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2023 MUNICIPAL ANNUAL AUDIT AND FINANCIAL REPORT

450365 POCONO TWP, MONROE COUNTY



Zelenkofske Axelrod LLC CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS

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Independent Auditor's Report

Board of Commissioners Pocono Township Tannersville, Pennsylvania

Report on the Financial Statements

Opinion

We have audited the accompanying modified-cash basis Municipal Annual Audit and Financial Report, Form DCED CLGS-30 (the "financial statements"), of Pocono Township ("the Township"), as of and for the year ended December 31, 2023, which comprise the balance sheet, statement of revenues and expenditures, debt statement, and statement of capital expenditures and employee compensation.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the balance sheet of the Township as of December 31, 2023, and the statement of revenues and expenditures, debt statement, and the statement of capital expenditures and employee compensation for the year then ended, in accordance with the financial reporting provisions of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Department of Community and Economic Development ("DCED") on the modified-cash basis of accounting.

Basis for Opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAS). 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 Township 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 opinion.

Emphasis of Matter - Basis of Accounting

We draw attention to the basis of accounting described under Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statement section. The financial statements were prepared by the Township in accordance with the accounting practices prescribed or permitted by DCED on the modified-cash basis of accounting, which is a basis of accounting other than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. Our opinion is not modified with respect to this matter.

Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements

The Township's management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with the accounting practices prescribed or permitted by DCED, this includes determining that the modified-cash basis of accounting is an acceptable basis for the preparation of the financial statements in the circumstances. The cash basis of accounting is modified to record taxes receivable and current liabilities. Management is also responsible for the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.



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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 Township's ability to continue as a going concern for one year after the date that the financial statements are issued.

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with GAAS 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 GAAS, 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 Township'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 Township'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.

Restriction on Use

This report is intended solely for the information and use of the Township and for filing with DCED and is not intended be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

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ZELENKOFSKE AXELROD, LLC Jamison, Pennsylvania November 27, 2024



BALANCE SHEET

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POCONO TWP, MONROE County BALANCE SHEET

			Governme	ntal Funds		Proprieta	ry Funds	Fid. Fund	Account	Groups	Total
		General Fund	Special Revenue (Including State Liquid Fuels)	Capital Projects	Debt Service	Enterprise	Internal Service	Trust and Agency	General Fixed Assets	General Long Term Debt	Memorandum Only
	Assets and Other Debits										
100-120	Cash and Investments	5,887,628	793,435	3,924,395		3,974,128		791,517			15,371,103
140-144	Tax Receivable	173,114									173,114
121-129, 145-149	Accounts Receivable (excluding taxes)	142,932	4,790	142,162		113,951					403,835
130.00	Due From Other Funds			177,300							177,300
131-139, 150-159	Other Current Assets	221,437				15,103					236,540
160-169	Fixed Assets										
180-189	Other Debits		·			·					
Tota	al Assets and Other Debits	6,425,111	798,225	4,243,857		4,103,182		791,517			16,361,892

Lia	abilities and Other Credits						
	Payroll Taxes and Other Payroll Withholdings	18,452					18,452
200-209, 231-239	All Other Current Liabilities	216,487	926,003	24,169	446,866		1,613,525
230.00	Due To Other Funds	177,300					177,300

TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND AND ACCOUNT GROUP EQUITY

POCONO TWP, MONROE County BALANCE SHEET

December 31, 2023

			Governme	ntal Funds		Proprieta	ry Funds	Fid. Fund	Account	Groups	Total
		General Fund	Special Revenue (Including State Liquid Fuels)	Capital Projects	Debt Service	Enterprise	Internal Service	Trust and Agency	General Fixed Assets	General Long Term Debt	Memorandum Only
Lia	abilities and Other Credits										
260-269	Long-Term-Liabilities										
240-259	Current Portion of Long-Term Debt and Other Credits										
Total	Liabilities and Other Credits	412,239		926,003		24,169		446,866			1,809,277
Fund	I and Account Group Equity										
281-284	Contributed Capital										
290.00	Investment in General Fixed Assets										
270-289	Fund Balance / Retained Earnings on 12/31	6,012,872	798,225	3,317,854		4,079,013		344,651			14,552,615
291-299	Other Equity										
Tota	I Fund and Account Group Equity	6,012,872	798,225	3,317,854		4,079,013		344,651			14,552,615

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320-322

321.80

330-332 Fines and Forfeits

POCONO TWP, MONROE County

STATEMENT OF REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES

		Governme	ntal Funds		Proprieta	ry Funds	Fiduciary Fund	Total
	General Fund	Special Revenue (Including State Liquid Fuels)	Capital Projects	Debt Service	Enterprise	Internal Service	Trust and Agency	Memorandum Only
<u>REVENUES</u>				•				
Taxes								
Real Estate Taxes	4,713,142	252,889						4,966,031
Occupation Taxes (levied under municipal code)								
Residence Taxes (levied by cities of the 3rd Class)								
Regional Asset District Sales Tax (Allegheny County municipalities only)								
Per Capita Taxes								
Real Estate Transfer Taxes	391,212							391,212
Earned Income Taxes / Wage Taxes	1,887,819							1,887,819
Business Gross Receipts Taxes								
Occupation Taxes (levied under Act 511)								
Local Services Tax **	470,710							470,710
Amusement / Admission Taxes	833,160							833,160
Mechanical Device Taxes								
Other:								
Other:								
Total Taxes	8,296,043	252,889						8,548,932
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Licenses and Permits								
All Other Licenses and Permits	154,724	22,035						176,759
Cable Television Franchise Fees								
Total Licenses and Permits	154,724	22,035						176,759
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Fines and Forfeits				1				
Fines and Forfeits	100,325							100,325
Total Fines and Forfeits	100,325							100,325

			Governme	ntal Funds		Proprieta	ry Funds	Fiduciary Fund	Total
		General Fund	Special Revenue (Including State Liquid Fuels)	Capital Projects	Debt Service	Enterprise	Internal Service	Trust and Agency	Memorandum Only
	<u>REVENUES</u>								
	Interest, Rents and Royalties								
341.00	Interest Earnings	102,694		71,466		75,186		1,148,577	1,397,923
342.00	Rents and Royalties								
	Total Interest, Rents and Royalties	102,694		71,466		75,186		1,148,577	1,397,923
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	Federal							· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	
351.03	Highways and Streets								
351.09	Community Development								
351.00	All Other Federal Capital and Operating Grants		1,835						1,835
352.01	National Forest								
352.00	All Other Federal Shared Revenue and Entitlements								
353.00	Federal Payments in Lieu of Taxes								
	Total Federal		1,835						1,835
		•							
	State								
354.03	Highways and Streets								
354.09	Community Development								
354.15	Recycling / Act 101								
354.00	All Other State Capital and Operating Grants	169,154		586,618					755,772
355.01	Public Utility Realty Tax (PURTA)	6,179							6,179
355.02- 355.03	Motor Vehicle Fuel Tax (Liquid Fuels Tax) and State Road Turnback		444,276						444,276
355.04	Alcoholic Beverage Licenses	4,350							4,350
355.05	General Municipal Pension System State Aid	274,985							274,985
355.07	Foreign Fire Insurance Tax Distribution	87,847							87,847
355.08	Local Share Assessment/Gaming Proceeds								
355.09	Marcellus Shale Impact Fee Distribution								

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Proprietary Funds

Fiduciary Fund

Total

Governmental Funds

		General Fund	Special Revenue (Including State Liquid Fuels)	Capital Projects	Debt Service	Enterprise	Internal Service	Trust and Agency	Memorandum Only
	<u>REVENUES</u>								
	State								
355.00	All Other State Shared Revenues and Entitlements								
356.00	State Payments in Lieu of Taxes	412							412
	Total State	542,927	444,276	586,618					1,573,821
	Local Government Units								
357.03	Highways and Streets								
357.00	All Other Local Governmental Units Capital and Operating Grants			101,435					101,435
358.00	Local Government Unit Shared Payments for Contracted Intergovernmental Services								
359.00	Local Governmental Units and Authorities Payments in Lieu of Taxes								
	Total Local Government Units			101,435					101,435
		_							
	Charges for Service								
361.00	General Government	113,503							113,503
362.00	Public Safety	687,072							687,072
363.20	Parking	12,208							12,208
363.00	All Other Charges for Highway & Street Services								
364.10	Wastewater / Sewage (including connection / tapping fees, sewer usage charges, reserve capacity fee, etc.)								
364.30	Solid Waste Collection and Disposal Charge (trash)								
364.60	Host Municipality Benefit Fee for Solid Waste Facility								
364.00	All Other Charges for Sanitation Services					4,224,769			4,224,769
365.00	Health								
366.00	Human Services								
367.00	Culture and Recreation	27,738							27,738
368.00	Airports								

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POCONO TWP, MONROE County STATEMENT OF REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES

			Governme	ental Funds		Proprieta	ry Funds	Fiduciary Fund	Total
		General Fund	Special Revenue (Including State Liquid Fuels)	Capital Projects	Debt Service	Enterprise	Internal Service	Trust and Agency	Memorandum Only
	<u>REVENUES</u>	_							
	Charges for Service								
9.00	Bars								
0.00	Cemeteries								
2.00	Electric System								
3.00	Gas System								
4.00	Housing System								
5.00	Markets								
7.00	Transit Systems								
8.00	Water System								
9.00	All Other Charges for Service							461,648	461,648
	Total Charges for Service	840,521				4,224,769		461,648	5,526,938
				•				•	
	Unclassified Operating Revenues								
3.00	Special Assessments								
6.00	Escheats (sale of personal property)								
7.00	Contributions and Donations from Private Sectors	694,306							694,306
8.00	Fiduciary Fund Pension Contributions							319,444	319,444
9.00	All Other Unclassified Operating Revenues								
То	tal Unclassified Operating Revenues	694,306						319,444	1,013,750
	Other Financing Sources								
1.00	Proceeds of General Fixed Asset Disposition	6,938		166,675					173,613
2.00	Interfund Operating Transfers	66,362		3,005,884					3,072,246
3.00	Proceeds of General Long-Term Debt			151,400					151,400
4.00	Proceeds of Short Term-Debt								

Comparison Com	
Other Financing Sources 395.00 Refunds of Prior Year Expenditures 160,035 56,129 56,129 Total Other Financing Sources 233,335 3,323,959 56,129 56,129 TOTAL REVENUES 10,964,875 721,035 4,083,478 4,356,084 1,929,669 EXPENDITURES 10,964,875 721,035 1,929,669 1,929,669	randum
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EXPENDITURES	3,613,423
EXPENDITURES	
	22,055,141
General Government	
400.00 Legislative (Governing) Body 24,566 30,191	54,757
401.00 Executive (Manager or Mayor) 195,274 98,772	294,046
402.00 Auditing Services / Financial Administration 138,932	138,932
403.00 Tax Collection 52,698	52,698
404.00 Solicitor / Legal Services 58,099	58,099
405.00 Secretary / Clerk 274,811	274,811
406.00 Other General Government Administration 37,180 Souther General Government Admin	37,180
407.00 IT-Networking Services-Data Processing 151,715 Indicate the services of	151,715
408.00 Engineering Services 79,868	79,868
409.00 General Government Buildings and Plant 69,952	69,952
Total General Government 1,083,095 128,963	1,212,058
Public Safety	
410.00 Police 3,587,764 146,273	3,734,037
411.00 Fire 98,285 247,982	346,267
412.00 Ambulance / Rescue	
413.00 UCC and Code Enforcement 373,085	373,085

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Proprietary Funds

Fiduciary Fund

Total

Governmental Funds

Special

		General Fund	Revenue (Including State Liquid Fuels)	Capital Projects	Debt Service	Enterprise	Internal Service	Trust and Agency	Memorandum Only
	EXPENDITURES			-					•
	Public Safety								
414.00	Planning and Zoning	165,254							165,254
415.00	Emergency Management and Communications	9,496							9,496
416.00	Militia and Armories								
417.00	Examination of Licensed Occupations								
418.00	Public Scales (weights and measures)								
419.00	Other Public Safety								
	Total Public Safety	4,233,884	247,982	146,273					4,628,139
						-			
	Health and Human Services							_	
420.00- 425.00	Health and Human Services								
	Total Health and Human Services								
		_							
	Public Works - Sanitation								
426.00	Recycling Collection and Disposal								
427.00	Solid Waste Collection and Disposal (garbage)	31,525							31,525
428.00	Weed Control								
429.00	Wastewater / Sewage Treatment and Collection			215,065		1,757,416			1,972,481
	Total Public Works - Sanitation	31,525		215,065		1,757,416			2,004,006
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Р	ublic Works - Highways and Streets								
430.00	General Services - Administration	1,133,958		372,337					1,506,295
431.00	Cleaning of Streets and Gutters								
432.00	Winter Maintenance – Snow Removal	44,044							44,044
433.00	Traffic Control Devices	23,701							23,701
434.00	Street Lighting								

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Proprietary Funds

Fiduciary Fund

Total

Governmental Funds

Special

		General Fund	Revenue (Including State Liquid Fuels)	Capital Projects	Debt Service	Enterprise	Internal Service	Trust and Agency	Memorandum Only
	EXPENDITURES		•			•	•	•	
Р	ublic Works - Highways and Streets								
435.00	Sidewalks and Crosswalks								
436.00	Storm Sewers and Drains								
437.00	Repairs of Tools and Machinery								
438.00	Maintenance and Repairs of Roads and Bridges	45,723		683,434					729,157
439.00	Highway Construction and Rebuilding Projects		447,600						447,600
Tota	I Public Works - Highways and Streets	1,247,426	447,600	1,055,771					2,750,797
							•	•	
	Other Public Works Enterprises					_			
440.00	Airports								
441.00	Cemeteries								
442.00	Electric System								
443.00	Gas System								
444.00	Markets								
445.00	Parking								
446.00	Storm Water and Flood Control								
447.00	Transit System								
448.00	Water System								
449.00	Water Transport and Terminals								
T	otal Other Public Works Enterprises								
							•	•	
	Culture and Recreation								
451.00	Culture-Recreation Administration								
452.00	Participant Recreation	730							730
453.00	Spectator Recreation								
454.00	Parks	205,689		889,682					1,095,371

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Proprietary Funds

Fiduciary Fund

Total

Governmental Funds

Special Revenue

		General Fund	Revenue (Including State Liquid Fuels)	Capital Projects	Debt Service	Enterprise	Internal Service	Trust and Agency	Memorandum Only
	<u>EXPENDITURES</u>								
	Culture and Recreation								
455.00	Shade Trees								
456.00	Libraries								
457.00	Civil and Military Celebrations	14,233							14,233
458.00	Senior Citizens' Centers								
459.00	All Other Culture and Recreation								
	Total Culture and Recreation	220,652		889,682					1,110,334
	Community Development								
461.00	Conservation of Natural Resources								
462.00	Community Development and Housing								
463.00	Economic Development	215,313							215,313
464.00	Economic Opportunity								
465-469	All Other Community Development							461,648	461,648
	Total Community Development	215,313						461,648	676,961
	Debt Service								
471.00	Debt Principal (short-term and long-term)			318,425		1,014,412			1,332,837
472.00	Debt Interest (short-term and long-term)			27,366		146,533			173,899
475.00	Fiscal Agent Fees								
	Total Debt Service			345,791		1,160,945			1,506,736
Emplo	yer Paid Benefits and Withholding Items								
481.00	Employer Paid Withholding Taxes and Unemployment Compensation								
482.00	Judgments and Losses								
483.00	Pension / Retirement Fund Contributions	265,590							265,590

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			Governme	ntal Funds		Proprieta	ry Funds	Fiduciary Fund	Total
		General Fund	Special Revenue (Including State Liquid Fuels)	Capital Projects	Debt Service	Enterprise	Internal Service	Trust and Agency	Memorandum Only
	<u>EXPENDITURES</u>								
Emplo	yer Paid Benefits and Withholding Items								
484.00	Worker Compensation Insurance								
487.00	Other Group Insurance Benefits								
Total I	Employer Paid Benefits and Withholding Items	265,590							265,590
		•							
	Insurance							1 1	
486.00	Insurance, Casualty, and Surety	144,624				19,786			164,410
	Total Insurance	144,624				19,786			164,410
		•							
ι	nclassified Operating Expenditures								
488.00	Fiduciary Fund Benefits and Refunds Paid							287,773	287,773
489.00	All Other Unclassified Expenditures	3						38,258	38,261
Tota	l Unclassified Operating Expenditures	3						326,031	326,034
		1							
	Other Financing Uses		•						
491.00	Refund of Prior Year Revenues	1,518							1,518
492.00	Interfund Operating Transfers	1,534,432	140,814			1,397,000			3,072,246
493.00	All Other Financing Uses								
	Total Other Financing Uses	1,535,950	140,814			1,397,000			3,073,764
	TOTAL EXPENDITURES	8,978,062	836,396	2,781,545		4,335,147		787,679	17,718,829
EXCE	SS/DEFICIT OF REVENUES OVER EXPENDITURES	1,986,813	-115,361	1,301,933		20,937		1,141,990	4,336,312
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POCONO TWP

December 31, 2023

DEBT STATEMENT

Outstanding

Beginning of

Year (1)

Principal

Incurred

This Year

Principal

Paid This

Year

Current Year

Accretion on

Compound Interest

Bonds

Outstanding at

Year End (1)

Plus (less)

Unamortized

Premium

(Discount)

Total

Balance

9,746,542

OUTSTANDING BONDS AND NOTES

Purpose

Bond (B)

Capital Lease (C) Lease Rental (L)

Note (N)

Issue Year

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Maturity

Year

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Listed below are all currently outstanding bond and note issues according to our files, excluding bond issues redeemed or refunded and defeased. Please show the principal payments and make any other necessary corrections and additions.

Original

Amount of

Issue

General Obligation Bonds and Notes		•			'	•		•	•
PennVest Loan	Note	2012	2034	8,300,000	4,948,714		403,412	4,545,302	4,545,30
Revenue Bonds and Notes		•			•	•		•	
Guar Sewer Rev Series 2021	Note	2021	2035	7,207,000	5,328,000		611,000	4,717,000	4,717,00
Lease Rental Debt									
2020 Truck Leases	Capital Leases	2020	2024	428,242	140,281		68,631	71,650	71,65
2021 Bucket Truck	Capital Leases	2021	2025	135,184	81,050		26,118	54,932	54,93
2021 Boom Mower	Capital Leases	2021	2025	142,954	84,808		27,619	57,189	57,18
2021 Police Interceptor	Capital Leases	2021	2023	52,965	17,647		17,647	0	
2021 Police Interceptor (3)	Capital Leases	2021	2023	156,489	52,144		52,144	0	
2022 Police Interceptor (2)	Capital Leases	2022	2024	109,722	71,682		35,127	36,555	36,55
2022 Western Star	Capital Leases	2022	2026	209,500	163,063		37,441	125,622	125,62
2022 F-350	Capital Leases	2022	2024	62,236	40,590		19,857	20,733	20,73
2023 Cat Backhoe Loader	Capital Leases	2023	2027	151,400	0	151,400	33,841	117,559	117,55
Other		•		,	•	•	,	•	
(1) - excludes unamortized premium/discount Total bonds and notes outstanding 9,746,5									
Capitalized lease obligations									

Net debt

POCONO TWP, MONROE County

STATEMENT OF CAPITAL EXPENDITURES

December 31, 2023

Category	Capital Purchases	Capital Construction	Total
Community Development			
Electric			
Fire			
Gas System			
General Government			
Health			
Housing			
Libraries			
Mass Transit			
Parks		889,682	889,682
Police	146,273		146,273
Recreation			
Sewer			
Solid Waste			
Streets / Highways	372,337	683,434	1,055,771
Water	215,065		215,065
Other:			
TOTAL CAPITAL EXPENDITURES	733,675	1,573,116	2,306,791

EMPLOYEE COMPENSATION

Total salaries, wages, commissions, etc. paid this year (including all employees and elected officials)

3,431,927

Independent Public Accountant/Certified Public Accountant Submission Page Opinion page was provided in lieu of signature page.

SIGNATURE AND VERIFICATION

Signed: Zelenkofske Axelrod LLC Appointed Auditor/CPA

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NOTES / COMMENTS