

FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP

Annual Audit & Financial Statements

For the Year Ended December 31, 2023

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Supervisors of Franklin Township
Franklin Township, Pennsylvania, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania

Opinion

We have audited the accompanying Pennsylvania Annual Audit and Financial Report (DCED-CLGS-30) of Franklin Township, Pennsylvania, which comprises the balance sheet as of December 31, 2023, and the related statements of revenues and expenditures, debt, and capital expenditures for the year then ended.

In our opinion, the DCED-CLGS-30 referred to above presents fairly, in all material respects, the balance sheet of Franklin Township, Pennsylvania, as of December 31, 2023, the revenues it received and expenditures it paid, debt, and capital expenditures for the year then ended, in accordance with the financial reporting provisions of the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development.

Basis for Opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the DCED-CLGS-30 section of our report. We are required to be independent of Franklin Township, Pennsylvania, 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

The DCED-CLGS-30 is prepared by Franklin Township, Pennsylvania, in accordance with the financial reporting provisions of the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development, which is a basis of accounting other than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, to meet the requirements of the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development. As a result, the DCED-CLGS-30 may not be suitable for another purpose. Our opinion is not modified with respect to this matter.

Responsibilities of Management for the DCED-CLGS-30

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the DCED-CLGS-30 in accordance with the financial reporting provisions of the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development. Management is also responsible for the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of the DCED-CLGS-30 that is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the DCED-CLGS-30

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the DCED-CLGS-30 as a whole is 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 generally accepted auditing standards 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 DCED-CLGS-30.

In performing an audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards, we:

- Exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the DCED-CLGS-30, 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 DCED-CLGS-30.
- 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 Franklin Township, Pennsylvania'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 DCED-CLGS-30.
- Conclude whether, in our judgment, there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about Franklin Township, Pennsylvania'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 management, the Supervisors, others within Franklin Township, Pennsylvania, and the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development, and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

Buseck, Barger, Bleil & Co. Inc.

Certified Public Accountants
Erie, Pennsylvania

January 26, 2024

2023 MUNICIPAL ANNUAL AUDIT AND FINANCIAL REPORT

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		Governmental Funds				Proprietary 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	1,348,461	103,491	545,473							1,997,425
140-144	Tax Receivable										
121-129, 145-149	Accounts Receivable (excluding taxes)										
130.00	Due From Other Funds										
131-139, 150-159	Other Current Assets										
160-169	Fixed Assets								1,315,330		1,315,330
180-189	Other Debits										
Total Assets and Other Debits		1,348,461	103,491	545,473					1,315,330		3,312,755

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FRANKLIN TWP, ERIE County
STATEMENT OF REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES

December 31, 2023

Governmental Funds				Proprietary Funds		Fiduciary Fund	Total
General Fund	Special Revenue (Including State Liquid Fuels)	Capital Projects	Debt Service	Enterprise	Internal Service	Trust and Agency	Memorandum Only

REVENUES

Taxes									
301.00	Real Estate Taxes	116,025	41,710	144,775					302,510
305.00	Occupation Taxes (levied under municipal code)								
308.00	Residence Taxes (levied by cities of the 3rd Class)								
309.00	Regional Asset District Sales Tax (Allegheny County municipalities only)								
310.00	Per Capita Taxes								
310.10	Real Estate Transfer Taxes	19,739							19,739
310.20	Earned Income Taxes / Wage Taxes	245,405							245,405
310.30	Business Gross Receipts Taxes								
310.40	Occupation Taxes (levied under Act 511)								
310.50	Local Services Tax **	6,837							6,837
310.60	Amusement / Admission Taxes								
310.70	Mechanical Device Taxes								
310.90	Other: _____								
	Other: _____								
Total Taxes		388,006	41,710	144,775					574,491

Licenses and Permits									
320-322	All Other Licenses and Permits	410							410
321.80	Cable Television Franchise Fees	8,647							8,647
Total Licenses and Permits		9,057							9,057

Fines and Forfeits									
330-332	Fines and Forfeits	2,849							2,849
Total Fines and Forfeits		2,849							2,849

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REVENUES

Interest, Rents and Royalties									
341.00	Interest Earnings	62,117	11,362	29,023					102,502
342.00	Rents and Royalties								
Total Interest, Rents and Royalties		62,117	11,362	29,023					102,502

Federal									
351.03	Highways and Streets								
351.09	Community Development								
351.00	All Other Federal Capital and Operating Grants								
352.01	National Forest								
352.00	All Other Federal Shared Revenue and Entitlements								
353.00	Federal Payments in Lieu of Taxes								
Total Federal									

State									
354.03	Highways and Streets								
354.09	Community Development								
354.15	Recycling / Act 101								
354.00	All Other State Capital and Operating Grants								
355.01	Public Utility Realty Tax (PURTA)	496							496
355.02-355.03	Motor Vehicle Fuel Tax (Liquid Fuels Tax) and State Road Turnback		127,859						127,859
355.04	Alcoholic Beverage Licenses	400							400
355.05	General Municipal Pension System State Aid								
355.07	Foreign Fire Insurance Tax Distribution	10,041							10,041
355.08	Local Share Assessment/Gaming Proceeds								
355.09	Marcellus Shale Impact Fee Distribution								

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REVENUES

State									
355.00	All Other State Shared Revenues and Entitlements								
356.00	State Payments in Lieu of Taxes								
Total State		10,937	127,859						138,796

Local Government Units									
357.03	Highways and Streets	9,692							9,692
357.00	All Other Local Governmental Units Capital and Operating Grants	87,500							87,500
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		97,192							97,192

Charges for Service									
361.00	General Government	1,260							1,260
362.00	Public Safety								
363.20	Parking								
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								
365.00	Health								
366.00	Human Services								
367.00	Culture and Recreation								
368.00	Airports								

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REVENUES

Charges for Service									
369.00	Bars								
370.00	Cemeteries								
372.00	Electric System								
373.00	Gas System								
374.00	Housing System								
375.00	Markets								
377.00	Transit Systems								
378.00	Water System								
379.00	All Other Charges for Service								
Total Charges for Service		1,260							1,260

Unclassified Operating Revenues									
383.00	Special Assessments								
386.00	Escheats (sale of personal property)								
387.00	Contributions and Donations from Private Sectors	350							350
388.00	Fiduciary Fund Pension Contributions								
389.00	All Other Unclassified Operating Revenues	883							883
Total Unclassified Operating Revenues		1,233							1,233

Other Financing Sources									
391.00	Proceeds of General Fixed Asset Disposition		8,100	5,700					13,800
392.00	Interfund Operating Transfers								
393.00	Proceeds of General Long-Term Debt								
394.00	Proceeds of Short Term-Debt								

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Other Financing Sources									
395.00	Refunds of Prior Year Expenditures								
Total Other Financing Sources			8,100	5,700					13,800

TOTAL REVENUES

572,651	189,031	179,498						941,180
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EXPENDITURES

General Government									
400.00	Legislative (Governing) Body	29,162							29,162
401.00	Executive (Manager or Mayor)								
402.00	Auditing Services / Financial Administration	2,375							2,375
403.00	Tax Collection	14,199							14,199
404.00	Solicitor / Legal Services	8,706							8,706
405.00	Secretary / Clerk	48,975							48,975
406.00	Other General Government Administration								
407.00	IT-Networking Services-Data Processing								
408.00	Engineering Services	6,500	18,300						24,800
409.00	General Government Buildings and Plant	15,539							15,539
Total General Government		125,456	18,300						143,756

Public Safety

410.00	Police								
411.00	Fire	19,393	60,000						79,393
412.00	Ambulance / Rescue			12,300					12,300
413.00	UCC and Code Enforcement								

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EXPENDITURES

Public Safety									
414.00	Planning and Zoning	1,951							1,951
415.00	Emergency Management and Communications	2,893							2,893
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		24,237	60,000	12,300					96,537

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	532							532
427.00	Solid Waste Collection and Disposal (garbage)								
428.00	Weed Control	4,755							4,755
429.00	Wastewater / Sewage Treatment and Collection								
Total Public Works - Sanitation		5,287							5,287

Public Works - Highways and Streets									
430.00	General Services - Administration	75,827	49,892						125,719
431.00	Cleaning of Streets and Gutters								
432.00	Winter Maintenance – Snow Removal								
433.00	Traffic Control Devices	70							70
434.00	Street Lighting								

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EXPENDITURES

Public Works - Highways and Streets

435.00	Sidewalks and Crosswalks							
436.00	Storm Sewers and Drains	7,405	39,180					46,585
437.00	Repairs of Tools and Machinery	3,606	12,235					15,841
438.00	Maintenance and Repairs of Roads and Bridges	88,145	44,600	63,138				195,883
439.00	Highway Construction and Rebuilding Projects							
Total Public Works - Highways and Streets		175,053	145,907	63,138				384,098

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							
Total Other Public Works Enterprises								

Culture and Recreation

451.00	Culture-Recreation Administration							
452.00	Participant Recreation							
453.00	Spectator Recreation							
454.00	Parks							

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EXPENDITURES

Culture and Recreation									
455.00	Shade Trees								
456.00	Libraries								
457.00	Civil and Military Celebrations								
458.00	Senior Citizens' Centers								
459.00	All Other Culture and Recreation								
Total Culture and Recreation									

Community Development									
461.00	Conservation of Natural Resources								
462.00	Community Development and Housing								
463.00	Economic Development								
464.00	Economic Opportunity								
465-469	All Other Community Development								
Total Community Development									

Debt Service									
471.00	Debt Principal (short-term and long-term)			41,449					41,449
472.00	Debt Interest (short-term and long-term)			3,178					3,178
475.00	Fiscal Agent Fees								
Total Debt Service				44,627					44,627

Employer Paid Benefits and Withholding Items									
481.00	Employer Paid Withholding Taxes and Unemployment Compensation	15,678							15,678
482.00	Judgments and Losses								
483.00	Pension / Retirement Fund Contributions								

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EXPENDITURES

Employer Paid Benefits and Withholding Items									
484.00	Worker Compensation Insurance	8,047							8,047
487.00	Other Group Insurance Benefits	1,426							1,426
Total Employer Paid Benefits and Withholding Items		25,151							25,151

Insurance									
486.00	Insurance, Casualty, and Surety	37,011							37,011
Total Insurance		37,011							37,011

Unclassified Operating Expenditures									
488.00	Fiduciary Fund Benefits and Refunds Paid								
489.00	All Other Unclassified Expenditures								
Total Unclassified Operating Expenditures									

Other Financing Uses									
491.00	Refund of Prior Year Revenues	669							669
492.00	Interfund Operating Transfers								
493.00	All Other Financing Uses								
Total Other Financing Uses		669							669

TOTAL EXPENDITURES	392,864	224,207	120,065						737,136
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EXCESS/DEFICIT OF REVENUES OVER EXPENDITURES	179,787	-35,176	59,433						204,044
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FRANKLIN TWP
December 31, 2023

DEBT STATEMENT

OUTSTANDING BONDS AND NOTES

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.

Purpose	Bond (B) Capital Lease (C) Lease Rental (L) Note (N)	Issue Year (yyyy)	Maturity Year (yyyy)	Original Amount of Issue	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
General Obligation Bonds and Notes											
John Deere Credit	Note	2020	2025	200,000	84,459		41,449		43,010		43,010
Revenue Bonds and Notes											
Lease Rental Debt											
Other											

(1) - excludes unamortized premium/discount

Total bonds and notes outstanding	43,010
Capitalized lease obligations	0
Net debt	43,010

FRANKLIN TWP, ERIE 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			
Police			
Recreation			
Sewer			
Solid Waste			
Streets / Highways	49,892		49,892
Water			
Other: _____			
TOTAL CAPITAL EXPENDITURES	49,892		49,892

EMPLOYEE COMPENSATION

Total salaries, wages, commissions, etc. paid this year (including all employees and elected officials) 151,319

ELECTED CONTROLLER'S/AUDITOR'S CERTIFIED OPINION

To the: Governing Body of the Municipality
 President Judge of the Court of Common Pleas
 Secretary of the Department of Community & Economic Development

I/We, the undersigned, the duly elected (or appointed replacement), qualified, and Acting Controller/Auditors of the FRANKLIN TWP have audited, adjusted and settled the various funds and account groups of the FRANKLIN TWP for the year ended December 31, 2023. My/Our audit, adjustment and settlement was made in accordance with law rather than with generally accepted auditing standards

(PLEASE CROSS OUT ONLY IF ON MODIFIED ACCRUAL/ACCRUAL BASIS)

This municipality's policy is to prepare its financial statements on the basis of cash receipts and disbursements; consequently, certain revenues and the related assets are recognized when received rather than when earned, and certain expenditures or expenses are recognized when paid rather than when a liability is incurred. Accordingly, the accompanying financial statements are not intended to present the financial position and results of operations of this municipality in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles.

These financial statements do not include all of the disclosures required by generally accepted accounting principles.

In my/our opinion, the aforementioned financial statements present the financial position of the various funds and account groups of the municipality of FRANKLIN TWP for the year ended December 31, 2023, and the results of operations of such funds in accordance with the law.

SIGNATURE AND VERIFICATION

Signed:

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 1 day of January, 1.



Signed: _____

Witness (Controller)/Auditor (Auditors)

December 31, 2023

NOTES / COMMENTS