

# **2024 MUNICIPAL ANNUAL AUDIT AND FINANCIAL REPORT**

**022795 RICHLAND TWP, ALLEGHENY COUNTY**

## Independent Auditor's Report

**Board of Supervisors**  
**Richland Township**

### Report on the Audit of the Financial Statements

#### **Adverse and Unmodified Opinions**

We have audited the modified Cash Basis Balance Sheet, Statement of Revenues and Expenditures, Debt Statement, and Statements of Capital Expenditures and Employee Compensation – regulatory basis, as of and for the year ended December 31, 2024 included in the Annual Audit and Financial Report (Schedules) of Richland Township (Township), Pennsylvania.

#### **Unmodified Opinion on Regulatory Basis of Accounting**

In our opinion, the Schedules referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the regulatory basis financial position of the Township as of December 31, 2024, and the regulatory results of its operations for the year then ended in accordance with the financial reporting provisions described in the instructions provided by Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development (DCED).

#### **Adverse Opinion on U.S. Generally Accepted Accounting Principles**

In our opinion, because of the significance of the matter discussed in the “Basis for Adverse and Unmodified Opinions” section of our report, the Schedules referred to above do not present fairly, in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, the financial position of the Township as of December 31, 2024, and the results of its operations for the year then ended.

#### **Basis for Adverse and Unmodified Opinions**

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 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 adverse and unmodified audit opinions.

### **Matter Giving Rise to Adverse Opinion on U.S. Generally Accepted Accounting Principles**

To meet the financial reporting requirements of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, the Schedules are prepared by the Township on the basis of the instructions provided by the DCED, which is a basis of accounting other than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. These requirements permit the Schedules to be prepared without financial statement disclosures, without cash flows, without component unit financial information, without government-wide financial statements, without Management's Discussion and Analysis, without budgetary comparisons, and without historical pension and post-employment benefit liability information, and require all funds to be aggregated by fund type on the Schedules.

The effects on the Schedules of the variances between the regulatory basis of accounting described above and accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, although not reasonably determinable, are presumed to be material and pervasive.

### **Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements**

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these Schedules in accordance with the financial reporting provisions as described in the instructions provided by the DCED to meet filing requirements in Pennsylvania, and for the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of Schedules that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

### **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 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 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, 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.

*Maher Duessel*

Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania  
March 20, 2025



## BALANCE SHEET

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**RICHLAND TWP, ALLEGHENY Count  
BALANCE SHEET**

December 31, 202

RICHLAND TWP, ALLEGHENY County

## BALANCE SHEET

December 31, 2024

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

<b>Liabilities and Other Credits</b>										
260-269	Long-Term-Liabilities	175,173							22,801,425	22,976,598
240-259	Current Portion of Long-Term Debt and Other Credits	729							990,000	990,729
<b>Total Liabilities and Other Credits</b>		182,972				35,778			23,791,425	24,010,175

**TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND AND ACCOUNT GROUP EQUITY** 38,785,477

**RICHLAND TWP, ALLEGHENY County**  
**STATEMENT OF REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES**

December 31, 2024

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	3,024,868					3,024,868
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)	240,069					240,069
310.00	Per Capita Taxes						
310.10	Real Estate Transfer Taxes	355,530					355,530
310.20	Earned Income Taxes / Wage Taxes	2,959,759					2,959,759
310.30	Business Gross Receipts Taxes						
310.40	Occupation Taxes (levied under Act 511)						
310.50	Local Services Tax **	265,595					265,595
310.60	Amusement / Admission Taxes						
310.70	Mechanical Device Taxes	19,573					19,573
310.90	Other: _____						
	Other: _____						
<b>Total Taxes</b>		<b>6,865,394</b>					<b>6,865,394</b>

Licenses and Permits							
320-322	All Other Licenses and Permits	76,020					76,020
321.80	Cable Television Franchise Fees	171,669					171,669
<b>Total Licenses and Permits</b>		<b>247,689</b>					<b>247,689</b>

Fines and Forfeits							
330-332	Fines and Forfeits	10,586					10,586
<b>Total Fines and Forfeits</b>		<b>10,586</b>					<b>10,586</b>

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**REVENUES**

Interest, Rents and Royalties									
341.00	Interest Earnings	120,066	16,398	147,036		229,196		434,905	947,601
342.00	Rents and Royalties								
<b>Total Interest, Rents and Royalties</b>		<b>120,066</b>	<b>16,398</b>	<b>147,036</b>		<b>229,196</b>		<b>434,905</b>	<b>947,601</b>

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						
<b>Total Federal</b>							

State							
354.03	Highways and Streets						
354.09	Community Development						
354.15	Recycling / Act 101	35,971					35,971
354.00	All Other State Capital and Operating Grants						
355.01	Public Utility Realty Tax (PURTA)	6,351					6,351
355.02- 355.03	Motor Vehicle Fuel Tax (Liquid Fuels Tax) and State Road Turnback		423,048				423,048
355.04	Alcoholic Beverage Licenses	3,800					3,800
355.05	General Municipal Pension System State Aid	94,289					94,289
355.07	Foreign Fire Insurance Tax Distribution	88,251					88,251
355.08	Local Share Assessment/Gaming Proceeds						
355.09	Marcellus Shale Impact Fee Distribution	7,026					7,026

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**REVENUES**

State							
355.00	All Other State Shared Revenues and Entitlements						
356.00	State Payments in Lieu of Taxes						
<b>Total State</b>		235,688	423,048				658,736

Local Government Units							
357.03	Highways and Streets						
357.00	All Other Local Governmental Units Capital and Operating Grants						
358.00	Local Government Unit Shared Payments for Contracted Intergovernmental Services						
359.00	Local Governmental Units and Authorities Payments in Lieu of Taxes						
<b>Total Local Government Units</b>							

Charges for Service							
361.00	General Government	41,092					41,092
362.00	Public Safety						
363.20	Parking						
363.00	All Other Charges for Highway & Street Services		1,987				1,987
364.10	Wastewater / Sewage (including connection / tapping fees, sewer usage charges, reserve capacity fee, etc.)				2,771,003		2,771,003
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	111,805					111,805
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							
<b>Total Charges for Service</b>		152,897	1,987		2,771,003			2,925,887

Unclassified Operating Revenues								
383.00	Special Assessments		101,961	31,200				133,161
386.00	Escheats (sale of personal property)							
387.00	Contributions and Donations from Private Sectors	15,000		1,650				16,650
388.00	Fiduciary Fund Pension Contributions						252,180	252,180
389.00	All Other Unclassified Operating Revenues	9,353						9,353
<b>Total Unclassified Operating Revenues</b>		24,353	101,961	32,850			252,180	411,344

Other Financing Sources								
391.00	Proceeds of General Fixed Asset Disposition			19,482				19,482
392.00	Interfund Operating Transfers			600,000				600,000
393.00	Proceeds of General Long-Term Debt							
394.00	Proceeds of Short Term-Debt							

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**REVENUES**

Other Financing Sources		68,248	619,482	4,447	692,177		
395.00	Refunds of Prior Year Expenditures	68,248		4,447	72,695		
	<b>Total Other Financing Sources</b>	<b>68,248</b>	<b>619,482</b>	<b>4,447</b>	<b>692,177</b>		
	<b>TOTAL REVENUES</b>	<b>7,724,921</b>	<b>543,394</b>	<b>799,368</b>	<b>3,004,646</b>	<b>687,085</b>	<b>12,759,414</b>

**EXPENDITURES**

General Government		28,802	6,374	833	28,802
400.00	Legislative (Governing) Body	28,802			28,802
401.00	Executive (Manager or Mayor)	483,459		6,374	489,833
402.00	Auditing Services / Financial Administration	140,613		833	141,446
403.00	Tax Collection	84,279			84,279
404.00	Solicitor / Legal Services	44,750	17,529		62,279
405.00	Secretary / Clerk				
406.00	Other General Government Administration				
407.00	IT-Networking Services-Data Processing	62,265			62,265
408.00	Engineering Services	2,418	6,053		8,471
409.00	General Government Buildings and Plant	97,911			97,911
	<b>Total General Government</b>	<b>944,497</b>	<b>23,582</b>	<b>7,207</b>	<b>975,286</b>

Public Safety		1,970,372	289,080	289,080
410.00	Police	1,970,372		1,970,372
411.00	Fire	289,080		289,080
412.00	Ambulance / Rescue			
413.00	UCC and Code Enforcement	59,889		59,889

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**EXPENDITURES**

Public Safety							
414.00	Planning and Zoning	198,271					198,271
415.00	Emergency Management and Communications						
416.00	Militia and Armories						
417.00	Examination of Licensed Occupations						
418.00	Public Scales (weights and measures)						
419.00	Other Public Safety		122,010				122,010
<b>Total Public Safety</b>		<b>2,517,612</b>	<b>122,010</b>				<b>2,639,622</b>

Health and Human Services							
420.00-	Health and Human Services						
425.00							
<b>Total Health and Human Services</b>							

Public Works - Sanitation							
426.00	Recycling Collection and Disposal						
427.00	Solid Waste Collection and Disposal (garbage)	15					15
428.00	Weed Control						
429.00	Wastewater / Sewage Treatment and Collection				1,330,685		1,330,685
<b>Total Public Works - Sanitation</b>		<b>15</b>			<b>1,330,685</b>		<b>1,330,700</b>

Public Works - Highways and Streets							
430.00	General Services - Administration	512,198	110,050	106,239			728,487
431.00	Cleaning of Streets and Gutters						
432.00	Winter Maintenance – Snow Removal	8,000	301,939				309,939
433.00	Traffic Control Devices	28,271	6,370	41,990			76,631
434.00	Street Lighting	7,038	2,827				9,865

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**EXPENDITURES**

<b>Public Works - Highways and Streets</b>							
435.00	Sidewalks and Crosswalks						
436.00	Storm Sewers and Drains	12,866		1,615			14,481
437.00	Repairs of Tools and Machinery	64,035					64,035
438.00	Maintenance and Repairs of Roads and Bridges	93,519					93,519
439.00	Highway Construction and Rebuilding Projects	1,699,887		19,300			1,719,187
<b>Total Public Works - Highways and Streets</b>		2,425,814	421,186	169,144			3,016,144

<b>Other Public Works Enterprises</b>							
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	30,635					30,635
447.00	Transit System						
448.00	Water System	844					844
449.00	Water Transport and Terminals						
<b>Total Other Public Works Enterprises</b>		31,479					31,479

<b>Culture and Recreation</b>							
451.00	Culture-Recreation Administration						
452.00	Participant Recreation						
453.00	Spectator Recreation						
454.00	Parks	499,856		740,597			1,240,453

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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

**EXPENDITURES**

Culture and Recreation		775,488	740,597				
455.00	Shade Trees						
456.00	Libraries	240,120					240,120
457.00	Civil and Military Celebrations	2,000					2,000
458.00	Senior Citizens' Centers						
459.00	All Other Culture and Recreation	33,512					33,512
<b>Total Culture and Recreation</b>		<b>775,488</b>	<b>740,597</b>				
							1,516,085

Community Development		775,488	740,597				
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						
<b>Total Community Development</b>		<b>775,488</b>	<b>740,597</b>				

Debt Service		775,488	740,597				
471.00	Debt Principal (short-term and long-term)	375,635				589,365	
472.00	Debt Interest (short-term and long-term)	65,128				666,409	
475.00	Fiscal Agent Fees						
<b>Total Debt Service</b>		<b>440,763</b>	<b>1,255,774</b>				

Employer Paid Benefits and Withholding Items		775,488	740,597				
481.00	Employer Paid Withholding Taxes and Unemployment Compensation						
482.00	Judgments and Losses	2,240					2,240
483.00	Pension / Retirement Fund Contributions	118,689					118,689

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**STATEMENT OF REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES**

December 31, 2024

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

## EXPENDITURES

<b>Employer Paid Benefits and Withholding Items</b>								
484.00	Worker Compensation Insurance							
487.00	Other Group Insurance Benefits				9,586			9,586
<b>Total Employer Paid Benefits and Withholding Items</b>		120,929			9,586			130,515

<b>Unclassified Operating Expenditures</b>									
488.00	Fiduciary Fund Benefits and Refunds Paid							437,260	437,260
489.00	All Other Unclassified Expenditures	5,950							5,950
<b>Total Unclassified Operating Expenditures</b>		5,950						437,260	443,210

<b>Other Financing Uses</b>									
491.00	Refund of Prior Year Revenues			31,200					31,200
492.00	Interfund Operating Transfers	600,000							600,000
493.00	All Other Financing Uses								
<b>Total Other Financing Uses</b>		600,000		31,200					631,200

**TOTAL EXPENDITURES** 7,862,547 543,196 964,523 2,603,252 437,260 12,410,778

<b>EXCESS/DEFICIT OF REVENUES OVER EXPENDITURES</b>	-137,626	198	-165,155		401,394		249,825	348,636
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## RICHLAND TWP

December 31, 2024

## 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
<b>General Obligation Bonds and Notes</b>											
2017 GOB	Bond	2017	2027	6,265,000	3,270,000		960,000		2,310,000	16,158	2,326,158
2021 GOB	Bond	2021	2041	19,715,000	19,710,000		5,000		19,705,000	1,760,267	21,465,267
<b>Revenue Bonds and Notes</b>											
<b>Lease Rental Debt</b>											
Water Revenue Note, Series of 2007	Lease Rentals	2007	2027	1,500,000	187,739		103,129		84,610		84,610
<b>Other</b>											

(1) - excludes unamortized premium/discount

**Total bonds and notes outstanding**

23,876,035

**Capitalized lease obligations**

0

**Net debt**

23,876,035

**RICHLAND TWP, ALLEGHENY County**  
**STATEMENT OF CAPITAL EXPENDITURES**

December 31, 2024

Category	Capital Purchases	Capital Construction	Total
Community Development			
Electric			
Fire			
Gas System			
General Government			
Health			
Housing			
Libraries			
Mass Transit			
Parks	576,807		576,807
Police			
Recreation			
Sewer			
Solid Waste			
Streets / Highways	139,624		139,624
Water			
Other: _____			
<b>TOTAL CAPITAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>716,431</b>		<b>716,431</b>

**EMPLOYEE COMPENSATION**

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

1,477,108

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**Independent Public Accountant/Certified Public Accountant Submission Page**  
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**SIGNATURE AND VERIFICATION**

Signed: Mahaer Duessel Appointed Auditor/CPA

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December 31, 2024

**NOTES / COMMENTS**

The guaranteed debt of the Richland Township Municipal Authority consists of only the portion of debt that is guaranteed by Richland Township. As this debt is not the debt of the Township and the Township is not liable unless the Authority defaults, these are not included on the balance sheet or statement of revenues and expenditures.