

**Keasbey Board of Fire Commissioners
Fire District No. 4
Woodbridge Township
Keasbey, New Jersey
Financial Statements
December 31, 2009**

**KEASBEY BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS
FIRE DISTRICT NO. 4
WOODBRIIDGE TOWNSHIP, NJ**

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

April 20, 2010

Keasbey Board of Fire Commissioners
Fire District No. 4
Woodbridge Township, NJ

I have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, and each major fund of the Keasbey Board of Fire Commissioners, Fire District No. 4, Woodbridge Township, NJ (Keasbey Board of Fire Commissioners) as of December 31, 2009 and for the year then ended, as listed in the table of contents. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Keasbey Board of Fire Commissioners. My responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on my audit.

I conducted my audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America; and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in Governmental Auditing Standards, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, and in compliance with audit requirements prescribed by the Division of Local Government Services, Department of Community Affairs, State of New Jersey. Those standards required that I plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. I believe that my audit provides a reasonable basis for my opinion.

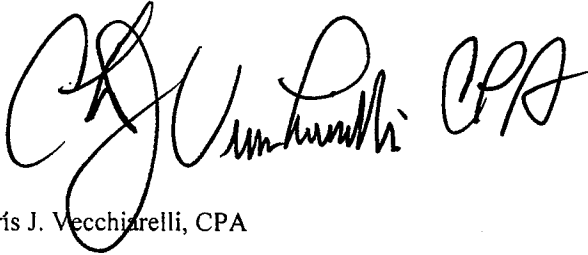
In my opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material aspects, the financial position of the governmental activities, and each major fund of the Keasbey Board of Fire Commissioners as of December 31, 2009, and the respective changes in financial position for the year then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, I have also issued my report dated April 20, 2010, on my consideration of the internal control over financial reporting and my tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, and other matters. The purpose of that report is to describe the scope of my 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* and should be read in conjunction with this report in considering the results of my audit.

Management's Discussion and Analysis and the budgetary comparison information as listed in the table of contents are not a required part of the basic financial statements but is supplementary information required

by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board. I have applied certain limited procedures, which consisted principally of inquiries of management regarding the methods of measurement and presentation of the required supplementary information. However, I did not audit the information and express no opinion on it.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of the Keasbey Board of Fire Commissioners, Fire District No. 4, Woodbridge Township, NJ and for filing with the Division of Local Government Services, Department of Community Affairs, State of New Jersey and should not be used for any other purpose.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Chris J. Vecchizirelli CPA". The signature is stylized with large, flowing loops and a prominent "C" at the beginning.

Chris J. Vecchizirelli, CPA

**REPORT ON COMPLIANCE AND ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER
FINANCIAL REPORTING BASED ON AN AUDIT OF
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS PERFORMED IN ACCORDANCE WITH
GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS**

April 20, 2010

Keasbey Board of Fire Commissioners
Fire District No. 4
Woodbridge Township, NJ

I have audited the financial statements of the Keasbey Board of Fire Commissioners, Fire District No. 4, Woodbridge Township, NJ (Keasbey Board of Fire Commissioners) as of and for the year ended December 31, 2009, and have issued my report thereon dated April 20, 2010. I conducted my 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 prescribed by the Division of Local Government Services, Department of Community Affairs, State of New Jersey.

Compliance

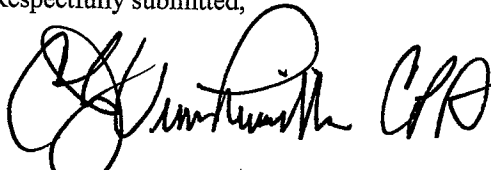
As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the Keasbey Board of Fire Commissioners' financial statements are free of material misstatement, I performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws and regulations, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the determination of financial statement amounts. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of my audit and, accordingly, I do not express such an opinion. The results of my tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards* and the audit requirements of the Division of Local Government Services.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing my audit, I considered the Keasbey Board of Fire Commissioners' internal control over financial reporting in order to determine my auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing my opinion on the financial statements and not to provide assurance on the internal control over financial reporting. My consideration of the internal control over financial reporting would not necessarily disclose all matters in the internal control over financial reporting that might be material weaknesses. A material weakness is a condition in which the design or operation of one or more of the internal control components does not reduce to a relatively low level the risk that misstatements in amounts that would be material in relation to the financial statements being audited may occur and not be detected within a timely period by employees in the normal course of performing their assigned functions. I noted no matters involving the internal control over financial reporting and its operation that I consider to be material weaknesses.

This report is intended solely for the use of the Keasbey Board of Fire Commissioners and the Division of Local Government Services, Department of Community Affairs, State of NJ and should not be used for any other purpose.

Respectfully submitted,


Chris J. Vecchiarelli, CPA

**KEASBEY BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS
FIRE DISTRICT NO. 4
WOODBRIIDGE TOWNSHIP, NJ**

Management's Discussion and Analysis
For the Year Ended December 31, 2009
(Unaudited)

As management of the Keasbey Board of Fire Commissioners (Board), Fire District No. 4, Woodbridge Township, NJ, we offer readers of these financial statements this narrative overview and analysis of the financial activities of the Keasbey Board of Fire Commissioners for the year ended December 31, 2009. The intent of this discussion and analysis is to look at the Keasbey Board of Fire Commissioners' financial performance as a whole; readers should also review the information furnished in the notes to the basic financial statements and the financial statements to enhance their understanding of Keasbey Board of Fire Commissioners' financial performance.

As discussed in Note 2 to the financial statements, the Board follows the provisions of Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement No. 34, *Basic Financial Statements – and Management's Discussion and Analysis – for State and Local Governments*.

Financial Highlights

- The assets of the Keasbey Board of Fire Commissioners exceeded its liabilities at December 31, 2009 and December 31, 2008 by \$855,755 and \$ 851,364, respectively.
- At December 31, 2009, the Keasbey Board of Fire Commissioners governmental funds reported combined ending fund balances of \$391,471, an increase of \$50,220 from the prior year resulting primarily from revenues exceeding expenditures.
- At December 31, 2009, the unreserved fund balance for the general fund was \$285,070, an approximate 11.3% increase from the prior year. This was the result of revenues exceeding expenditures.
- At December 31, 2009, the reserved fund balance for future capital expenditures and Length of Service Awards was \$80,000 and \$9,881, respectively as compared with \$55,000 and \$13,891, respectively, at December 31, 2008.

Description of the Basic Financial Statements

This report consists of the following parts: Management's discussion and analysis; the basic financial statements consisting of government-wide financial statements, and fund financial statements; notes to the financial statements; and required supplementary information.

The basic government-wide and fund financial statements present the financial results on different methods of accounting. Included in the financial statements are reconciliations that explain the difference between the two methods.

Government-wide financial statements are prepared on the accrual basis of accounting and economic resources focus. The required financial statements are: Statement of Net Assets (Exhibit A-1) and Statement of Activities (Exhibit A-2). The Statement of Net Assets reports all assets and liabilities with the difference between the two reported as net assets. The Statement of Activities reports all revenue and expenses during the year and how the net assets changed during the year.

Governmental funds financial statements are prepared on the modified accrual basis of accounting and current financial resources focus. This represents the traditional form of our financial statements. The required financial statements are: Balance Sheet (Exhibit B-1) and Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances (Exhibit B-3). The Balance Sheet shows only assets and liabilities that come due during the year or soon thereafter; no capital assets or long-term liabilities are included. The Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances reports revenue for which cash is received during or soon after the end of the year; expenditures when goods or services have been received and payment is due during or soon after the end of the year.

Reconciliation of the Governmental Fund Balance Sheet to the Government-Wide Statement of Net Assets (Exhibit B-2) explains the differences between the two statements. Exhibit B-4 details the reconciliation of the Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balance of Government Funds (Exhibit B-3) to the Statement of Activities (Exhibit A-2).

Governmental Funds

All of the Board's activities are reported in governmental funds, which focus on how cash flows into and out of those funds and the balances left at year-end available for spending in future periods. This information helps you determine whether there are more or fewer financial resources that can be spent in the near future to finance firefighting services.

The Board maintains three individual governmental funds. Information is presented separately in the governmental funds balance sheet and the governmental fund statement of revenues, expenditures, and changes in fund balances for the general fund, capital fund and the LOSAP fund each of which is considered a major fund.

Condensed Government-Wide Financial Data

Unrestricted Current Assets	\$320,520
Assets Restricted for Specific Purposes	80,000
Capital Assets - Net of Accumulated Depreciation	<u>464,284</u>
Total Assets	<u>864,804</u>
Total Liabilities	<u>9,049</u>
Net Assets:	
Invested in Capital Assets	464,284
Unrestricted Net Assets - General Fund	285,070
Capital Fund	16,520
Restricted Net Assets - Capital Fund	80,000
LOSAP Fund	<u>9,881</u>
Total Net Assets	<u>855,755</u>
Total Liabilities and Net Assets	<u>\$864,804</u>
Total Expenses	\$ (401,383)
General Revenues:	
Property Taxes	404,533
Interest Income	537
Supplemental Fire Service	<u>704</u>
Change in Net Assets - Increase	<u>\$ 4,391</u>

Financial Analysis of the Board as a Whole

The Board's net assets increased by \$4,391 for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2009 or approximately .5%, to a total of \$855,755. This slight increase was a result of revenues exceeding budgeted expenses and \$11,700 of capital additions offset by depreciation expense. Of the \$855,755 in net assets, \$320,520 represents unrestricted cash.

Financial Analysis of the Board's Funds

For the year ended December 31, 2009 governmental fund balances increased by \$50,220 to \$391,471 a 14.7% increase from the previous year's balance. The excess of revenues, primarily from District Taxes, over expenditures was the primary reason for the increase.

Budgetary Highlights

Total 2009 revenue of \$405,774, primarily from District Taxes, exceeded budgeted revenues by \$538 (approximately .1%). Total General Fund expenditures for 2009 amounted to \$340,179 which is \$52,921 (or approximately 13.5%) less than the amount budgeted.

Capital Assets

As of December 31, 2009, the Board has invested \$2,371,930 (\$464,284 net of accumulated depreciation) in a broad range of capital assets which includes the firehouse, fire fighting equipment, and fire fighting vehicles.

Economic Factors and Next Year's Budget

The Board's main source of revenue is property taxes. The Board expects amounts received from taxation to remain approximately the same for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2010. The 2010 budget was adopted on January 26, 2010 and approved by district voters at the annual fire district election on February 20, 2010.

The Board believes the amounts to be received from taxation will be sufficient to cover the 2010 budgeted expenditures.

Contacting the District's Financial Management

This financial report is designed to provide a general overview of the Board's finances. Questions concerning any of the information contained in this report should be directed to the Board's office at 420 Smith Street, Keasbey, NJ 08832.

Exhibit A-1

Keasbey Board of Fire Commissioners
 Fire District No. 4
 Woodbridge Township, NJ
 Statement of Net Assets as of December 31, 2009

Assets

Unrestricted Assets:

Cash		\$ 320,520
Total Unrestricted Assets		<u>320,520</u>

Restricted Assets:

Cash restricted for future Capital Expenditures (Note 5)		80,000
Capital Assets - Net (Note 4)		<u>464,284</u>
Total Restricted Assets		<u>544,284</u>

Total Assets		<u>\$ 864,804</u>
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Liabilities

Accounts Payable		\$ -
Deferred Revenue		<u>9,049</u>
Total Liabilities		<u>9,049</u>

Net Assets

Investment in Capital Assets - Net of Accumulated Depreciation		\$ 464,284
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Restricted Net Assets:

Restricted for Future Capital Expenditures (Note 5)	\$ 80,000	
Restricted for Length of Service Award Program (LOSAP) (Note 6)	<u>9,881</u>	89,881

Unrestricted Net Assets:

General Fund	285,070	
Capital Fund	<u>16,520</u>	<u>301,590</u>

Total Net Assets		<u>\$ 855,755</u>
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The accompanying Notes to Financial Statements are an integral part of this statement.

Keasbey Board of Fire Commissioners
 Fire District No. 4
 Woodbridge Township, NJ
 Statement of Activities for the year December 31, 2009

Expenses

Operating Appropriations:

Administrative Expenses	\$ 69,257
Cost of Operations & Maintenance	236,722
Fringe Benefits	<u>22,500</u>
Total Operating Appropriations	328,479

Depreciation	<u>57,529</u>
Total Operating Expenses	386,008

Length of Service Award Program (LOSAP):	
Transfer to Trustee (Note 6)	<u>15,375</u>

Total Expenses	<u>\$ 401,383</u>
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General Revenues

District Taxes:

Operating & Maintenance	\$ 368,258
Capital Appropriations (Note 5)	25,000
Length of Service Award Program (Note 6)	<u>11,275</u>
	\$ 404,533

Interest	537
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Supplemental Fire Service	<u>704</u>
Total General Revenues	<u>\$ 405,774</u>

Increase in Net Assets	4,391
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Net Assets, January 1, 2009	<u>851,364</u>
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Net Assets, December 31, 2009	<u>\$ 855,755</u>
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The accompanying Notes to Financial Statements are an integral part of this statement.

Exhibit B-1

Kearsbey Board of Fire Commissioners
Fire District No. 4
Woodbridge Township, NJ
Governmental Funds
Balance Sheet as of December 31, 2009

<u>Assets</u>	<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Capital Fund</u>	<u>LOSAP Fund</u>	<u>Total Governmental Funds</u>
Cash	\$ 263,395	\$ 137,125	\$ -	\$ 400,520
Due from General Fund	-	-	9,881	9,881
Due from Capital Fund	40,605	-	-	40,605
Total Assets	\$ 304,000	\$ 137,125	\$ 9,881	\$ 451,006
<u>Liabilities & Fund Balances</u>				
<u>Liabilities</u>				
Accounts Payable	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Deferred Revenue	9,049	-	-	9,049
Due to LOSAP Fund	9,881	-	-	9,881
Due to General Fund	-	40,605	-	40,605
Total Liabilities	18,930	40,605	-	59,535
<u>Fund Balances</u>				
Unreserved / Undesignated Reserved (Notes 5 & 6)	285,070	16,520	-	301,590
	-	80,000	9,881	89,881
Total Fund Balances	285,070	96,520	9,881	391,471
Total Liabilities & Fund Balances	\$ 304,000	\$ 137,125	\$ 9,881	\$ 451,006

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

Exhibit B-2

Keasbey Board of Fire Commissioners
 Fire District No. 4
 Woodbridge Township, NJ
 Reconciliation of the Governmental Balance Sheet
 To the Government-Wide Statement of Net Assets
 As of December 31, 2009

Total Fund Balances - Governmental Funds (Exhibit B-1)		\$	391,471
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Capital assets used in governmental activities are not financial resources and therefore are not reported as assets in the governmental funds.

Total Historical Cost of Capital Assets	\$	2,371,930	
Less: Accumulated Depreciation		<u>1,907,646</u>	<u>464,284</u>

Total Net Assets (Exhibit A-1)		\$	<u>855,755</u>
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The accompanying Notes to Financial Statements are an integral part of this statement.

Keasbey Board of Fire Commissioners
 Fire District No. 4
 Woodbridge Township, NJ
 Statement of Revenues, Expenditures & Changes in Fund Balances
 Governmental Funds
 For the Year Ended December 31, 2009

<u>Revenues</u>	<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Capital Fund</u>	<u>LOSAP Fund</u>	<u>Total Governmental Funds</u>
District Taxes	\$ 368,258	\$ 25,000	\$ 11,275	\$ 404,533
Interest Income	294	243	-	537
Supplemental Fire Service	704	-	-	704
Total Revenues	<u>369,256</u>	<u>25,243</u>	<u>11,275</u>	<u>405,774</u>
<u>Expenditures</u>				
Operating Appropriations:				
Administrative Expenses	69,257	-	-	69,257
Cost of Operations & Maintenance	248,422	-	-	248,422
Fringe Benefits	22,500	-	-	22,500
Total Operating Appropriations	<u>340,179</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>340,179</u>
Capital Expenditures	-	-	-	-
Length of Service award Program (LOSAP):				
Transfer to Trustee (Note 6)	-	-	15,375	15,375
Total Expenses	<u>340,179</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>15,375</u>	<u>355,554</u>
Excess Revenues / (Expenditures)	29,077	25,243	(4,100)	50,220
Fund Balance, January 1, 2009	<u>255,993</u>	<u>71,277</u>	<u>13,981</u>	<u>341,251</u>
Fund Balance, December 31, 2009	<u>285,070</u>	<u>96,520</u>	<u>9,881</u>	<u>391,471</u>

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

Keasbey Board of Fire Commissioners
 Fire District No. 4
 Woodbridge Township, NJ
 Reconciliation of the Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and
 Changes in Fund Balance to the Statement of Activities
 For the year ended December 31, 2009

Net Change in Fund Balances - Governmental Funds (Excess of Revenues over Expenditures - Exhibit B-3)	\$ 50,220
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Amounts reported in the Statement of Revenues, Expenditures
 and Changes in Fund Balance are different from amounts
 reported in the Statement of Activities (Exhibit A-2)
 as follows:

Governmental Funds report Capital Outlays as expenditures.
 However, in the Statement of Activities, the cost of those
 assets are allocated over the estimated useful life as
 depreciation expense.

Capital Expenditures for the current year	11,700
Depreciation expense for the current year	<u>(57,529)</u>

Increase in Net Assets of Governmental Activities (Exhibit A-2)	<u>\$ 4,391</u>
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The accompanying Notes to Financial Statements are an integral part of this statement.

**KEASBEY BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS
FIRE DISTRICT NO. 4
WOODBIDGE TOWNSHIP, NJ**

**NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
DECEMBER 31, 2009**

1. General Information

Description of Reporting Entity

The Keasbey Board of Fire Commissioners, Fire District No. 4 (Board or Fire District No. 4) is a political subdivision of Woodbridge Township, Middlesex County, New Jersey. Five elected commissioners oversee 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 organized as a taxing authority charged with the responsibility of providing the resources necessary to provide fire-fighting services to the residents within its territorial locations.

The Keasbey Board of Fire Commissioners, Fire District No. 4 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. 14.

Board Officials

The Keasbey Board of Fire Commissioners is governed by a board of five elected commissioners. The following is a listing of officials in office at December 31, 2009 along with a listing of the current officials based on the February 20, 2010 elections:

Officials at December 31, 2009

Dwayne Jensen – President
Joseph Dancs – Treasurer
Robert Pawol – Commissioner
Stephen Roman – Commissioner
Michael Hughes – Commissioner

Current Officials

Dwayne Jensen – President
Michael Hughes – Treasurer
Robert Pawol – Secretary
Stephen Roman – Commissioner
Martin Klose – Commissioner

Accounting Records

The official accounting records of the Board are maintained in the office of Keasbey Board of Fire Commissioners.

Minutes

Minutes were recorded for meetings and contained approvals for disbursements.

2. Significant Accounting Policies

Change in Accounting Principle - During 2004, the Board adopted Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement No. 34, Basic Financial Statements – and Management's Discussion and Analysis – for State and Local Governments. Statement No. 34 establishes certain reporting requirements that are designed to make governmental annual reports more comprehensive. Statement No. 34 also requires that management's discussion and analysis and an overview of the financial activities be presented before the financial statements as required supplementary information.

- a. **Basis of Accounting and Measurement Focus** - The accounts of the Board are organized on the basis of funds or account groups, each of which is considered to be a separate accounting entity. The operations of each fund are summarized by providing a separate set of self-balancing

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2. Significant Accounting Policies (continued):

accounts, which include its assets, liabilities, fund equities, revenues and expenses or expenditures.

b. Financial Statements

Government-Wide Financial Statements

The Board's Government-Wide Financial Statements include a Statement of Net Assets and a Statement of Activities and Changes in Net Assets. These statements present summaries of Governmental activities for the Board.

The basic financial statements are presented on an economic resources management focus and the accrual basis of accounting. Accordingly, all the Board's assets and liabilities, including capital assets, and long-term liabilities are included in the accompanying Statement of Net Assets. The Statement of Activities presents changes in net assets. Under the accrual basis of accounting, revenues are recognized in the period in which they are earned while expenses are recognized in the period in which the liability is incurred.

Governmental Fund Financial Statements

The Board's Governmental Fund Financial Statements include a Balance Sheet and a Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balance for all major governmental funds. An accompanying schedule is presented to reconcile and explain the differences in fund balances as presented in these statements to the net assets presented in the Government-Wide financial statements.

All governmental funds are accounted for on a spending or current financial resources measurement focus and the modified accrual basis of accounting. Accordingly, only current assets and current liabilities are included on the Balance Sheet. The Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances presents increases (revenues and other financing sources) and decreases (expenditures and other financing uses) in net current assets. Under the modified accrual basis of accounting, revenues are recognized in the accounting period in which they become both measurable and available to finance expenditures of the current period. Accordingly, revenues are recorded when received in cash, except that revenues subject to accrual are recognized when due. Expenditures are recorded in the accounting period in which the related fund liability is incurred. Reconciliation of the Fund Financial Statements to the Government-Wide Financial Statement is provided to explain the differences created by the different measurement focus and basis of accounting.

Accordingly the Board accounts for its financial transactions through the use of the following funds and account groups when applicable:

Governmental Funds:

General Fund – The General Fund is the general operating fund of the Board and is used to account for its inflows and outflows of financial resources. The acquisition of certain capital assets, such as fire fighting apparatus and equipment, is accounted for in the General Fund when it is responsible for the financing of such purposes.

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2. Significant Accounting Policies (continued):

Capital Fund – The Capital Fund is used to account for financial resources to be used for the acquisition or construction of major capital facilities such as fire houses and firefighting apparatus. Generally, the financial resources of the Capital Fund are derived from the issuance of debt or by the reservation of fund balance, which must be authorized by the voters either during the annual election or at a special election.

Length of Service Award Programs (LOSAP) Fund - The LOSAP Fund represents the excess of amounts received from taxation for LOSAP awards over the actual award calculated. Also refer to Note 6.

Budgets and Budgetary Accounting

The Board must adopt an annual budget in accordance with *N.J.S.A. 40A:14-78 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 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:4-78.3*. The budget may not be amended subsequent to its final adoption and approval.

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 approval by District voters at the annual election.

Fire Districts have a prescribed budgetary basis to demonstrate legal compliance. However, budgets are adopted on principally the same basis of accounting utilized for the preparation of the Fire District's (Board's) basic financial statements.

Encumbrances – Under encumbrance accounting, purchase orders, contracts and other commitments for the expenditure of resources are recorded to reserve a portion of the applicable appropriation. Open encumbrances, if any, are reported as reservations of fund balances at year-end as they do not constitute expenditures or liabilities but rather commitments related to unperformed contracts for goods and services.

Cash, Cash Equivalents and Investments – Cash and cash equivalents include petty cash, change funds, and cash in banks. All certificates of deposit are recorded as cash regardless of the date of maturity. Fire Districts are required by *N.J.S.A. 40A:5-14* to deposit public funds in a bank or trust company having its place of business in the State of New Jersey and organized under the laws of the United States.

The Governmental Unit Deposit Protection Act, P.L. 1970, Chapter 236, was passed to afford protection against bankruptcy or default by a depository. C.17:9-42 provides that no governmental unit shall deposit funds in a public depository unless such funds are secured in accordance with this act. C.17:9-44 provides that every public depository having public funds on deposit shall, as security for such deposits, maintain eligible collateral having a market value at least equal to either (1) 5% of the average daily balance of collected public funds on deposit during the 6 month period ending on the next preceding valuation date (June 30 or December 31) or (2) at the election of the depository, at least equal to 5% of the average balance of collected public funds on deposit on the first, eighth, fifteenth, and twenty-second days of each

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2. Significant Accounting Policies (continued):

month in the 6-month period ending on the next preceding valuation date (June 30 or December 31). No public depository shall be required to maintain any eligible collateral pursuant to this act as security for any deposit or deposits of any governmental unit to the extent such deposits are insured by F.D.I.C. or F.S.L.I.C. or any other U.S. agency which insures public depository funds.

No public depository shall at any time receive and hold on deposit for any period in excess of 15 days public funds of a governmental unit(s) which, in the aggregate, exceed 75% of the capital funds of the depository, unless such depository shall, in addition to the security required to be maintained under the paragraph above, secure such excess by eligible collateral with a market value at least equal to 100% of such excess.

Inventories and Prepaid Expenses – Inventories and prepaid expenses, which benefit future periods, are recorded as an expenditure during the year of purchase.

Amounts Received from Taxation – Upon the proper certification to the assessor of the municipality in which the Fire District is located, the assessor shall assess the amount of taxes to be raised in support of the Fire District's budget in the same manner as all other municipal taxes. The collector or treasurer or municipality shall then pay over to the treasurer or custodian of funds of the Fire District the taxes assessed in accordance with an established schedule.

Capital Assets – Capital assets which include land, building, improvements and firefighting vehicles and equipment are reported in the Government-Wide Financial Statements. Capital assets are recorded at historical cost or estimated historical cost if actual historical cost is not available.

Depreciation is computed using the straight-line method over the estimated useful lives of the assets as follows:

Building & Improvements	10 to 30 years
Fire Fighting Vehicles & Equipment	5 to 20 years
Furniture & Fixtures	3 to 5 years

Inventory, Materials, and Supplies – The inventory on hand at any time is immaterial. Accordingly, purchases are charged directly to fixed assets or to maintenance costs, as applicable.

Deferred Revenue – In 1997, the Board received a portion of the 1998 Revenue from District Taxes in advance. This amount, \$9,049 remained outstanding at December 31, 2009 and is reflected on the Statement of Net Assets and the Balance Sheet as deferred revenue.

Fund Balance Reserve – Fund balance reserves (also referred to as restricted fund balances) indicate the amount of the fund balance not available for general expenditure or amounts legally segregated for a specific future use.

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

Unrealized Gains and Losses – Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) has established GSAB-31, which requires public agencies to report the financial effect of all unrealized gains and losses on invested funds. As of December 31, 2009, there were no unrealized gains or losses on invested funds.

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3. Property Tax Levies

Following is a tabulation of Fire District assessed valuation, tax levies and property tax rates per \$100 of assessed valuations for the current and preceding four years:

Year	Assessed Valuations	Total Tax Levy	Property Tax Rates
2009	\$74,383,500	\$404,533	\$0.54
2008	75,873,800	388,974	0.51
2007	73,676,700	388,998	0.51
2006	75,873,800	388,996	0.47
2005	82,847,300	388,996	0.47

4. Capital Assets

Capital assets as of December 31, 2009 consisted of the following:

Land	\$ 60,000
Buildings & Improvements	661,482
Firefighting Vehicles & Equipment	1,610,584
Furniture & Fixtures	39,864
Sub - Total	2,371,930
Less: Accumulated Depreciation	(1,907,646)
Capital Assets - Net	<u>\$464,284</u>

5. Capital Outlays / Reserved Funds Balances

In 2009, Capital Appropriations Received from District Taxes in the amount of \$25,000 was received. This amount represents partial funding for the future purchase of fire apparatus. As of December 31, 2009, the total amount the Board has received for this purpose is \$80,000. This amount has been invested in a money market account and is reflected as a reserved fund balance in the Capital Fund.

6. Length of Service Award Program (LOSAP)

During 1999, a Length of Service Award Program (LOSAP) was established to benefit eligible members of Fire District No. 4. LOSAP is a benefit plan, which provides tax-deferred income to members of volunteer emergency organizations such as Fire District No. 4. The administration, vesting and benefit distribution requirements of LOSAP are governed by New Jersey Statute P.L. 1998, C.388.

To be eligible for the annual award, the volunteer member must respond to a minimum of 20% of fire calls during the 12-month period beginning December and ending November of the following year. The maximum annual amount (\$1,025 in 2009) is awarded to those volunteer members who responded to at least 40% of the fire calls during the 12-month period.

Effective December 10, 2001, the Board retained Lincoln National Life Insurance Company (Lincoln or Trustee) to manage the LOSAP funds. Annually, the Board calculates the award for each volunteer member based on the eligibility requirements and transfers this amount to Lincoln for the benefit of each member.

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6. Length of Service Award Program (LOSAP) (continued):

Once transferred, the Board relinquishes control of the funds and the member directs Lincoln regarding control of the funds and investment options. For 2009, the actual LOSAP award as calculated by the Board amounted to \$15,375.

The 2009 LOSAP contribution in the amount of \$11,275 is included in the current year's Amounts Received from Taxation (i.e. District Taxes). The excess of Amounts Received from Taxation over the actual award calculation is retained by the Board in a separate fund restricted for this purpose. Similarly, if the calculated award exceeds the Amount Received from Taxation, this amount will be funded from the LOSAP reserved fund. At December 31, 2009, the LOSAP reserved fund balance was \$9,881.

If a volunteer member discontinues service to the Fire District prior to the vesting period, all amounts contributed to the fund on their behalf are forfeited. The amounts forfeited (Forfeitures) are returned by the Trustee and credited to the LOSAP reserved fund balance. During 2009, there were no Forfeitures.

7. Related Party Transactions

The President of the Board of Commissioners is affiliated with the company that the Board has retained to perform landscaping and related services on the grounds of the firehouse. This arrangement was entered into before this individual was elected to the Board. The Board is seeking an advisory opinion from legal counsel regarding the propriety of this arrangement and will act accordingly based on this opinion when received.

Since the date of his election to the Board, the amounts involved represent approximately 1.6% of the Board's total revenues.

8. Change in Accounting Principle and Restatement of Fund Balance

During 2004, the Board adopted GASB Statement No. 34. This change in accounting principle required restatement of the January 1, 2004 beginning Net Assets Balance as follows:

Net Assets Balance at December 31, 2003 as previously reported	\$537,765
Adjustment to reflect the Investment in Capital Assets, Net of Accumulated Depreciation	<u>570,917</u>
January 1, 2004 Net Assets balance as restated	<u>\$1,108,682</u>

9. Debt and Debt Service Obligations

The Keasbey Board of Fire Commissioners, Fire District No. 4 had no outstanding debt as of December 31, 2009 and no debt service obligations for the next five-year period.

10. Risk Management

The Board is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts, theft of, damage to, and destruction of assets; errors and omissions; injuries to volunteer members; and natural disasters. The Board maintains commercial insurance coverage to mitigate these risks.

Keasbey Board of Fire Commissioners
 Fire District No. 4
 Woodbridge Township, NJ
 Statement of Revenues, Expenditures & Changes in Fund Balances
 General Fund
 For the Year Ended December 31, 2009

	<u>Original Budget</u>	<u>Final Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Favorable/ (Unfavorable)</u>
Revenues and Other Financing Sources				
District Taxes: Operating & Maintenance	\$ 368,258	\$ 368,258	\$ 368,258	\$ -
Other Financing Sources:				
Interest	-	-	294	294
Supplemental Fire Service	703	703	704	1
Total Revenues & Financing	\$ 368,961	\$ 368,961	\$ 369,256	\$ 295
Operating Appropriations				
Administration				
Salary & Wages				
Commissioners	\$ 16,500	\$ 16,500	\$ 15,583	\$ 917
Treasurer	5,500	5,500	5,500	-
Secretary	5,500	5,500	5,500	-
Total	27,500	27,500	26,583	917
Other Administration				-
Elections	2,000	2,000	1,674	326
Professional Services	36,000	36,000	36,000	-
Mutual Services - Joint Board	5,000	5,000	5,000	-
Total	43,000	43,000	42,674	326
Total Administration	70,500	70,500	69,257	1,243
Operating & Maintenance				
Salary & Wages				
Fireman & Inspectors	15,000	15,000	15,000	-
Janitor	6,600	6,600	6,325	275
Total	21,600	21,600	21,325	275
Other Operating & Maintenance				
Insurance	31,400	31,400	27,010	4,390
Maintenance & Repair	100,200	100,200	70,240	29,960
Supplies & Training	27,500	27,500	11,687	15,813
Utilities	33,600	33,600	32,193	1,407
Hydrant Service	45,500	45,500	44,394	1,106
Mutual Service - Dispatch	35,300	35,300	36,573	(1,273)
First Aid Squad	5,000	5,000	5,000	-
Total	278,500	278,500	227,097	51,403
Total Operating & Maintenance	300,100	300,100	248,422	51,678
Fringe Benefits				
Group Life Insurance	22,500	22,500	22,500	-
Total Operating Appropriations	\$ 393,100	\$ 393,100	\$ 340,179	\$ 52,921
Excess Revenues / (Expenditures)	(24,139)	(24,139)	29,077	53,216
Fund balance, January 1, 2009	255,993	255,993	255,993	-
Fund Balance, December 31, 2009	\$ 231,854	\$ 231,854	\$ 285,070	\$ 53,216

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 Statement of Revenues, Expenditures & Changes in Fund Balances
 Capital Fund
 For the Year Ended December 31, 2009

	<u>Original Budget</u>	<u>Final Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Favorable/ (Unfavorable)</u>
Revenues and Other Financing Sources				
District Taxes: Capital Appropriations	\$ 25,000	\$ 25,000	\$ 25,000	\$ -
Other Financing Sources:				
Interest	-	-	243	243
Transfer from General Fund	-	-	-	-
Total Revenues & Financing	<u>\$ 25,000</u>	<u>\$ 25,000</u>	<u>\$ 25,243</u>	<u>\$ 243</u>
Expenses and Other Disbursements				
Trunked Radio System	110,000	110,000	-	110,000
Other Equipment Purchases	-	-	-	-
Total Expenses & Other Disbursements	<u>110,000</u>	<u>110,000</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>110,000</u>
Excess Revenues / (Expenditures)	(85,000)	(85,000)	25,243	110,243
Fund balance, January 1, 2009	<u>71,277</u>	<u>71,277</u>	<u>71,277</u>	<u>-</u>
Fund Balance, December 31, 2009	<u>\$ (13,723)</u>	<u>\$ (13,723)</u>	<u>\$ 96,520</u>	<u>\$ 110,243</u>

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 Statement of Revenues, Expenditures & Changes in Fund Balances
 Length of Service Award Program (LOSAP) Fund
 For the Year Ended December 31, 2009

	<u>Original Budget</u>	<u>Final Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Favorable/ (Unfavorable)</u>
Revenues and Other Financing Sources				
District Taxes: Capital Appropriations	\$ 11,275	\$ 11,275	\$ 11,275	\$ -
Other Financing Sources:				
Forfeitures	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Total Revenues & Financing	<u>\$ 11,275</u>	<u>\$ 11,275</u>	<u>\$ 11,275</u>	<u>\$ -</u>
Expenses and Other Disbursements				
Transfer to Trustee	<u>11,275</u>	<u>11,275</u>	<u>15,375</u>	<u>(4,100)</u>
Total Expenses & Other Disbursements	<u>11,275</u>	<u>11,275</u>	<u>15,375</u>	<u>(4,100)</u>
Excess Revenues / (Expenditures)	-	-	(4,100)	(4,100)
Fund balance, January 1, 2009	<u>13,981</u>	<u>13,981</u>	<u>13,981</u>	<u>-</u>
Fund Balance, December 31, 2009	<u>\$ 13,981</u>	<u>\$ 13,981</u>	<u>\$ 9,881</u>	<u>\$ (4,100)</u>

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April 20, 2010

Keasbey Board of Fire Commissioners
Fire District No. 4
Woodbridge Township, NJ

I have audited the financial statements of the Keasbey Board of Fire Commissioners, Fire District No. 4, Woodbridge Township, NJ (Keasbey Board of Fire Commissioners or Board) as of and for the year ended December 31, 2009, and have issued my report thereon dated April 20, 2010. In accordance with requirements prescribed by the Division of Local Government Services, Department of Community Affairs, State of New Jersey, I am required to report any General Comments and Recommendations for the year then ended.

Following are the comments and recommendations resulting from my audit.

1. Cash Management

- a) Banking Arrangements - The Board maintains a general operating checking account and a money market account. At December 31, 2009 the combined total in these 2 accounts was approximately \$400,000. These accounts are currently earning .10% and .03%, respectively. It is recommended that the Board investigate other banking alternatives to achieve a higher yield.
- b) Timeliness of Deposits – cash receipts (including checks) should be deposited as soon as possible after receipt but not later than 48 hours after receipt. There were several instances noted where receipts were deposited beyond the recommended time period. It is recommended that the Board deposit all receipts on a more timely basis.

2. Risk Management

- a) The Board maintains commercial insurance coverage and a surety bond on the Treasurer to mitigate the risk of loss. It is recommended that the surety

bond coverage be expanded to include all members of the Board at amounts commensurate to the related risk.

- b) With a relatively new Board in place for the current year, it is recommended that the Board review its overall insurance coverage to ensure that adequate coverage is in place.

3. Capital Assets

- a) The Board does not have an updated Capital Asset listing. It is recommended that the Board conduct a physical count of all capital assets and prepare a list which includes a description of the asset, date of acquisition and historical cost.
- b) Using the above listing as a basis, the Board should prepare a schedule of asset depreciation.

This reported is intended solely for the use of the Keasbey Board of Fire Commissioners and the Division of Local Government Services, Department of Community Affairs, State of NJ and should not be used for any other purpose.

Respectfully submitted,



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