

EBENSBURG, PENNSYLVANIA

Financial Statements

December 31, 2023

BOROUGH OF EBENSBURG FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

Borough Council Borough of Ebensburg Ebensburg, Pennsylvania

Report on the Audit of the Financial Statements

Opinions

We have audited the modified cash basis financial statements of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Borough of Ebensburg, as of and for the year ended December 31, 2023, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Borough of Ebensburg's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

In our opinion, the accompanying financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the respective modified cash basis financial position of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Borough of Ebensburg, as of December 31, 2023, and the respective changes in financial position-modified cash basis thereof for the year then ended on the basis of accounting described in Note 1.

Basis for Opinions

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 Borough of Ebensburg and meet our 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.

Emphasis of Matter – Basis of Accounting

We draw attention to Note 1 of the financial statements, which describes the basis of accounting. The financial statements are prepared 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 opinions are not modified with respect to this matter.

Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with the modified cash basis of accounting described in Note 1, and for determining that the modified cash basis of accounting is an acceptable basis for the preparation of the financial statements in the circumstances. Management is also responsible for 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.

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 an absolute level of 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 judgement 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 Borough of Ebensburg'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 Borough of Ebensburg'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 budgetary comparison information on pages 43 and 44 be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management and, 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.

Management has omitted the Management Discussion and Analysis that accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require to be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such missing 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. Our opinion on the financial statements is not affected by this missing information.

WESSEL & COMPANY Certified Public Accountants

February 14, 2024

BOROUGH OF EBENSBURG GOVERNMENT-WIDE STATEMENT OF NET POSITION - MODIFIED CASH BASIS DECEMBER 31, 2023

	Primary Government							
				iness-type		Tatal		
ASSETS:	Activities		<i>F</i>	Activities	Total			
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Cash and cash equivalents	\$	2,923,800	\$	818,445	\$	3,742,245		
Total Assets	\$	2,923,800	\$	818,445	\$	3,742,245		
LIABILITIES AND NET POSITION:								
Current Liabilities								
Accrued payroll taxes and withholdings	\$	23,268	\$	-	\$	23,268		
Total Liabilities		23,268			,	23,268		
Net Position								
Net Position - restricted		79,065		-		79,065		
Net Position - unrestricted		2,821,467		818,445		3,639,912		
Total Net Position		2,900,532		818,445		3,718,977		
Total Liabilities and Net Position	\$	2,923,800	\$	818,445	\$	3,742,245		

BOROUGH OF EBENSBURG GOVERNMENT-WIDE STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES - MODIFIED CASH BASIS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023

		ľ	OK II			am Revenues					d Chan	enses) Reven ges in Net Pos y Governmen	sition	
Functions/Programs	E	xpenses		narges for Services	Ğ G	Dperating rants and ntributions	Cap	ital Grants and htributions		vernmental Activities	Bus	iness-type	<u> </u>	Total
Primary Government:														
Governmental Activities:	•		•		•		•		•		•		•	
General government	\$	219,973	\$	203,435	\$	146,811	\$	-	\$	130,273	\$	-	\$	130,273
Public safety		687,645		43,817		-		-		(643,828)		-		(643,828)
Codes enforcement		3,250		-		-		-		(3,250)		-		(3,250)
Planning and zoning		1,633		-		-		-		(1,633)		-		(1,633)
Public works - Sanitation		150,152		234,379		-		-		84,227		-		84,227
Public works - Highways & Streets		318,278		41,095		7,500		112,637		(157,046)		-		(157,046)
Public works - Other		50,826		-		-		-		(50,826)		-		(50,826)
Airport		32,906		-		-		28,293		(4,613)		-		(4,613)
Parking facilities		14,200		-		-		-		(14,200)		-		(14,200)
Culture and recreation		807,962		369,428		211,655		15,225		(211,654)		-		(211,654)
Economic development		91,266		-		-		-		(91,266)		-		(91,266)
Capital expenditures		69,042		-		-		-		(69,042)		-		(69,042)
Total Governmental Activities		2,447,133		892,154		365,966		156,155		(1,032,858)		-		(1,032,858)
Business-type Activities:														
Sewer		2,623,383		1,869,949		-		9,650		-		(743,784)		(743,784)
Water		1,843,802		2,126,038		-		15,050		-		297,286		297,286
Stormwater		387,177		212,854		-		-		-		(174,323)		(174,323)
Total Business-type Activities		4,854,362		4,208,841		-		24,700		-		(620,821)		(620,821)
Total Primary Government	\$	7,301,495	\$	5,100,995	\$	365,966	\$	180,855	\$	(1,032,858)	\$	(620,821)	\$	(1,653,679)
			Ge	neral Revenu	es:									
			Та	xes:										
				Property taxes					\$	567,838	\$	-	\$	567,838
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Taxes:						
Property taxes	\$5	67,838	\$	-	\$	567,838
Local enabling taxes	5	70,253		-		570,253
Licenses and permits		61,922		-		61,922
Transfers in/(out) primary government	5	99,727	(599,727)		-
Unrestricted investment earnings		40,081		73,456		113,537
Proceeds from asset disposal		42,239		-		42,239
Debt service	(1	86,964)	(1,	209,277)	(1,396,241)
Intergovernmental reimbursement		-	(606,966		606,966
Other revenues	1	51,043		-		151,043
Total General Revenues and Transfers	1,8	46,139	(1,	128,582)		717,557
Change in Net Position	8	13,281	(1,	749,403)		(936,122)
Net Position - Beginning of Year	2,0	87,251	2,	567,848		4,655,099
Net Position - End of Year	\$ 2,9	00,532	\$	818,445	\$	3,718,977

BOROUGH OF EBENSBURG BALANCE SHEET - GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS - MODIFIED CASH BASIS DECEMBER 31, 2023

		Governmental Fund Types						
		Highway Aid Capital General Fund Projects			•	Totals		
	ŀ	ASSETS						
Cash	\$	2,844,735	\$	46,251	\$	32,814	\$	2,923,800
Total Assets	\$	2,844,735	\$	46,251	\$	32,814	\$	2,923,800
LIABILI	TIES A	ND FUND BA	LANCE	i.				
Liabilities Accrued payroll taxes and withholdings	\$	23,268	\$		\$		\$	23,268
Total Liabilities		23,268		-				23,268
Fund Balance Restricted Assigned Unassigned		- 1,010,966 1,810,501		46,251 - -		32,814 - -		79,065 1,010,966 1,810,501
Total Fund Balance		2,821,467		46,251		32,814		2,900,532
Total Liabilities and Fund Balance	\$	2,844,735	\$	46,251	\$	32,814	\$	2,923,800

BOROUGH OF EBENSBURG GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES - MODIFIED CASH BASIS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023

	Gov					
		Highway				
		Aid	Capital			
	General	Fund	Projects	Totals		
Revenues:						
Real estate taxes	\$ 567,838	\$-	\$-	\$ 567,838		
Local enabling taxes	570,253	-	-	570,253		
State liquid fuel tax	7,500	110,357	-	117,857		
Licenses and permits	61,922	-	-	61,922		
Fines, forfeits and costs	43,817	-	-	43,817		
Grant revenue	358,466	2,280	28,293	389,039		
Interest	37,111	2,970	-	40,081		
Charges for services	863,562	-	-	863,562		
Miscellaneous revenue	151,043	<u> </u>		151,043		
Total Revenues	2,661,512	115,607	28,293	2,805,412		
Expenditures:						
General government	219,973	-	-	219,973		
Public safety	687,645	-	-	687,645		
Codes enforcement	3,250	-	-	3,250		
Planning and zoning	1,633	-	-	1,633		
Public works - Sanitation	150,152	-	-	150,152		
Public works - Highways & Streets	188,278	130,000	-	318,278		
Public works - Other	50,826	-	-	50,826		
Airport	-	-	32,906	32,906		
Parking facilities	14,200	-	-	14,200		
Culture and recreation	807,962	-	-	807,962		
Economic development	91,266	-	-	91,266		
Capital expenditures	69,042			69,042		
Total Expenditures	2,284,227	130,000	32,906	2,447,133		

Excess/(Deficiency) of Revenues Over				
Expenditures	377,285	(14,393)	(4,613)	358,279
Other Financing Sources/(Uses):				
Sale of a capital asset	42,239	-	-	42,239
Debt service	(186,964)	-	-	(186,964)
Operating transfers in	699,727	-	-	699,727
Operating transfers (out)	(100,000)			(100,000)
Total Other Financing Sources/(Uses)	455,002			455,002
Excess/(Deficiency) of Revenues and Other Sources Over Expenditures and Other Uses	832,287	(14,393)	(4,613)	813,281
Fund Balances - Beginning of Year	1,989,180	60,644	37,427	2,087,251
Fund Balance - End of Year	\$ 2,821,467	\$ 46,251	\$ 32,814	\$ 2,900,532

BOROUGH OF EBENSBURG RECONCILIATION OF THE STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES OF GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS TO THE STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES - MODIFIED CASH BASIS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023

Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of activities are different because:

Net change in fund balance - total governmental funds (page 9)	\$ 813,281
The issuance of long-term debt (e.g. bonds, leases) provides current financial resources to governmental funds, while the repayment of the principal of long-term debt consumes the current financial resources of governmental funds. Neither transaction, however, has any effect on net assets. This amount is the net effect of the differences in the treatment of long-term debt on the statement of activities.	_
The net effect of various transactions involving capital assets, (i.e. purchases, disposals, etc.) is to increase net assets	 _
Change in net position of governmental activities (page 6)	\$ 813,281

BOROUGH OF EBENSBURG PROPRIETARY FUNDS STATEMENT OF NET POSITION - MODIFIED CASH BASIS DECEMBER 31, 2023

<u>ASSETS</u>

	E	nterprise Sewer Fund		nterprise Water Fund	nterprise ormwater Fund		Total
Current Assets:							
Cash	\$	420,028	\$	15,251	\$ 383,166	\$	818,445
Total Current Assets	\$	420,028	\$	15,251	\$ 383,166	\$	818,445
Current Liabilities	<u></u>	ES AND NET	<u>\$</u>	<u>-</u>	\$ 	_\$	<u> </u>
Total Current Liabilities		-		-	 		-
Net Position: Unrestricted		420,028		15,251	 383,166		818,445
Total Net Position		420,028		15,251	 383,166		818,445
Total Liabilities and Net Position	\$	420,028	\$	15,251	\$ 383,166	\$	818,445

BOROUGH OF EBENSBURG PROPRIETARY FUNDS STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENSES AND CHANGES IN NET POSITION - MODIFIED CASH BASIS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023

	 Sewer Fund	. <u> </u>	Water Fund	S	tormwater Fund	 Total
Operating Revenues:						
Sewage service fees	\$ 1,869,949	\$	-	\$	-	\$ 1,869,949
Water service fees	-		2,126,038		-	2,126,038
Stormwater service fees	 -				212,854	 212,854
Total Operating Revenues	 1,869,949		2,126,038		212,854	 4,208,841
Operating Expenses:						
Personnel services	274,758		275,058		-	549,816
Operating expense	1,031,697		900,125		386,264	2,318,086
Utilities	13,557		91,579		-	105,136
Capital expenditures	 1,303,371		577,040		913	 1,881,324
Total Operating Expenses	 2,623,383		1,843,802		387,177	 4,854,362
Operating Income	 (753,434)		282,236		(174,323)	 (645,521)
Non-Operating Revenues/(Expenses):						
Sewer tap-ins	9,650		-		-	9,650
Water tap-ins	-		15,050		-	15,050
Interest income	36,728		36,728		-	73,456
Debt service	(594,007)		(615,270)		-	(1,209,277)
Intergovernmental reimbursement	(5,150)		612,116		-	606,966
Transfer (out)	(1,303,371)		(627,601)		(128,715)	(2,059,687)
Transfer in	 1,305,634		154,326		-	 1,459,960
Total Non-Operating						
Revenues/(Expenses)	 (550,516)		(424,651)		(128,715)	 (1,103,882)
Change in Net Position	(1,303,950)		(142,415)		(303,038)	(1,749,403)
Net Position - Beginning of Year	 1,723,978		157,666		686,204	 2,567,848
Net Position - End of Year	\$ 420,028	\$	15,251	\$	383,166	\$ 818,445

BOROUGH OF EBENSBURG FIDUCIARY FUND STATEMENT OF FIDUCIARY NET POSITION - MODIFIED CASH BASIS DECEMBER 31, 2023

	Police Pension Trust Fund	Non-Uniform Pension Trust Fund	Total
	<u>ASSETS</u>		
Investments	\$ 1,908,723	\$ 2,407,615	\$ 4,316,338
Total Assets	\$ 1,908,723	\$ 2,407,615	\$ 4,316,338

LIABILITIES AND NET POSITION

Current Liabilities	\$-	\$-	\$-
Total Liabilities			
Net Position: Held in trust for employee pension benefits	1,908,723	2,407,615	4,316,338
Total Net Position	1,908,723	2,407,615	4,316,338
Total Liabilities and Net Position	\$ 1,908,723	\$ 2,407,615	\$ 4,316,338

BOROUGH OF EBENSBURG FIDUCIARY FUND STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN FIDUCIARY NET POSITION - MODIFIED CASH BASIS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023

	Police Pension Trust Fund	Non-Uniform Pension Trust Fund	Total
<u>Additions</u> Contributions - employee Contributions - employer State Contribution Net appreciation/(depreciation) in fair value of investments Investment Income	\$ 6,892 - 16,401 148,189 76,729	\$ 13,213 (8,337) 100,157 111,954 96,954	\$ 20,105 (8,337) 116,558 260,143 173,683
Total Additions	248,211	313,941	562,152
Deductions Withdrawals/administrative expenses	58,646	101,281	159,927
Total Deductions Change in Net Position	<u>58,646</u> 189,565	<u> 101,281</u> 212,660	<u> </u>
Net Position Held in Trust for Employee Pension Benefits:			
Beginning of the Year	1,719,158	2,194,955	3,914,113
End of the Year	\$ 1,908,723	\$ 2,407,615	\$ 4,316,338

BOROUGH OF EBENSBURG NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS DECEMBER 31, 2023

NOTE 1 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The Borough of Ebensburg, the Borough, was incorporated under the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Municipalities Act. The Borough operates under the Mayor-Council form of government whereby the mayor and council are elected officials.

a. Basis of Accounting

The accompanying financial statement has been prepared on the modified cash basis of accounting, a special purpose framework. Under this basis, the only asset recognized is cash and only liabilities due at year end are recognized. All transactions are recognized as either cash receipts or disbursements, and non-cash transactions are not recognized. The modified cash basis differs from generally accepted accounting principles primarily because the effects of accounts receivable, capital assets and related depreciation, deferred inflows, accounts payable, long-term debt obligations, other liabilities, and deferred outflows are not included in the financial statement.

b. Basis of Presentation

The Borough's basic financial statements consist of government-wide financial statements, including a statement of net position and a statement of activities, and fund financial statements which provide a more detailed level of financial information.

As described in Note 6, the Borough participates in two (2) defined benefit pension plans, the Police pension plan and the Non-Uniform pension plan, and as reported in the Schedule of Changes in Net Pension Liability and Related Ratios, the most recent actuarial valuations performed as of January 1, 2021, reflect an excess of assets over actuarial accrued liability approximating \$403,747 for the Police plan and unfunded pension obligations approximating \$224,213 for the Non-Uniform plan.

Government-Wide Financial Statements

The statement of net position and the statement of activities display information about the Borough as a whole. These statements include the financial activities of the primary government, except for fiduciary funds. The statements distinguish between those activities that are governmental and those that are considered business-type activities.

The statement of net position presents the financial position of the governmental and business-type activities of the Borough at year end. The statement of activities presents a comparison between direct expenses and program revenues for each program or function of the Borough's governmental activities and business-type activities. Direct expenses are those that are specifically associated with a service, program, or department and therefore, clearly identifiable to a particular function. Program revenues include charges paid by the recipient of the goods and services offered by the program, grants, and contributions that are restricted to meeting the operational or capital requirements of a particular program. Revenues that are not classified as program revenues are presented as general revenues of the Borough, with certain limited exceptions. The comparison of direct expenses with program revenues identifies the extent to which each governmental program or business-type activity is self-financing or draws from the general revenues of the Borough.

Fund Financial Statements

During the year, the Borough segregates transactions related to certain Borough functions or activities in separate funds in order to aid financial management and to demonstrate legal compliance. Fund financial statements are designed to present financial information of the Borough at this more detailed level. The focus of governmental and proprietary fund financial statements is on major funds. Each major fund is presented in a separate column. Fiduciary funds are reported by type.

c. Fund Accounting

The Borough uses funds to maintain its financial records during the year. A fund is defined as a fiscal and accounting entity with a self-balancing set of accounts. There are three (3) categories of funds: governmental, proprietary, and fiduciary.

Governmental Funds

Governmental funds are those which most governmental functions of the Borough are financed. The Governmental funds follow the modified cash basis of accounting.

The following are the funds maintained by the Borough:

Major Funds:

General Fund – The General Fund is the general operating fund of the Borough. It is used to account for all financial resources not accounted for and reported in another fund.

Highway Aid Fund – Revenue recorded within this special revenue fund is received annually by virtue of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Liquid Fuels Tax Act and expenditures are restricted to certain appropriations for highway purposes as approved by the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation. Unexpended allocations of such revenues are available for carryover and reappropriation to the succeeding year.

Capital Projects Fund – The Capital Projects Fund is used to account for financial resources that are restricted, committed, or assigned for capital outlays, including the acquisition or construction of capital facilities and other capital assets other than those financed by the Proprietary Fund.

Proprietary Funds

Proprietary fund reporting focuses on the determination of operating income, changes in net position, and financial position. Typically, proprietary funds may be used to account for any activity for which a fee is charged to external users for goods or services.

The following are the Borough's major proprietary funds:

Enterprise Fund (Sewer, Water, and Stormwater Funds) – The Borough's Sewer, Water, and Stormwater Funds are enterprise funds. Enterprise Funds are used to account for operations that are financed and operated in a manner similar to private business enterprises - where the intent of the governing body is that the costs of providing goods or services to the general public on a continuing basis be financed or recovered primarily through user charges.

The Borough applies all GASB pronouncements and all Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) Accounting Standards Codification, unless they conflict with GASB pronouncements.

Fiduciary Funds (Trust and Agency Funds)

Fiduciary Funds account for assets held by a government unit in a trustee capacity and/or as an agent for individuals, private organizations, other governmental units and/or other funds. These include (a) expendable trust funds, (b) non-expendable trust funds, (c) pension trust funds, and (d) agency funds. The modified cash basis of accounting is utilized for fiduciary funds. The Borough's fiduciary fund is a pension trust fund, which consists of the Police and the Non-Uniform Pension Plans.

d. Budgets

The administration submits to the Borough Council proposed operating budgets in accordance with the Administrative Code. Prior to the inception of the calendar year, the budgets are legally enacted by the Council Members through passage of budget resolutions. All transfers of budgeted amounts between departments, as well as all budget amendments, require the approval of Council.

The budgets are prepared on the cash receipts and disbursements basis of accounting, for the following funds:

- General Fund
- Special Revenue
 - Highway Aid Fund
- Capital Projects Fund
- Proprietary Fund
 - Sewer Fund
 - Water Fund
 - Stormwater Fund

Formal budgetary integration is employed as a management control device on a cash receipts and disbursements basis of accounting during the year for the aforementioned funds. However, since the budgets are not adopted on a basis consistent with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP), the budgetary comparisons presented in this report are on a non-GAAP budgetary basis. In this instance, however, the comparison is not materially by the different bases. The individual financial statements of the budgetary funds of the Borough present comparisons of non-GAAP budgets to actual results.

e. Encumbrances

Encumbrance accounting is not utilized by the Borough. This is the procedure under which purchase orders, contracts, and other commitments for the expenditure of monies are recorded in order to reserve that portion of the applicable appropriation. Reservations of fund balances are, therefore, not provided for in the financial statements.

f. Reporting Entity

The Borough follows the Statement of Governmental Accounting Standards Board No. 61, "The Financial Reporting Entity." The criteria for including organizations as component units within the Borough's reporting entity include whether:

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

Based on the aforementioned criteria, the Borough has the following component unit:

Ebensburg Municipal Authority

Selected financial information from the most recently issued report of Ebensburg Municipal Authority is presented below. Complete financial statements are available from the Authority.

Condensed Statement of Net Position

	December 31, 202		
Assets: Current Assets Non-Current Assets	\$	195,330 22,206,840	
Total Assets	\$	22,402,170	
Liabilities: Current Liabilities Non-Current Liabilities	\$	1,217,911 12,127,188	
Total Liabilities	\$	13,345,099	
Net Position: Unrestricted Invested in Capital Assets	\$	199,875 8,857,196	
Total Net Position	\$	9,075,071	

Condensed Statement of Activities

	Decemb	oer 31, 2023
Lease revenue Operating income – Borough of Ebensburg	\$	9,540 1,240,919
Total Operating Revenues		1,250,459
Depreciation expense Other operating expense		947,124 62,554
Total Operating Expenses		1,009,678
Intergovernmental reimbursement Interest income Interest expense Capital grants and contributions		(612,116) 5,432 (188,364) 169,475
Total Non-Operating Expense		(625,573)
Change in Net Position		(384,792)
Beginning Net Position		9,441,863
Ending Net Position	\$	9,057,071

g. Net Position

Net position represents the difference between assets, deferred outflows, liabilities and deferred inflows. Net position is reported as restricted when there are limitations imposed on its use either through the enabling legislation adopted by the Borough or through external restrictions imposed by creditors, grantors, or laws or other regulations of other governments.

The Borough's policy is to apply restricted resources first when an expense is incurred for purposes for which both restricted and unrestricted net positions are available.

h. Fund Balance

The Borough follows GASB Statement No. 54, "Fund Balance Reporting and Governmental Fund Type Definitions." This statement required the governmental funds' fund balances to be reclassified into the following five (5) categories:

Nonspendable - fund balance permanently restricted and unavailable for current operations

Restricted - fund balance temporarily restricted for specified purposes stipulated by constitution, external resource providers, or through enabling legislation

Committed - fund balance temporarily restricted for specified purposes established by a formal action by the Borough Council. Formal action by Borough Council is also necessary to modify or rescind a fund balance commitment

Assigned - fund balance intended for specific purpose that does not meet the criteria to be classified as restricted or committed. Borough Council has authorized the Borough Manager as the official authorized to assign fund balance to a specific purpose.

Unassigned - fund balance available for operations without any restriction

Borough Council will spend the most restricted dollars before less restricted in the order as defined above.

The Borough reports the following fund balance classifications:

General Fund

Assigned:	
Unanticipated Expenditures	\$ 878,852
Sidewalk Improvements	132,114
Other Governmental Fund Types	\$ <u>1,010,966</u>

The Highway Aid Fund maintains a restricted fund balance of \$46,251 for expenditures for highway purposes as approved by the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation.

The Capital Projects Fund maintains a restricted fund balance of \$32,814 for future construction projects and capital improvements.

i. Operating Revenues and Expenses

Operating revenues are those revenues that are generated directly from the primary activity of the enterprise funds. For the Borough, these revenues are sewer and water service fees. Operating expenses are necessary costs incurred to provide the service that is the primary activity of the enterprise funds.

j. Interfund Transactions

Transfers between governmental and business-type activities on the government-wide statements are reported in the same manner as general revenues. Exchange transactions between funds are reported as revenues in the seller funds and as expenditures/expenses in the purchaser funds. Flows of cash or goods from one fund to another without a requirement for repayment are reported as interfund transfers. Interfund transfers are reported as other financing sources/uses in governmental funds and after nonoperating revenues/expenses in the proprietary funds. Repayments from funds responsible for particular expenditures/expenses to the funds that initially paid for them are not presented on the financial statements.

k. Implementation of New Accounting Pronouncements

GASB Statement No. 91, *Conduit Debt Obligations*, is effective for periods beginning after December 15, 2022. The adoption of this Statement had no effect on previously reported amounts.

GASB Statement No. 94, *Public-Private and Public-Public Partnerships and Availability Payment Arrangements*, is effective for periods beginning after June 15, 2022. The adoption of this Statement had no effect on previously reported amounts.

GASB Statement No. 96, *Subscription-Based Technology Arrangements*, is effective for periods beginning after June 15, 2022. The adoption of this Statement had no effect on previously reported amounts.

GASB Statement No. 99, *Omnibus 2022*, is effective for periods beginning after June 15, 2022. The adoption of this Statement had no effect on previously reported amounts.

I. Pending Changes in Accounting Principles

In June 2022, the GASB issued Statement No. 100, Accounting Changes and Error Corrections – an amendment of GASB Statement No. 62. The Borough is required to adopt Statement No. 100 for its 2024 financial statements.

In June 2022, the GASB issued Statement No. 101, *Compensated Absences*. The Borough is required to adopt Statement No. 101 for its 2024 financial statements.

In June 2022, the GASB issued Statement No. 102, Certain Risk Disclosures. The Borough is required to adopt Statement No. 102 for its 2025 financial statements.

The Borough has not completed the various analysis required to estimate the financial statement impact of these new pronouncements.

NOTE 2 CASH AND INVESTMENTS

The Borough has a policy that requires all deposits and investments, other than U.S. government obligations, to be covered by Federal insurance or to be fully collateralized by the financial institution issuing the investment or acquiring the deposit. Deposits that are not insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation are collateralized using the pooled asset method to one hundred percent (100%) of value as required by Pennsylvania Law.

The securities pledged as collateral are held by the trust department of a financial institution or by its agents in the financial institution's name. When certificates of deposit are purchased, the Borough or its agent either holds the actual certificate of deposit or receives a safekeeping certificate as its proof of ownership.

Pennsylvania Law limits investment and deposit types the Borough may purchase as follows:

- (a) U.S. Treasury bills.
- (b) Short-term obligations of the U.S. government or its agencies.
- (c) Demand, savings and time deposits with institutions insured by the FDIC or the National Credit Union Share Funds or collateralized with securities as provided by law.
- (d) Obligations of the United States or any of its agencies, the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania or any of its agencies or any political subdivision of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania or any of its agencies providing the obligations are backed by the full faith and credit of the political subdivision.

Deposits include items described in (b) and (c).

A. Deposits

As of December 31, 2023 the carrying amount and the bank balance of the Borough's deposits, excluding the investments in the Stifel Advisors for pension pooled funds as discussed below, totaled \$3,865,931 at two (2) financial institutions. Of the bank balances at the financial institutions as of December 31, 2023, \$250,000 is covered by federal depository insurance at each financial institution. The remaining amount of \$3,365,931 is collateralized using the pooled asset method; however, because funds are not collateralized with securities registered in the Borough's name, they are considered uncollateralized. The amounts are included on the statements of net position as cash and cash equivalents.

B. Investment Pools

Stifel Advisors

The Borough maintains two (2) single-employer defined benefit pension plans, and entered into an agreement with Stifel Advisors. The Plans are governed by the Borough Council which may amend plan provisions, and which are responsible for the management of Plan assets.

Investments in external investment pools or in mutual funds are disclosed by Stifel Advisors but not categorized because they are not evidenced by securities that exist in physical or book entry form. Securities underlying reverse repurchase agreements are also disclosed but not categorized because they are held by the buyer-lender. As of December 31, 2023, the carrying amount and fair value of the Stifel Advisors pooled funds totaled \$4,316,338 which is the same as the value of the pool share.

Investments – Fair Value Measurements

Generally accepted accounting principles define fair value, describe a framework for measuring fair value, and require disclosure about fair value measurements. Recurring fair value measurements are those that GASB Statements require or permit in the statement of net position at the end of each reporting period. The established framework includes a three-level hierarchy that prioritizes the inputs to valuation techniques used to measure fair value. The fair value hierarchy gives the highest priority to quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities (Level 1) and the lowest priority to unobservable inputs (Level 3). If the inputs used to measure the assets or liabilities fall within different levels of the hierarchy, the classification is based on the lowest level input that is significant to the fair value measurement of the asset or liability. Classification of assets and liabilities within the hierarchy considers the markets in which the assets and liabilities are traded and reliability and transparency of the assumptions used to determine fair value. The hierarchy requires the use of observable market data when available. The levels of the hierarchy and those investments included in each are as follows:

Level 1 – Represented by quoted prices available in an active market. Level 1 securities include highly liquid government bonds, treasury securities, mortgage products and exchange traded equities and mutual funds.

Level 2 – Represented by assets and liabilities similar to Level 1 where quoted prices are not available, but are observable, either directly or indirectly through corroboration with observable market data, such as quoted prices for similar securities and quoted prices in inactive markets and estimated using price models or discounted cash flows. Level 2 securities would include U.S. agency

securities, mortgage-based agency securities, obligations of states, and political subdivisions and certain corporate, asset backed securities, swap agreements, and life insurance contracts.

Level 3 – Represented by financial instruments where there is limited activity or unobservable market prices and pricing models significant to determining the fair value measurement include the reporting entity's own assumptions about the market risk. Level 3 securities would include hedge funds, private equity securities, and those with internally developed values.

A financial instrument's level within the fair value hierarchy is based on the lowest level of any input that is significant to the fair value measurement.

The following is a description of the valuation methodologies used for instruments measured at fair value on the statement of fiduciary net position, as well as the general classification of such instruments pursuant to the valuation hierarchy.

Mutual Funds: Valued at the closing price reported on the active market on which the securities are traded.

		Fair Value Measurements at Reporting Date				ate	
				Us	ing		
		Qu	oted Prices	Sign	ificant		
			in Active	0	ther	Sign	ificant
		N	larkets for	Obse	ervable	Unobs	servable
	December 31,	lder	ntical Assets	In	puts	Inj	puts
	2023		(Level 1)	(Le	vel 2)	(Le	vel 3)
Mutual Funds		\$	4,316,338	\$		\$	
		\$	4,316,338	\$		\$	

NOTE 3 SIDEWALK PROJECT AGREEMENTS

At December 31, 2023, the Borough had approximately forty-eight (48) agreements with property owners in the Borough for the payments associated with sidewalks projects at their properties. The balance due to the Borough amounted to approximately \$85,296 at December 31, 2023.

NOTE 4 LONG-TERM OBLIGATIONS

Long-term liability activity for the year ended December 31, 2023, was as follows:

	tstanding ember 31, 2022	Addi	itions	Payments	utstanding cember 31, 2023	D	Amounts ue Within e (1) Year
Loan	\$ 472,770	\$		\$(178,102)	\$ 294,668	\$	109,220
Total Obligations	\$ 472,770	\$		\$(178,102)	\$ 294,668	\$	109,220

In 2022, the Borough entered into a loan for \$550,000 with a term of five (5) years, at an interest rate of 2.39%. Payments of principal and interest totaling \$9,747 are due monthly.

Principal and interest requirements to retire the above long-term obligations are as follows:

	Р	rincipal	Ir	nterest	Total
2024	\$	109,220	\$	7,744	\$ 116,964
2025		111,859		5,105	116,964
2026		73,589		2,402	 75,991
Total	\$	294,668	\$	15,251	\$ 309,919

NOTE 5 PROPERTY TAXES

The Borough utilizes a two-tier real estate tax assessment. This form of assessment encourages the development of vacant land and does not penalize property owners for improvements made to property.

The current tax rate rates are 36.75 mills on land 11.75 mills per dollar on buildings. This is the equivalent of a 16.75 mill real estate tax assessment. The assessed valuation for 2023 totaled \$34,929,500 which would generate \$585,069 of property tax revenue. The 16.75 mills of real estate tax is used for the following purposes, 11.0 mills for general purposes, 0.5 mills for storm water management purposes, and 1.5 mills for swimming pool expense purposes.

The following is a summary of the tax calendar for the year ended December 31, 2023:

Mailing Date --- March 1, 2023 Discount Period at 2% --- March 1, 2023 to April 30, 2023 Face Period --- May 1, 2023 to June 30, 2023 Penalty Period at 10% --- July 1, 2023 Lien Date --- January 15, 2024

NOTE 6 LIQUID FUELS TAX – HIGHWAY AID FUND

Revenues recorded within this special revenue fund are received annually by virtue of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Liquid Fuels Tax Act and expenditures are restricted to certain appropriations for highway purposes as approved by the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation. Unexpended allocations of such revenues are available for carryover and reappropriation to the succeeding year.

NOTE 7 PENSION PLANS

Plan Description

The Borough maintains two (2) single employer defined benefit pension plans, the Police pension plan and the Non-Uniform pension plan. The benefits provided to the employees and beneficiaries under both plans are retirement, disability and death. The pension plans benefit provisions are established and may be amended by the Borough Council. The Borough Council has the authority to manage plan assets. The Borough issues a separate financial report on each pension plan. A copy of these financial reports can be obtained at the Borough Municipal Building.

The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania has enacted the "Municipal Pension Plan Funding and Recovery Act" (Act 205). This act establishes certain standards and requirements for municipal pensions in the areas of: (1) actuarial reporting; (2) employer contribution requirements; and (3) revising the State insurance allocations. The Borough's actuarial reports for the pension have been changed to meet the reporting requirements of Act 205. The disclosure requirements for the plan are summarized as follows:

Uniform Plan

Plan administration

The Borough of Ebensburg Police Pension Plan is a single-employer defined benefit pension plan. The plan was established effective March 1, 1977, (adopted pursuant to Act 600 of 1956). The plan was amended and restated by Ordinance No. 506, effective January 1, 2001. The plan is governed by the Borough Council of the Borough of Ebensburg which may amend plan provisions, and which is responsible for the management of plan assets. The Borough Council has delegated the authority to manage certain plan assets to Seymour/Pettina Investment Counseling. The plan is required to file Form PC-201C biennially with the Public Employee Retirement Commission (PERC). The most recent filing was as of January 1, 2021.

Method used to value investments

Plan investments are reported at fair value. Short term investments are reported at cost, which approximates fair value. Securities traded on a national or international exchange are valued at the last reported sales price at current exchange rates.

Plan membership

The plan covers all full time employees of the Police Department. As of December 31, 2022, pension plan membership consisted of the following:

Active employees	5
Retirees and beneficiaries currently receiving benefits	2
Terminated employees entitled to benefits but not yet receiving them	<u>0</u>
Total	<u>7</u>

Benefits provided

The plan provides normal retirement, vesting, survivor, and disability benefits to plan members and their beneficiaries in accordance with Ordinance No. 506, as amended. Retirement benefits for plan members are calculated as fifty percent (50%) of the final monthly average salary (total pay excluding task force pay averaged over the final thirty-six (36) months of employment), plus service increment of \$20 for each completed year of service in excess of twenty-five (25) years, to a maximum increment of \$100. Plan members with twenty-five (25) years of service are eligible to retire at age fifty-five (55). The members are vested after twelve (12) years of service.

Survivor benefits before retirement eligibility amount to a refund of contributions, if any, plus interest. Survivor benefits after retirement eligibility are determined as fifty percent (50%) of the amount that the participant was receiving or was eligible to receive, for life. In the event of the spouse's death, the participant's dependent children under eighteen (18), or age twenty-three (23) if attending college, will share the benefit.

Disability benefits are only received if the cause is service related and the benefits are determined as fifty percent (50%) of the average monthly salary at the time of disability, offset by any benefits payable under the Social Security Act because of the same injuries. Disability benefits are not provided to participants for incidents that are non-service related.

Contributions

Act 205 of 1984, the Municipal Pension Plan Funding Standard and Recovery Act, initiated actuarial funding requirements for municipal pension plans. Act 205 requires that annual contributions to the pension plan be based upon the minimum municipal obligation (MMO). The MMO is determined from the plan's latest actuarial valuation report along with estimates of payroll, employee contributions, and administrative costs. For the year ended December 31, 2022, the Borough's required contribution was \$14,696.

Employees are required to contribute three percent (3%) of covered payroll to the plan. This contribution is governed by the plan's governing ordinances and collective bargaining. Contributions are currently seven percent (7%) of covered payroll.

Administrative costs, which may include but are not limited to investment management fees and actuarial services, are charged to the plan and funded through the MMO and/or plan earnings.

Investments

The plan is authorized to invest in legal investments permitted under the Pennsylvania Fiduciaries Investment Act. The plan's target asset allocation according to the investment policy adopted July 29, 2013, is as follows:

Asset Class	Range
Cash & Cash Equivalents	2-60%
Bonds	10-60%
Stocks	25-60%
Real Estate	0-20%
Natural Resources/Commodities	0-10%
Equipment Leasing	0-5%
Hedge Funds	0-10%
Preferred Stock	0-20%

Credit risk for investments is the risk that an issuer or other counterparty to an investment will not fulfill its obligations. The credit ratings of the plan's investments (excluding obligations explicitly guaranteed by the U.S. government) are included on the table below.

Investment Type**	Fair Value	Credit Rating
Money Market Funds Fixed Income Mutual Funds	\$ 41,687 817,146	Not rated Not rated
Total	\$ 858,833	

**Several items in this disclosure are provided as of December 31, 2022, the most recent year that was available as of the report date.

Concentrations

Concentration of credit risk is the loss attributed to the magnitude of an investment in a single issuer. The plan places no limits on the amount that may be invested in any one issuer. At December 31, 2022, the plan had no investments (other than U.S. Government and U.S. Government guaranteed obligations, mutual funds or other pooled investments) in any one issuer than represent five percent (5%) of more of fiduciary net position.

Rate of return

For the year ended December 31, 2022, the annual money-weighted rate of return on pension plan investments, net of pension plan investment expense was -15.81 percent. The money-weighted rate of return expresses investment performance, net of investment expense, adjusted for the changing amounts actually invested.

Net Pension Liability/(Asset) of the Borough

The components of the net pension liability of the Borough at December 31, 2022, were as follows:

Total Pension Plan Liability	\$ 1,697,850
Plan Fiduciary Net Position	 (1,719,158)
Borough's Net Pension (Asset)	\$ (21,308)

Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total pension liability is 101.3%.

Actuarial assumptions

The total pension liability was determined by an actuarial valuation as of January 1, 2021, using the following actuarial assumptions, applied to all periods included in the measurement:

Inflation	2.50%
Salary increases	5.00% including inflation
Investment rate of return	6.75% net of investment expenses not funded through the MMO, and including inflation

Mortality rates were projected from the year 2020 with rates derived from the Long-Range Demographic Assumptions for the Social Security Administration's 2020 Trustee Report.

The long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments was determined using a building-block method in which the best-estimate ranges of expected future real rates of return (expected returns, net of inflation and investment expenses not funded through the MMO) 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 the target asset allocation as of December 31, 2021, (see the discussion of the pension plan's investment policy) are summarized in the following table:

	Long Term Expected
Asset Class	Real Rate of Return
US Equity – Large Cap	4.09% - 7.34%
US Equity – Small/Mid Cap	5.01% - 9.06%
Non-US Equity – Developed	4.62% - 8.26%
Non-US Equity – Emerging	5.65% - 10.49%
US Corporate Bond – Core	0.88% - 2.02%
US Corporate Bond – High Yield	2.80% - 4.96%
Non-US Debt – Developed	0.44% - 1.89%
Non-US Debt – Emerging	2.69% - 4.76%
US Treasuries/Cash	0.07% - 0.53%
Non-US Debt – Developed Non-US Debt – Emerging	0.44% - 1.89% 2.69% - 4.76%

Discount rate

The discount rate used to measure the total pension liability/(asset) was 6.75%. The projection of cash flows used to determine the discount rate assumed that Borough contributions will be made equal to the Minimum Municipal Obligation. Based on those assumptions, the pension plan's fiduciary net position was projected to be available to make all projected future benefit payments of current plan members. Therefore, the long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments was applied to all periods of projected benefit payments to determine the total pension liability/(asset).

Sensitivity of the net pension liability/(asset) to changes in the discount rate

The following presents the net pension liability/(asset) of the Borough, calculated using the discount rate of 6.75%, as well as what the Borough's net pension liability/(asset) would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is 1-percentage-point lower (5.75%) or 1-percentage point higher (7.75%) than the current rate:

	Current Discount						
	-1% (5.75%)	Rate (6.75%)	+1% (7.75%)				
Borough net pension							
liability/(asset)	\$165,297	\$(21,308)	\$(177,657)				

Borough of Ebensburg Police Pension Plan Schedule of Changes in the Borough's Net Pension Liability and Related Ratios

	 2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2	017	2016	2015
Total pension liability/(asset)										
Service cost Interest Change in benefit terms	\$ 52,354 108,550	\$ 49,861 100,689	\$ 48,801 107,628	\$ 46,477 100,790	\$ 37,775 99,056	\$ 35,976 \$ 92,355		26,714 89,952	\$ 25,442 84,286	\$ 20,552 83,321
Differences between expected and actual experience Change in assumptions	-	(194,547) 27,097	- - (25,052)	(70,011)	- - (24.450)	(75,006) 104,016 (24,220)		- - (05, 470)	(59,191)	- - (27.004)
Benefit payments, including refunds of member contributions	 (37,081)	(36,125)	(35,652)	(67,611)	(34,459)	(34,328)		(35,479)	(35,444)	(37,924)
Net change in pension liability	123,823	(53,025)	120,777	9,645	102,372	123,013		81,187	15,093	65,949
Total pension liability/(asset) - beginning Total pension liability/(asset) - ending (A)	1,574,027 1,697,850	\$ 1,627,052 1,574,027	1,506,275 1,627,052	\$ 1,496,630 1,506,275	1,394,258 1,496,630	\$ 1,271,245 1,394,258 \$,190,058 ,271,245	\$ 1,174,965 1,190,058	\$ 1,109,016 1,174,965
Plan fiduciary net position										
General Municipal State Aid Contributions - employer Contributions - member Net investment income Benefit payments, including refunds of member contributions Administrative expenses Other	\$ 14,696 - 10,385 (324,121) (37,081) (17,313)	51,042 9,846 199,576 (36,125) (15,096)	\$ 37,396 - 9,380 115,588 (35,652) (4,125)	\$ 51,205 - 329,298 (67,611) (17,411)	\$ 35,699 - 8,585 (110,795) (34,459) (3,200)	\$ 26,606 \$ - 7,452 216,114 (34,328) (16,394)		30,372 - 12,029 91,588 (35,479) (15,711)	\$ 31,367 54,547 15,220 (27,466) (35,444) (10,697)	\$ 23,238 62,593 11,943 51,723 (37,924) (13,918)
Net change in plan fiduciary net position	 (353,434)	209,243	122,587	303,828	(104,170)	199,450		82,799	27,527	97,655
Plan fiduciary net position - beginning Plan fiduciary net position - ending (B)	2,072,592 1,719,158	\$ 1,863,349 2,072,592	1,740,762 1,863,349	\$ 1,436,934 1,740,762	1,541,104 1,436,934	\$ 1,341,654 1,541,104 \$,258,855 ,341,654	\$ 1,231,328 1,258,855	\$ 1,133,673 1,231,328
Borough's net pension liability/(asset) - ending (A-B)	\$ (21,308)	\$ (498,565)	\$ (236,297)	\$ (234,487)	\$ 59,696	\$ (146,846) \$		(70,409)	\$ (68,797)	\$ (56,363)
Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total pension liability	 101.25%	131.67%	114.52%	115.57%	96.01%	110.53%		105.54%	105.78%	104.80%
Covered employee payroll	\$ 354,069	\$ 338,096	\$ 321,774	\$ 294,581	\$ 303,603	\$ 255,509 \$		244,858	\$ 226,264	\$ 200,559
Borough's net pension liability as a percentage of covered employee payroll	 -6.02%	-147.46%	-73.44%	-79.60%	19.66%	-57.47%		-28.76%	-30.41%	-28.10%

Notes to Schedule:

Borough of Ebensburg Police Pension Plan Schedule of Borough's Contributions

			2023		2022	 2021	 2020	 2019	 2018	 2017	 2016	 2015
Actuarially determined contribution		\$	14,696	\$	51,042	\$ 37,396	\$ 42,356	\$ 35,699	\$ 21,312	\$ 13,567	\$ 85,914	\$ 85,831
Contributions in relation to the actuarially determined contributions			14,696		51,042	 37,396	51,205	 35,699	 26,606	 30,372	 85,914	 85,831
Contribution deficiency/(excess)	:	\$		\$		\$ 	\$ (8,849)	\$ 	\$ (5,294)	\$ (16,805)	\$ 	\$
Covered employee payroll		\$	354,069	\$	338,096	\$ 321,774	\$ 294,581	\$ 303,603	\$ 255,509	\$ 244,858	\$ 226,264	\$ 200,559
Borough's contribution as a percentage employee payroll	of covered		4.15%		15.10%	 11.62%	 17.38%	 11.76%	 10.41%	 12.40%	 37.97%	 42.80%
Notes to Schedule:												
Valuation Date:	1/1/2021											
Methods and assumptions:												
Actuarial Cost Method	Entry Age	Norma	al									
Amortization Method	Level dolla	ar, ope	n									
Remaining amortization period	16 years ((aggreg	gate)									
Asset valuation method	Fair value)										
Inflation	2.50%											
Salary increases	5.0% inclu	ude infl	lation									
Investment rate of return			vestment exp O, and includ									
Retirement age	See accor statement		ing footnotes	to the	financial							
Mortality	See accor statement		ing footnotes	to the	financial							
Other												

Other:

Borough of Ebensburg Police Pension Plan Schedule of Investment Return

	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015
Annual money-weighted rate of return,									
net of investment expense	-15.81%	10.78%	7.26%	23.43%	-6.50%	16.32%	7.35%	-2.23%	4.60%

Non-Uniform Plan

Plan Administration

The Borough of Ebensburg Non-Uniformed Employees' Pension Plan is a single-employer defined benefit pension plan. The plan was established effective March 27, 1972. The plan was amended and restated by Ordinance No. 606, effective January 1, 2013. The plan is governed by the Borough Council of the Borough of Ebensburg which may amend plan provisions, and which is responsible for the management of plan assets. The Borough Council has delegated the authority to manage certain plan assets to Seymour/Pettina Investment Counseling. The plan is required to file Form PC-203C biennially with the Public Employee Retirement Commission (PERC). The most recent filing was as of January 1, 2021.

Method Used to Value Investments

Plan investments are reported at fair value. Short term investments are reported at cost, which approximates fair value. Securities traded on a national or international exchange are valued at the last reported sales price at current exchange rates.

Plan Membership

The plan covers all full-time, non-uniform employees. As of December 31, 2022, pension plan membership consisted of the following:

Active employees	11
Retirees and beneficiaries currently receiving benefits	11
Terminated employees entitled to	
benefits but not yet receiving them	<u> 5</u>
Total	<u>27</u>

Benefits Provided

The plan provides normal retirement, early retirement, vesting, survivor, and disability benefits to plan members and their beneficiaries in accordance with Ordinance No. 606. Retirement benefits for plan members are calculated as 1.2% of average monthly pay multiplied by years of service completed prior to January 1, 2007, plus 1.5% of average monthly pay multiplied by years of service completed after January 1, 2007. Average monthly pay is the monthly pay averaged over the five (5) consecutive plan years out of last ten (10) which gives the highest average. Normal retirement is at age sixty-five (65).

Plan members with ten (10) years of service are eligible to retire at age fifty-five (55). The accrued benefit at the date of actual retirement is payable at normal retirement. The benefit may be elected early but will be reduced by 6 2/3% for each of the first five (5) years plus 3 1/3% for each additional year by which commencement precedes normal retirement date.

Survivor benefits before early retirement eligibility amount to a refund of contributions, if any. Survivor benefits after early retirement eligibility but before retirement are determined as fifty percent (50%) of the amount the participant would have received had they retired the day before death and elected immediate commencement of benefits in the form of a joint and fifty percent (50%) survivor annuity. Survivor benefits after retirement are determined as the form of benefit payment in force for the participant at the time the death occurs.

Disability benefits for total and permanent disablement and qualification for social security disability benefits are calculated as a monthly benefit equal to the accrued benefit at the date of disablement payable following date of disablement until normal retirement date at which time the normal retirement benefit will commence. The accrued benefit is equal to the prospective normal retirement benefit based on years of service and average monthly pay at date of disability.

Contributions

Act 205 of 1984, the Municipal Pension Plan Funding Standard and Recovery Act, initiated actuarial funding requirements for municipal pension plans. Act 205 requires that annual contributions to the pension plan be based upon the minimum municipal obligation (MMO). The MMO is determined from the plan's latest actuarial valuation report along with estimates of payroll, employee contributions, and administrative costs. For the year ended December 31, 2022, the Borough's required contribution was \$99,638.

Employees are required to contribute to the plan in an amount to be determined from time to time. This contribution is governed by the plan's governing ordinances and collective bargaining. Contributions are currently three percent (3%) of covered payroll.

Administrative costs, which may include but are not limited to investment management fees and actuarial services, are charged to the plan and funded through the MMO and/or plan earnings.

Investments

The plan is authorized to invest in legal investments permitted under the Pennsylvania Fiduciaries Investment Act. The plan's target asset allocation according to the investment policy adopted October 27, 2008, is as follows:

Asset Class	Range
Cash & Cash Equivalents	2-60%
Bonds	10-60%
Stocks	25-60%
Real Estate	0-20%
Natural Resources	0-10%
Equipment Leasing	0-5%
Hedge Funds	0-10%
Preferred Stock	0-20%

Credit risk for investments is the risk that an issuer or other counterparty to an investment will not fulfill its obligations. The credit ratings of the plan's investments (excluding obligations explicitly guaranteed by the U.S. government) are included on the table below.

Investment Type**	Fair Value	Credit Rating					
Money Market Funds Fixed Income Mutual Funds	\$	Not rated Not rated					
Total	\$ 1,099,805						

**Several items in this disclosure are provided as of December 31, 2022, the most recent year that was available as of the report date.

Concentrations

Concentration of credit risk is the loss attributed to the magnitude of an investment in a single issuer. The plan places no limits on the amount that may be invested in any one issuer. At December 31, 2022, the plan had no investments (other than U.S. Government and U.S. Government guaranteed obligations, mutual funds or other pooled investments) in any one issuer than represent five percent (5%) of more of fiduciary net position.

Rate of Return

For the year ended December 31, 2022, the annual money-weighted rate of return on pension plan investments, net of pension plan investment expense was -15.74 percent. The money-weighted rate of return expresses investment performance, net of investment expense, adjusted for the changing amounts actually invested.

Net Pension Liability of the Borough

The components of the net pension liability of the Borough at December 31, 2022, were as follows:

Total Pension Plan Liability Plan Fiduciary Net Position	2,822,825 (2,173,862)
Borough's Net Pension Liability	\$ 648,963

Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total pension liability is 77.0%.

Actuarial Assumptions

The total pension liability was determined by an actuarial valuation as of January 1, 2021, using the following actuarial assumptions, applied to all periods included in the measurement:

Inflation	2.50%
Salary increases	4.00% including inflation
Investment rate of return	6.75% net of investment expenses not funded through the MMO, and including inflation

Mortality rates projected from the year 2020 with rates derived from the Long-Range Demographic Assumptions for the Social Security Administration's 2020 Trustee Report.

The long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments was determined using a building-block method in which the best-estimate ranges of expected future real rates of return (expected returns, net of inflation and investment expenses not funded through the MMO) 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 the target asset allocation as of December 31, 2022, (see the discussion of the pension plan's investment policy) are summarized in the following table:

	Long Term Expected
Asset Class	Real Rate of Return
US Equity – Large Cap	4.09% - 7.34%
US Equity – Small/Mid Cap	5.01% - 9.06%
Non-US Equity – Developed	4.62% - 8/26%
Non-US Equity – Emerging	5.65% - 0.49%
US Corporate Bond – Core	0.88% - 2.02%
US Corporate Bond – High Yield	2.80% - 4.96%
Non-US Debt – Developed	0.44% - 1.89%
Non-US Debt – Emerging	2.69% - 4.76%
US Treasuries/Cash	0.07% - 0.53%

Discount Rate

The discount rate used to measure the total pension liability was 6.75%. The projection of cash flows used to determine the discount rate assumed that Borough contributions will be made equal to the Minimum Municipal Obligation. Based on those assumptions, the pension plan's fiduciary net position was projected to be available to make all projected future benefit payments of current plan members. Therefore, the long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments was applied to all periods of projected benefit payments to determine the total pension liability.

Sensitivity of the Net Pension Liability to Changes in the Discount Rate

The following presents the net pension liability/(asset) of the Borough, calculated using the discount rate of 6.75%, as well as what the Borough's net pension liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is 1-percentage-point lower (5.75%) or 1-percentage point higher (7.75%) than the current rate:

		Current Discount	
	-1% (5.75%)	Rate (6.75%)	+1% (7.75%)
Borough net pension liability	\$943,105	\$648,963	\$396,744

Borough of Ebensburg Non-Uniform Pension Plan Schedule of Changes in the Borough's Net Pension Liability and Related Ratios

	 2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015
Total pension liability									
Service cost Interest Change in benefit terms	\$ 68,853 183,719 -	\$ 66,205 178,267 -	\$ 73,763 188,815 -	\$ 70,756 177,215 -	\$ 67,353 \$ 164,517 -	64,607 \$ 154,670 -	58,142 \$ 136,733	58,565 \$ 128,322 -	60,509 126,960 -
Differences between expected and actual experience Change in assumptions Benefit payments, including refunds of member contributions	 - - (162,661)	(214,557) 31,005 (169,928)	- - (87,038)	29,674 - (83,548)	- - (83,548)	22,121 245,325 (79,228)	- - (85,212)	(108,200) - (63,808)	- (54,683)
Net change in pension liability	89,911	(109,008)	175,540	194,097	148,322	407,495	109,663	14,879	132,786
Total pension liability/(asset) - beginning Total pension liability/(asset) - ending (A)	\$ 2,732,914 2,822,825	\$ 2,841,922 2,732,914	\$ 2,666,382 2,841,922	\$ 2,472,285 2,666,382	\$ 2,323,963 2,472,285 \$	1,916,468 2,323,963 \$	1,806,805 1,916,468 \$	1,791,926 1,806,805 \$	1,659,140 1,791,926
Plan fiduciary net position									
General Municipal State Aid Contributions - employer Contributions - member Net investment income Benefit payments, including refunds of member contributions Administrative expenses Other	\$ 94,102 5,536 14,207 (413,976) (162,661) (21,797)	\$ 52,770 89,182 15,921 256,266 (169,928) (19,917)	80,766 58,578 18,237 187,065 (87,038) (21,638) -	\$ 71,687 66,829 21,343 389,457 (83,548) (19,851) -	\$ 62,673 \$ 60,832 20,184 (113,947) (83,548) (16,576)	59,647 \$ 15,746 12,674 240,774 (79,228) (6,441) -	56,870 \$ 13,888 17,980 109,241 (85,212) (18,905) -	50,971 \$ 32,212 19,219 (28,389) (63,809) (13,044) -	50,343 35,124 19,280 68,605 (54,683) (12,769) -
Net change in plan fiduciary net position	(484,589)	224,294	235,970	445,917	(70,382)	243,172	93,862	(2,840)	105,900
Plan fiduciary net position - beginning Plan fiduciary net position - ending (B)	\$ 2,658,451 2,173,862	\$ 2,434,157 2,658,451	\$ 2,198,187 2,434,157	\$ 1,752,270 2,198,187	\$ 1,822,652 1,752,270 \$	1,579,480 1,822,652 \$	1,485,618 1,579,480 \$	1,488,458 1,485,618 \$	1,382,558 1,488,458
Borough's net pension liability/(asset) - ending (A-B)	\$ 648,963	\$ 74,463	\$ 407,765	\$ 468,195	\$ 720,015 \$	501,311 \$	336,988 \$	321,187 \$	303,468
Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total pension liability	 77.01%	97.28%	85.65%	82.44%	70.88%	78.43%	82.42%	82.22%	83.06%
Covered employee payroll	\$ 498,223	\$ 482,444	\$ 599,804	\$ 730,395	\$ 692,232 \$	671,241 \$	638,271 \$	607,893 \$	687,287
Borough's net pension liability as a percentage of covered employee payroll	 130.26%	15.43%	67.98%	64.10%	104.01%	74.68%	52.80%	52.84%	44.15%

Notes to Schedule:

Borough of Ebensburg Non-Uniform Pension Plan Schedule of Borough's Contributions

			2023		2022	 2021	 2020	 2019	 2018	 2017	 2016	 2015
Actuarially determined contribution		\$	99,638	\$	141,952	\$ 139,344	\$ 130,508	\$ 123,505	\$ 75,393	\$ 70,758	\$ 83,183	\$ 85,467
Contributions in relation to the actuarially determined contributions			99,638		141,952	 139,344	 138,516	 123,505	 75,393	 70,758	 83,183	 85,467
Contribution deficiency/(excess)	:	\$	-	\$	-	\$ -	\$ (8,008)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Covered employee payroll	:	\$	498,223	\$	482,444	\$ 599,804	\$ 730,395	\$ 692,232	\$ 671,241	\$ 638,271	\$ 607,893	\$ 687,287
Borough's contribution as a percentage employee payroll	of covered		20.00%		29.42%	 23.23%	 18.96%	 17.84%	 11.23%	 11.09%	 13.68%	 12.44%
Notes to Schedule:												
Valuation Date:	1/1/2021											
Methods and assumptions:												
Actuarial Cost Method	Entry Age	Norm	al									
Amortization Method	Level dolla	ar, ope	en									
Remaining amortization period	7 years (a	ggrega	ate)									
Asset valuation method	Fair value	•										
Inflation	2.50%											
Salary increases	4.00% inc	lude ir	nflation									
Investment rate of return			vestment exp O, and includ									
Retirement age	See accor statement		ing footnotes	to the	e financial							
Mortality	See accor statement		ing footnotes	to the	e financial							

Other:

Borough of Ebensburg Non-Uniform Pension Plan Schedule of Investment Return

_	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015
Annual money-weighted rate of return,									
net of investment expense	-15.74%	10.76%	8.60%	22.42%	-6.31%	16.29%	7.48%	-1.93%	5.00%

GASB Statement 45 – Post Employment Benefits

The Borough does not provide any other post-retirement benefits (OPEB) other than pension benefits; therefore GASB 45 does not apply.

NOTE 8 DEFERRED COMPENSATION PLAN

The Borough offers employees a deferred compensation plan created in accordance with Internal Revenue Code Section 457. The plan permits them to defer a portion of their salary until further years. The deferred compensation is not available to employees until termination, retirement, death, or unforeseeable emergency.

The plan complies with Section 457 of the Internal Revenue Code, whereby, trust provisions are incorporated so that plan assets are held in trust for the exclusive benefit of participants and their beneficiaries. As a result, as of December 31, 2023, the assets and liabilities of the deferred compensation plan are not included in the accompanying financial statements. Additionally, the plan is not included as a fiduciary fund under GASB 84 as the financial statements are prepared on the modified cash basis of accounting, a special purpose framework.

Plan activity for the year ended December 31, 2023, was as follows:

Fair market value at December 31, 2022 Contributions Loss on investments	\$ 138,282 11,969 (15,829)
Fair market value at December 31, 2023	\$ 134,422

NOTE 9 RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

Ebensburg Municipal Authority

In December 2017, the Borough entered into an Operating Agreement, amending a prior agreement dated November 2012, with the Municipal Authority of the Borough of Ebensburg, whereby the Borough is authorized to manage and operate the day to day operations of the sewer and water systems and to employ Borough personnel in connection with all routine procedures.

The Borough remits both principal and interest costs related to all Municipal Authority loans, in addition to payments for certain other Authority obligations. In 2023 payments made by the Borough amounted to \$1,237,409. The Borough also made payments of \$1,117,504 to the Municipal Authority in 2023 for the Waste Water Project and other expenses. See Note 10 for additional information.

In connection with the Pennsylvania Municipal Authorities' Act, the Borough appoints all members of the Authority board. However, the Authority retains all powers regarding the establishment of rates, regulations and major policies.

Ebensburg Main Street Partnership

In July 2020, the Borough entered into a five (5) year operating agreement, replacing a prior agreement dated July 2012, with the Ebensburg Main Street Partnership. Under the terms of the agreement, the Borough provides staff assistance, office space, and other administrative support to the Partnership. The agreement will be automatically extended for an additional five (5) year term.

The Ebensburg Main Street Partnership pays the Borough for half of the Community Development Director's salary, which amounted to \$32,500 for the year ended December 31, 2023. The Partnership contributed \$13,814 to the Borough for community projects for 2023.

NOTE 10 COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES

Litigation

In the normal course of operations, the Borough is involved in various disputes and grievances. Management is of the opinion that any outcome resulting from these actions would not have a material effect on the Borough's financial position.

Grant Programs

The Borough participates in various state and federal grant programs which are subject to program compliance audits by the grantors or their representatives. Although the Borough believes it has complied with applicable rules and regulations of the grants, it is potentially liable for any expenditures which may be disallowed pursuant to the terms of the grants.

As a result of COVID-19 and the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, the Borough was allocated funds through the Pennsylvania COVID-19 ARPA Local Fiscal Recovery Fund. A total of \$319,660 was allocated to and received by the Borough. As of December 31, 2023, all of these funds had been expended. Under this program, the Borough had until December 31, 2024 to expend the full allocation.

Ebensburg Municipal Authority Loan Guarantees

Currently the Borough guarantees eight (8) Municipal Authority loans, summarized as follows:

	Principal Balance As of December 31, 2023	Year of Maturity
2004 PENNVEST Loan	\$ 479,901	2025
2007 PENNVEST Loan	\$ 502,547	2028
2008 PENNVEST Loan	\$ 152,956	2028
2012 PENNVEST Loan	\$ 2,564,936	2033
2018 PENNVEST Loan	\$ 7,573,880	2044
2022 PENNVEST Loan	\$ 1,180,544	2044
2007 Pennsylvania D.C.E.D. Loan	\$ 194,819	2027
Ameriserv Loan	\$ 557,346	2028

NOTE 11 SUBRECIPIENTS

As part of their ongoing operations, the Borough submits funding requests to Pennsylvania Department of Community & Economic Development ("DCED") for federal and state program funding that is passed through to Ebensburg Downtown Partners and the Ebensburg Airport (sub recipients). The Borough performs subrecipient monitoring procedures over this program activity throughout the course of the year. In addition, it has been the regular practice of the Borough to have closeout audits performed to satisfy any federal or state audit requirements. The Borough also acts as a grant sponsor for projects done at the Ebensburg Airport. For the year ended December 31, 2023, the Borough paid project expenditures in the amount of \$32,814, which was funded from the State Block Grant Program and the State Aviation Development Program, a federal program. These projects were completed in 2023.

NOTE 12 OPERATING LEASES

Lessor

The Borough has various operating leases for the lease of property to tenants. The leases generally contain renewal options, as well as escalation provisions.

The future minimum rentals on such leases as of December 31, 2023, are approximately as follows:

2024	\$_	26,745
	\$ <u>_</u>	26,745

Lessee

The Borough entered into a lease agreement for the leasing of a copier. The future minimal rentals on this lease as of December 31, 2023, are approximately as follows:

2024	\$	4,500
2025		4,500
2026		4,500
2027		4,500
2028	_	1,125
	\$_	19,125

NOTE 13 SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

Subsequent events were considered through February 14, 2024, the date the financial statements were available to be issued. The Borough is not aware of any subsequent events which would require recognition or disclosure in the financial statements.

REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

BOROUGH OF EBENSBURG GENERAL FUND REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE - BUDGET AND ACTUAL - MODIFIED CASH BASIS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023

FOR THE YEAR E	ENDED DECEN	/IBER 31, 2023		
	Buc	lget		Variance with Final Budget Positive
	Original	Final	Actual	(Negative)
Revenues: Real estate taxes Local enabling taxes	\$ 581,200 536,000	\$ 581,200 536,000	\$ 567,838 570,253	\$ (13,362) 34,253
State liquid fuels tax Licenses and permits Fines, forfeitures and costs Grant revenue	7,500 62,700 34,000 6,600	7,500 62,700 34,000 6,600	7,500 61,922 43,817 358,466	- (778) 9,817 351,866
Interest Charges for services Miscellaneous revenue	27,500 878,950 166,720	27,500 878,950 166,720	37,111 863,562 151,043	9,611 (15,388) (15,677)
Total Revenues	2,301,170	2,301,170	2,661,512	360,342
Expenditures - Operating: General government Public safety Codes enforcement	277,060 693,770 3,250	277,060 693,770 3,250	219,973 687,645 3,250	57,087 6,125 -
Planning and zoning Public works - Sanitation Public works - Highways & Streets Public works - Other	6,200 149,780 247,700 59,780	6,200 149,780 247,700 59,780	1,633 150,152 188,278 50,826	4,567 (372) 59,422 8,954 (1,000)
Parking facilities Culture and recreation Economic development Capital expenditures	13,200 562,645 97,735 92,050	13,200 562,645 97,735 92,050	14,200 807,962 91,266 69,042	(1,000) (245,317) 6,469 23,008
Total Expenditures - Operating	2,203,170	2,203,170	2,284,227	(81,057)
Excess/(Deficiency) of Revenues Over Expenditures	98,000	98,000	377,285	279,285
Other Financing Sources/(Uses): Sale of a capital asset Debt service Operating transfers in Operating transfers (out)	(117,000) - -	(117,000) - -	42,239 (186,964) 699,727 (100,000)	42,239 (69,964) 699,727 (100,000)
Total Other Financing Sources	(117,000)	(117,000)	455,002	572,002
Excess/(Deficiency) of Revenues and Other Sources Over Expenditures and Other Uses	\$ (19,000)	\$ (19,000)	832,287	\$ 851,287
Fund Balance - Beginning of Year			1,989,180	
Fund Balance - End of Year			\$ 2,821,467	

BOROUGH OF EBENSBURG HIGHWAY AID FUND REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE - BUDGET AND ACTUAL - MODIFIED CASH BASIS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023

	Buc	dget		Variance with Final Budget Positive
	Original	Final	Actual	(Negative)
Revenues: State liquid fuel tax Act 32 Interest	\$ 108,130 2,280 1,500	\$ 108,130 2,280 1,500	\$ 110,357 2,280 2,970	\$ 2,227
Total Revenues	111,910	111,910	115,607	3,697
Expenditures - Operating: Public works - Capital expenditures	145,000	145,000	130,000	15,000
Total Expenditures - Operating	145,000	145,000	130,000	15,000
Excess/(Deficiency) of Revenues Over Expenditures	(33,090)	(33,090)	(14,393)	18,697
Other Financing Sources/(Uses): Operating transfers in Operating transfers (out)	-	-	-	-
Total Other Financing Sources				
Excess/(Deficiency) of Revenues and Other Sources Over Expenditures and Other Uses	<u>\$ (33,090)</u>	<u>\$ (33,090)</u>	(14,393)	\$ 18,697
Fund Balance - Beginning of Year			60,644	
Fund Balance - End of Year			\$ 46,251	