 08029.

**BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**GOVERNMENT - WIDE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**TOWNSHIP OF GLOUCESTER FIRE DISTRICT NO. 1**  
Statement of Net Position  
December 31, 2014

**ASSETS:**

Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ 282,993.12
Investments	146,903.73
Prepaid Expenses	22,569.73
Restricted Assets:	
Restricted Cash and Cash Equivalents	5,000.00
Capital Assets, net (Note 6)	<u>331,034.10</u>
<b>Total Assets</b>	<u><b>788,500.68</b></u>

**LIABILITIES:**

Accounts Payable	18,034.58
Accrued Interest Payable	5,668.65
Noncurrent Liabilities (Note 7):	
Due within One Year	31,777.53
Due beyond One Year	<u>220,356.33</u>
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<u><b>275,837.09</b></u>

**NET POSITION:**

Net Investment in Capital Assets	78,900.24
Restricted for:	
Capital Projects	5,000.00
Unrestricted	<u>428,763.35</u>
<b>Total Net Position</b>	<u><u><b>\$ 512,663.59</b></u></u>

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

**TOWNSHIP OF GLOUCESTER FIRE DISTRICT NO. 1**  
Statement of Activities  
For the Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2014

Expenses:	
Operating Appropriations:	
Administration	\$ 40,537.31
Cost of Operations and Maintenance	294,592.87
Operating Appropriations Offset with Revenues	6,195.08
Interest on Capital Leases	<u>11,045.33</u>
Total Program Expenses	<u>352,370.59</u>
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Net Position, December 31	<u>\$ 512,663.59</u>

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



**FUND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

## TOWNSHIP OF GLOUCESTER FIRE DISTRICT NO. 1

Balance Sheet  
Governmental Funds  
December 31, 2014

	General Fund	Special Revenue Fund	Capital Projects Fund	Debt Service Fund	Total Governmental Funds
<b>ASSETS:</b>					
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ 282,993.12	\$ -	\$ 5,000.00	-	\$ 287,993.12
Investments	146,903.73	-	-	-	146,903.73
Prepaid Expenses	22,569.73	-	-	-	22,569.73
Total Assets	\$ 452,466.58	\$ -	\$ 5,000.00	\$ -	\$ 457,466.58
<b>LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES:</b>					
Liabilities:					
Accounts Payable	\$ 18,034.58	-	-	-	\$ 18,034.58
Total Liabilities	18,034.58	-	-	-	18,034.58
Fund Balances:					
Restricted:					
Radio Replacement			\$ 5,000.00		5,000.00
Assigned:					
Designated for Subsequent Year's Expenditures	32,382.00				32,382.00
Unassigned					
General Fund	402,050.00				402,050.00
Total Fund Balances	434,432.00	-	5,000.00	-	439,432.00
Total Liabilities and Fund Balances	\$ 452,466.58	\$ -	\$ 5,000.00	\$ -	(Continued)

## TOWNSHIP OF GLOUCESTER FIRE DISTRICT NO. 1

Balance Sheet  
Governmental Funds  
December 31, 2014

	Total Governmental Funds
<p>Amounts reported for <i>governmental activities</i> in the statement of net position (A-1) are different because:</p> <p>Capital assets used in governmental activities are not financial resources and therefore are not reported in the funds. The cost of the assets is \$1,354,611.35 and the accumulated depreciation is \$1,023,577.25.</p> <p>20 Long-term liabilities, such as obligations under capital leases, are not due and payable in the current period and therefore are not reported as liabilities in the funds.</p> <p>Accrued interest payable is not due and payable in the current period and, therefore, is not reported as liabilities in the funds.</p> <p>Net position of governmental activities</p>	<p>\$ 331,034.10</p> <p>(252,133.86)</p> <p><u>(5,668.65)</u></p> <p><u>\$ 512,663.59</u></p>

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

**TOWNSHIP OF GLOUCESTER FIRE DISTRICT NO. 1**  
 Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances  
 Governmental Funds  
 For the Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2014

	General Fund	Special Revenue Fund	Capital Projects Fund	Debt Service Fund	Total Governmental Funds
<b>REVENUES:</b>					
Miscellaneous Anticipated Revenues	\$ 631.51				\$ 631.51
Operating Grant Revenue	2,584.03				2,584.03
Miscellaneous Revenues Offset with Appropriations	12,156.45				12,156.45
Amount to be Raised by Taxation to Support the District Budget	261,558.91			\$ 42,241.09	303,800.00
Non-Budgetary Revenues	2,611.00				2,611.00
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<u>279,541.90</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>42,241.09</u>	<u>321,782.99</u>
<b>EXPENDITURES:</b>					
Operating Appropriations:					
Administration	40,537.31				40,537.31
Cost of Operations and Maintenance	205,202.32				205,202.32
Operating Appropriations Offset with Revenues	6,195.08			42,241.09	6,195.08
Debt Service				42,241.09	42,241.09
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<u>251,934.71</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>42,241.09</u>	<u>294,175.80</u>
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues over Expenditures	27,607.19	-	-	-	27,607.19
Fund Balance, January 1	406,824.81	-	\$ 5,000.00	-	411,824.81
Fund Balance, December 31	<u>\$ 434,432.00</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>\$ 5,000.00</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>\$ 439,432.00</u>

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

TOWNSHIP OF GLOUCESTER FIRE DISTRICT NO. 1  
 Reconciliation of the Statement of Revenues, Expenditures,  
 and Changes in Fund Balances of Governmental Funds  
 to the Statement of Activities  
 For the Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2014

Total Net Change in Fund Balances - Governmental Funds	\$ 27,607.19
Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of activities (A-2) are different because:	
Capital outlays are reported in governmental funds as expenditures. However, in the statement of activities, the cost of those assets is allocated over their estimated useful lives as depreciation expense. This is the amount by which capital outlays exceeded depreciation in the period.	
Depreciation Expense	\$ (89,390.55)
	(89,390.55)
Repayment of long-term debt is an expenditure in the governmental funds, but the repayment reduces long-term liabilities in the statement of net position and is not reported in the statement of activities.	30,511.31
In the statement of activities, certain operating expenses, e.g., accrued interest on leases, are measured by the amounts earned during the year. In the governmental funds, however, expenditures for these items are reported in the amount of financial resources used (paid). When the earned amount exceeds the paid amount, the difference is reduction in the reconciliation (-); when the paid amount exceeds the earned amount the difference is an addition to the reconciliation (+).	684.45
Change in Net Position of Governmental Activities	<u>\$ (30,587.60)</u>

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

**TOWNSHIP OF GLOUCESTER FIRE DISTRICT NO. 1**  
Notes to Financial Statements  
For the Year Ended December 31, 2014

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**Note 1: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

The financial statements of the Township of Gloucester Fire District No. 1 (the "Fire District") have been prepared to conform 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. The following is a summary of the more significant of these policies.

**Description of the Reporting Entity**

The Fire District is a political subdivision of the Township of Gloucester (the "Township"), Camden County, New Jersey. The Township is comprised of an area of approximately 23.26 square miles. It is bounded by Gloucester County to the west, the Township of Winslow to the south, the Boroughs of Runnemede and Magnolia to the north and the Boroughs of Somerdale, Stratford, Hi-Nella, Lindenwold, Pine Hill and Clementon on the east. As of the 2010 United States Census, the Township's population was 64,634. The Fire District was formed in January of 1956. A board of five commissioners oversees all operations of the Fire District. The length of each commissioner's term is three years with the annual election held the third Saturday of every February.

Fire Districts are governed by N.J.S.A. 40A:14-70 et al. and are organized as a taxing authority charged with the responsibility of providing the resources necessary to provide firefighting services to the residents within its territorial location. The Fire District has one fire company within its jurisdiction, the Glendora Volunteer Fire Company.

**Component Units**

In evaluating how to define the Fire District for financial reporting purposes, management has considered all potential component units. The decision to include any potential component units in the financial reporting entity was made by applying the criteria set forth in GASB Statement No. 14, The Financial Reporting Entity, as amended by GASB Statement No. 39, Determining Whether Certain Organizations are Component Units, and GASB Statement No. 61, The Financial Reporting Entity: Omnibus - an amendment of GASB Statements No. 14 and No. 34. Blended component units, although legally separate entities, are in-substance part of the government's operations. Each discretely presented component unit is reported in a separate column in the government-wide financial statements to emphasize that it is legally separate from the government.

The basic-but not the only-criterion for including a potential component unit within the reporting entity is the governing body's ability to exercise oversight responsibility. The most significant manifestation of this ability is financial interdependency. Other manifestations of the ability to exercise oversight responsibility include, but are not limited to, the selection of governing authority, the designation of management, the ability to significantly influence operations, and accountability for fiscal matters. A second criterion used in evaluating potential component units is the scope of public service. Application of this criterion involves considering whether the activity benefits the government and / or its citizens.

A third criterion used to evaluate potential component units for inclusion or exclusion from the reporting entity is the existence of special financing relationships, regardless of whether the government is able to exercise oversight responsibilities. Finally, the nature and significance of a potential component unit to the primary government could warrant its inclusion within the reporting entity.

**Note 1: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONT'D)****Component Units (Cont'd)**

Based upon the application of these criteria, the Fire District has no component units, and is not a component unit of another governmental agency.

**Government-wide and Fund Financial Statements**

The Fire District's basic financial statements consist of government-wide statements, and fund financial statements which provide a more detailed level of financial information.

The government-wide financial statements (i.e., the statement of net position and the statement of activities) report information on all of the nonfiduciary activities of the primary government. The Fire District's operations consist of governmental activities, which normally are supported by taxes and intergovernmental revenues. The Fire District has no business-type activities, which rely to a significant extent on fees and charges for support. If the Fire District had business-type activities, such activities would be reported separately from governmental activities.

The statement of activities demonstrates the degree to which the direct expenses of a given function or segment is offset by program revenues. Direct expenses are those that are specifically associated with a service, program, or department and, therefore, clearly identifiable to a particular function. It is the policy of the Fire District to not allocate indirect expenses to functions in the statement of activities. Program revenues include (1) charges to customers or applicants who purchase, use, or directly benefit from goods, services, or privileges provided by a given function or segment and (2) grants and contributions that are restricted to meeting the operational or capital requirements of a particular function or segment. Property taxes and other items not properly included among program revenues are reported instead as general revenues.

In regards to the fund financial statements, the Fire District segregates transactions related to certain functions or activities in separate funds in order to aid financial management and to demonstrate legal compliance. A fund is defined as a fiscal and accounting entity with a self-balancing set of accounts. Fund financial statements report detailed information about the Fire District. The focus of governmental fund financial statements is on major funds rather than reporting funds by type. Each major fund is presented in a single column.

**Measurement Focus, Basis of Accounting and Financial Statement Presentation**

The government-wide financial statements are reported using the economic resources measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting. Revenues are recorded when earned and expenses are recorded when a liability is incurred, regardless of the timing of related cash flows. Property taxes (Ad Valorem) are recognized as revenues in the year for which they are levied. Grants and similar items are recognized as revenue as soon as all eligibility requirements imposed by the provider have been met.

Governmental fund financial statements are reported using the current financial resources measurement focus and the modified accrual basis of accounting. Revenues are recorded when they are deemed both available and measurable. Available means when revenues are collectible within the current period or soon enough thereafter to pay liabilities of the current period. For this purpose, the Fire District considers revenues to be available if they are collected within sixty (60) days of the end of the current year. Measurable means that the amount of revenue can be determined. Property taxes (Ad Valorem) are susceptible to accrual, as under New Jersey State Statute, a municipality is required to remit to its fire district the entire balance of taxes in the amount voted upon or certified, prior to the end of the fire district year. The Fire District records the entire approved tax levy as revenue (accrued) at the start of the year since the revenue is both measurable and available. The Fire District is entitled to receive moneys under the following established payment schedule: on or before April 1, an amount equaling 21.25% of all moneys assessed; on or before July 1, an amount equaling 22.5% of all moneys assessed; on or before October 1, an amount equaling 25% of all moneys assessed; and on or before December 31, an amount equaling the difference between the total of all moneys so assessed and the total amount of moneys previously paid over.



**Note 1: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONT'D)****Measurement Focus, Basis of Accounting and Financial Statement Presentation (Cont'd)**

Expenditures generally are recorded when a liability is incurred, as under accrual accounting. However, debt service expenditures, as well as expenditures related to compensated absences and claims and judgments, are recorded only when payment is due.

Reimbursable-type grants, and interest associated with the current year are all considered to be susceptible to accrual and so have been recognized as revenues of the current year. All other revenue items are considered to be measurable and available only when cash is received by the Fire District.

The Fire District reports the following major governmental funds:

**General Fund** - The general fund is the primary operating fund of the Fire District. It is used to account for all financial resources except those required to be accounted for in another fund. The acquisition of certain capital assets, such as firefighting apparatus and equipment, is accounted for in the general fund when it is responsible for the financing of such expenditures.

**Special Revenue Fund** - The special revenue fund is used to account for and report the proceeds of specific revenue sources that are restricted or committed to expenditures for specified purposes other than debt service or capital projects.

**Capital Projects Fund** - The capital projects fund is used to account for and report financial resources that are restricted, committed, or assigned to expenditures for capital outlays, including the acquisition or construction of capital facilities and other capital assets. The financial resources are derived from temporary notes and serial bonds which are specifically authorized by the voters as a separate question on the ballot either during the annual election or at a special election.

**Debt Service Fund** - The debt service fund is used to account for and report financial resources that are restricted, committed, or assigned to expenditures for principal and interest.

As a general rule, the effect of interfund activity has been eliminated from the government-wide financial statements.

Amounts reported as program revenues include (1) charges to customers or applicants for goods, services, or privileges provided, (2) operating grants and contributions, and (3) capital grants and contributions. Internally dedicated resources are reported as general revenues rather than as program revenues. Likewise, general revenues include all taxes.

**Budgets / Budgetary Control**

The Fire District must adopt an annual budget in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:14-78.1 et al. The fire commissioners must introduce and approve the annual budget not later than sixty days prior to the annual election. At introduction, the commissioners shall fix the time and place for a public hearing on the budget and must advertise the time and place at least ten days prior to the hearing in a newspaper having substantial circulation in the Fire District. The public hearing must not be held less than twenty-eight days after the date the budget was introduced. After the hearing has been held, the fire commissioners may, by majority vote, adopt the budget.

Amendments may be made to the Fire District budget in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:14-78.3. The budget may not be amended subsequent to its final adoption and approval, except for provisions allowed by N.J.S.A. 40A:14-78.5.

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



**Note 1: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONT'D)****Budgets / Budgetary Control (Cont'd)**

Formal budgetary integration into the accounting system is employed as a management control device during the year. For governmental funds, there are no substantial differences between the budgetary basis of accounting and generally accepted accounting principles. Encumbrance accounting is also employed as an extension of formal budgetary integration in the governmental fund types. Unencumbered appropriations lapse at year-end.

The accounting records of the special revenue fund are maintained on the budgetary basis. The budgetary basis differs from GAAP in that the budgetary basis recognizes encumbrances as expenditures and also recognizes the related revenues, whereas the GAAP basis does not. Sufficient supplemental records are maintained to allow for the presentation of GAAP basis financial reports.

The budget, as detailed on exhibit C-1, includes all amendments and modifications to the adopted budget as approved by the Board of Commissioners.

Exhibit C-3 presents a reconciliation of the general fund revenues and special revenue fund revenues and expenditures from the budgetary basis of accounting as presented in the general fund budgetary comparison schedule and the special revenue fund budgetary comparison schedule, to the GAAP basis of accounting as presented in the statement of revenues, expenditures and changes in fund balances - governmental funds. Note that the Fire District does not report encumbrances outstanding at year end as expenditures in the general fund since the general fund budget follows modified accrual basis of accounting.

**Encumbrances**

Encumbrance accounting, under which purchase orders, contracts, and other commitments for the expenditure of funds are recorded to assign a portion of the applicable appropriation, is utilized for budgetary control purposes. Encumbrances are a component of fund balance at year-end as they do not constitute expenditures or liabilities, but rather commitments related to unperformed contracts for goods and services. Open encumbrances in the governmental funds, other than the special revenue fund, which have not been previously restricted, committed, or assigned, should be included within committed or assigned fund balance, as appropriate.

Open encumbrances in the special revenue fund, however, for which the Fire District has received advances of grant awards, are reflected on the balance sheet as unearned revenues at year-end.

The encumbered appropriation authority carries over into the next year. An entry will be made at the beginning of the next year to increase the appropriation reflected in the certified budget by the outstanding encumbrance amount as of the current year end.

**Cash, Cash Equivalents and Investments**

Cash and cash equivalents include petty cash, change funds, cash in banks and all highly liquid investments with a maturity of three months or less at the time of purchase and are stated at cost plus accrued interest. U.S. Treasury and agency obligations and certificates of deposit with maturities of one year or less when purchased are stated at cost. All other investments are stated at fair value.

New Jersey fire districts are limited as to the types of investments and types of financial institutions they may invest in. N.J.S.A. 40A:5-15.1 provides a list of permissible investments that may be purchased by New Jersey fire districts.

**Note 1: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONT'D)****Cash, Cash Equivalents and Investments (Cont'd)**

N.J.S.A. 17:9-41 et seq. establishes the requirements for the security of deposits of governmental units. The statute requires that no governmental unit shall deposit public funds in a public depository unless such funds are secured in accordance with the Governmental Unit Deposit Protection Act ("GUDPA"), a multiple financial institutional collateral pool, which was enacted in 1970 to protect governmental units from a loss of funds on deposit with a failed banking institution in New Jersey. Public depositories include State or federally chartered banks, savings banks or associations located in or having a branch office in the State of New Jersey, the deposits of which are federally insured.

All public depositories must pledge collateral, having a market value at least equal to five percent of the average daily balance of collected public funds, to secure the deposits of governmental units. If a public depository fails, the collateral it has pledged, plus the collateral of all other public depositories, is available to pay the amount of their deposits to the governmental units.

**Inventories** - Inventories are valued at cost, which approximates market. The costs are determined on a first-in, first-out method.

The cost of inventories in governmental fund types is recorded as expenditures when purchased rather than when consumed.

Inventories recorded on the government-wide financial statements are recorded as expenditures when consumed rather than when purchased. At December 31, 2014, no inventory balance existed.

**Prepaid Expenses**

Prepaid expenses recorded on the government-wide financial statements represent payments made to vendors for services that will benefit periods beyond December 31, 2014. At December 31, 2014, \$22,569.73 prepaid expenses existed.

In the governmental fund financial statements, however, payments for prepaid items are fully recognized as expenditures in the year of payment. No asset for the prepayment is created, and no expenditure allocation to future accounting periods is required (*non-allocation method*). This is consistent with the basic governmental concept that only expendable financial resources are reported by a specific fund.

**Short-Term Interfund Receivables / Payables**

Short-term interfund receivables / payables represent amounts that are owed, other than charges for goods or services rendered to / from a particular fund in the Fire District and that are due within one year. These amounts are eliminated in the governmental column of the statement of net position.

**Capital Assets**

Capital assets represent the cumulative amount of capital assets owned by the Fire District. Purchased capital assets are recorded as expenditures in the governmental fund financial statements and are capitalized at cost on the government-wide statement of net position. In the case of gifts or contributions, such capital assets are recorded at fair market value at the time received.

The Fire District's capitalization threshold is \$5,000.00. Other costs incurred for repairs and maintenance is expensed as incurred. All reported capital assets, except land and construction in progress, are depreciated. Depreciation is computed using the straight-line method over the following estimated useful lives:

**Note 1: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONT'D)****Capital Assets (Cont'd)**

<u>Description</u>	<u>Lives</u>
Land Improvements	10-20 Years
Buildings and Improvements	10-50 Years
Furniture and Equipment	5-20 Years
Vehicles	5-10 Years

The Fire District does not possess any infrastructure assets.

**Deferred Loss on Refunding**

Deferred loss on refunding arising from the issuance of the refunding general obligation bonds is recorded as a deferred outflow of resources. It is amortized in a systematic and rational manner over the duration of the related debt as a component of interest expense. At December 31, 2014, the Fire District did not have a deferred loss on refunding.

**Unearned Revenue**

Unearned revenue arises when assets are recognized before revenue recognition criteria have been satisfied and are recorded as a liability until the revenue is both measurable and the Fire District is eligible to realize the revenue.

**Compensated Absences**

Compensated absences are payments to employees for accumulated time such as paid vacation, paid holidays, sick pay, and sabbatical leave. A liability for compensated absences that is attributable to services already rendered, and that are not contingent on a specific event that is outside the control of the Fire District and its employees, is accrued as the employees earn the rights to the benefits. Compensated absences that relate to future services, or that are contingent on a specific event that is outside the control of the Fire District and its employees, are accounted for in the period in which such services are rendered or in which such events take place.

The Fire District uses the vesting method to calculate the compensated absences amount. The entire compensated absence liability, including the employer's share of applicable taxes, is reported on the government-wide financial statements. The current portion is the amount estimated to be used in the following calendar year. Expenditures are recognized in the governmental funds as payments come due each period, for example, as a result of employee resignations and retirements. Compensated absences not recorded at the fund level represent a reconciling item between the fund level and government-wide presentations. At December 31, 2014, the Fire District had no employees with compensated absences.

**Accrued Liabilities and Long-Term Obligations**

All payables, accrued liabilities, and long-term obligations are reported in the government-wide financial statements. In general, governmental fund payables and accrued liabilities that, once incurred, are paid in a timely manner and in full from current financial resources, are reported as obligations of the funds. However, claims and judgments, compensated absences, special termination benefits, and contractually required pension contributions that will be paid from governmental funds are reported as a liability in the fund financial statements only to the extent that they are normally expected to be paid with expendable available financial resources. Bonds are recognized as a liability on the fund financial statements when due.

**Note 1: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONT'D)****Bond Discount and Bond Premium**

Bond discount and bond premium arising from the issuance of the general obligation bonds are recorded as liabilities. They are amortized in a systematic and rational manner over the duration of the related debt as a component of interest expense. Bond discount and bond premium are presented as an adjustment of the face amount on the bonds. At December 31, 2014, no bond discounts (premiums) exist.

**Net Position**

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

**Net investment in capital assets** - This component represents capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation, net of outstanding balances of borrowings used for the acquisition, construction, or improvement of those assets.

**Restricted** - Net position is reported as restricted when there are limitations imposed on their use either through the enabling legislation adopted by the Fire District or through external restrictions imposed by creditors, grantors or laws or regulations of other governments.

**Unrestricted** - Net position is reported as unrestricted when it does not meet the criteria of the other two components of net position.

The Fire District applies restricted resources when an expense is incurred for purposes for which both restricted and unrestricted net assets are available.

**Fund Balance**

The Fire District reports fund balance in classifications that comprise a hierarchy based primarily on the extent to which the Fire District is bound to honor constraints on the specific purposes for which amounts in those funds can be spent. The Fire District's classifications, and policies for determining such classifications, are as follows:

**Nonspendable** - The nonspendable fund balance classification includes amounts that cannot be spent because they are either not in spendable form or are legally or contractually required to be maintained intact. The "not in spendable form" criterion includes items that are not expected to be converted to cash, such as inventories and prepaid amounts.

**Restricted** - The restricted fund balance classification includes amounts that are restricted to specific purposes. Such restrictions, or constraints, are placed on the use of resources either by being (1) externally imposed by creditors, grantors, contributors, or laws or regulations of other governments; or (2) imposed by law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation.

**Committed** - The committed fund balance classification includes amounts that can only be used for specific purposes pursuant to constraints imposed by formal action of the Fire District's highest level of decision-making authority, which, for the Fire District, is the Board of Commissioners. Such formal action consists of an affirmative vote by the Board of Commissioners, memorialized by the adoption of a resolution. Once committed, amounts cannot be used for any other purpose unless the Board of Commissioners removes, or changes, the specified use by taking the same type of action (resolution) it employed to previously commit those amounts.

**Assigned** - The assigned fund balance classification includes amounts that are constrained by the Fire District's *intent* to be used for specific purposes, but are neither restricted nor committed. *Intent* is expressed by the Board of Commissioners.



**Note 1: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONT'D)****Fund Balance (Cont'd)**

**Unassigned** - The unassigned fund balance classification is the residual classification for the general fund. This classification represents fund balance that has not been assigned to other funds and that has not been restricted, committed, or assigned to specific purposes within the general fund. 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 to those purposes, it may be necessary to report a negative unassigned fund balance.

When expenditures are incurred for purposes for which both restricted and unrestricted fund balances are available, it is the policy of the Fire District to spend restricted fund balances first. Moreover, when expenditures are incurred for purposes for which amounts in any of the unrestricted fund balance classifications can be used, it is the policy of the Fire District to spend fund balances, if appropriate, in the following order: committed, assigned, then unassigned.

**Interfund Activity**

Interfund receivables and payables that arise from transactions between funds are recorded by all funds affected by such transactions in the period in which the transaction is executed. Flows of cash or goods from one fund to another without a requirement for repayment are reported as interfund transfers. Interfund transfers are reported as other financing sources / uses in governmental funds. Reimbursements from funds responsible for particular expenditures / expenses to the funds that initially paid for them are not presented on the financial statements.

**Accounting Estimates**

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

**Impact of Recently Issued Accounting Principles****Recently Issued and Adopted Accounting Pronouncements**

In January 2013, the GASB issued Statement 69, *Government Combinations and Disposals of Government Operations*. GASBS 69 establishes accounting and financial reporting standards related to government combinations and disposals of government operations. As used in this Statement, the term government combinations includes a variety of transactions referred to as mergers, acquisitions, and transfers of operations. This Statement is effective for periods beginning after December 15, 2013. The adoption of GASBS 69, however, does not have any impact on the Fire District's financial statements

In April 2013, the GASB issued Statement 70, *Accounting and Financial Reporting for Nonexchange Financial Guarantees*. GASBS 70 is to improve accounting and financial reporting by state and local governments that extend and receive nonexchange financial guarantees. This Statement requires a government that extends a nonexchange financial guarantee to recognize a liability when qualitative factors and historical data, if any, indicate that it is more likely than not that the government will be required to make a payment on the guarantee. The amount of the liability to be recognized should be the discounted present value of the best estimate of the future outflows expected to be incurred as a result of the guarantee. When there is no best estimate but a range of the estimated future outflows can be established, the amount of the liability to be recognized should be the discounted present value of the minimum amount within the range. This Statement requires a government that has issued an obligation guaranteed in a nonexchange transaction to report the obligation until legally released as an obligor.

**Note 1: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONT'D)****Impact of Recently Issued Accounting Principles****Recently Issued and Adopted Accounting Pronouncements (Cont'd)**

This Statement also requires a government that is required to repay a guarantor for making a payment on a guaranteed obligation or legally assuming the guaranteed obligation to continue to recognize a liability until legally released as an obligor. When a government is released as an obligor, the government should recognize revenue as a result of being relieved of the obligation. This Statement also provides additional guidance for intra-entity nonexchange financial guarantees involving blended component units. This Statement is effective for periods beginning after June 15, 2013. The adoption of GASBS 70, however, does not have any impact on the Fire District's financial statements.

In June 2012, the GASB issued Statement 67, *Financial Reporting for Pension Plans - an amendment of GASB Statement No. 25*. GASBS 67 is to improve the usefulness of pension information included in the general purpose external financial reports (financial reports) of state and local governmental pension plans for making decisions and assessing accountability. This Statement is effective for periods beginning after June 15, 2013. The Fire District does not administer any state or local pension plans; therefore, the adoption of GASBS 67 does not have any impact on the Fire District's financial statements.

**Recently Issued Accounting Pronouncements**

In June 2012, the GASB issued Statement 68, *Accounting and Financial Reporting for Pensions - an amendment of GASB Statement No. 27*. GASBS 68 is to improve accounting and financial reporting by state and local governments for pensions. It also improves information provided by state and local governmental employers about financial support for pensions that is provided by other entities. This Statement results from a comprehensive review of the effectiveness of existing standards of accounting and financial reporting for pensions with regard to providing decision-useful information, supporting assessments of accountability and interperiod equity, and creating additional transparency.

In addition, this Statement replaces the requirements of Statement No. 27, *Accounting for Pensions by State and Local Governmental Employers*, as well as the requirements of Statement No. 50, *Pension Disclosures*, as they relate to pensions that are provided through pension plans administered as trusts or equivalent arrangements that meet certain criteria. The requirements of Statements 27 and 50 remain applicable for pensions that are not covered by the scope of this Statement. This Statement is effective for periods beginning after June 15, 2014. Management is currently evaluating the impact of the adoption of this Statement on the Fire District's financial statements and expects the impact to be material.

In November 2013, the GASB issued Statement 71, *Pension Transition for Contributions made Subsequent to the Measurement Date - an amendment of GASB Statement No. 68*. GASBS 71 is to address an issue regarding application of the transition provisions of Statement No. 68, *Accounting and Financial Reporting for Pensions*. The issue relates to amounts associated with contributions, if any, made by a state or local government employer or nonemployer contributing entity to a defined benefit pension plan after the measurement date of the government's beginning net pension liability. The requirements of this Statement will eliminate the source of a potential significant understatement of restated beginning net position and expense in the first year of implementation of Statement 68 in the accrual-basis financial statements of employers and nonemployer contributing entities. This Statement is effective for fiscal years beginning after June 15, 2014. Management is currently evaluating the impact of the adoption of this Statement on the Fire District's financial statements and expects the impact to be material when considered in conjunction with the adoption of Statement No. 68.

**Note 2: CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS**

**Custodial Credit Risk Related to Deposits** - Custodial credit risk is the risk that, in the event of a bank failure, the Fire District's deposits might not be recovered. Although the Fire District does not have a formal policy regarding custodial credit risk, N.J.S.A. 17:9-41 et seq. requires that governmental units shall deposit public funds in public depositories protected from loss under the provisions of the Governmental Unit Deposit Protection Act (GUDPA). Under the Act, the first \$250,000.00 of governmental deposits in each insured depository is protected by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC). Public funds owned by the Fire District in excess of FDIC insured amounts are protected by GUDPA. However, GUDPA does not protect intermingled trust funds such as salary withholdings or funds that may pass to the Fire District relative to the happening of a future condition. Such funds are classified as uninsured and uncollateralized. Of the Fire District's amount on deposit of \$288,206.10 as of December 31, 2014, \$250,000.00 was insured under FDIC, \$38,206.10 was collateralized under GUDPA.

**Restricted Cash and Cash Equivalents** - At December 31, 2014, the government-wide financial statements reported restricted cash and cash equivalents. This amount of \$5,000.00 represents cash and cash equivalents held for the Capital Projects Fund (note 10).

**Note 3: INVESTMENTS**

**Custodial Credit Risk** - For an investment, custodial credit risk is the risk that, in the event of the failure of the counterparty, the Fire District will not be able to recover the value of its investments or collateral securities that are in the possession of an outside party. Investment securities are exposed to custodial credit risk if the securities are uninsured, are not registered in the name of the Fire District, and are held by either the counterparty or the counterparty's trust department or agent but not in the Fire District's name.

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

**Credit Risk** - Credit risk is the risk that an issuer or counterparty to an investment will not fulfill its obligations. N.J.S.A. 40A:5-15.1 limits the investments that the Fire District may purchase such as Treasury securities in order to limit the exposure of governmental units to credit risk. The Fire District has no investment policy that would further limit its investment choices.

**Concentration of Credit Risk** - The Fire District does not place a limit on the amount that may be invested in any one issuer. All of the Fire District's investments are either in treasury obligations, money market funds, GNMA's or direct Treasury Securities.

As of December 31, 2014, the Fire District had the following investments and maturities:

<u>Investment</u>	<u>Maturities</u>	<u>Credit Rating</u>	<u>Fair Value</u>
Certificate of Deposit	2/16/2015	N/A	\$ 51,056.97
Certificate of Deposit	9/5/2015	N/A	95,846.76
Total Investments			<u>\$ 146,903.73</u>

**Note 4: ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE**

At December 31, 2014, the Fire District has no receivables.

**Note 5: PROPERTY TAX LEVIES**

Following is a tabulation of Fire District assessed valuations, tax levies and property tax rates per \$100.00 of assessed valuations for the current and preceding four years:

<u>Year</u>	<u>Assessed Valuation</u>	<u>Total Tax Levy</u>	<u>Tax Rate</u>
2014	\$ 375,998,700.00	\$ 303,800.00	\$ .081
2013	377,500,500.00	297,900.00	.079
2012	377,610,800.00	292,100.00	.078
2011	378,638,378.00	286,400.00	.076
2010	380,462,770.00	280,800.00	.074

**Note 6: CAPITAL ASSETS**

Capital asset activity for the year ended December 31, 2014 was as follows:

	<u>Balance Jan. 1, 2014</u>	<u>Increases</u>	<u>Decreases</u>	<u>Balance Dec. 31, 2014</u>
Vehicles and Apparatus	\$ 1,199,504.60			\$ 1,199,504.60
Equipment	155,106.75			155,106.75
Total Capital Assets being Depreciated	1,354,611.35	-	-	1,354,611.35
Less Accumulated Depreciation:				
Vehicles and Apparatus	(856,348.29)	\$ (69,266.30)		(925,614.59)
Equipment	(77,838.41)	(20,124.25)		(97,962.66)
Total Accumulated Depreciation	(934,186.70)	(89,390.55) *	-	(1,023,577.25)
Total Capital Assets being Depreciated, net of Accumulated Depreciation	420,424.65	(89,390.55)	-	331,034.10
Capital Assets, net	\$ 420,424.65	\$ (89,390.55)	-	\$ 331,034.10

\* Depreciation expense was charged to governmental functions as follows:

Cost of Operations and Maintenance	<u>\$ 89,390.55</u>
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**Note 7: LONG-TERM OBLIGATIONS**

During the year ended December 31, 2014, the following changes occurred in long-term obligations:

	<u>Principal Outstanding Jan. 1, 2014</u>	<u>Increases</u>	<u>Decreases</u>	<u>Principal Outstanding Dec. 31, 2014</u>	<u>Due Within One Year</u>
Obligations under Capital Lease	<u>\$ 282,645.17</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>\$ (30,511.31)</u>	<u>\$ 252,133.86</u>	<u>\$ 31,777.53</u>



**Note 7: LONG-TERM OBLIGATIONS**

**Capital Leases Payable** - The Fire District leased fire apparatus totaling \$338,858.00 under a capital lease. The capital lease was for a term of 10 years. The following is a schedule of the future minimum lease payments under these capital leases, and the present value of the net minimum lease payments at December 31, 2014.

<u>Year Ending Dec. 31,</u>	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Interest</u>	<u>Total</u>
2015	\$ 31,777.53	\$ 10,463.56	\$ 42,241.09
2016	33,096.30	9,144.79	42,241.09
2017	34,469.80	7,771.29	42,241.09
2018	35,900.29	6,340.80	42,241.09
2019	37,390.16	4,850.93	42,241.09
2020-2021	79,499.78	4,982.40	84,482.18
	<u>\$ 252,133.86</u>	<u>\$ 43,553.77</u>	<u>\$ 295,687.63</u>

**Note 8: RISK MANAGEMENT**

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

**Property and Liability Insurance** - The Fire District maintains commercial insurance coverage for property, liability, and surety bonds.

**Note 9: FUND BALANCES APPROPRIATED - GENERAL FUND**

The 2015 annual budget of the Fire District was adopted on December 9, 2014, and subsequently approved by the voters at the annual election held on February 21, 2015. The adopted budget utilized \$32,382.00 of fund balance in the general fund. The following presents the total fund balance of the general fund as of the end of the last five years and the amount utilized in the subsequent year's budget:

<u>Year</u>	<u>Balance Dec. 31</u>	<u>Utilization in Subsequent Budget</u>
2014	\$ 434,432.00	\$ 32,382.00
2013	406,824.81	27,885.00
2012	367,886.11	27,885.00
2011	305,799.39	16,102.00
2010	234,954.24	29,252.00

**Note 10: FUND BALANCES****RESTRICTED**

As stated in note 1, the restricted fund balance classification includes amounts that are restricted to specific purposes. Such restrictions, or constraints, are placed on the use of resources by either of the following: (1) externally imposed by creditors, grantors, contributors, or laws or regulations of other governments; or (2) imposed by law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation. Specific restrictions of the Fire District's fund balance are summarized as follows:

**Capital Projects (Future Capital Outlays)** - These funds are restricted for future capital expenditures to be made in future years. When the Fire District desires to utilize these funds in their annual budget, a capital resolution must be passed by the Board of Fire Commissioners prior to any expenditure against a capital appropriation. As of December 31, 2014, the balance is \$5,000.00.

**ASSIGNED**

As stated in note 1, the assigned fund balance classification includes amounts that are constrained by the Fire District's *intent* to be used for specific purposes, but are neither restricted nor committed. Specific assignments of the Fire District's fund balance are summarized as follows:

**General Fund -**

**For Subsequent Year's Expenditures** - The Fire District has appropriated and included as anticipated revenue for the year ending December 31, 2014, \$32,382.00 of general fund balance at December 31, 2014.

**UNASSIGNED**

As stated in note 1, the unassigned fund balance classification represents fund balance that has not been restricted, committed, or assigned to specific purposes. The Fire District's unassigned fund balance is summarized as follows:

**General Fund** - As of December 31, 2014, \$402,050.00 of general fund balance was unassigned.

REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION  
PART II

**BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULES**

**TOWNSHIP OF GLOUCESTER FIRE DISTRICT NO. 1**  
 Budgetary Comparison Schedule  
 General Fund  
 For the Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2014

	Original Budget	Budget Modifications / Transfers	Final Budget	Actual	Variance Positive (Negative) Final to Actual
<b>REVENUES:</b>					
Miscellaneous Anticipated Revenues:					
Interest on Investments and Deposits	\$ 500.00		\$ 500.00	\$ 631.51	\$ 131.51
Total Miscellaneous Anticipated Revenues	500.00	-	500.00	631.51	131.51
Operating Grant Revenue:					
Supplemental Fire Services Grant (P.L. 1985, Ch. 295)	2,584.00	-	2,584.00	2,584.03	0.03
Miscellaneous Revenues Offset with Appropriations					
Uniform Fire Safety Act (P.L. 1983, Ch. 383):					
Other Revenues	7,400.00		7,400.00	12,156.45	4,756.45
Total Miscellaneous Revenues Offset with Appropriations	7,400.00	-	7,400.00	12,156.45	4,756.45
Amount to be Raised by Taxation to Support the District Budget	260,800.00		260,800.00	261,558.91	758.91
Total Anticipated Revenues	271,284.00	-	271,284.00	276,930.90	5,646.90
Non-Budgetary Revenues:					
Miscellaneous	-		-	2,611.00	2,611.00
Total Revenues	271,284.00	-	271,284.00	279,541.90	8,257.90
<b>EXPENDITURES:</b>					
Operating Appropriations:					
Administration:					
Other Expenses					
Election	1,200.00		1,200.00	988.45	211.55
Insurance	300.00		300.00		300.00
Dues and Fees	650.00		650.00	418.00	232.00
Office Expenses	3,000.00		3,000.00	1,870.60	1,129.40
Professional Services	28,400.00		28,400.00	17,820.26	10,579.74
Commissioners' Stipends	18,900.00		18,900.00	18,900.00	
Website Coordinator	540.00		540.00	540.00	
Total Administration	52,990.00	-	52,990.00	40,537.31	12,452.69

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**TOWNSHIP OF GLOUCESTER FIRE DISTRICT NO. 1**  
 Budgetary Comparison Schedule  
 General Fund  
 For the Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2014

EXPENDITURES (CONT'D):	Original Budget	Budget Modifications / Transfers	Final Budget	Actual	Variance Positive (Negative) Final to Actual
Operating Appropriations (Cont'd):					
Cost of Operations and Maintenance:					
Other Expenses:					
Insurance	\$ 26,450.00		\$ 26,450.00	\$ 21,370.27	\$ 5,079.73
Maintenance and Repairs	28,350.00		28,350.00	25,663.11	2,686.89
Supplies	600.00		600.00	60.45	539.55
Training	5,600.00		5,600.00	2,570.00	3,030.00
Conventions / Travel	500.00		500.00	30.75	469.25
Uniforms	5,000.00		5,000.00	5,000.00	
Utilities	1,800.00		1,800.00	1,499.58	300.42
Medical	4,000.00		4,000.00	1,600.00	2,400.00
Fire Hydrant	39,000.00		39,000.00	37,670.40	1,329.60
Other Outside Services	12,200.00		12,200.00	4,920.48	7,279.52
Other Rentals or Leases	47,000.00		47,000.00	47,000.00	
Supplemental Fire Services Grant	2,584.00		2,584.00	2,584.00	
Volunteer Fringe Benefits	25,800.00		25,800.00	22,443.88	3,356.12
Special Operations Group ( S.O.G. Other Expenses)	1,500.00		1,500.00	735.74	764.26
U.F.S.A. Stipends	8,700.00		8,700.00	8,700.00	
U.F.S.A. Office Supplies	3,442.00		3,442.00	2,672.69	769.31
U.F.S.A. Dues	500.00		500.00	55.00	445.00
U.F.S.A. Equipment	300.00		300.00	21.90	278.10
U.F.S.A. Uniform	250.00		250.00		250.00
Contingent Expenses	3,000.00		3,000.00		3,000.00
Other Assets Non-Bondable					
New Equipment	26,600.00		26,600.00	20,604.07	5,995.93
Community Involvement	500.00		500.00		500.00
<b>Total Cost of Operations and Maintenance</b>	<b>243,676.00</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>243,676.00</b>	<b>205,202.32</b>	<b>38,473.68</b>
Operating Appropriations Offset with Revenues:					
Other Expenses	7,000.00		7,000.00	6,195.08	804.92
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>303,666.00</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>303,666.00</b>	<b>251,934.71</b>	<b>51,731.29</b>

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TOWNSHIP OF GLOUCESTER FIRE DISTRICT NO. 1  
 Budgetary Comparison Schedule  
 General Fund  
 For the Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2014

	Original Budget	Budget Modifications / Transfers	Final Budget	Actual	Variance Positive (Negative) Final to Actual
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	\$ (32,382.00)	-	\$ (32,382.00)	27,607.19	\$ 59,989.19
Fund Balance, Beginning				406,824.81	
Fund Balance, Ending				\$ 434,432.00	
Recapitulation:					
Assigned				\$ 32,382.00	
Designated for Subsequent Year's Expenditures				402,050.00	
Unassigned General Fund				\$ 434,432.00	

**TOWNSHIP OF GLOUCESTER FIRE DISTRICT NO. 1**  
 Required Supplementary Information  
 Budgetary Comparison Schedule  
 Note to RSI  
 For the Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2014

Note A - Explanation of Differences between Budgetary Inflows and Outflows and GAAP Revenues and Expenditures.

	<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Special Revenue Fund</u>
<b>Sources / Inflows of Resources:</b>		
Actual amounts (budgetary basis) "revenue" from the budgetary comparison schedule.	\$ 279,541.90	
Grant accounting budgetary basis differs from GAAP in that encumbrances are recognized as expenditures, and the related revenue is recognized.	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Total revenues as reported on the statement of revenues, expenditures, and changes in fund balances - governmental funds. (B-2)	<u>\$ 279,541.90</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>Uses / Outflows of Resources:</b>		
Actual amounts (budgetary basis) "total expenditures" from the budgetary comparison schedule.	\$ 251,934.71	
Encumbrances for supplies and equipment ordered but not received is reported in the year the order is placed for budgetary purposes, but in the year the supplies are received for financial reporting purposes.	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Total expenditures as reported on the statement of revenues, expenditures, and changes in fund balances - governmental funds (B-2)	<u>\$ 251,934.71</u>	<u>-</u>

OTHER SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

LONG-TERM DEBT

**TOWNSHIP OF GLOUCESTER FIRE DISTRICT NO. 1**  
 Schedule of Obligations Under Capital Leases  
 For the Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2014

Description	Date of Lease	Term of Lease	Amount of Original Issue Principal	Interest	Interest Rate Payable	Amount Outstanding Jan. 1, 2014 (a)	Issued Current Year	Retired Current Year	Amount Outstanding Dec. 31, 2014 (a)
Ferrara Class A Rescue Pumper	05/15/11	10 years	\$ 338,858.00	\$ 83,552.90	4.15%	\$ 282,645.17	-	\$ 30,511.31	\$ 252,133.86

(a) Future Interest Payments Removed from Carrying Value of Leases.

## TOWNSHIP OF GLOUCESTER FIRE DISTRICT NO. 1

Budgetary Comparison Schedule

Debt Service Fund

For the Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2014

	Original Budget	Budget Modifications / Transfers	Final Budget	Actual	Variance Positive (Negative) Final to Actual
REVENUES:					
Amount of be Raised by Taxation to Support the District Budget	\$ 43,000.00	-	\$ 43,000.00	\$ 42,241.09	\$ (758.91)
EXPENDITURES:					
Principal Payments:					
Capital Leases	30,512.00		30,512.00	30,511.31	0.69
Interest Payments:					
Capital Leases	12,488.00		12,488.00	11,729.78	758.22
Total Expenditures	43,000.00	-	43,000.00	42,241.09	758.91
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	-	-	-	-	-
Fund Balance, January 1					
Fund Balance, December 31					
Recapitulation:					
Unreserved Fund Balance					



**SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS**

**TOWNSHIP OF GLOUCESTER FIRE DISTRICT NO. 1**  
Schedule of Findings and Recommendations  
For the Year Ended December 31, 2014

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*Schedule of Financial Statement Findings*

This section identifies the significant deficiencies, 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 Regulation, Division of Local Government Services, Department of Community Affairs, State of New Jersey.

None.

**TOWNSHIP OF GLOUCESTER FIRE DISTRICT NO. 1**  
Summary Schedule of Prior Year Audit Findings  
And Recommendations Prepared by Management

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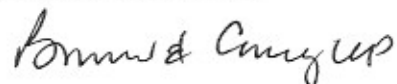
This section identifies the status of prior year findings related to the financial statements that are required to be reported in accordance with Government Auditing Standards.

None.

**APPRECIATION**

We express our appreciation for the assistance and courtesies rendered by the Fire District officials during the course of the audit.

Respectfully submitted,



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