Keasbey Board of Fire Commissioners Fire District No. 4 Woodbridge Township Keasbey, New Jersey Financial Statements December 31, 2010

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# **INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT**

April 15, 2011

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, 2010 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, 2010, 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 15, 2011, 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 are 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.

Chris J. Vecchiarelli, 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 15, 2011

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, 2010, and have issued my report thereon dated April 15, 2011. 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 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.

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Respectfully submitted,

Chris J. Vegchiarelli, CPA

Management's Discussion and Analysis For the Year Ended December 31, 2010 (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, 2010. 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 (GASB) Statement No. 34, Basic Financial Statements – and Management's Discussion and Analysis – for State and Local Governments and GASB Statement No. 54 Fund Balance Reporting and Governmental Fund Type Definitions.

#### Financial Highlights

- The assets of the Keasbey Board of Fire Commissioners exceeded its liabilities at December 31, 2010 and December 31, 2009 by \$870,962 and \$855,755, respectively.
- At December 31, 2010, the Keasbey Board of Fire Commissioners governmental funds reported combined ending fund balances of \$409,510, an increase of \$18,039 from the prior year resulting primarily from revenues exceeding expenditures as planned (i.e. budgeted) by the Board.
- At December 31, 2010, the unrestricted/unassigned fund balance for the general fund was \$314,481, an approximate 10.3% increase from the prior year. This was the result of revenues exceeding expenditures as planned (i.e. budgeted) by the Board.
- At December 31, 2010, the restricted fund balance for future capital expenditures and Length of Service Awards was \$69,388 and \$8,556, respectively as compared with \$80,000 and \$9,881, respectively, at December 31, 2009. These decreases were also planned (i.e. budgeted) by the Board.

# **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/Unassigned Current Assets Assets Restricted for Specific Purposes Capital Assets - Net of Accumulated Depreciation	\$354,394 69,388 461,452
Total Assets	\$885,234
Total Liabilities	\$ <u>14,272</u>
Net Assets:	
Invested in Capital Assets	\$461,452
Unrestricted/Unassigned Net Assets – General Fund	314,481
Capital Fund	17,085
Restricted Net Assets - Capital Fund	69,388
LOSAP Fund	<u>8,556</u>
Total Net Assets	\$ <u>870,962</u>
Total Liabilities and Net Assets	\$885,234
Total Liabilities and Net Assets	\$885,234
Total Liabilities and Net Assets  Total Expenses	\$885,234 \$ (407,500)
Total Expenses General Revenues:	
Total Expenses	\$ (407,500) 420,533
Total Expenses  General Revenues: Property Taxes Interest Income	\$ (407,500) 420,533 1,670
Total Expenses  General Revenues: Property Taxes	\$ (407,500) 420,533
Total Expenses  General Revenues: Property Taxes Interest Income	\$ (407,500) 420,533 1,670

#### Financial Analysis of the Board as a Whole

The Board's net assets increased by \$15,207 for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2010 or approximately 1.8%, to a total of \$870,962. This increase was a result of revenues exceeding budgeted expenses and \$60,612 of capital additions offset by depreciation expense. Of the \$870,962 in net assets, \$354,394 represents unrestricted/unassigned cash.

#### Financial Analysis of the Board's Funds

For the year ended December 31, 2010 governmental fund balances increased by \$18,039 to \$409,510, a 4.6% increase from the previous year's balance. The excess of revenues, which are primarily from District Taxes, over budgeted expenditures was the primary reason for the increase.

#### **Budgetary Highlights**

Total 2010 revenue of \$422,707, primarily from District Taxes, exceeded budgeted revenues by \$1,470 (approximately .3%). Total expenditures for 2010 amounted to \$404,668 which is \$89,282 (or approximately 18.1%) less than the amount budgeted.

#### Capital Assets

As of December 31, 2010, the Board has invested \$2,432,542 (\$461,452 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, 2011. The 2011 budget was adopted on January 18, 2011 and approved by district voters at the annual fire district election on February 19, 2011.

The Board believes the amounts to be received from taxation will be sufficient to cover the 2011 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.

Keasbey Board of Fire Commissioners Fire District No. 4 Woodbridge Township, NJ Statement of Net Assets as of December 31, 2010

Assets				•
Unrestricted Assets:				
Cash			\$	354,394
Total Unrestricted Assets				354,394
Restricted Assets:				
Cash restricted for future Capital Expenditures (Note 5)				69,388
Capital Assets - Net (Note 4)				461,452
Total Restricted Assets				530,840
Total Assets			\$	885,234
			<u> </u>	000,204
Liabilities				
Accounts Payable			\$	F 000
Deferred Revenue			Þ	5,223
				9,049
Total Liabilities				14,272
Net Assets				
Investment in Capital Assets - Net of Accumulated Depreciation			Φ.	404 450
Restricted Net Assets:			\$	461,452
Restricted for Future Capital				
Expenditures (Note 5)	\$	69,388		
Restricted for Length of Service	Ψ	00,000		
Award Program (LOSAP) (Note 6)		8,556		77,944
Unrestricted/Unassigned Net Assets:		0,000		11,044
General Fund		314,481		
Capital Fund		17,085		331,566
•		17,000		331,300
Total Net Assets			\$	870,962

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

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Keasbey Board of Fire Commissioners Fire District No. 4 Woodbridge Township, NJ Statement of Activities for the year December 31, 2010			
Expenses Operating Appropriations: Administrative Expenses		<b>ታ</b>	60.044
Cost of Operations & Maintenance Fringe Benefits		\$	60,841 258,001 11,889
Total Operating Appropriations			330,731
Depreciation			63,444
Total Operating Expenses			394,175
Length of Service Award Program (LOSAP):  Transfer to Trustee (Note 6)			13,325
Total Expenses		\$	407,500
General Revenues District Taxes: Operating & Maintenance \$ Capital Appropriations (Note 5)	358,533 50,000		
Length of Service Award Program (Note 6)	12,000	\$	420,533
Interest			1,670
Supplemental Fire Service			504
Total General Revenues		\$	422,707
Increase in Net Assets			15,207

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

Net Assets, January 1, 2010

Net Assets, December 31, 2010

855,755

870,962

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Keasbey Board of Fire Commissioners Fire District No. 4 Woodbridge Township, NJ Governmental Funds Balance Sheet as of December 31, 2010

Total Governmental <u>Funds</u>	\$ 423,782 8,556 101,219	\$ 533,557		\$ 5,223 9,049 8,556 101,219	124,047	331,566 77,944	409,510	\$ 533,557
LOSAP <u>Fund</u>	8,556	\$ 8,556		· · · ·	2	8,556	8,556	8,556
Capital <u>Fund</u>	\$ 187,692	\$ 187,692		\$ - - 101,219	101,219	17,085 69,388	86,473	\$ 187,692
General <u>Fund</u>	\$ 236,090 - 101,219	\$ 337,309		\$ 5,223 9,049 8,556	22,828	314,481	314,481	\$ 337,309
Assets	Cash Due from General Fund Due from Capital Fund	Total Assets	Liabilities & Fund Balances	<u>Liabilities</u> Accounts Payable Deferred Revenue Due to LOSAP Fund Due to General Fund	Total Liabilities	Fund Balances Unrestricted / Unassigned Restricted (Notes 5 & 6)	Total Fund Balances	Total Liabilities & Fund Balances

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

870,962

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, 2010

Total Net Assets (Exhibit A-1)

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Total Fund Balances - Governmental Funds (Exhibit B-1)			\$ 409,510
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 Less: Accumulated Depreciation	<b>\$</b>	2,432,542 1,971,090	 461,452

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

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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, 2010

							<u>31, 2010</u>	Total	\$ 314,481 86,473	8,556 \$ 409,510
							Analysis of Fund Balance at December 31, 2010	Unrestricted/ Unassigned	\$ 314,481 17,085	\$ 331,566
							Fund Balance		₽ _	\$ 77,944
	•						Analysis of	<u>.</u>	Capital Fund	LOSAP Fund Totals
Total Governmental <u>Funds</u>	\$ 420,533 1,670 504	422,707		60,841 258,001 11,889 330,731	60,612	13,325	404,668	18,039	391,471	409,510
LOSAP <u>Fund</u>	\$ 12,000	12,000		1 1 1	1	13,325	13,325	(1,325)	9,881	8,556
Capital <u>Fund</u>	\$ 50,000	50,565		1 1 1	60,612	1	60,612	(10,047)	96,520	86,473
General <u>Fund</u>	\$ 358,533 1,105 504	360,142		60,841 258,001 11,889 330,731	ı	1	330,731	29,411	285,070	314,481
Revenues	District Taxes Interest Income Supplemental Fire Service	Total Revenues	Expenditures	Operating Appropriations: Administrative Expenses Cost of Operations & Maintenance Fringe Benefits Total Operating Appropriatic	Capital Expenditures	Length of Service award Program (LOSAP): Transfer to Trustee (Note 6)	Total Expenses	Excess Revenues / (Expenditures)	Fund Balances, January 1, 2010	Fund Balances, December 31, 2010

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, 2010

Net Change in Fund Balances - Governmental Funds (Excess of Revenues over Expenditures - Exhibit B-3)

\$ 18,039

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 Depreciation expense for the current year

60,612 \_\_\_(63,444)

Increase in Net Assets of Governmental Activities (Exhibit A-2)

\$ 15,207

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

#### NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS DECEMBER 31, 2010

#### 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, 2010:

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

The Board follows the provisions of Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) 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.

During 2010, the Board adopted GASB No. 54, Fund Balance Reporting and Governmental Fund Type Definitions.

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

#### NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS DECEMBER 31, 2010

#### 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.

#### NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS DEBEMBER 31, 2010

#### 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

#### NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS DECEMBER 31, 2010

#### 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, 2010 and is reflected on the Statement of Net Assets and the Balance Sheet as deferred revenue.

**Restricted Fund Balance** – Restricted fund balances represent 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, 2010, there were no unrealized gains or losses on invested funds.

# NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS December 31, 2010

#### 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
2010	\$74,383,500	\$420,533	\$0.565
2009	74,383,500	404,533	0.540
2008	75,873,800	388,974	0.510
2007	73,676,700	388,998	0.510
2006	75,873,800	388,996	0.470

#### 4. Capital Assets

Capital assets as of December 31, 2010 consisted of the following:

Land	\$ 60,000
Buildings & Improvements	661,482
Firefighting Vehicles & Equipment	1,671,196
Furniture & Fixtures	39,864
Sub – Total	2,432,542
Less: Accumulated Depreciation	(1,971,090)
Capital Assets – Net	\$461,452

#### 5. Capital Outlays / Restricted Funds Balances

In 2010, Capital Appropriations Received from District Taxes in the amount of \$50,000 was received. This amount represents partial funding for the future purchase of fire apparatus. As of December 31, 2010, the total amount the Board has received for this purpose is \$69,388. This amount has been invested in a money market account and is reflected as a restricted 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 2010) 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.

#### NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS DECEMBER 31, 2010

#### 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 2010, the actual LOSAP award as calculated by the Board amounted to \$13,325.

The 2010 LOSAP contribution in the amount of \$12,000 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, 2010, the LOSAP reserved fund balance was \$8,556.

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 2010, there were no Forfeitures.

#### 7. Related Party Transactions

The President of the Board of Fire Commissioners is affiliated with the company that the Board has retained to perform landscaping and other 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.

For the year ended December 31, 2010, the amount paid for these services represents approximately 3% 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
Adjustment to reflect the Investment in Capital Assets, Net of
Accumulated Depreciation

\$537,765

January 1, 2004 Net Assets balance as restated

\$1,108,682

#### 9. Debt and Debt Service Obligations

The Keasbey Board of Fire Commissioners, Fire District No. 4 had no outstanding debt as of December 31, 2010 and no debt service obligations for the next five-year period.

#### NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS DECEMBER 31, 2010

#### 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.

#### 11. Subsequent Event

On March 15, 2011, Fire District No. 4 held a special election in which voters approved a resolution allowing the Board to refurbish a Tower Ladder Truck to be funded through a lease/purchase agreement for an amount not to exceed \$370,000.

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, 2010

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	Original <u>Budget</u>	Final <u>Budget</u>	Actual	Favorable/ (Unfavorable)
Revenues and Other Financing Sources				
District Taxes: Operating & Maintenance	\$ 358,533	\$ 358,533	\$ 358,533	\$ -
Other Financing Sources:				
Interest Supplemental Fire Service	704	- 704	1,105 504	1,105 (200)
Total Revenues & Financing	\$ 359,237	\$ 359,237	\$ 360,142	\$ 90 <u>5</u>
Operating Appropriations				
Administration				
Salary & Wages				
Commissioners	\$ 12,700	\$ 12,700	\$ 12,700	\$ -
President	6,350	6,350	6,350	-
Treasurer	6,350	6,350	6,350	-
Secretary	6,350	6,350	6,350	
Total	31,750	31,750	31,750	
Other Administration				-
Elections	2,000	2,000	1,391	609
Professional Services	36,000	30,205	22,700	7,505
Mutual Services - Joint Board	5,000	5,000	5,000	
Total	43,000	37,205	29,091	8,114
Total Administration	74,750	68,955	60,841	8,114
Operating & Maintenance				
Salary & Wages				
Fireman & Inspectors	15,000	15,250	15,227	23
Janitor	6,600	6,600	5,250	1,350
Fire Prevention	5,000	5,000	395	4,605
Total	26,600	26,850	20,872	5,978
Other Operating & Maintenance				
Insurance	31,400	39,400	39,319	81
Maintenance & Repair	68,000	133,720	67,776	65,944
Supplies & Training	27,500	15,500	8,881	6,619
Utilities	33,600	34,100	30,553	3,547
Hydrant Service	50,000	46,000	49,563	(3,563)
Mutual Service - Dispatch	38,000	38,000	41,037	(3,037)
Total	248,500	306,720	237,129	69,591
Total Operating & Maintenance	275,100	333,570	258,001	75,569
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Fringe Benefits Group Life Insurance	22,100	17,100	11,889	5,211
Total Operating Appropriations	\$ 371,950	\$ 419,625	\$ 330,731	\$ 88,894
Excess Revenues / (Expenditures)	(12,713)	(60,388)	29,411	89,799
Unrestricted/Unassigned Fund Balance, January 1, 2010	285,070	285,070	285,070	
Unrestricted/Unassigned Fund Balance, December 31, 2010	\$ 272,357	\$ 224,682		\$ 89,799

Keasbey Board of Fire Commissioners
Fire District No. 4
Woodbridge Township, NJ
Statement of Revenues, Expenditures & Changes in Fund Balances
Capital Fund
For the Year Ended December 31, 2010

	Original <u>Budget</u>	Final <u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	Favorable/ (Unfavorable)
Revenues and Other Financing Sources				
District Taxes: Capital Appropriations	\$ 50,000	\$ 50,000	\$ 50,000	\$ -
Other Financing Sources: Interest Transfer from General Fund	-	- 	565 	565 
Total Revenues & Financing	\$ 50,000	\$ 50,000	\$ 50,565	\$ 565
Expenses and Other Disbursements Trunked Radio System Other Equipment Purchases Total Expenses & Other Disbursements	110,000 - 110,000	61,000  61,000	60,612  60,612	388  388
Excess Revenues / (Expenditures)	(60,000)	(11,000)	(10,047)	953
Fund Balance, January 1, 2010	96,520	96,520	96,520	_
Fund Balance, December 31, 2010	\$ 36,520	\$ 85,520	\$ 86,473	\$ 953
Analysis of Fund Balance		Unrestricted/		
Fund Balance, January 1, 2010	Restricted \$ 80,000	<u>Unassigned</u> \$ 16,520	<u>Total</u> \$ 96,520	
Excess Revenues / (Expenditures)	(10,612)	565	(10,047)	
Fund Balance, December 31, 2010	\$ 69,388	<u>\$ 17,085</u>	\$ 86,473	

Keasbey Board of Fire Commissioners
Fire District No. 4
Woodbridge Township, NJ
Statement of Revenues, Expenditures & Changes in Fund Balances
Length of Service Award Program (LOSAP) Fund
For the Year Ended December 31, 2010

	Original <u>Budget</u>	Final <u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	Favorable/ (Unfavorable)
Revenues and Other Financing Sources				
District Taxes: Capital Appropriations	\$ 12,000	\$ 12,000	\$ 12,000	\$ -
Other Financing Sources: Forfeitures	<u>-</u> _		<del></del>	
Total Revenues & Financing	\$ 12,000	\$ 12,000	\$ 12,000	\$
Expenses and Other Disbursements  Transfer to Trustee  Total Expenses & Other Disbursements	<u>12,000</u> 12,000	<u>13,325</u> 13,325	<u>13,325</u> 13,325	
Excess Revenues / (Expenditures)	-	(1,325)	(1,325)	-
Restricted Fund balance, January 1, 2010	9,881	9,881	9,881	
Restricted Fund Balance, December 31, 2010	\$ 9,881	\$ 8,556	\$ 8,556	\$ -

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April 15, 2011

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, 2010, and have issued my report thereon dated April 15, 2011. 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

In my review of the Board's cash accounts, I noted there were several checks which were unaccounted for. In order to mitigate the risk of inappropriate use of these checks, it is recommended that the Board locate these checks, "Void" them and note they have been "Voided" in the accounting records.

If the checks cannot be located, a "Stop Payment" order should be issued to the Bank.

# 2. Accounts Payable Processing

Although there were properly approved "Vouchers" in support of payments made, there were several instances noted where there was no other documentation (e.g. vendor receipts) to support the disbursement made.

It is recommended that in addition to the approved "Voucher" each disbursement should be supported by a vendor receipt or some notation made why a receipt is not available.

# 3. Risk Management

- a) The Board maintains a Position Schedule Bond (i.e. surety bond) covering the President, Vice President & 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. Currently, the Board does not have a designated Vice President position.
- b) The Group Insurance Policy lists Protection Fire Company No. 1 of Keasbey, NJ as the policy holder/owner and not the Board. It is recommended that the policy holder/owner name be changed to reflect the Board as the policy holder/owner. In addition, all policies should be reviewed to ensure that the Board is the named policy holder/owner.
- c) It is also recommended that the Board review its overall insurance coverage annually to ensure that adequate coverage is in place.

# 4. 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.

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Respectfully submitted,

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