# **BOARD OF FIRE**

# COMMISSIONERS

# **FIRE DISTRICT NO. 1**

# TOWNSHIP OF WEYMOUTH, NEW JERSEY

AUDIT REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024

# BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS WEYMOUTH TOWNSHIP FIRE DISTRICT NO. 1

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# Independent Auditor's Report

The Board of Commissioners of Weymouth Township Fire District #1 Township of Weymouth, New Jersey

# **Report on the Financial Statements**

# Opinions

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities and each major fund of the Board of Commissioners of Weymouth Township Fire District #1 (the "Fire District"), State of New Jersey, as of and for the year ended December 31, 2024, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the District's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

# **Unmodified Opinion**

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 Board of Commissioners of Weymouth Township Fire District #1, State of New Jersey, as of December 31, 2024, and the respective changes in financial position for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

# **Basis for Opinion**

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in Government Auditing Standards issued by the Comptroller General of the United States and the audit requirements prescribed by the Division of Local Government Services, Department of Community Affairs, State of New Jersey (the "Division"). Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of Financial Statements section of our report. We are required to be independent of the Fire District and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audit. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinions.

# Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements

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

In preparing the financial statements, management is required to evaluate whether there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the Fire District's ability to continue as a going concern for twelve months beyond the financial statement date, including any currently known information that may raise substantial doubt shortly thereafter.

# Auditor's Responsibility for the Audit of the Financial Statements

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

In performing an audit in accordance with GAAS, Government Auditing Standards and audit requirements prescribed by the Division of Local Government Services, we:

- exercise professional judgement and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements.
- Obtain an understanding of the internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Fire District's internal control. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluate the overall presentation of the financial statements.

• Conclude whether in our judgement there are conditions or events considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the Fire District's ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

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

# Required Supplementary Information

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the *management's discussion and analysis and budgetary comparison information* identified 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. 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 Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated March 28, 2025, on our consideration of the Fire District's, internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the Fire District's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

# FORD, SCOTT & ASSOCIATES, L.L.C. CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS

Leon P. Costello Leon P. Costello Certified Public Accountant Registered Municipal Accountant No. 393

March 28, 2025

**REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION - PART I** 

# Management Discussion and Analysis

This section of the Weymouth Township Fire District #1's (District) annual financial report presents management's analysis of the District's financial condition and activities for the year. This information should be read in conjunction with the financial statements.

# Financial Highlights

The District's net position has increased \$299,872 due to operations in 2024. Overall, the District's expenses decreased approximately \$1,295 in 2024. Revenues and special items increased approximately \$283,454 due to the contribution from the Fire Company for the purchase of a new truck.

This annual report consists of a series of financial statements. The Statement of Net Position and the Statement of Activities provide information about the activities of the District as a whole and present a longer-term view of the District's finances. Fund financial statements tell how these services were financed in the short term as well as what remains for future spending. The District's day to day operations are conducted solely through a general fund.

# **Reporting the District as a Whole**

The Statement of Net Position and the Statement of Activities report information about the District as a whole, these statements include all assets and liabilities using the full accrual basis of accounting. All of the current year's revenues and expenses are taken into account when the revenue is earned or the expense is incurred. These two statements report the District's net position and changes in them. You can think of the District's net position, 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 indicators of whether its financial position is improving or deteriorating. You will, however, need to consider other non-financial factors, such as changes in the District's tax base, to assess the overall health of the District.

The District's activities are reported as governmental activities. The District is primarily financed through the levying of property taxes.

The District's basic services are reported in governmental funds, which focus on how money flows into and out of those funds and the balances remaining at year-end that are available for spending. The fund is reported using the modified accrual method 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 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 the District's programs. We describe the differences between governmental activities and governmental funds in a reconciliation detailed on Exhibit F.

# The District as a Whole

The District's beginning net position was \$117,195 and the ending net position is \$417,067 representing an increase of \$299,872.

The following is a summary of the District's Net Position as of December 31, 2024 and 2023:

ASSETS Cash and cash equivalents Down Payment on Truck Right to Use Leased Asset	2024 \$ 106,500 407,432 253,908	<u>2023</u> 113,678
Capital Assets, net of depreciation	14,420	18,025
Total Assets	782,260	131,703
LIABILITIES Accounts Payable Deferred Revenue Premium on Truck Long-Term Liabilities	33,870 33,323 44,092 253,908	14,508
Total Liabilities	365,193	14,508
NET POSITION Investment in Capital Assets Restricted for Capital Projects Unrestricted	421,852 3,616 (8,401)	18,025 88,616 10,554
Total Net Position	\$ 417,067	117,195

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The following is the summary of the changes in Net Position for the years ended December 31, 2024 and 2023:

	2024	2023	\$ Change	% Change
General Revenues:	¢ 400 000	400.000		00/
Tax Levy Municipal Service Fee	\$ 133,290 25,805	133,290 32,232	- (6,427)	0% -20%
Transport Fuel Reimbursement	25,805	32,232	(0,427) 6,919	-20%
Interest & Miscellaneous	2,146	8	2,138	26725%
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Total Revenue	168,160	165,530	2,630	2%
Expenses:				
Administration				
Office Expenses	774	934	(160)	-17%
Professional Services	9,975	11,006	(1,031)	-9%
Telephone	4,389	3,241	1,148	35%
Fire Prevention	2,643	2,465	178	7%
Cost of Operations & Maintenance				
Insurance	2,082	2,626	(544)	-21%
Utilities	5,779	5,397	`382 <sup>´</sup>	7%
Fuel	29,271	27,960	1,311	5%
Maintenance & Repairs	31,227	34,879	(3,652)	-10%
Supplies	3,393	1,245	2,148	173%
Non-Bondable Purchases	26,993	20,799	6,194	30%
Depreciation Expense	3,605		3,605	100%
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Duly Incorporated Rescue Squad	22,126	33,000	(10,874)	-33%
Cancellation of PY Accounts Receivable	(0,500)	6,855	(6,855)	-100%
Cancellation of PY Accounts Payable	(2,569)		(2,569)	100%
Contribution from Fire Company	(271,400)		(271,400)	100%
Total Expenses	(131,712)	150,407	(282,119)	-188%
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Increase/(Decrease) In Net Position	\$ 299,872	15,123	284,749	1883%

# **Governmental Fund Financial Analysis**

Governmental funds represent 100% of the District's funds; the District has no enterprise funds.

At the end of 2024 the District's governmental funds reported a combined fund balance of \$39,307, a decrease of \$59,863 over 2023. This decrease is due to operating activity in 2024 and the downpayment made on a new truck.

### Contacting the District's Management

This financial report is designed to provide a general overview of the District's finances and to demonstrate the District's accountability. If you have any questions about this report or need additional financial information, contact the Chairman of the Board of Fire Commissioners, Weymouth Township Fire District #1, P.O. Box 175 in Dorothy, NJ.

# **BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

# Exhibit A

# THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF FIRE DISTRICT NO. 1 TOWNSHIP OF WEYMOUTH STATEMENT OF NET POSITION DECEMBER 31, 2024

	-	ernmental ctivities
ASSETS Cash and cash equivalents Downpayment on Truck Right to Use Leased Asset Capital Assets, net of depreciation	\$	106,500 407,432 253,908 14,420
Total Assets		782,260
LIABILITIES		
Accounts payable		33,870
Deferred Revenue		33,323
		44,092
Long-Term Liabilities		20,101
Due within one year Due beyond one year		233,807
Total Liabilities		365,193
NET POSITION		
Investment in Capital Assets		421,852
Reserved for Future Capital Outlays		3,616
Unrestricted		(8,401)
Total Net Assets	\$	417,067
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#### THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF FIRE DISTRICT NO. 1 TOWNSHIP OF WEYMOUTH STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024

			Program Revenue	Net (Expenses)/Revenues and Changes in Net Position
		-	Fees, Fines	
			& Charges	Governmental
	E	xpenses	For Services	Activities
Governmental Activities:		•		
Fire Protection:				
Administration	\$	17,781		(17,781)
Cost of Providing Services	•	102,350		(102,350)
Duly Incorporated First Aid/Rescue		,		(,)
Squad Associations		22,126		(22,126)
		22,120		(22, 120)
Total Fire Protection Expenses		142,257	-	(142,257)
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Total Governmental Activities	\$	142,257	-	(142,257)
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		al Revenues:		122 200
	Tax		Faa Mahila Hama Dark	133,290
		•	Fee - Mobile Home Park	
		nsport Fuel Re	mpursement	6,919
		rest		2,075
	Mis	cellaneous		71
	Specia	al Items:		
	•		Accounts Payable	2,569
		ntribution from I	•	271,400
	001		no company	211,100
	Tota	al General Rev	enues and Special Items	442,129
	Ch	ange in Net Po	sition	299,872
		Position - Begin		117,195
			5	,
	Net P	Position - Endin	g	\$ 417,067

# THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF FIRE DISTRICT NO. 1 TOWNSHIP OF WEYMOUTH BALANCE SHEET GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS DECEMBER 31, 2024

	(	General Fund	Capital Projects Fund	Total Governmental Funds
ASSETS Cash and cash equivalents	\$	102,884	3,616	106,500
Total Assets		102,884	3,616	106,500
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES				
Accounts payable		33,870		33,870
Deferred Revenue		33,323		33,323
Total Liabilities		67,193	-	67,193
FUND BALANCE				
Reserved for Future Capital Outlays		-	3,616	3,616
Unassigned Fund Balance		35,691	-	35,691
		35,691	3,616	39,307
Total Liabilities and Fund Balances	\$	102,884	3,616	106,500

# Exhibit D

# THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF FIRE DISTRICT NO. 1 TOWNSHIP OF WEYMOUTH RECONCILIATION OF THE GOVERNMENTAL FUND BALANCE SHEET TO THE STATEMENT OF NET POSITION DECEMBER 31, 2024

Total fund balances for governmental funds	\$ 39,307
Capital assets used in governmental activities are not resources and therefore are not reported in the funds. The cost of the assets of \$18,025 and the	
accumulated depreciation is \$3,605.	14,420
Downpayment on Truck	407,432
Premium on Purchase of Truck is amortized over the life of the lease	(44,092)
Total net position of governmental actiivites	\$ 417,067

# THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF FIRE DISTRICT NO. 1 TOWNSHIP OF WEYMOUTH STATEMENT OF REVENUE, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS DECEMBER 31, 2024

		General	Capital Projects	
		Fund	Fund	Funds
REVENUES	¢	400.000		400.000
Property taxes	\$	133,290		133,290
Municipal Service Fee - Mobile Home Park		25,805 6,919		25,805 6,919
Transport Fuel Reimbursement Interest		2,075		2,075
Miscellaneous		2,075		2,075
MISCENALIEOUS		7 1		7 1
Total Revenues		168,160	-	168,160
EXPENDITURES				
Administrative		17,781		17,781
Operating and Maintenance		98,745		98,745
Duly Incorporated First Aid/Rescue Squad		22,126		22,126
Total Expenditures		138,652	-	138,652
Excess of revenues over expenditures		29,508	-	29,508
Other Financing Sources/(Uses)				
Capital Appropriations Offset with Restricted Funds		85,000	(85,000)	-
Down Payment for Truck		(91,940)	· · ·	(91,940)
Cancellation of PY Accounts Payable		2,569		2,569
		)		)
Total Other Financing Sources/(Uses)		(4,371)	(85,000)	(89,371)
Net Change in Fund Balance		25,137	(85,000)	(59,863)
Fund balance beginning		10,554	88,616	99,170
Fund balance ending	\$	35,691	3,616	39,307

THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF FIRE DISTRICT NO. 1 TOWNSHIP OF WEYMOUTH RECONCILIATION OF THE STATEMENT OF REVENUE, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS DECEMBER 31, 2024	Exhibit F
Net change in fund balance - total governmental funds	\$ (59,863)
The change in net position for governmental activities in the statement of activities is different because:	
Capital outlays are reported in governmental funds as expenditures. However, on 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 current fiscal year.	
Depreciation Expense	(3,605)
Downpayment on Truck	407,432
Premium on Purchase of Truck is amortized over the life of the lease	 (44,092)
Change in Net Position	\$ 299,872

# NOTE 1: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Weymouth Fire District #1 operates with an elected Board of Commissioners. The District performs fire protection services in the Township of Weymouth, Atlantic County, New Jersey.

The financial statements of the Board of Commissioners of Fire District #1, Township of Weymouth (the "District"), have been prepared in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP) as applied to governmental units. The Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) is responsible for establishing GAAP for state and local governments through its pronouncements (Statements and Interpretations). The more significant accounting policies established in GAAP and used by the District are discussed below.

# A. Reporting Entity

The District is an instrumentality/subordinate entity of the State of New Jersey, established to function as a taxing entity to provide fire suppression in the Dorothy area of Weymouth Township. The Board consists of five (5) elected officials and is responsible for the fiscal control of the District. A secretary and treasurer are appointed by the Board and are responsible for the administrative control of the District.

Weymouth Township Fire District #1 is not a component unit of any other financial reporting entity nor does the Fire District have any component units to be presented in accordance with Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement No. 34.

### **B. Basic Financial Statements - Government-Wide Statements**

The District's basic financial statements include both government-wide (reporting the District as a whole) and fund financial statements (reporting the District's major funds). Both the government-wide and fund financial statements categorize primary activities as either governmental or business type. The District has no business type activities. In the government-wide Statement of Net Position, the governmental column (a) is presented on a consolidated basis by column, (b) and is reported on a full accrual, economic resource basis, which recognizes all long-term assets and receivables as well as long-term debt and obligations. The District's net position is reported in three parts—invested in capital assets, net of related debt, restricted and unrestricted net position.

The government-wide Statement of Activities reports both the gross and net cost of each of the District's functions. The functions are also supported by general government revenues. The Statement of Activities reduces gross expenses (including depreciation) by related program revenues, operating and capital grants. Program revenues must be directly associated with the function. Operating grants include operating-specific and discretionary (either operating or capital) grants. The net costs (by function) are normally covered by general revenue (property taxes, intergovernmental revenues, interest income, etc). The District does not allocate indirect costs.

This government-wide focus is more on the sustainability of the District as an entity and the change in the District's net position resulting from the current year's activities.

# C. Basic Financial Statements—Fund Financial Statements

The financial transactions of the District are reported in individual funds in the fund financial statements. Each fund is accounted for by providing a separate set of self-balancing accounts that comprises its assets, liabilities, reserves, fund equity, revenues and expenditures/expenses. The various funds are reported by generic classification within the financial statements.

The following fund types are used by the District:

Governmental Funds:

The focus of the governmental funds' measurement (in the fund statements) is upon determination of financial position and changes in financial position (sources, uses, and balances of financial resources) rather than upon net income. The following is a description of the governmental funds of the District:

- a. General fund is the general operating fund of the District. It is used to account for all financial resources except those required to be accounted for in another fund.
- b. Capital projects funds are used to account for financial resources to be used for the acquisition or construction of major capital facilities.

Fiduciary Funds:

a. Expendable trust funds are used to account for assets held by the District as a trustee for individuals, other governments or other entities. Expendable trust funds account for assets where both the principal and interest may be spent.

### D. Basis of Accounting

Basis of accounting refers to the point at which revenues or expenditures/expenses are recognized in the accounts and reported in the financial statements. It relates to the timing of the measurements made regardless of the measurement focus applied.

1. Accrual:

The government-wide financial statements are presented on the accrual basis of accounting. Revenues are recognized when earned and expenses are recognized when incurred.

#### 2. Modified Accrual:

The governmental funds financial statements are presented on the modified accrual basis of accounting. Under the modified accrual basis of accounting, revenues are recorded when susceptible to accrual; i.e., both measurable and available. "Available" means collectible within the current period or within 60 days after year end. Expenditures are generally recognized under the modified accrual basis of accounting when the related liability is incurred. The exception to this general rule is that principal and interest on general obligation long-term debt, if any, is recognized when due.

# E. Financial Statement Amounts

1. Cash and Cash Equivalents:

The District has defined cash and cash equivalents to include cash on hand, demand deposits, and cash with fiscal agent.

2. Capital Assets:

Capital assets purchased or acquired are reported at historical cost or estimated historical cost. Contributed assets are reported at fair market value as of the date received. Additions, improvements and other capital outlays that significantly extend the useful life of an asset are capitalized. Other costs incurred for repairs and maintenance are expensed as incurred.

3. Fund Balances – Governmental Funds:

In the fund financial statements, governmental funds report the following classifications of fund balance:

- Nonspendable includes amounts that cannot be spent because they are either not spendable in form or are legally or contractually required to be maintained intact.
- Restricted includes amounts restricted by external sources (creditors, laws of other governments, ect.) or by constitutional provision or enabling legislation.
- Committed includes amounts that can only be used for specific purposes. Committed fund balance is reported pursuant to resolutions passed by the Board of Commissioners, the District's highest level of decision making authority. Commitments may be modified or rescinded only through resolutions approved by the Board of Commissioners.
- Assigned includes amounts that the District intends to use for a specific purpose, but do not meet the definition of restricted or committed fund balance. Under the District's policy, amounts may be assigned by the Board of Commissioners.
- Unassigned includes amounts that have not been assigned to other funds or restricted, committed or assigned to a specific purpose within the General Fund. The District reports all amounts that meet the unrestricted General Fund Balance Policy described below as unassigned:

When an expenditure is incurred for purposes for which both restricted and unrestricted fund balance is available, the District considers restricted funds to have been spent first. When an expenditure is incurred for which committed, assigned, or unassigned fund balance are available, the District considers amounts to have been spent first out of committed funds, then assigned funds, and finally unassigned funds, as needed.

### 4. Revenues:

Substantially all governmental fund revenues are accrued. Property taxes are billed and collected within the same period in which the taxes are levied. Subsidies and grants to proprietary funds, which finance either capital or current operations, are reported as non-operating revenue based on GASBS No. 33. In applying GASBS No. 33 to grant revenues, the provider recognizes liabilities and expenses and the recipient recognizes receivables and revenue when the applicable eligibility requirements, including time requirements, are met. Resources transmitted before the eligibility requirements are met are reported as advances by the provider and deferred revenue by the recipient.

# 5. Expenditures:

Expenditures are recognized when the related fund liability is incurred. Inventory costs are reported in the period when inventory items are purchased.

# F. Budgets/Budgetary Control

Annual appropriated budgets are prepared each year for the general fund. The budgets are submitted to the Bureau of Authority Regulations Division of Local Government Services and are voted upon at the annual District's election. Budgets are prepared using the modified accrual basis of accounting. The legal level of budgetary control is established at line item accounts within each fund. All budget transfers must be approved by resolution of the Fire Commissioners, as well as the State of New Jersey. No material budget transfers were approved during the year.

Formal budgetary integration into the accounting system is employed as a management control device during the year which complies with generally accepted accounting principles. Encumbrance accounting is also employed as an extension of formal budgetary integration in the government fund types. Unencumbered appropriations lapse at fiscal year end.

# G. Use of Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect certain reported amounts and disclosures. Accordingly, actual results could differ from those estimates.

# H. Recent Accounting Pronouncements Not Yet Effective

In December 2023, the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) issued Statement No. 102, "Certain Risk Disclosures". This statement is effective for fiscal years beginning after June 15, 2024, and will not have any effect on the District's financial reporting.

In April 2024, the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) issued Statement No. 103, "Financial Reporting Model Improvements". This statement is effective for fiscal years beginning after June 15, 2025, and will not have any effect on the District's financial reporting.

In September 2024, the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) issued Statement No. 104, "Disclosure of Certain Capital Assets". This statement is effective for fiscal years beginning after June 15, 2025, and will have any effect on the District's financial reporting.

# NOTE 2: INVESTMENTS

**Interest Rate Risk.** The District does not have a formal investment policy that limits investment maturities as a means of managing its exposure to fair value losses arising from increasing interest rates. However, New Jersey Statutes 40A:5-15.1(a) limits the length of time for most investments to 397 days.

**Credit Risk**. New Jersey Statutes 40A:5-15.1(a) limits District investments to those specified in the Statutes. The type of allowable investments are Bonds of the United States of America or of the local unit or school districts of which the local unit is a part of: obligations of federal agencies not exceeding 397 days; government money market mutual funds; the State of New Jersey Cash Management Plan; local government investment pools; or repurchase of fully collateralized securities.

**Concentration of Credit Risk**. The District places no limit on the amount the District may invest in any one issuer.

# NOTE 3: CASH

**Custodial Credit Risk – Deposits**. Custodial credit risk is the risk that in the event of a bank failure, the government's deposits may not be returned to it. The District's policy is based on New Jersey Statutes requiring cash be deposited only in New Jersey based banking institutions that participate in the New Jersey Governmental Depository Protection Act (GUDPA) or in qualified investments established in New Jersey Statutes 40A:5-15.1(a) that are treated as cash equivalents. Under the act, all demand deposits are covered by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC). Public funds owned by the 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 District relative to the happening of a future condition. As of December 31, 2024, \$0 of the District's bank balance of \$131,189 was exposed to custodial credit risk.

# NOTE 4: INTER LOCAL SERVICE AGREEMENT

The Fire District has signed an agreement with Dorothy Volunteer Fire Company. This agreement states that Dorothy Volunteer Fire Company will provide Weymouth Township Fire District #1 with necessary protection of life and property.

# NOTE 5: RISK MANAGEMENT

The Fire District is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts, theft, casualty, errors and omissions and other losses for which the District carries commercial insurance. Settled claims have not exceeded insurance coverage in any of the past two years.

### NOTE 6: FIXED ASSETS

Capital asset activity for the year ended December 31, 2024 was as follows:

		Balance 12/31/2023	Additions	Disposals/ Adjustments	Balance 12/31/2024
Governmental Activities:	-				
Equipment	\$	18,025			18,025
Total at historical cost	-	18,025			18,025
Less Accum. Depr. For: Equipment Total Accum. Depr.	•		(3,605) (3,605)	<u> </u>	(3,605) (3,605)
Total capital assets being depr, net of accum depr	-	18,025	(3,605)		14,420
Governmental activities capital assets, net	\$	18,025	(3,605)		14,420

# NOTE 7: DEBT SERVICE

The Fire District entered into a lease purchase agreement with Community First National Bank for the purchase of a new pumper fire truck in April 2024. The principal lease is for \$253,908 for a term of 10 years with interest at the effective rate of 5.873%. The yearly lease payments are \$34,185. The final payment is in March 2034. This is a capital lease.

The future minimum lease obligations as of December 31, 2024, are as follows:

Year Ending			
<u>June 30,</u>	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Interest</u>	<u>Total</u>
2025	\$ 20,101	14,084	34,185
2026	20,453	13,732	34,185
2027	21,655	12,530	34,185
2028	22,926	11,259	34,185
2029	24,273	9,912	34,185
2030-2034	144,500	26,430	170,930
	\$ 253,908	87,947	341,855

# NOTE 8: NET POSITION

As of December 31, 2024, net position amounted to \$417,067. Of that amount \$3,616 has been reserved for future capital outlays.

# NOTE 9: RIGHT TO USE LEASED ASSETS

The district has recorded right to use assets as a result of implementing GASB 87. The right to use assets are initially measured at an amount equal to the initial measurement of the related lease liability, plus any lease payments made prior to the lease term, less lease incentives, and plus ancillary charges necessary to place to lease into service. The District has determined the other charges and amortization to be immaterial to the government-wide financial statements and has elected to record the Right to Use Assets at their remaining liability payments.

	ginning alance	Increases	<u>Decreases</u>	Ending <u>Balance</u>
Pierce Pumper	\$	253,908		253,908
Right to use assets, net	\$ -	253,908		253,908

# NOTE 10: SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

The District has evaluated subsequent events through March 28, 2025, the date which the financial statements were available to be issued and no items were noted for disclosure.

**REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION - PART II** 

#### THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF FIRE DISTRICT NO. 1 TOWNSHIP OF WEYMOUTH GENERAL FUND STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES -BUDGET AND ACTUAL FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024

	Budget	Adjusted Final Budget	Actual	Variance - Over (Under)
Revenues:				(0)
Fund Balance	\$ 85,000	85,000	85,000	-
District Taxes	133,290	133,290	133,290	-
Municipal Service Fee - Mobile Home Park	34,259	34,259	25,805	(8,454)
Transport Fuel Reimbursement	20,000	20,000	6,919	(13,081)
Interest		-	2,075	2,075
Miscellaneous			71	71
Total Revenues	272,549	272,549	253,160	(19,389)
Expenditures:				
Operating and Maintenance:				
Administration:				
Office Expenses	1,749	1,749	774	975
Professional Services	12,500	14,000	9,975	4,025
Telephone	4,000	4,630	4,389	241
Fire Prevention	3,500	1,870	2,643	(773)
Total Administration	21,749	22,249	17,781	4,468
Cost of Operations & Maintenance:				
Insurance	2,800	2,800	2,082	718
Utilities	6,000	6,000	5,779	221
Fuel	43,000	42,500	29,271	13,229
Maintenance & Repairs	35,000	33,800	31,227	2,573
Supplies	10,000	10,000	3,393	6,607
Non-Bondable Purchases	10,000	12,800	26,993	(14,193)
Total Cost of Operations and Maintenance	106,800	107,900	98,745	9,155
Duly Incorporated First Aid/Rescue Squad Associations				
Materials & Supplies	24,000	22,400	22,126	274
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Total Duly Incorporated Fire Aid/Rescue Squad	24,000	22,400	22,126	274
Down Payment for Truck	120,000	120,000	91,940	28,060
Total Expenditures	272,549	272,549	230,592	41,957
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues				
Over Expenditures			22,568	22,568
Other Financing Sources/(Uses):				
Operating Transfers In/(Out):				
Cancellation of PY Accounts Payable			2,569	2,569
Total Other Financing Sources/(Uses)			2,569	2,569
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues and Other				
Financing Sources Over (Under) Expenditures			<b>AF</b> 1 <b>F</b> =	a- · · -
and Other Financing Uses	-	-	25,137	25,137
Fund Balances - Beginning of Year	10,554	10,554	10,554	-
Fund Balances - End of Year	\$ 10,554	10,554	35,691	25,137

# SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION



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

The Board of Commissioners Township of Weymouth Fire District #1 Township of Weymouth, New Jersey

We have audited, in accordance with the auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, the financial statements of the governmental activities and each major fund of the Weymouth Township Fire District #1 (the "Fire District"), as of and for the year ended December 31, 2024, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Fire District's basic financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated March 28, 2025, which was unmodified.

# **Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting**

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

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

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

# **Report on Compliance and Other Matters**

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

# **Purpose of this Report**

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

# FORD, SCOTT & ASSOCIATES, L.L.C. CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS

Leon P. Costello Leon P. Costello Certified Public Accountant Registered Municipal Accountant No. 393

March 28, 2025

# THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF WEYMOUTH TOWNSHIP FIRE DISTRICT #1 SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND MANAGEMENT RESPONSES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024

Schedule of Financial Statement Findings

None

# THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF WEYMOUTH TOWNSHIP FIRE DISTRICT #1 SUMMARY SCHEDULE OF PRIOR YEAR AUDIT FINDINGS AS PREPARED BY MANAGEMENT FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024

# STATUS OF PRIOR YEAR FINDINGS

None