Financial Statements and Supplementary Schedules

For the year ended December 31, 2021

(With Independent Auditor's Report thereon)

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

Board of Fire Commissioners Fire District No. 1 of the township of Manalapan County of Monmouth Manalapan, New Jersey 07726

Opinions

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Fire District No. 1 of the township of Manalapan (hereafter referred to as the District), County of Monmouth, State of New Jersey, as of and for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2021, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the District's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, each major fund and the aggregate remaining fund information of the District, as of December 31, 2021, and the respective changes in financial position for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Basis for Opinions

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

Responsibility of Management for the Financial Statements

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

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

Auditor's Responsibility

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

In performing an audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards, *Government Auditing Standards* and audit standards prescribed by the Local Finance Board and by the Division of Local Government Services, Department of Community Affairs, State of New Jersey, we:

- Exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the District's internal control. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluate the overall presentation of the financial statements.
- Conclude whether, in our judgment, there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the District's ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

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

Required Supplementary Information

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

Other Information

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the District's basic financial statements. The accompanying other supplementary information as listed in the table of contents, is presented for purposes of additional analysis as required by the Local Finance Board and by the Division of Local Government Services, Department of Community Affairs, State of New Jersey, and is not a required part of the basic financial statements.

The accompanying long-term debt schedule of obligations under capital leases is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements or to the basic financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the accompanying long-term debt schedule of obligations under capital leases is fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the basic financial statements taken as a whole.

Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated January 19, 2023 on our consideration of the District's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the District's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

HOLMAN FRENIA ALLISON, P.C.

Certified Public Accountants

January 19, 2023 Lakewood, New Jersey





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

Board of Fire Commissioners Fire District No. 1 of the township of Manalapan County of Monmouth Manalapan, New Jersey 07726

We have audited, in accordance with the auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States and audit requirements as prescribed by Local Finance Board and by the Division of Local Government Services, Department of Community Affairs, State of New Jersey, the financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregated remaining fund information of the Fire District No. 1 of the township of Manalapan (hereafter referred to as the District), County of Monmouth, State of New Jersey, as of and for the year ended December 31, 2021, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the District's basic financial statements and have issued our report thereon dated January 19, 2023.

Report on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

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

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

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

Report on Compliance and Other Matters

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

Purpose of this Report

The purpose of this report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the District's internal control or on compliance. This report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with Government Auditing Standards and audit requirements as prescribed by the Local Finance Board and by the Division of Local Government Services, Department of Community Affairs, State of New Jersey, in considering the District's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose.

HOLMAN FRENIA ALLISON, P.C.

Certified Public Accountants

January 19, 2023 Lakewood, New Jersey

FIRE DISTRICT NO. 1 OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANALAPAN MANAGEMENT DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2021

As management of the Fire District No. 1 of the Township of Manalapan (hereafter referred to as the "District") we offer the readers of the District's financial statements this narrative overview and analysis of the financial activities of the District for the fiscal year ended, December 31, 2021. The intent of this narrative is to look at the District's overall financial performance in terms easily understood by the layperson. Please read this in conjunction with the District's financial statements which begin on page 14. Notes to the financial statements will provide the reader with additional useful information and they begin on page 19.

FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

- The assets and deferred outflows of resources of the District exceeded its liabilities and deferred inflows of resources at December 31, 2021 by approximately \$1,317,900. During 2020, the excess of assets and deferred outflows of resources over liabilities and deferred inflows of resources was approximately \$1,293,300. This is an increase of approximately \$24,600.
- During 2021 the District operated at a surplus of approximately \$24,600. During 2020 the Fire District operated at a surplus of approximately \$194,800. This is a decrease of approximately \$170,300.
- The District's liabilities and deferred inflows of resources increased approximately \$626,100 in 2021 and their assets and deferred outflows of resources increased by approximately \$650,700.

USING THIS ANNUAL REPORT

This annual report consists of a series of financial statements. The District's basic financial statements are comprised of three components: district wide financial statements; fund financial statements; and notes to the basic financial statements.

Reporting on the District as a Whole

Our analysis of the District as a whole begins on page 9. District wide financial statements are provided to give the reader a broad overview of the District's financial position and its financial activity for the year. It is presented in a format similar to the private sector to give the reader a familiar point of reference.

The district wide statement of net position presents information on all the assets and liabilities of the District. The difference between the assets and liabilities is reported as the District's net position. Significant increases or decreases in the District's net position can be an indication of the financial health of the District. The district wide statement of activities presents financial information about activities that result in the District's net position increasing or decreasing during the year. Financial activities are recorded when the transactions occur rather than when the cash is received or disbursed. As a result, there could be activities that result in cash flow in a future period.

The district wide financial statements report on the financial data by function. The District has one basic function: activities that are supported by property taxes. The District provides firefighting services to the citizens of Manalapan Township, New Jersey.

Fund Financial Statements

A fund is a grouping of related accounts that is used to maintain control over resources that have been segregated for specific activities or objectives. Like other state and local governments, the District uses fund accounting to document compliance with finance-related legal matters. the District has one type of fund, which is the governmental fund.

Governmental Funds

The District's activities are all reported in governmental funds. These funds record the flow of cash in and out of the District during the period and the balances remaining at year end for future periods. The modified accrual basis of accounting is utilized for reporting purposes. This method of accounting measures cash and all other financial assets that can be converted to cash. The governmental fund statements provide a detailed short-term view of the District's general government operations and the basic services that it provides. Governmental fund information helps the reader determine whether there are more or fewer financial resources that can be spent in the near future to finance the District's services.

The District maintains three separate government funds, the General Fund, Capital Projects Fund, and Debt Service. Information is presented in the governmental fund balance sheet and in the governmental fund statement of revenues, expenditures, and changes in fund balances for the General Fund and Capital Projects Fund.

The relationship (or differences) between governmental activities (reported in the district wide statement of net position and the district wide statement of activities) and governmental funds is described in a reconciliation at the bottom of the fund financial statements.

As required by *N.J.S.A.* 40A:14:78-3, the District adopts an annual budget which is voted on by the legal voters of the district on the third Saturday in February. Budgetary comparison schedules have been prepared to document compliance with budgetary requirements.

Notes to Financial Statements

The notes to the financial statements provide additional information that is essential to a full understanding of the data provided in the district-wide and fund financial statements. The notes to the financial statements are an integral part of the financial statements.

DISTRICT WIDE FINANCIAL ANALYSIS

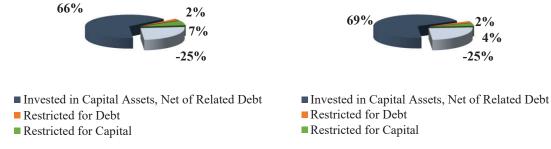
The District's net position is a useful indicator of the District's financial condition. At the end of 2021, the District's assets and deferred outflows of resources exceeded its liabilities and deferred inflows of resources by approximately \$1,317,900. The largest portion of The District's net position is its investment in capital assets. The District uses these assets to provide fire-fighting services to the community; consequently, these assets are not available for future spending. The District's investment in capital assets is reported net of related debt. Since the capital assets are not available to liquidate the debt, other sources must be utilized for the repayment of the debt.

FIRE DISTRICT NO. 1 OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANALAPAN DISTRICT WIDE STATEMENT OF NET POSITION DECEMBER 31, 2021 AND 2020

	2021	2020		Increase/ Decrease)	% Increase/ (Decrease)
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Current other assets and					
deferred outflows	\$ 5,928,615	\$	5,055,458	\$ 873,157	17.27%
Capital assets	 2,649,533		2,872,032	(222,499)	(7.75%)
Total assets and	8,578,148		7,927,490	650,658	8.21%
Total liabilities and					
deferred inflows of resources	 (7,260,285)		(6,634,178)	626,107	(9.44%)
Net position	\$ 1,317,863	\$	1,293,312	\$ 24,551	1.90%
Analysis of net position					
Invested in capital assets,					
net of related debt	\$ 1,744,966	\$	1,763,748	\$ (18,782)	(1.06%)
Restricted for:					,
Capital projects	181,244		101,244	80,000	79.02%
Debt Service	62,337		62,337	-	0.00%
Unrestricted	(670,684)		(634,017)	(36,667)	5.78%
Total net position	\$ 1,317,863	\$	1,293,312	\$ 24,551	1.90%

2021 Net Position

2020 Net Position



The net position of the District increased approximately \$24,600 as a result of the current year surplus. In 2021 the capital assets decreased by approximately \$222,500 after depreciation expense.

DISTRICT WIDE FINANCIAL ANALYSIS (continued)

Governmental Activities

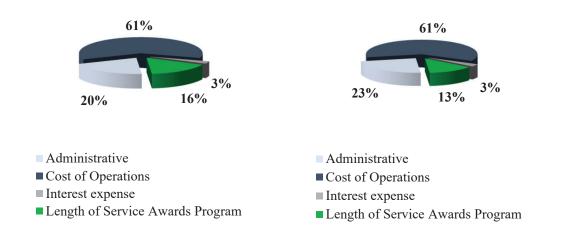
The district wide statement of activities shows the cost of the governmental activities program services. A summary of these activities follows:

FIRE DISTRICT NO. 1 OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANALAPAN DISTRICT WIDE STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2021 AND 2020

	 2021	2021 2020		-	Increase/ Decrease)	% Increase/ (Decrease)
Expenses:						
Program expenses:						
Administrative expenses	\$ 380,810	\$	401,468	\$	(20,658)	(5.15%)
Cost of operations						
and maintenace	1,144,700		1,060,252		84,448	7.96%
Interest expense	46,410		49,619		(3,209)	(6.47%)
Length of service awards						
program contribution	 309,218		231,284		77,934	33.70%
Total program expenses	 1,881,138		1,742,623		138,515	7.95%

2021 Program Expenses

2020 Program Expenses

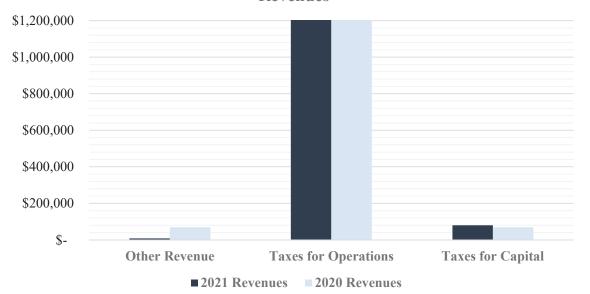


DISTRICT WIDE FINANCIAL ANALYSIS (continued)

FIRE DISTRICT NO. 1 OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANALAPAN DISTRICT WIDE STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES (continued) YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2021 AND 2020

	2021	2020	\$ Increase/ (Decrease)	% Increase/ (Decrease)
General revenues:				
Property taxes levied for:				
General purposes	1,569,142	1,459,691	109,451	7.50%
Capital purchases	80,000	70,000	10,000	14.29%
Debt service	248,547	337,997	(89,450)	(26.46%)
Total property taxes levied	1,897,689	1,867,688	30,001	1.61%
Other revenue	8,000	69,719	(61,719)	(88.53%)
Total general revenues	1,905,689	1,937,407	(31,718)	(1.64%)
Change in net position	24,551	194,784	(170,233)	(87.40%)
Net position, January 1	1,293,312	1,098,528	194,784	17.73%
Net position, December 31	\$ 1,317,863	\$ 1,293,312	\$ 24,551	1.90%

Revenues



Property tax revenue constituted 100% of the total governmental activities revenues received by the District in 2021 and 99% in 2020.

The Cost of Operations & Maintenance comprised 61% and 61% of the District's total expenses in 2021 and 2020, respectively. Administration expenses comprised 20% and 23% of the total expenses in 2021 and 2020, respectively.

FINANCIAL ANALYSIS OF THE GOVERNMENT FUNDS

The District uses fund accounting to document compliance with fianance-related legal requirements.

Governmental Fund

The primary objective of the District's governmental funds is to report on cash flows in and out during the period and the ending balances of the spendable resources. This information is useful to evaluate the performance of the District and to assess its future needs and available resources.

As of December 31, 2021, the combined fund balance of the governmental cash funds of the District was approximately \$1,318,300. This balance is approximately \$194,500 higher than last year's combined fund governmental funds cash balance.

The combined fund balance of the governmental funds of the District was approximately \$4,183,100. Unassigned fund balance amounted to approximately \$1,002,500 of that total.

The general fund is the main operating fund of the District. At the end of 2021, the total fund balance of the general fund was approximately \$3,939,500. Of this balance, approximately \$1,002,500 of it was unassigned.

During 2021 the general fund balance of the District increased by approximately \$450,094. The primary reason for this increased are as follows:

• The Board had revenues in excess of expenses of approximately \$450,094.

At the end of 2021, the District had a capital projects fund balance of approximately \$181,200. This is an increase of \$80,000. The primary reason for this increase are as follows:

• The Board had revenues in excess of expenses of approximately \$80,000.

General Fund Budgetary Highlights

- The District had total actual revenues in excess of budgeted revenues of approximately \$8,000 in 2021.
- Overall, the District's expenditures were approximately \$164,000 less than originally anticipated in the operating budget for 2021.

CAPITAL ASSETS

As of December 31, 2021 the District had invested in capital assets for government activities of approximately \$2,649,500 (net of accumulated depreciation). Capital assets consist of construction in progress, equipment, office equipment and vehicles and apparatus.

FIRE DISTRICT NO. 1 OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANALAPAN CAPITAL ASSETS NET OF ACCUMULATED DEPRECATION DECEMBER 31, 2021 AND 2020

	2021	2020	\$ Increase (Decrease)
Capital Assets:			
Vehicles & Apparatus	\$ 4,168,681	\$ 4,168,681	\$ -
Capital improvement	44,964	-	44,964
Fire Equipment	827,164	811,296	15,868
Total depreciable assets	5,040,809	4,979,977	60,832
Accumulated depreciation	(2,391,276)	(2,107,945)	(283,331)
Total capital assets, net	<u> </u>		
of accumulated depreciation	\$ 2,649,533	\$ 2,872,032	\$ (222,499)

Additional information on the District's capital assets can be found in Note 5 in the notes to the financial statements.

ECONOMIC FACTORS AND NEXT YEARS BUDGET

In 2021, the District was able to fund its appropriations through the fire tax levy and other revenues. In 2021 the property tax revenue also constituted 100% of total revenues.

The District adopted their 2022 budget on January 5, 2022. The voters subsequently voted to approve the budget at the February election. The 2022 adopted budget reflected an increase in the tax levy of \$43,920, in which the Board anticipates no significant change to the fire tax rate.

REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION

This financial report is designed to provide a general overview of the District's finances for all of those with an interest in the District's finances. Questions concerning any of the information provided in this report, or requests for additional financial information should be addressed to the Board of Fire Commissioners, Manalapan Township Fire District No. 1, P.O. Box 395 Manalapan, New Jersey, 07726.

FIRE DISTRICT NO. 1 OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANALAPAN District Wide Statement of Net Position December 31, 2021

	Gover	nmental Activities
Assets:		
Current assets:		
Cash (Note 3) Accounts receivable	\$	1,318,317 22
Prepaid insurance		78,641
Total current assets		1,396,980
Noncurrent assets:		
Investment in length of service awards program (Note 4)		2,907,304
Total noncurrent assets		2,907,304
Capital assets, net: Depreciable (Note 5)		2,649,533
Total capital assets		2,649,533
Total assets		6,953,817
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Deferred outflows of resources:		550
Deferred outflows related to pension (Note 7) Deferred outflows related to length of service awards programs (Note 8)		552 1,623,779
Total deferred outflows of resources	_	1,624,331
Total assets and deferred outflows of resources	\$	8,578,148
Total assets and deferred outflows of resources	Ψ	0,570,140
Liabilities:		
Current liabilities:	\$	20.452
Accounts payable Accrued professional fees	Ф	30,453 9,500
Accrued interest		1,580
Accrued pension		2,600
Capital lease payable (Note 6)		113,638
Total current liabilities		157,771
Noncurrent liabilities:		
Capital lease payable (Note 6)		790,929
Net pension liability (Note 7)		26,300
Net length of service awards program liability (Note 8)		6,170,069
Total noncurrent liabilities		6,987,298
Total liabilities		7,145,069
Deferred inflows of resources:		
Deferred inflows related to pension (Note 7)		18,033
Deferred inflows related to length of service awards programs (Note 8)		97,183
Total deferred inflows of resources		115,216
Total liabilities and deferred inflows of resources		7,260,285
Net position:		
Net investment in capital assets		1,744,966
Restricted for:		
Debt service		62,337
Capital		181,244
Unrestricted (Note 14)	-	(670,684)
Total net position		1,317,863
Total liabilities, deferred inflows of resources and net position	\$	8,578,148

FIRE DISTRICT NO. 1 OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANALAPAN District Wide Statement of Activities For the year ended December 31, 2021

	Expenses		Governmental Activities		
Government activities:	 				
Operation appropriations:					
Administration	\$ 380,810	\$	380,810		
Costs of operations and maintenance	1,144,700		1,144,700		
Length of service awards contribution	309,218		309,218		
Interest expense	 46,410		46,410		
Total government activities	\$ 1,881,138	\$	1,881,138		
General revenues:					
Miscellaneous revenue			8,000		
Amount raised by taxation			1,897,689		
Total general revenues			1,905,689		
Change in net position			24,551		
Net position, January 1			1,293,312		
Net position, December 31		\$	1,317,863		

Governmental Funds Balance Sheet December 31, 2021

	<u>Ge</u>	eneral Fund		Capital jects Fund	Ser	Debt vice Fund		<u>Total</u>
Assets:								
Current assets: Cash	\$	1,318,317	\$	-	\$	-	\$	1,318,317
Accounts receivable Other receivable		22		181,244		62,337		22 243,581
Total assets		1,318,339		181,244		62,337		1,561,920
Noncurrent assets		2.007.204						2 007 204
Investment in length of service awards program		2,907,304						2,907,304
Total noncurrent assets		2,907,304		-				2,907,304
Total assets	\$	4,225,643	\$	181,244	\$	62,337	\$	4,469,224
Liabilities, equity and other credits:								
Accounts payable	\$	30,453	\$	-	\$	-	\$	30,453
Accrued professional fees		9,500		-		-		9,500
Accrued pension Other payable		2,600 243,581		-		-		2,600 243,581
Total liabilities		286,134		-		-		286,134
Fund balances								
Restricted for:								
Capital		-		181,244		_		181,244
Debt service		-		-		62,337		62,337
Investment in length of service awards program Assigned for:		2,907,304		-		-		2,907,304
Other purposes		29,658		-		-		29,658
Unassigned, reported in: General fund		1,002,547						1,002,547
Total fund balance		3,939,509		181,244		62,337		4,183,090
Total liabilities and fund balance	•		•		•		-	4,103,070
Total habilities and fund balance	\$	4,225,643	\$	181,244	\$	62,337		
Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of net position (A-1) are different because:								
Prepaid insurance is reported in governmental funds as expenditures. However, in the statement of net position, the cost of those assets is expensed over the								79 (41
term of the policy as insurance expense.								78,641
Capital assets used in governmental activities are not financial resources and therefore are not reported in the funds.								2,649,533
Deferred outflows and inflows of resources related to pension and length of service award program are applicable to futu reporting periods and, therefore, are not reported in the funds.	re							1,509,115
Long-term liabilities are not due and payable in the current period and are therefore not reported as								
liabilities in the funds.								(7,100,936)
Net assets of governmental activities							\$	1,317,863

FIRE DISTRICT NO. 1 OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANALAPAN Governmental Funds

Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance For the year ended December 31, 2021

	Ger	neral Fund		Capital ects Fund		Debt vice Fund		Total
Revenues:								
Miscellaneous anticipated revenue: Investment income - unrestricted cash and investments	\$	109	\$		\$		s	109
Investment Income - length of service awards program	Ф	76,854	Ф	-	\$	-	\$	76,854
Total miscellaneous revenues		76,963		-		-		76,963
Operating grant revenue:								
Supplemental fire service grant		7,891		-		-		7,891
Total operating grant revenue		7,891		-		-		7,891
Total revenues		84,854		-		-		84,854
Amount raised by taxation to support district budget		1,569,142		80,000		248,547		1,897,689
Total anticipated revenues		1,653,996		80,000		248,547		1,982,543
Expenditures:								
Operating appropriations:								
Administration:								
Salaries, wages and fringe benefits		58,436		-		-		58,436
Other expenditures:		25.205						27.206
Professional fees		27,286		-		-		27,286
Fire prevention and training		18,044		-		-		18,044
Insurance		133,568		-		-		133,568
Building utilities and maintenance		119,536		-		-		119,536
Office supplies	-	23,940					-	23,940
Total administration		380,810		-		-		380,810
Cost of operations and maintenance:								
Other expenditures:		106000						106.055
Truck operations		106,275		-		-		106,275
Fire house rentals		228,346		-		-		228,346
Fire hydrant rentals Equipment, radios and communications		290,364		-		-		290,364
Medical fees		152,903 17,215		-		-		152,903 17,215
							-	
Total cost of operations and maintenance		795,103						795,103
Length of service awards program		27.007						27.007
Participant withdrawals		27,987						27,987
Total length of service awards program		27,987						27,987
Capital appropriations								
Debt service for capital appropriations:								
Capital leases		-		-		203,717		203,717
Interest on capital leases		-		-		44,830		44,830
Total debt service for capital appropriations		-		-		248,547		248,547
Total governmental expenditures		1,203,900				248,547		1,452,447
Excess (efficiency) of revenues					_			
over (under) expenditures		450,096		80,000		-		530,096
Fund balance, January 1		3,489,413		101,244		62,337		3,652,994
Fund balance, December 31	\$	3,939,509	\$	181,244	\$	62,337	\$	4,183,090

Reconciliation of the Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance in the Governmental Funds to the District Wide Statement of Activities December 31, 2021

Total net changes in Fund Balance-Governmental Funds (B-2)		\$	530,096
Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of activities (A-2) are different because:			
Capital outlays are reported in governmental funds as expenditures. However, in the statement of activities, the cost of those assets is allocated over their estimated useful lives as depreciation expense.			
Capital Outlays-General Fund Depreciation Expense	60,831 (283,331)		(222,500)
Prepaid expenses is reported in governmental funds as expenditures. However, in the statement of net position, the cost of those assets is expensed over the term of the policy as insurance expense.			(222,300)
Prior year Current year	(75,789) 78,641		2.952
District pension contributions are reported as expenditures in the governmental funds when made. However, they are reported as deferred outflows of resources in the Statement of Net Position because the reported net pension liability is measured a year before the District's report date. Pension expense, which is the change in the net pension liability adjusted for changes in deferred outflows and inflows of resources related to pensions, is reported in the Statement of Activities.			2,852
Pension expense	6,788		6 7 00
Repayment of capital lease principal is an expenditure in the governmental funds, but the repayment reduces long-term liabilities in the statement of net position and is not reported in the statement of activities.			6,788
Accrual of interest on capital leases is not an expenditure in the governmental funds, but the adjustment is charged to expense and is reported in the statement of activities.			
Prior year	(1.590)		
Current year Length of service awards program contribution is not reported in governmental funds as expenditures. However, in the statement of net position, the expense is equal to the amount of contributions to the volunteers accounts as determined by the benefit terms. Change in value of LOSAP investments is not a revenue in the government wide financial statements as it is payable to the volunteers in accordance with the plan benefits.	(1,580)		(1,580)
District contribution to length of service awards program Length of service awards program expense Appreciation in fair value of investments Participant withdrawals	(309,218) (136,737) (76,854) 27,987		
		Ф.	(494,822)
Changes in net position of governmental activities		\$	24,551

Notes to Financial Statements For the year ended December 31, 2021

NOTE 1: GENERAL INFORMATION

Description of Reporting Entity

Fire District No. 1 of the township of Manalapan (hereafter referred to as the "District"), is a political subdivision of the Township of Manalapan, County of Monmouth, State of New Jersey. A board of five commissioners oversees all of the 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 the *N.J.S.A.* 40A: 14-70 et al. and are taxing authorities charged with the responsibility of providing the resources necessary to provide fire fighting services to the residents within its territorial location.

The primary criterion for including activities within the District's reporting entity, as set forth in Section 2100 of the GASB *Codification of Governmental Accounting and Financial Reporting Standards*, is whether:

- the organization is legally separate (can sue or be sued in their own name);
- the District holds the corporate powers of the organization;
- the District appoints a voting majority of the organization's board;
- the District is able to impose its will on the organization;
- the organization has the potential to impose a financial benefit/burden on the District;
- there is a fiscal dependency by the organization on the District.

There were no additional entities required to be included in the reporting entity under the criteria as described above. Furthermore, the District is not includable in any other reporting entity on the basis of such criteria.

District Officials

The District is governed by a board of five commissioners. The following were in office at December 31, 2021:

Term Expires <u>March</u>
2022
2022
2024
2024
2023

Accounting Records

The official accounting records of the District are maintained in the office of the District.

Minutes

Minutes were recorded for meetings and contained approvals for disbursements.

Notes to Financial Statements (continued) For the year ended December 31, 2021

NOTE 1: GENERAL INFORMATION (continued)

Component Units

GASB Statement No. 14. The Financial Reporting Entity, provides guidance that all entities associated with a primary government are potential component units and should be evaluated for inclusion in the financial reporting entity. A primary government is financially accountable not only for the organizations that make up its legal entity but also for legally separate organizations that meet the criteria established by GASB Statement No. 14, as amended by GASB Statement No. 39, Determining Whether Certain Organizations are Component Units and GASB Statement No. 61, The Financial Reporting Entity: Omnis - an amendment of GASB Statements No. 14 and No. 34 and GASB Statement No. 80, Blending Requirements for Certain Component Units. The District had no component units as of for the year ended December 31, 2021.

NOTE 2: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of Presentation

The financial statements of the Fire District conform to generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP) applicable to governmental funds of state and local governments in accordance with the provisions of *N.J.A.C.* 5:31-7-1. The Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) is the accepted standard-setting body for establishing governmental accounting and financial reporting principles. The more significant of the Board's accounting policies are described below.

The basic financial statements report using the economic resources measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting generally includes the reclassification or elimination of internal activity (between or within funds). Fiduciary fund financial statements also report using the same focus. Revenues are recorded when earned and expenses are recorded when the liability is incurred, regardless of the timing of the related cash flows. The tax revenues are recognized in the year for which they are levied (see Note 2: *Fire District Taxes*) while grants are recognized when grantor eligibility requirements are met.

Governmental fund financial statements report using the current financial resources measurement focus and the modified accrual basis of accounting. Revenues are recognized when they are both measurable and available. Available means collectible within the current period or soon thereafter, within 60 days of the end of the fiscal year. Expenditures are recorded when the related fund liability is incurred.

Fund Accounting

The accounts of the district are maintained in accordance with the principles of fund accounting to ensure observance of limitations and restrictions on the resources available. The principles of fund accounting require that resources be classified for accounting and reporting purposes into funds or account groups in accordance with activities or objectives specified for the resources. Each fund is a separate accounting entity with a self-balancing set of accounts. An account group, on the other hand, is a financial reporting device designed to provide accountability for certain assets and liabilities that are not recorded in the funds because they do not directly affect net expendable available financial resources.

Funds are classified into three categories: governmental, proprietary and fiduciary. Each category, in turn is divided into separate "fund types."

Notes to Financial Statements (continued) For the year ended December 31, 2021

NOTE 2: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

Governmental Funds:

General Fund

The General Fund is the general operating fund of the Fire District and is used to account for the 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 expenditures.

Capital Projects Fund

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

Debt Service Fund

The Debt Service Fund is used to account for resources that will be used to service general long-term debt.

District Wide and Fund Financial Statements

District Wide Financial Statements

The district-wide financial statements (A-1 and A-2) include the statement of net position and the statement of activities. These statements report financial information of the District as a whole excluding the fiduciary activities. All inter-fund activity, excluding the fiduciary funds, has been eliminated in the statement of activities. Individual funds are not displayed but the statements distinguish governmental activities as generally supported through taxes and user fees.

The statement of activities demonstrates the degree to which the direct expenses of a given function, segment or component unit are offset by program revenues. Direct expenses are those that are clearly identifiable with a specific function, segment, or component unit.

Program revenues include charges to customers who purchase, use or directly benefit from goods or services provided by a given function, segment or component unit. Program revenues also include grants and contributions that are restricted to meeting the operational or capital requirements of a particular function, segment, or component unit. Taxes and other items not properly included among program revenues are reported instead as general revenues. The District does not allocate general government (indirect) expenses to other functions.

Net position is restricted when constraints placed on it is either externally imposed or imposed by constitutional provisions or enabling legislation. Internally imposed designations of resources are not presented as restricted net position. When both restricted and unrestricted resources are available for use, generally it is the District's policy to use restricted resources first, and then unrestricted resources as they are needed.

Notes to Financial Statements (continued) For the year ended December 31, 2021

NOTE 2: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

District Wide and Fund Financial Statements (continued)

Separate financial statements are provided for governmental funds, proprietary funds, fiduciary funds and similar component units, and major component units. However, the fiduciary funds are not included in the district-wide statements. Major individual governmental funds and major individual enterprise funds are reported as separate columns in the fund financial statements.

Fund Financial Statements

The fund financial statements provide detail of the governmental funds.

Basis of Accounting

The accounting and financial reporting treatment applied to a fund is determined by its measurement focus. All governmental funds and private purpose trust funds are accounted for using a current financial resources measurement focus. With this measurement focus, only current assets and current liabilities generally are included on the balance sheet. Operating statements of these funds present increases (i.e., revenues and other financing sources) and decreases (i.e., expenditures and other financing uses) in net position.

The modified accrual basis of accounting is used for measuring financial position and operating results of all governmental fund types, private purpose trust funds and agency funds. Under the modified accrual basis of accounting, revenues are recognized when they become both measurable and available. "Measurable" means the amount of the transaction can be determined and "available" means collectible within the current period or soon enough thereafter to be used to pay liabilities of the current period. State equalization monies are recognized as revenue during the period in which they are appropriated. A one-year availability period is used for revenue recognition for all other governmental fund revenues. Expenditures are recognized in the accounting period in which the fund liability is incurred, except for principal and interest on general long-term debt which are recorded when due.

In its accounting and financial reporting, the District follows the pronouncements of the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB).

Budgets and Budgetary Accounting

The District must adopt an annual budget in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A: 14-78.1 et al.

The fire commissioners must introduce and approve the annual budget no later than sixty days prior to the annual election. At introduction, the commissioners shall fix the time and place for a public hearing on the budget and must advertise the time and place at least ten days prior to the hearing in a newspaper having substantial circulation in the Fire District. The public hearing must not be held less than twenty-eight days after the date the budget was introduced. After the hearing has been held, the fire commissioners may, by majority vote, adopt the budget.

Notes to Financial Statements (continued) For the year ended December 31, 2021

NOTE 2: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

Budgets and Budgetary Accounting (continued)

Amendments may be made to the Fire District budget in accordance with *N.J.S.A 40A: 14-78.3*. The budget may be amended subsequent to its final adoption and approval for additional items of revenue with offsetting appropriations in accordance with *N.J.S.A 40A: 14-78.5*. Subsequent to the adoption of the Fire District budget, the amount of money to be raised by taxation in support of the Fire District budget must appear on the ballot for the annual election for approval of the legal voters.

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 Districts general-purpose 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, other than in the special revenue fund, 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. Encumbered appropriations carry over into the next fiscal year. An entry will be made at the beginning of the next year to increase the appropriation reflected in the adopted budget by the outstanding encumbrance amounts as of the current year-end. There District had encumbrances in the amount of \$29,658 as of December 31, 2021.

Cash and Cash Equivalents

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 organized under the laws of the United States or of the State of New Jersey or with the New Jersey Cash Management Fund. *N.J.S.A.* 40A: 5-15.1 provides a list of investments that may be purchased by Fire Districts. *N.J.S.A.* 17:9-42 requires New Jersey governmental units to deposit public funds only in public depositories located in New Jersey, where the funds are secured in accordance with the provision of the Governmental Unit Deposit Protection Act ("GUDPA"). GUDPA was enacted in 1970 to protect governmental units from a loss of funds on deposit with a failed banking institution in the State of New Jersey.

Public funds are defined as the funds of any governmental unit. Public depositories include savings and loan institutions, banks (both State and National banks) and savings banks the deposits of which they are federally insured. All public depositories must pledge collateral, having a market value of five percent of its average daily balance of collected public funds, to secure the deposits of governmental units. If public depository fails, the collateral it has pledged, plus the collateral of all other public depositories, is available to pay the full amount of their deposits to the governmental units.

Prepaid Expenses

Prepaid expenses that benefit future periods are recorded as an expenditure during the year of purchase.

Notes to Financial Statements (continued) For the year ended December 31, 2021

NOTE 2: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

Debt Limitation

N.J.S.A.40A:14-84 governs procedures for the issuance of any debt related to such purchases. In summary, Fire Districts may purchase fire fighting apparatus, equipment, land and buildings to house such property in an amount not exceeding 5 mills on the dollar of the last assessed valuation of property within the district upon the approval of the legal voters. Debt may be issued up to \$60,000 or 2 percent of the assessed valuation of property, whichever is larger.

Capital Assets

Capital assets, which include land, building, improvements, and equipment, are reported in the Government-Wide Financial Statements. Capital assets are recorded at historical cost or estimated historical cost if actual cost is not available. Donated assets are valued at their estimated fair value on the date donated. The District has set capitalization thresholds for reporting capital assets, of \$2,000.

Depreciation is recorded on the straight-line method over the useful lives of the assets as follows:

Capital improvement 25 Years
Equipment 5 to 25 Years
Trucks and vehicles 8 to 20 Years

Inventory, Materials and Supplies

The inventory on hand at any time is small. Accordingly, purchases are charged directly to fixed assets or to maintenance costs, as applicable.

Interfund Receivable/Payable

Interfund receivables and payables that arise from transactions between funds that are due within one year are recorded by all funds affected by such transactions in the periods in which the transaction is executed.

Revenues and Expenditures

Revenues are recorded when they are determined to be both available and measurable. Generally, fees and other non-tax revenues are recognized when qualifying expenditures are incurred.

Expenditures are recorded when the related liability is incurred, if measurable, except for un-matured interest on general long-term debt, which is recognized when due.

Notes to Financial Statements (continued) For the year ended December 31, 2021

NOTE 2: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

Fire District Taxes

Upon 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 realized in support of the Fire District's budget in the same manner as all other municipal taxes. The collector or treasurer of the municipality shall then pay over to the treasurer or custodian of funds of the Fire District the taxes assessed in accordance with the following schedule: on or before April 1, and amount equaling 21.25% of all monies assessed, on or before July 1, an amount equaling 22.5% of all monies assessed and on or before December 31 an amount equal to the difference between the total of all monies assessed and the total of monies previously paid over.

Deferred Outflows and Deferred Inflows of Resources

In addition to assets, the district wide statement of net position will sometimes report a separate section for deferred outflows of resources. This separate financial statement element, deferred outflows of resources, represents a consumption of net position that applies to a future period(s) and so will not be recognized as an outflow of resources (expense/expenditure) until then.

In addition to liabilities, the district wide statement of net position will sometimes report a separate section for deferred inflows of resources. This separate financial statement element, deferred inflows of resources, represents an acquisition of net position that applies to a future period and so will not be recognized as an inflow of resources (revenue) until that time.

Pension

For purposes of measuring the net pension liabilities, deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions and expenses, information about the fiduciary net position of the Public Employees' Retirement System (PERS), and additions to/deductions from the PERS' fiduciary net position have been determined on the same basis as they are reported by the plan. For these purposes, benefit payments (including refunds of employee contributions) are recognized when due and payable in accordance with the benefit terms. Investments are reported at fair value.

Fund Equity

In accordance with Government Accounting Standards Board 54, Fund Balance Reporting and Governmental Fund Type Definitions, the Fire District No. 1 of the township of Manalapan classifies governmental fund balances as follows:

- <u>Non-spendable</u> includes fund balance amounts that cannot be spent either because it is not in spendable form or because legal or contractual constraints.
- Restricted includes fund balance amounts that are constrained for specific purposes which are externally imposed by external parties, constitutional provision or enabling legislation.
- <u>Committed</u> includes fund balance amounts that are constrained for specific purposes that are internally imposed by the government through formal action of the highest level of decision making District and does not lapse at year-end.

Notes to Financial Statements (continued) For the year ended December 31, 2021

NOTE 2: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

Fund Equity (continued)

- Assigned includes fund balance amounts that are intended to be used for specific purposes that are neither considered restricted or committed. Fund Balance may be assigned by the Business Administrator.
- <u>Unassigned</u> includes balance within the General Fund which has not been classified within the above mentioned categories and negative fund balances in other governmental funds.

Reserves represent those portions of fund equity not available for appropriation for expenditure or legally segregated for a specific future use. Designated fund balances represent plans for future use of financial resources.

Net Position

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

- Net Investment in Capital Assets This component represents capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation, net of outstanding balances of borrowings used for acquisition, construction, or improvement of those assets.
- Restricted Net position is reported as restricted when there are limitations imposed on their use either through the enabling legislation adopted by the District or through external restrictions imposed by creditors, grantors or laws or regulations of other governments.
- <u>Unrestricted</u> Net position is reported as unrestricted when it does not meet the criteria of the other two components of net position.

Use of Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amount 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.

Impact of Recently Issued Accounting Pronouncements

Recently Issued Accounting Pronouncements Not Yet Adopted

The GASB has issued the following Statements which will become effective in future fiscal years as shown below:

Statement No. 87, *Leases*. Statement No. 87 establishes a single approach to accounting for and reporting leases by state and local governments. GASB based the new standard on the principle that leases are financing of the right to use an underlying asset. Statement No. 87 is effective for reporting periods beginning after June 15, 2021. Management has not yet determined the potential impact on the District's financial statements.

Notes to Financial Statements (continued) For the year ended December 31, 2021

NOTE 2: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

Fair Value Measurement

The District categorizes its assets and liabilities measured at fair value into a three-level hierarchy based on the priority of the inputs to the valuation technique used to determine fair value. The fair value hierarchy gives the highest priority to quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities (Level I) and the lowest priority to unobservable inputs (Level III). If the inputs used in the determination of the fair value measurement fall within different levels of the hierarchy, the categorization is based on the lowest level input that is significant to the fair value measurement.

Assets and liabilities valued at fair value are categorized based on the inputs to the valuation techniques as follows:

Level I – Inputs that utilize quoted prices (unadjusted) in active markets for identical assets or liabilities that the District has the ability to access. Fair values for these instruments are estimated using pricing models or quoted prices of securities with similar characteristics.

Level II – Inputs that include quoted market prices for similar assets and liabilities in active markets and inputs that are observable for the asset or liability, either directly or indirectly, for substantially the full term of the financial instrument.

Level III – Inputs that are unobservable inputs for the asset or liability, which are typically based on an entity's assumptions, as there is little, if any, related market activity. Fair values for these instruments are estimated using appraised values. Subsequent to initial recognition, the District may re-measure the carrying value of assets and liabilities measured on a nonrecurring basis to fair value. Adjustments to fair value usually result when certain assets are impaired. Such assets are written down from their carrying amounts to their fair value.

The preceding methods described above may produce a fair value calculation that may not be indicative of net realizable value or reflective of future fair values. Furthermore, while the District believes its valuation methods are appropriate and consistent with other market participants, the use of different methodologies or assumptions to determine the fair value of certain financial instruments could result in a different fair value measurement at the reporting date.

Unrealized Gains and Losses

Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) has established GASB-31, which requires public agencies to report the financial effect of all unrealized gains and losses on invested funds. As of December 31, 2021, the unrealized gains for the Fire District were not considered to be material to the financial statements taken as a whole, and accordingly, have not been reflected in the financial statements.

Notes to Financial Statements (continued) For the year ended December 31, 2021

NOTE 2: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

Investments

Investments are reported at fair value (except for fully benefit-responsive investment contracts, which are reported at contract value). Contract value is the relevant measure for the portion of the net assets available for benefits of a defined contribution plan attributable to fully benefit-responsive investment contracts because contract value is the amount participants normally would receive if they were to initiate permitted transactions under the terms of the Plan. Fair value is the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date. The Board of Commissioners determines the valuation policies utilizing information provided by the investment advisers, custodians, and insurance company. See Note 4 for discussion of contract value measurements, respectively.

Subsequent Events

Fire District No. 1 of the Township of Manalapan has evaluated subsequent events occurring after December 31, 2021 through the date of January 19, 2023, which is the date the financial statements were available to be issued.

NOTE 3: CASH

The Fire District is governed by the deposit and investment limitations of New Jersey state law. The deposits and investments held at December 31, 2021, and reported at fair value are as follows:

Deposits:

Demand Deposits	<u>\$ 1,318,317</u>
Total Deposits	<u>\$ 1,318,317</u>
Reconciliation to Governmental Fund Statements: Governmental Funds Total	\$ 1,318,317 \$ 1,318,317

Custodial Credit Risk

Custodial credit risk is the risk that, in the event of a bank failure, the District's deposits may not be returned. The District does not have a deposit policy for custodial credit risk. As of December 31, 2021, the District's bank balance of \$1,329,035 was insured or collateralized as follows:

Insured	\$ 250,000
Collaterized in the District's name	
under GUDPA	1,079,035
Total	\$ 1,329,035

Notes to Financial Statements (continued) For the year ended December 31, 2021

NOTE 4: INVESTMENTS HELD AT CONTRACT VALUE

The District invests in the Empower general investment fund, which totaled \$2,907,304 as of December 31, 2021. Empower maintains the contributions in the general investment fund (GIA). The account is credited with earnings on the underlying investments and charged for participant withdrawals and administrative expenses. The traditional investment contract held by the District is a guaranteed investment contract. The contract issuer is contractually obligated to repay the principal and interest at a specified interest rate that is guaranteed to the LOSAP plan. The District's ability to receive amounts due in accordance with the fully benefit-responsive investment contract is dependent on the contract issuer's ability to meet its financial obligations.

The fixed account continues in-force until they are terminated by Empower or the LOSAP plan. For this reason, such contracts are referred to as "evergreen" contracts and do not define a maturity date. No events are probable of occurring might limit the ability of the LOSAP plan to transact at contract value with the contract issuer and also limit the ability of the LOSAP plan to transact at contract value with participants. This contract meets the fully benefit-responsive investment contract criteria and therefore is reported at contract value (See Note 2 *Investments*).

NOTE 5: CAPITAL ASSETS

N.J.S.A. 40A: 14-84 governs the procedures for the acquisition of property and equipment for the Fire Districts, and the *N.J.S.A.* 40A: 14-85-87 governs procedures for the issuance of any debt related to such purchases. In summary, Fire Districts may purchase fire fighting apparatus, equipment, land, and buildings to house such property in an amount not exceeding five mills on the dollar of the least assessed valuation of property within the district upon the approval of the legal voters. Debt may be issued up to \$60,000 or two percent of the assessed valuation of property, whichever is larger.

Fixed assets consisted of the following at December 31, 2021:

	Begir Bala	0	Additions		Retirements	Ending Balance	
Governmental Activities:							
Depreciable:							
Equipment	\$ 8	311,297	\$	15,867	-	\$	827,164
Capital improvement	\$	-	\$	44,964			44,964
Trucks and vehicles	4,1	68,681		_			4,168,681
Total capital assets being depreciated	4,9	979,978		60,831			5,040,809
Total capital assets	4,9	979,978		60,831			5,040,809
Less: accumulated depreciation:							
Equipment	(32	25,575)		(86,202)	-		(411,777)
Trucks and vehicles	(1,78	82,370)		(197,129)		(1,979,499)
Total accumulated depreciation	(2,10	07,945)		(283,331)		((2,391,276)
Total capital assets being depreciated							
net of accumulated depreciation	\$ 2,8	372,033	\$	(222,500)	\$ -	\$	2,649,533

Notes to Financial Statements (continued) For the year ended December 31, 2021

NOTE 6: NONCURRENT LIABILITIES

During the fiscal year ended December 31, 2021, the following changes occurred in liabilities reported in long-term liabilities:

	Salance /31/2020	crued/ reases	Retired)/ ecreases)	Balance /31/2021	e within ne Year
Governmental activities:					
Obligations under capital lease	\$ 1,108,284	\$ -	\$ (203,717)	\$ 904,567	\$ 113,638
Net pension liability	36,656	-	(10,356)	26,300	-
Net length of service awards program liablity	5,336,591	833,478	 <u> </u>	6,170,069	 _
Total	\$ 6,481,531	\$ 833,478	\$ (214,073)	\$ 7,100,936	\$ 113,638

On October 3, 2016, The District entered into a capital lease agreement for a pumper totaling \$594,401. The capital lease is for a term of five years, expiring July 15, 2021. Interest is paid quarterly at amounts predetermined during the time of the agreement execution. This lease was paid in full during the current year under audit.

On January 17, 2019, The District entered into a capital lease agreement for a fire apparatus totaling \$1,222,545. The capital lease is for a term of ten years, expiring December 17, 2021. Interest is paid annually at a rate of 4.24%.

The following is a schedule of the future minimum lease payments under these capital leases, and the present value of the net minimum lease payments at December 31, 2021:

For the year ended December 31,	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Interest</u>	<u>Total</u>
2022	113,638	38,444	152,082
2023	118,468	33,614	152,082
2024	123,502	28,580	152,082
2025	128,751	23,331	152,082
2026	134,223	17,859	152,082
2027 - 2028	285,985	18,361	304,346
Total	\$ 904,567	\$ 160,189	\$ 1,064,756

Notes to Financial Statements (continued) For the year ended December 31, 2021

NOTE 7: PENSION OBLIGATIONS

Public Employees' Retirement System (PERS)

Plan Description

The State of New Jersey, Public Employees' Retirement System (PERS) is a cost-sharing multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan administered by the State of New Jersey, Division of Pensions and Benefits (the Division). For additional information about PERS, please refer to Division's Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) which can be found at http://www.state.nj.us/treasury/pensions/annual-reports.shtml.

The vesting and benefit provisions are set by *N.J.S.A.* 43:15A. PERS provides retirement, death and disability benefits. All benefits vest after ten years of service.

The following represents the membership tiers for PERS:

<u>Tier</u> <u>Definition</u>

- 1 Members who were enrolled prior to July 1, 2007
- 2 Members who were eligible to enroll on or after July 1, 2007 and prior to November 2, 2008
- 3 Members who were eligible to enroll on or after November 2, 2008 and prior to May 22, 2010
- 4 Members who were eligible to enroll on or after May 22, 2010 and prior to June 28, 2011
- 5 Members who were eligible to enroll on or after June 28, 2011

Service retirement benefits of 1/55th of final average salary for each year of service credit is available to tiers 1 and 2 members upon reaching age 60 and to tier 3 members upon reaching age 62. Service retirement benefits of 1/60th of final average salary for each year of service credit is available to tier 4 members upon reaching age 62 and tier 5 members upon reaching age 65. Early retirement benefits are available to tiers 1 and 2 members before reaching age 60, tiers 3 and 4 with 25 or more years of service credit before age 62 and tier 5 with 30 or more years of service credit before age 65. Benefits are reduced by a fraction of a percent for each month that a member retires prior to the age at which a member can receive full early retirement benefits in accordance with their respective tier. Tier 1 members can receive an unreduced benefit from age 55 to age 60 if they have at least 25 years of service. Deferred retirement is available to members who have at least 10 years of service credit and have not reached the service retirement age for the respective tier.

Basis of Presentation

The schedules of employer and nonemployer allocations and the schedules of pension amounts by employer and nonemployer (collectively, the Schedules) present amounts that are considered elements of the financial statements of PERS or its participating employers. Accordingly, they do not purport to be a complete presentation of the financial position or changes in financial position of PERS or the participating employers. The accompanying Schedules were prepared in accordance with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles. Such preparation requires management of PERS to make a number of estimates and assumptions relating to the reported amounts. Due to the inherent nature of these estimates, actual results could differ from those estimates.

Notes to Financial Statements (continued) For the year ended December 31, 2021

NOTE 7: PENSION OBLIGATIONS

Public Employees' Retirement System (PERS)

Contributions

The contribution policy for PERS is set by *N.J.S.A.* 43:15A and requires contributions by active members and contributing employers. State legislation has modified the amount that is contributed by the State. The State's pension contribution is based on an actuarially determined amount, which includes the employer portion of the normal cost and an amortization of the unfunded accrued liability. Funding for noncontributory group insurance benefits is based on actual claims paid. For the fiscal year 2020, the State's pension contribution was less than the actuarial determined amount. The local employers' contribution amounts are based on an actuarially determined rate, which includes the normal cost and unfunded accrued liability. Chapter 19, P.L. 2009 provided an option for local employers of PERS to contribute 50% of the normal and accrued liability contribution amounts certified for payments due in State fiscal year 2009. Such employers will be credited with the full payment and any such amounts will not be included in their unfunded liability. The actuaries will determine the unfunded liability of those retirement systems, by employer, for the reduced normal and accrued liability contributions provided under this law. This unfunded liability will be paid by the employer in level annual payments over a period of 15 years beginning with the payments due in the fiscal year ended June 30, 2012 and will be adjusted by the rate of return on the actuarial value of assets. For the year ended December 31, 2021, the District's contractually required contribution to PERS plan was \$2,600.

Components of Net Pension Liability

At December 31, 2021, the District's proportionate share of the PERS net pension liability was \$26,300. The net pension liability was measured as of June 30, 2021. The total pension liability used to calculate the net pension liability was determined using update procedures to roll forward the total pension liability from an actuarial valuation as of July 1, 2020, which was rolled forward to June 30, 2021. The District's proportion of the net pension liability was based on the District's actual contributions to the plan relative to the total of all participating employers' contributions for the year ended June 30, 2021. The District's proportion measured as of June 30, 2021, was .0002220104%.which was a decrease of .0000027714% from its proportion measured as of June 30, 2020.

Balances at December 31, 2021 and December 31, 2020

	12/31/2021		12/30/2020
Actuarial valuation date (including roll forward)		June 30, 2021	June 30, 2020
Deferred Outflows of Resources	\$	552	\$ 3,124
Deferred Inflows of Resources		18,033	17,037
Net Pension Liability		26,300	36,656
District's portion of the Plan's total Net Pension Liability		0.00022%	0.00022%

Notes to Financial Statements (continued) For the year ended December 31, 2021

NOTE 7: PENSION OBLIGATIONS

Public Employees' Retirement System (PERS) (continued)

Pension Expense and Deferred Outflows/Inflows of Resources

At December 31, 2021, the District's proportionate share of the PERS expense/(benefit), calculated by the plan as of the June 30, 2021 measurement date is \$(4,187). At December 31, 2021, the District reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to PERS from the following sources:

	Deferred Outflows of Resources				
Differences between Expected and Actual Experience	\$	415	\$	188	
Changes of Assumptions		137		9,363	
Net Difference between Projected and Actual Earnings on Pension Plan Investments		-		6,928	
Changes in Proportion and Differences between District Contributions and Proportionate Share of Contributions				1,554	
	\$	552	\$	18,033	

The District will amortize the above sources of deferred outflows and inflows related to PERS over the following number of years:

	Deferred Outflow of	Deferred Inflow of
	Resources	Resources
Differences between Expected		
and Actual Experience		
Year of Pension Plan Deferral:		
June 30, 2015	5.72	-
June 30, 2016	5.57	-
June 30, 2017	5.48	-
June 30, 2018	5.63	-
June 30, 2019	5.21	-
June 30, 2020	5.16	-
June 30, 2021	5.13	-

FIRE DISTRICT NO. 1 OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANALAPAN Notes to Financial Statements (continued) For the year ended December 31, 2021

NOTE 7: PENSION OBLIGATIONS (continued)

Public Employees' Retirement System (PERS) (continued)

Pension Expense and Deferred Outflows/Inflows of Resources (continued)

Changes of Assumptions		
Year of Pension Plan Deferral:		
June 30, 2016	5.57	-
June 30, 2017	-	5.48
June 30, 2018	-	5.63
June 30, 2019	-	5.21
June 30, 2020	-	5.16
June 30, 2021	-	5.13
Net Difference between Projected		
and Actual Earnings on Pension		
Plan Investments		
Year of Pension Plan Deferral:		
June 30, 2014	-	5.00
June 30, 2015	-	5.00
June 30, 2016	5.00	-
June 30, 2017	5.00	-
June 30, 2018	5.00	-
June 30, 2019	5.00	-
June 30, 2020	5.00	-
June 30, 2021	5.00	-
Changes in Proportion and Differences		
between Contributions and		
Proportionate Share of Contributions		
Year of Pension Plan Deferral:		
June 30, 2016	5.57	5.57
June 30, 2017	5.48	5.48
June 30, 2018	5.63	5.63
June 30, 2019	5.21	5.21
June 30, 2020	5.16	5.16
June 30, 2021	5.13	5.13

Notes to Financial Statements (continued)
For the year ended December 31, 2021

NOTE 7: PENSION OBLIGATIONS (continued)

Public Employees' Retirement System (PERS) (continued)

Pension Expense and Deferred Outflows/Inflows of Resources (continued)

The following is a summary of the deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to PERS that will be recognized in future periods:

Year Ending June 30,	<u>A</u>	mount
2022	\$	(6,791)
2023		(4,882)
2024		(3,313)
2025		(2,108)
2026		(387)
	\$	(17,481)

Actuarial Assumptions

Assumptions were Based

The total pension asset/(liability) as of the measurement date was determined by using an actuarial valuation as noted in the table below, with update procedures used to roll forward the total pension liability to the measurement date. The actuarial valuations used the following actuarial assumptions:

Inflation Price Wage	2.75% 3.25%
Salary Increases:	
Through 2026	2.00 - 6.00% Based on Years of Service
Thereafter	3.00 - 7.00% Based on Years of Service
Investment Rate of Return	7.00%
Mortality Rate Table	
PERS	Pub-2010 General Below-Median Income Employee mortality table with fully generational mortality improvement projections from the central year using Scale MP-2021
Period of Actuarial Experience Study upon which Actuarial	

July 1, 2014 - June 30, 2018

Notes to Financial Statements (continued) For the year ended December 31, 2021

NOTE 7: PENSION OBLIGATIONS (continued)

Public Employees' Retirement System (PERS) (continued)

Actuarial Assumptions (continued)

Pre-retirement mortality rates were based on the Pub-2010 General Below-Median Income Employee Mortality Table with an 82.2% adjustment for males and 101.4% adjustment for females, and with future improvement from the base year of 2010 on a generational basis. Post-retirement mortality rates were based on the Pub-2010 General Below-Median Income Healthy Retiree mortality table with a 91.4% adjustment for males and 99.7% adjustment for females, and with future improvement from the base year of 2010 on a generational basis. Disability retirement rates used to value disabled retirees were based on the Pub-2010 Non-Safety Disabled Retiree mortality table with a 127.7% adjustment for males and 117.2% adjustment for females, and with future improvement from the base year of 2010 on a generational basis. Mortality improvement is based on Scale MP-2021. The actuarial assumptions used in the July 1, 2019 valuation were based on the results of an actuarial experience study for the period July 1, 2014 to June 30, 2018.

Long-Term Expected Rate of Return

In accordance with State statute, the long-term expected rate of return on plan investments (7.00% at June 30, 2021) is determined by the State Treasurer, after consultation with the Directors of the Division of Investments and Division of Pensions and Benefits, the board of trustees and the actuaries. The long-term expected rate of return was determined using a building block method in which best-estimate ranges of expected future real rates of return (expected returns, net of pension plan investment expense and inflation) are developed for each major asset class. These ranges are combined to produce the long-term expected rate of return by weighting the expected future real rates of return by the target asset allocation percentage and by adding expected inflation. Best estimates of arithmetic rates of return for each major asset class included in PERS's target asset allocation as of June 30, 2021 are summarized in the following table:

Asset Class	Target <u>Allocation</u>	Long-Term Expected Real Rate of Return
U.S. Equity	27.00%	8.09%
Non-U.S. Developed Markets Equity	13.50%	8.71%
Emerging Markets Equity	5.50%	10.96%
Private Equity	13.00%	11.30%
Real Estate	8.00%	9.15%
Real Assets	3.00%	7.40%
High Yield	2.00%	3.75%
Private Credit	8.00%	7.60%
Investment Grade Credit	8.00%	1.68%
Cash Equivalents	4.00%	0.50%
U.S. Treasuries	5.00%	0.95%
Risk Mitigation Strategies	3.00%	3.35%
	100.00%	

Notes to Financial Statements (continued) For the year ended December 31, 2021

NOTE 7: PENSION OBLIGATIONS (continued)

Public Employees' Retirement System (PERS) (continued)

Discount Rate

The discount rate used to measure the total pension liability was 7.00% as of June 30, 2021. The projection of cash flows used to determine the discount rate assumed that contributions from plan members will be made at the current member contribution rates and that contributions from employers and the nonemployer contributing entity will be based on 78% of the actuarially determined contributions for the State employer and 100% of actuarially determined contributions for the local employers. Based on those assumptions, the plan's fiduciary net position was projected to be available to make projected future benefit payments of current plan members. Therefore, the long-term expected rate of return on plan investments was applied to all projected benefit payments to determine the total pension liability.

Sensitivity of the District's proportionate share of the Net Pension Liability to Changes in the Discount Rate

The following presents the District's proportionate share of the net pension liability calculated using the discount rate as disclosed above, as well as what the District's proportionate share of the net pension liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is 1-percentage-point lower (6.00%) or 1-percentage-point higher (8.00%) than the current rate:

	1%		Current	1%
	Decrease (6.00%)		count Rate 7.00%)	Increase (8.00%)
District's Proportionate Share				
of the Net Pension Liability	\$ 36,198	\$	26,300	\$ 18,420

Notes to Financial Statements (continued) For the year ended December 31, 2021

NOTE 8: LENGTH OF SERVICE AWARDS PROGRAM (LOSAP)

Components of Net Pension Liability

At December 31, 2021, the District's net pension liability relating to the length of service awards program was \$6,170,069. The net pension liability was measured as of September 14, 2021. The net pension liability was determined using update procedures to roll forward the total pension liability from an actuarial valuation as of September 15, 2020, which was rolled forward to September 14, 2021. The components of the net pension liability at December 31, 2021, were as follows:

Collective Balances at December 31, 2021

Actuarial valuation date	Septe	ember 14, 2021
Deferred Outflows of Resources	\$	1,623,779
Deferred Inflows of Resources		97,183
Plan Fiduciary Liability		-
Net Pension Liability		6,170,069
Plan Fiduciary Net Postion as a Percentage of the		
Total Pension Liability		0.00%

The following table shows the Changes in the Net Pension Liability as follows:

	Increase (Decrease)						
	Total Pension Liability (a)			Fiduciary Position (b)	Net Pension Liability (a) - (b)		
Balances at 9/15/20	\$	5,336,591	\$	-	\$	5,336,591	
Changes for the year:							
Service cost		202,307		-		202,307	
Interest		104,909		-		104,909	
Changes of benefit terms		-		-		-	
Differences between expected and actual experience		183,699		-		183,699	
Changes in assumptions		420,586		-		420,586	
Benefit payments and expenses		(78,023)				(78,023)	
Net Changes	-	833,478				833,478	
Balances at 9/14/2021	\$	6,170,069	\$		\$	6,170,069	

Notes to Financial Statements (continued) For the year ended December 31, 2021

NOTE 8: LENGTH OF SERVICE AWARDS PROGRAM (continued)

Pension Expense

The pension expense, calculated by the plan as of the September 14, 2021 measurement date is \$572,846 as follows:

Note		Des	scription	A	mount		
A	Serv	rice Cost		\$	202,307		
В	Inte	rest on the total pe	nsion liability		104,909		
A	Cha	nges of benefits te	rms		-		
C	Diff	erences between e	expected and actual experience		19,573		
С	Cha	nges of assumption	ns .		246,057		
	Tota	l Pension Expense	e Relating to LOSAP	\$	572,846		
Notes:							
A	Prov	vided in the Change	es in Net Pension Liability exhib	oit			
В	Base	ed on the following	g calculation:				
				P	rojected	Pı	rojected
	A	mount for	Portion of Period	Rate	e of Return	Ε	Earnings
	I	Period (1)	(2)		(3)	(1)	x (2) x (3)
Beginning total pension liability	\$	5,336,591	100%		1.98%	\$	105,665
Service cost (End of Year)		202,307	0%		1.98%		-
Benefits Payments		(76,413)	50%		1.98%		(756)
Total interest on the total pension	liability					\$	104,909

C Provided in summary of deferred outflows and deferred inflows

Deferred Outflows/Inflows of Resources

At December 31, 2021, the District's reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to the length of service awards program from the following sources:

	Deferred Outflows of Resources		Deferred Inflows of Resources		
Differences between Expected and Actual Experience	\$	203,179	\$	71,255	
Changes of Assumptions		1,420,600	,	25,928	
	\$	1,623,779	\$	97,183	

Notes to Financial Statements (continued) For the year ended December 31, 2021

NOTE 8: LENGTH OF SERVICE AWARDS PROGRAM (continued)

Deferred Outflows/Inflows of Resources (continued)

The District will amortize the above sources of deferred outflows and inflows related to the length of service awards program over the following number of years:

	Deferred Outflow of Resources	Deferred Inflow of Resources
Differences between Expected		
and Actual Experience		
Year of LOSAP Plan Deferral:		
December 31, 2021	8.00	8.00
Changes of Assumptions		
Year of LOSAP Plan Deferral:		
December 31, 2021	8.00	8.00

The following is a summary of the deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to the length of service awards program that will be recognized as pension expense in future periods:

Year Ended December 31,	A	Amount
	_	
2022	\$	265,630
2023		265,630
2024		265,630
2025		265,626
2026		272,120
Thereafter		191,960
	_\$	1,526,596

Actuarial Assumptions

The total pension liability was determined by an actuarial valuation as of September 15, 2020 rolled forward to September 14, 2021 using the following actuarial assumptions, applied to all periods included in the measurement:

Notes to Financial Statements (continued) For the year ended December 31, 2021

NOTE 8: LENGTH OF SERVICE AWARDS PROGRAM (continued)

Actuarial Assumptions (continued)

Inflation 0.00%

Salary Increases: Not Applicable

Investment Rate of Return 1.98%

net of pension plan investment expense, including inflation

Mortality Rate Table No pre-retirement mortality

Post retirement: RP2000 projected to 2030

Retirement First eligible

Turnover T5

Disability

The above is a summary of key actuarial assumptions. Full descriptions of the actuarial assumptions are available in the September 14, 2021 actuarial valuation report.

Discount Rate

The discount rate used to measure the total pension liability was 1.98% which is based on the 20-year AA general obligation bond rate as of September 14, 2021.

Sensitivity of the District's Net Pension Liability to Changes in the Discount Rate

The following presents the District's net pension liability calculated using the discount rate as disclosed above, as well as what the District's net pension liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is 1-percentage-point lower (0.98%) or 1-percentage-point higher (2.98%) than the current rate:

	1%		Current	1%		
		Decrease (0.98%)	count Rate (1.98%)		Increase (2.98%)	
Net Pension Liability - LOSAP	\$	7,426,435	\$ 6,170,069	\$	5,186,207	

NOTE 9: RISK MANAGEMENT

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

Notes to Financial Statements (continued) For the year ended December 31, 2021

NOTE 10: OTHER RECEIVABLES AND PAYABLES AND TRANSFERS

Other receivables and payables represent interfund balances between funds. The purpose of the interfunds is for short-term borrowing. As of December 31, 2021, the following interfund balances remained on the balance sheet:

	Other		Other		
<u>Fund</u>	<u>receivable</u>	<u>payable</u>			
General	\$ -	\$	243,581		
Debt Service	62,337		-		
Capital projects	181,244	_			
Totals	<u>\$ 243,581</u>	\$	243,581		

The interfund receivables and payables above predominately resulted from payment made by certain funds on behalf of other funds. All interfund balances are expected to be repaid within one year.

NOTE 11: FUNDING

The activities of the Board of Commissioners are primarily funded by the striking of the fire tax on the property owners of the Fire District, as provided for by the state statute. For the year ended December 31, 2021, the fire tax rate on the District was approximately \$.044 per \$100 of assessed valuation.

NOTE 12: FUND BALANCE

General Fund – Of the \$3,939,507 General Fund fund balance at December 31, 2021, \$2,907,304 is restricted for investment in length of service awards program, \$29,658 is assigned for other purposes and \$1,002,545 is unassigned.

Capital Projects Fund – Of the \$181,244 Capital Projects Fund fund balance at December 31, 2021, \$181,244 is restricted for capital.

Debt Service Fund – Of the \$62,337 Debt Service Fund fund balance at December 31, 2021, \$62,337 is restricted for debt service.

NOTE 13: COMMITMENTS

The District entered into a contract with Gordons Corner Fire Company for the leasing of premises at 683 Tennent Road, Township of Manalapan, New Jersey. The lease is a five year lease with future payments at December 31 as follows:

Year Ending	
December 31,	 mount
2022	\$ 232,913
2023	177,292
Total	\$ 410,205

Notes to Financial Statements (continued) For the year ended December 31, 2021

NOTE 14: DEFICIT UNRESTRICTED NET POSITION

As reflected on Exhibit A-1, Statement of Net position, a deficit in unrestricted net position of \$(670,684) existed as of December 31, 2021 for governmental activities. The primary cause of this deficit is the recording of the long-term liability for net pension and the long-term liability for the LOSAP obligation. In accordance with full accrual accounting, which is the basis of accounting for Exhibit A-1, Statement of Net position, such liabilities are required to be recorded in the period in which they are incurred. However, in accordance with the rules and regulations that govern the District in the formulation of their annual budget (see Note 1), pension liabilities that relate to future services, or that are contingent on a specific event outside the control of the District and its employees, are funded in the period in which such services are rendered or in which such events take place. If this was not required, the unrestricted net position before the long-term liability for net pension and the long-term liability for the LOSAP obligation would be \$4,016,570 as of December 31, 2021. This deficit in unrestricted net position does not indicate that the District is facing financial difficulties

Budgetary Comparison Schedule For the year ended December 31, 2021

	Original <u>Budget</u>	Modified <u>Budget</u>	Actual Budgetary <u>Basis</u>	<u>Variance</u>
Revenues:				
Miscellaneous anticipated revenue: Investment income	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 109	\$ 109
Total miscellaneous revenues			109	109
Operating grant revenue: Supplemental fire service grant			7,891	7,891
Total operating grant revenue			7,891	7,891
Total revenues			8,000	8,000
Amount raised by taxation to support district budget	1,897,689	1,897,689	1,897,689	
Total anticipated revenues	1,897,689	1,897,689	1,905,689	8,000
Expenditures: Operating appropriations: Administration: Salaries, wages and fringe benefits Other expenditures:	53,127	59,127	58,436	691
Professional fees	30,000	30,000	27,286	2,714
Fire prevention and training	30,000	30,000	18,044	11,956
Insurance	140,000	140,000	133,568	6,432
Building utilities and maintenance	198,000	129,700	119,536	10,164
Office supplies	47,312	39,083	23,940	15,143
Total administration	498,439	427,910	380,810	47,100
Cost of operations and maintenance: Other expenditures:				
Truck operations	90,000	107,000	106,275	725
Fire house rentals	231,753	231,753	228,346	3,407
Fire hydrant rentals	297,664	297,664	290,364	7,300
Contingencies	10,000	-	-	-
Equipment, radios and communications	177,965	177,965	152,903	25,062
Medical fees	16,500	17,500	17,215	285
Total cost of operations and maintenance	823,882	831,882	795,103	36,779

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		riginal Budget	1	Modified <u>Budget</u>	E	Actual Budgetary <u>Basis</u>	<u> </u>	/ariance
Capital appropriations		80,000		80,000				80,000
Total capital appropriations		80,000		80,000				80,000
Length of service award program:								
Contribution		242,250		366,250		309,218		57,032
Administrative expenses		5,100		5,100		200.210		5,100
Total length of service award program		247,350	-	309,350		309,218		132
Debt service for capital appropriations: Capital lease principal Interest on capital lease		203,717 44,301		203,717 44,830		203,717 44,830		-
Total debt service for capital appropriations		248,018		248,547		248,547		
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Total governmental expenditures		1,897,689		1,897,689		1,733,678		164,011
Excess (deficiency) of revenues under (over) expenditures						172,011		172,011
Fund balance, January 1		1,103,775		1,103,775		1,103,775		
Fund balance, December 31	\$	1,103,775	\$	1,103,775	\$	1,275,786	\$	172,011
RECAPITULATION OF FUND BALANCE								
Restricted fund balance: Capital reserve Debt service					\$	181,244 62,337		
Assigned fund balance: Other purposes Unassigned fund balance						29,658 1,002,547		
Total - budgetary basis						1,275,786		
Reconciliation to governmental fund statements (GAAP Length of service award program investment balance):					2.007.204		
not recognized on the budgetary basis						2,907,304		
Total fund balance per governmental funds (GAAP)					\$	4,183,090		

Notes to the Required Supplementary Information Budget-to-GAAP Reconciliation For the year ended December 31, 2021

	Go	Total vernmental <u>Funds</u>
Sources/Inflows of Resources:		
Actual Amounts (Budgetary Basis) "Revenue" From the Budgetary Comparison Schedule (C-1)	\$	1,905,689
Difference - Budget to GAAP:		
Budgetary basis differs from GAAP in that the District does not budget for length of service award program investment income. GASB 73 requires the investment appreciation in the length of service award program to be shown in financial statements using the current financial resources measurement focus and modified accrual basis of accounting:		
Appreciation in fair value of investments		76,854
Total Revenues as Reported on the Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances - Governmental Funds (B-2)	\$	1,982,543
Uses/Outflows of Resources:		
Actual Amounts (Budgetary Basis) "Total Appropriations" From the Budgetary Comparison Schedule (C-1)	\$	1,733,678
Budgetary basis differs from GAAP in that the District is required to budget for contributions to the length of service award program. Expenditures under the current financial resources measurement focus and modified accrual basis of accounting are limited to the benefits paid in accordance with the Plan.		
Length of service award program district contribution Participant withdrawals		(309,218) 27,987
Total Expenditures as Reported on the Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances - Governmental Funds (B-2)	\$	1,452,447

FIRE DISTRICT NO. 1 OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANALAPAN Schedule of the District's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability Public Employees' Retirement System Last Nine Fiscal Years **

								Measuremen	Measurement Date Ended December 31,	ember 3						
		2021		2020		2019	2018		2017		2016		2015	2014		2013
Districts Proportion of the Net Pension Liability		0.00022%		0.00022%		0.00023%	0.00	0.00023%	0.00023%	%	0.00024%		0.00024%	0.00	0.00050%	0.62000%
District's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability	69	26,300	∞	36,656	64	41,235	8	45,607 \$	54,653	ss	70,043	€	52,926	\$ 93	93,638 \$	118,353
District's Covered-Employee Payroll	€9	38,697	\$	35,724	€9	35,724	3	35,724 \$	35,440	\$	34,588	89	34,588	\$ 34	34,588 \$	35,543
District's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability as a Percentage of it's Covered-Employee Payroll		%96:29		102.61%		115.43%	12	(27.66%	154.21%	%	202.51%		153.02%	270	270.72%	352.84%
Plan Fiduciary Net Position as a Percentage of the Total Pension Liability		70.33%		58.32%		56.27%	vi	53.60%	48.10%	%	40.14%		47.93%	52	52.08%	48.72%

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FIRE DISTRICT NO. 1 OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANALAPAN Schedule of District Contributions Public Employees' Retirement System Last Nine Fiscal Years **

									Year	Year Ended December 31,	<u>,</u>								ĺ
		2021		2020		2019		2018		2017		2016		2015	 	2014	 	2013	ĺ
District's Contractually Required Contribution	€9	2,600	⇔	2,459	€9	2,226	€9	2,304	⇔	2,175	€9	2,101	8	2,027	7 \$	4,123	.3	4,0	4,666
Districts Contribution in Relation to the Contractually Required Contribution		(2,600)		(2,459)		(2,226)		(2,304)		(2,175)		(2,101)	_	(2,027)	(7	(4,123)	3)	(4,0	(4,666)
District's Contribution Deficiency (Excess)	S		s		s		s		S		S	-	↔	-	s		S		.
Districts Covered-Employee Payroll	€9	32,599	8	38,697	8	35,724	€9	35,724	8	35,724	€9	35,440	€9	34,588	<i></i> ∞	34,588	×	34,588	888
District's Contributions as a Percentage of it's Covered-Employee Payroll		7.98%		6.35%		6.23%		6.45%		%60.9		5.93%		5.86%	%	11.92%	%	13.4	13.49%

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FIRE DISTRICT NO. 1 OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANALAPAN Changes in the Net Pension Liability and Related Ratios Length of Service Awards Program (LOSAP) Last Five Fiscal Years**

		2021	 2020	 2019	_	2018	 2017
Total pension liability:							
Service cost	\$	202,307	\$ 184,507	\$ 178,427	\$	142,706	\$ 122,703
Interest		104,909	113,692	109,453		115,128	101,298.00
Changes in benefit terms		-	-	20,619		-	-
Differences between expected and actual experience		183,699	(95,007)	40,555		30,766	-
Changes in assumptions		420,586	422,087	675,474		564,930	(58,333.00)
Payments for benefits and admin expenses	-	(78,023)	 (81,014)	 (80,036)		(74,225)	 (72,688.00)
Net change in total pension liability		833,478	544,265	944,492		779,305	92,980
Total pension liability - beginning		5,336,591	 4,792,326	 3,847,834		3,068,529	2,975,549
Total pension liability - ending	\$	6,170,069	\$ 5,336,591	\$ 4,792,326	\$	3,847,834	\$ 3,068,529
Net pension liability - LOSAP	\$	6,170,069	\$ 5,336,591	\$ 4,792,326	\$	3,847,834	\$ 3,068,529
Plan fiduciay net position as a percentage of the							
total pension liability		0.00%	0.00%	0.00%		0.00%	0.00%
District's covered payroll		N/A	N/A	N/A		N/A	N/A
Net pension liability as a percentage of covered payroll		N/A	N/A	N/A		N/A	N/A
Expected average remaining service years for all participants		8	8	8		9	9

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FIRE DISTRICT NO. 1 OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANALAPAN NOTES TO THE REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION December 31, 2021

Public Employees' Retirement System (PERS)

Changes of Benefit Terms

The June 30, 2021 measurement date includes one change in plan provisions as Chapter 140, P.L. 2021 reopened the Worker's Compensation Judges (WCJ) Part of PERS and transferred WCJs from the Defined Contribution Retirement Program (DCRP) and regular part of PERS into the WCJ Part of PERS.

Changes of Assumptions

The discount rate used as of June 30, measurement date is as follows:

Year	Rate	Year	Rate	Year	Rate
2021	7.00%	2018	5.66%	2015	4.90%
2020	7.00%	2017	5.00%	2014	5.39%
2019	6.28%	2016	3 98%		

The long-term expected rate of return used as of June 30, measurement date is as follows:

Year	Rate	<u>Year</u>	Rate	Year	Rate
2021	7.00%	2018	7.00%	2015	7.90%
2020	7.00%	2017	7.00%	2014	7.90%
2019	7.00%	2016	7.65%		

The mortality assumption was updated upon the direction from the Division of Pensions and Benefits.

Length of Service Awards Program (LOSAP)

Changes of Benefit Terms

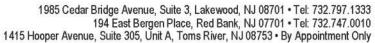
None.

Changes of Assumptions

The discount rate changed from 2.39% as of September 14, 2020, to 1.98% as of September 14, 2021.

FIRE DISTRICT NO. 1 OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANALAPAN Long-Term Debt
Schedule of Obligations Under Capital Leases
For the year ended December 31, 2021

											Amount						Amount
	Date of	Term of		Amount of Original Issue	iginal	Issue	Annual Maturity	faturity	Interest Rate		Outstanding						Outstanding
Description	Lease	Lease		Principal		Interest	<u>Date</u>	Amount	Payable	Ja	nuary 1, 2021		Issued		Retired	De	cember 31, 2021
Apparatus	4/15/2016 5 years	5 years	\$	594,401 \$	⇔	44,969			2.58%	\$	94,712	\$	1	€	94,712	\$	
Apparatus	1/17/2019	10 years	€	1,222,545 \$	9	298,986	12/17/2022 12/17/2023 12/17/2024 12/17/2026 12/17/2026	113,638 118,468 123,502 128,751 134,223 139,928	4.24%		1,013,572		•		109,005		904,567
							12/17/2028	146,057	Total	s	1,108,284	€	1	€9	203,717	s9	904,567



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Board of Fire Commissioners Fire District No. 1 of the Township of Manalapan County of Monmouth Manalapan, New Jersey 07726

We have audited the basic financial statements of the Fire District No. 1 of the Township of Manalapan, (hereafter referred to as the District), County of Monmouth, State of New Jersey for the year ended December 31, 2021. In accordance with requirements prescribed by the Division of Local Government Services, Department of Community Affairs, State of New Jersey, the following are the *General Comments* and *Recommendations* for the year then ended.

GENERAL COMMENTS

Contracts and Agreements Required to be Advertised by (N.J.S.A.40A:11-4)

N.J.S.A.40A:11-4 - Every contract or agreement, for the performance of any work or furnishing or hiring of any materials or supplies, the cost or the contract price whereof is to be paid with or out of public funds not included within the terms of Section 3 of this act, shall be made or awarded only by the governing body of the contracting unit after public advertising for bids and bidding therefore, except as is provided otherwise in this act or specifically by any other Law. No work, materials or supplies shall be undertaken, acquired or furnished for a sum exceeding in the aggregate \$17,500, except by contract or agreement.

It is pointed out that the Commissioners of the District have the responsibility of determining whether the expenditures in any category will exceed the statutory minimum within the fiscal year. Where question arises as to whether any contract or agreement might result in violation of the statute, the solicitor's opinion should be sought before a commitment is made.

Review of the minutes and financial transactions did not identify any bids requested by public advertising.

The minutes indicate that resolutions were adopted authorizing the awarding of contracts or agreements for "Professional Services," per *N.J.S.A.40A:11-5*.

Inasmuch as the system of records did not provide for an accumulation of payments for categories for the performance of any work or the furnishing or hiring of any materials or supplies, the results of such an accumulation could not reasonably be ascertained. Disbursements were reviewed, however, to determine whether any clear-cut violations existed. The results or our examination did not disclose any discrepancies.

Contracts and Agreements Requiring Solicitation of Quotations

The examination of expenditures revealed individual payments, contracts or agreements in excess of \$2,625 "for the performance of any work or the furnishing or hiring of any materials or supplies", other than those where bids had been previously sought by public advertisement or where a resolution had been previously adopted under the provision of (*N.J.S.A.40A:11-6.1*).

The supporting documentation indicated that quotes were requested for all items that required them.

Examination of Cash Receipts

A test check of cash receipts was performed. The results of the test did not disclose any discrepancies.

Capital Assets

The capital asset subledger was maintained properly and a reconciliation between the physical and perpetual inventory records was performed at year-end.

Examination of Bills

A test check of paid bills was performed and each bill, upon proper approval, was considered as a separate and individual contract unless the records disclosed it to be a part payment or estimate. The results of the examination did not disclose any discrepancies with respect to signatures, certification or supporting documentation.

Examination of Payroll

The examination of the payroll account included the detailed computation of various deductions or other credits from the payroll of the District employees and we ascertained that the accumulated withholdings were disbursed to the proper agencies.

Budget Adoption

The State of New Jersey requires that the District's operating and capital budgets be approved and adopted for each fiscal year. The District approved its operating budget on December 2, 2020 and adopted its operating budget on January 6, 2021.

Current Year Findings

There were no current year findings.

Acknowledgment

We received the complete cooperation of all the staff of the District and we greatly appreciate the courtesies extended to the members of the audit team. During our audit, we did not note any problems or weaknesses significant enough that would affect our ability to express an opinion on the financial statements taken as a whole.

Should you have any questions, please contact us.

HOLMAN FRENIA ALLISON, P.C.

Certified Public Accountants

January 19, 2023 Lakewood, New Jersey