

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

		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	2,518,260	147,457	2,474,299		4,910,411		4,898,203			14,948,630
140-144	Tax Receivable										
121-129, 145-149	Accounts Receivable (excluding taxes)	687									687
130.00	Due From Other Funds										
131-139, 150-159	Other Current Assets	44,735									44,735
160-169	Fixed Assets										
180-189	Other Debits									23,791,425	23,791,425
Total Assets and Other Debits		2,563,682	147,457	2,474,299		4,910,411		4,898,203		23,791,425	38,785,477

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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: _____								
Total Taxes		6,865,394							6,865,394

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

Fines and Forfeits									
330-332	Fines and Forfeits	10,586							10,586
Total Fines and Forfeits		10,586							10,586

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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								
Total Interest, Rents and Royalties		120,066	16,398	147,036		229,196		434,905	947,601

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	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								
Total State		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								
Total Local Government Units									

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							
Total Charges for Service		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
Total Unclassified Operating Revenues		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								
395.00	Refunds of Prior Year Expenditures	68,248				4,447		72,695
Total Other Financing Sources		68,248		619,482		4,447		692,177

TOTAL REVENUES

7,724,921	543,394	799,368		3,004,646		687,085	12,759,414
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EXPENDITURES

General Government								
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
Total General Government		944,497		23,582		7,207		975,286

Public Safety

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
Total Public Safety		2,517,612	122,010						2,639,622

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)	15							15
428.00	Weed Control								
429.00	Wastewater / Sewage Treatment and Collection					1,330,685			1,330,685
Total Public Works - Sanitation		15				1,330,685			1,330,700

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

Public Works - Highways and Streets

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
Total Public Works - Highways and Streets		2,425,814	421,186	169,144				3,016,144

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

Culture and Recreation

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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EXPENDITURES

Culture and Recreation									
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
Total Culture and Recreation		775,488		740,597					1,516,085

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)	375,635				589,365			965,000
472.00	Debt Interest (short-term and long-term)	65,128				666,409			731,537
475.00	Fiscal Agent Fees								
Total Debt Service		440,763				1,255,774			1,696,537

Employer Paid Benefits and Withholding Items									
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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EXPENDITURES

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

Insurance								
486.00	Insurance, Casualty, and Surety							
Total Insurance								

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

Other Financing Uses								
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							
Total Other Financing Uses		600,000		31,200				631,200

TOTAL EXPENDITURES	7,862,547	543,196	964,523		2,603,252		437,260	12,410,778
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EXCESS/DEFICIT OF REVENUES OVER EXPENDITURES	-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
General Obligation Bonds and Notes											
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
Revenue Bonds and Notes											
Lease Rental Debt											
Water Revenue Note, Series of 2007	Lease Rentals	2007	2027	1,500,000	187,739		103,129		84,610		84,610
Other											

(1) - excludes unamortized premium/discount

Total bonds and notes outstanding	23,876,035
Capitalized lease obligations	0
Net debt	23,876,035

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STATEMENT OF CAPITAL EXPENDITURES
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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: _____			
TOTAL CAPITAL EXPENDITURES	716,431		716,431

EMPLOYEE COMPENSATION

Total salaries, wages, commissions, etc. paid this year (including all employees and elected officials) 1,477,108

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

Signed: Mahaer Duessel Appointed Auditor/CPA

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.