

TOWNSHIP OF CONESTOGA  
LANCASTER COUNTY  
36-206

LIQUID FUELS TAX FUND  
EXAMINATION REPORT

FOR THE TWO YEARS ENDED  
DECEMBER 31, 2009



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LIQUID FUELS TAX FUND  
BACKGROUND  
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Background

The Liquid Fuels Tax Municipal Allocation Law, Title 72 P.S. § 2615.5, provides municipalities other than counties (townships, boroughs, cities, towns, home rule, and optional plan governments) with an annual allocation of liquid fuels taxes from the state's Motor License Fund to be used for the maintenance and repair of streets, roads, and bridges for which the municipality is responsible. The allocation of these funds to municipalities is based: (1) 50 percent on the municipality's proportion of local road mileage to the total local road mileage in the state, and (2) 50 percent on the proportion of a municipality's population to the total population in the state.

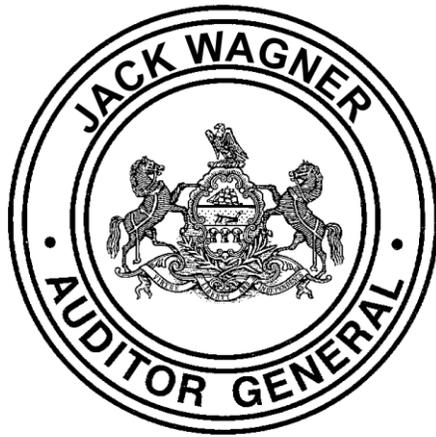
*The Vehicle Code*, Title 75 P.S. § 9511, provides municipalities with annual maintenance payments to be received from the Motor License Fund for functionally local highways that were transferred to a municipality from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

Each municipality must deposit the Liquid Fuels Tax Fund money and annual maintenance payments that it receives into a special fund called the Municipal Liquid Fuels Tax Fund or State Fund. A municipality may not deposit any other monies into this fund except when the municipality does not have enough money in the special fund to meet the payments called for by its current annual budget for road and bridge purposes. In this case, the municipality may borrow money or transfer money from its General Fund to its Liquid Fuels Tax Fund.

The Department of Transportation has been given the regulatory authority for the administration of these funds. To qualify for its annual allocation, each municipality shall submit the following documents and information to the Department of Transportation:

1. Evidence that the treasurer is bonded in accordance with the law, or that its treasurer is a bank requiring no bond by January 31 of each year.
2. A report indicating the manner in which its liquid fuels tax allocation was expended in the previous year (Form MS-965) by January 31 of each year.
3. A report of elected and appointed officials by January 31 of each year.
4. A Survey of Financial Condition by March 15 of each year.

Department of Transportation *Publication 9* contains the policies and procedures that govern the use of Liquid Fuels Tax Fund money. However, if there is a difference between *Publication 9* and any legislation, the legislation shall govern.





**Department of the Auditor General  
Commonwealth of Pennsylvania  
Harrisburg, Pennsylvania 17120-0018**

**JACK WAGNER  
AUDITOR GENERAL**

Independent Auditor's Report

Mr. Barry J. Schoch  
Acting Secretary  
Department of Transportation  
Harrisburg, PA 17120

We examined the accompanying Forms MS-965 With Adjustments for the Liquid Fuels Tax Fund of the Township of Conestoga, Lancaster County, for the two years ended December 31, 2009. The municipality's management is responsible for the Forms MS-965. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the Forms MS-965 With Adjustments based on our examination.

Our examination was conducted in accordance with attestation standards established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants and the standards applicable to attestation engagements contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. An examination includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the Township of Conestoga, Lancaster County's Forms MS-965 for the two years ended December 31, 2009 and performing such other procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances. We believe that our examination provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

We are mandated by Section 403 of *The Fiscal Code*, 72 P.S. § 403, to audit each municipality's Liquid Fuels Tax Fund to ensure that funds received are expended in accordance with applicable laws and regulations. *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States include attestation engagements as a separate type of audit. An attestation engagement performed pursuant to *Government Auditing Standards* involves additional standards that exceed the standards provided by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants. Accordingly, this attestation engagement complies with both *Government Auditing Standards* and Section 403 of *The Fiscal Code*.

As described in Note 4, the adjustments included on the Forms MS-965 With Adjustments are made by the Department of the Auditor General.

Independent Auditor's Report (Continued)

In our opinion, the Forms MS-965 With Adjustments present, in all material respects, the information required by the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation for the Liquid Fuels Tax Fund of the Township of Conestoga, Lancaster County, for the two years ended December 31, 2009, in conformity with the criteria set forth in Note 1.

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we are required to report findings of significant deficiencies in internal control, violations of provisions of contracts or grant agreements, and abuse that are material to the Forms MS-965 and any fraud and illegal acts that are more than inconsequential that come to our attention during our examination. We are also required to obtain the views of management on those matters. We performed our examination to express an opinion on whether the Forms MS-965 are presented in accordance with the criteria described above and not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the internal control over reporting on the Forms MS-965 or on compliance and other matters; accordingly, we express no such opinions.

A control deficiency exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent or detect misstatements on a timely basis. A significant deficiency is a control deficiency, or combination of control deficiencies, that adversely affects the Township of Conestoga, Lancaster County's ability to initiate, authorize, record, process, or report data reliably in accordance with the applicable criteria such that there is more than a remote likelihood that a misstatement of the Township of Conestoga, Lancaster County's Forms MS-965 that is more than inconsequential will not be prevented or detected by the Township of Conestoga, Lancaster County's internal control. We consider the deficiency described in the finding below to be a significant deficiency in internal control over reporting on the Forms MS-965:

- Failure To Properly Prepare 2009 Form MS-965.

### Independent Auditor's Report (Continued)

A material weakness is a significant deficiency or combination of significant deficiencies that results in more than a remote likelihood that a material misstatement of the Forms MS-965 will not be prevented or detected by the Township of Conestoga, Lancaster County's internal control. Our consideration of the internal control over reporting on the Forms MS-965 would not necessarily disclose all matters in the internal control that might be significant deficiencies and, accordingly, would not necessarily disclose all significant deficiencies that are also considered to be material weaknesses. We consider the significant deficiency described above to be a material weakness.

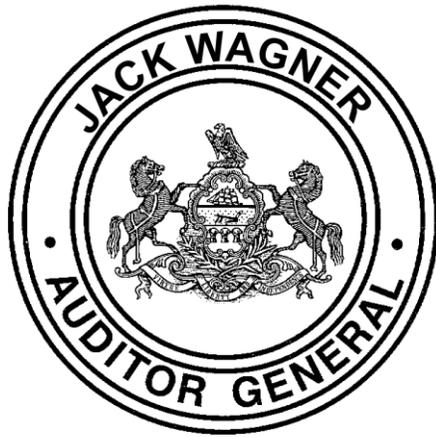
The results of our tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance or other matters that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*.

We are concerned in light of the municipality's failure to correct a previously reported finding regarding the failure to properly prepare its Form MS-965. The municipality should strive to implement the recommendation and corrective actions noted in this report.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation and the management of the Township of Conestoga, Lancaster County, and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

October 12, 2010

JACK WAGNER  
Auditor General



TOWNSHIP OF CONESTOGA  
LANCASTER COUNTY  
LIQUID FUELS TAX FUND  
2008 FORM MS-965 – SECTION 1  
WITH ADJUSTMENTS

<u>Expenditure Summary</u>	<u>Reported</u>	<u>Adjustments</u>	<u>Adjusted Amount</u>
Major equipment purchases	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Minor equipment purchases	-	-	-
Computer/Computer related training	-	-	-
Agility projects	-	-	-
Cleaning streets and gutters	-	-	-
Winter maintenance services	16,880.16	-	16,880.16
Traffic control devices	5,566.44	-	5,566.44
Street lighting	7,974.38	-	7,974.38
Storm sewers and drains	-	-	-
Repairs of tools and machinery	39,615.32	-	39,615.32
Maintenance and repair of roads and bridges	41,689.69	-	41,689.69
Highway construction and rebuilding projects	268,911.02	-	268,911.02
Miscellaneous	-	-	-
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Total (To Section 2, Line 5)	<u>\$ 380,637.01</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 380,637.01</u>

Notes to Forms MS-965 With Adjustments are an integral part of this report.

TOWNSHIP OF CONESTOGA  
LANCASTER COUNTY  
LIQUID FUELS TAX FUND  
2008 FORM MS-965 – SECTION 2  
WITH ADJUSTMENTS

<u>Fund Balance</u>	<u>Reported</u>	<u>Adjustments (Note 4)</u>	<u>Adjusted Amount</u>
1. Balance, January 1, 2008	\$ 292,936.24	\$ 5,927.58	\$ 298,863.82
Receipts:			
2. State allocation	107,627.14	-	107,627.14
2a. Turnback allocation	48,440.00	-	48,440.00
2b. Interest on investments (Note 3)	6,669.73	-	6,669.73
2c. Miscellaneous (Note 5)	9,962.18	-	9,962.18
3. Total receipts	<u>172,699.05</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>172,699.05</u>
4. Total funds available	<u>465,635.29</u>	<u>5,927.58</u>	<u>471,562.87</u>
5. Expenditures (Section 1)	<u>380,637.01</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>380,637.01</u>
6. Balance, December 31, 2008	<u><u>\$ 84,998.28</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 5,927.58</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 90,925.86</u></u>

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TOWNSHIP OF CONESTOGA  
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2008 FORM MS-965 – SECTION 3  
WITH ADJUSTMENTS

<u>Equipment Balance</u>	<u>Reported</u>	<u>Adjustments</u>	<u>Adjusted Amount</u>
1. Prior year equipment balance	\$ 244,634.80	\$ -	\$ 244,634.80
2. Add: Current year equipment allocation (20% of Lines 2 + 2a, Section 2)	31,213.43	-	31,213.43
3. PENNDOT approved adjustments	-	-	-
4. Total funds available for equipment acquisition	275,848.23	-	275,848.23
5. Less: Major equipment expenditures	-	-	-
6. Remainder	<u>275,848.23</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>275,848.23</u>
7. Equipment balance available for subsequent year (Lesser of Line 6 or Section 2 balance, but not less than zero)	<u>\$ 84,998.28</u>	<u>\$ 5,927.58</u>	<u>\$ 90,925.86</u>

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TOWNSHIP OF CONESTOGA  
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LIQUID FUELS TAX FUND  
2009 FORM MS-965 – SECTION 1  
WITH ADJUSTMENTS

<u>Expenditure Summary</u>	<u>Reported</u>	<u>Adjustments (Note 4)</u>	<u>Adjusted Amount</u>
Major equipment purchases	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Minor equipment purchases	-	-	-
Computer/Computer related training	-	-	-
Agility projects	-	-	-
Cleaning streets and gutters	-	-	-
Winter maintenance services	28,361.38	(9,434.70)	18,926.68
Traffic control devices	2,969.74	(1,201.11)	1,768.63
Street lighting	8,049.40	(21.66)	8,027.74
Storm sewers and drains	153.90	-	153.90
Repairs of tools and machinery	23,571.96	1,594.51	25,166.47
Maintenance and repair of roads and bridges	31,364.52	732.83	32,097.35
Highway construction and rebuilding projects	-	-	-
Miscellaneous	-	-	-
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Total (To Section 2, Line 5)	<u>\$ 94,470.90</u>	<u>\$ (8,330.13)</u>	<u>\$ 86,140.77</u>

Notes to Forms MS-965 With Adjustments are an integral part of this report.

TOWNSHIP OF CONESTOGA  
LANCASTER COUNTY  
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2009 FORM MS-965 – SECTION 2  
WITH ADJUSTMENTS

<u>Fund Balance</u>	<u>Reported</u>	<u>Adjustments</u>	<u>Adjusted Amount</u>
1. Balance, January 1, 2009	\$ 90,925.86	\$ -	\$ 90,925.86
Receipts:			
2. State allocation	103,611.92	-	103,611.92
2a. Turnback allocation	48,440.00	-	48,440.00
2b. Interest on investments (Note 3)	947.00	-	947.00
2c. Miscellaneous (Note 5)	4,673.68	-	4,673.68
3. Total receipts	<u>157,672.60</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>157,672.60</u>
4. Total funds available	<u>248,598.46</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>248,598.46</u>
5. Expenditures (Section 1)	<u>94,470.90</u>	<u>(8,330.13)</u>	<u>86,140.77</u>
6. Balance, December 31, 2009	<u>\$ 154,127.56</u>	<u>\$ 8,330.13</u>	<u>\$ 162,457.69</u>

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TOWNSHIP OF CONESTOGA  
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2009 FORM MS-965 – SECTION 3  
WITH ADJUSTMENTS

<u>Equipment Balance</u>	<u>Reported</u>	<u>Adjustments (Note 4)</u>	<u>Adjusted Amount</u>
1. Prior year equipment balance	\$ 84,998.28	\$ 5,927.58	\$ 90,925.86
2. Add: Current year equipment allocation (20% of Lines 2 + 2a, Section 2)	30,410.38	-	30,410.38
3. PENNDOT approved adjustments	-	-	-
4. Total funds available for equipment acquisition	115,408.66	5,927.58	121,336.24
5. Less: Major equipment expenditures	-	-	-
6. Remainder	<u>115,408.66</u>	<u>5,927.58</u>	<u>121,336.24</u>
7. Equipment balance available for subsequent year (Lesser of Line 6 or Section 2 balance, but not less than zero)	<u>\$ 115,408.66</u>	<u>\$ 5,927.58</u>	<u>\$ 121,336.24</u>

Notes to Forms MS-965 With Adjustments are an integral part of this report.

TOWNSHIP OF CONESTOGA  
LANCASTER COUNTY  
LIQUID FUELS TAX FUND  
NOTES TO FORMS MS-965 WITH ADJUSTMENTS  
FOR THE TWO YEARS ENDED  
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1. Criteria

Section 1

This section of Form MS-965 With Adjustments provides a summary of Liquid Fuels Tax Fund expenditures by category. Categories requiring explanation include:

- Major equipment purchases are purchases of road machinery and road equipment that cost in excess of \$4,000.00.
- Minor equipment purchases are purchases of road machinery and road equipment that cost \$4,000.00 or less.
- Agility projects are exchanges of services with the Department of Transportation.

Section 2

This section of Form MS-965 With Adjustments provides information on the fund balance. Categories requiring explanation include:

- The state allocation is generally received from the Department of Transportation during the first week in April of each year. The amount the municipality receives is based half on its population and half on its road mileage.
- The turnback allocation is generally received from the Department of Transportation during the first week in April of each year. A municipality receives a yearly turnback allocation based on road mileage for all roads that were transferred to the municipality from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania through the Highway Transfer Program.
- Expenditures include the total transferred from Section 1.

Section 3

This section of Form MS-965 With Adjustments determines if the municipality expended Liquid Fuels Tax Fund money in excess of the permissible amount for equipment and the balance that the municipality may carry forward for the purchase of equipment to the subsequent year.

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1. Criteria (Continued)

Section 3 (Continued)

Department of Transportation *Publication 9* requires that the amount expended for equipment purchases in a given year not exceed the sum of the equipment balance carried forward from the previous year and 20 percent of the current year's Liquid Fuels Tax Fund allocation and, if applicable, 20 percent of the turnback allocation plus other Department of Transportation approved adjustments.

If the municipality spent in excess of the amount listed on Line 4, the excess must be reimbursed to the Liquid Fuels Tax Fund.

The equipment balance to be carried forward for the subsequent year is the lesser of the amount on Line 6 or the ending fund balance on Line 6 of Section 2, but not less than zero.

Basis Of Presentation

The financial activities of the municipality are accounted for in separate funds. The Liquid Fuels Tax Fund is used to account for state aid revenues from the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation used primarily for building and improving local roads and bridges. The Forms MS-965 have been prepared in accordance with reporting requirements prescribed by the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation as a result of the Fuels Tax Act 655, dated 1956 and as amended, which does not constitute a complete presentation of the entity's assets, liabilities, expenses, and fund balance. Accordingly, the presentation of Forms MS-965 With Adjustments is restricted to the Liquid Fuels Tax Fund, which represents a segment of the entity.

Basis Of Accounting

The accompanying Forms MS-965 With Adjustments are prepared in accordance with reporting requirements prescribed by the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation. Under this method, revenues are recognized when received and expenditures are recorded when paid.

General Fixed Assets

General fixed assets are recognized as expenditures at the time of purchase. No depreciation has been provided on the heavy equipment used to maintain and repair roads and bridges.

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2. Deposits

*The Second Class Township Code*, Title 53 P.S. § 68204, authorizes the township to deposit its funds in the following:

- Deposits in savings accounts or time deposits, other than certificates of deposit or share accounts of institutions having their principal place of business in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) or other like insurance. For any amount above the insured maximum, the depository shall pledge approved collateral.
- Certificates of deposit purchased from institutions insured by the FDIC or other like insurance to the extent that such accounts are so insured. For any amounts in excess of the insured maximum, such deposits shall be collateralized by a pledge or assignment of assets. Certificates of deposit may not exceed 20 percent of a bank's total capital surplus or 20 percent of a savings and loan's or savings bank's assets minus liabilities.

Deposits consist of receipts and deposits in a financial institution. Pennsylvania statutes require all deposits to be insured and, for any amount above the insured maximum, to be secured with approved collateral as defined.

There were no deposits exposed to custodial credit risk as of December 31, 2009. Custodial credit risk, as defined by GASB No. 40, includes deposits that are not covered by depository insurance and the deposits are uncollateralized, collateralized with securities held by the pledging financial institution, or collateralized with securities held by the pledging financial institution's trust department or agent but not in the municipality's name.

Fund Balance

The fund balance as of December 31, 2009 consists of the following:

Cash	\$162,457.69
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3. Interest On Investments

Our examination disclosed that the municipality deposited idle liquid fuels tax money in interest-bearing accounts which earned \$6,669.73 during 2008, and \$947.00 during 2009, thus providing additional funds for road maintenance and repairs.

4. Adjustments

2008 - Section 2

An adjustment of \$5,927.58 was made to "Balance, January 1, 2008" because of prior report adjustments that were not carried forward in the fund balance.

2009 - Section 1

An adjustment of \$(9,434.70) was made to "Winter maintenance services" because check Nos. 2948 for \$11.44 and 2951 for \$1,771.81 were not reported. Additionally, check Nos. 2927 for \$472.66; 2930 for \$51.57; 2931 for \$3,712.84; 2933 for \$693.07; 2938 for \$894.80; 2940 for \$5,381.57; and 2944 for \$11.44 were reported twice.

An adjustment of \$(1,201.11) was made to "Traffic control devices" because check Nos. 2932 for \$180.24; 2937 for \$599.05; and 2943 for \$421.82 were reported twice.

An adjustment of \$(21.66) was made to "Street lighting" because check No. 2958 for \$648.84 was not reported. Additionally, check No. 2936 for \$670.50 was reported twice.

An adjustment of \$1,594.51 was made to "Repairs of tools and machinery" because check Nos. 2947 for \$395.28; 2950 for \$129.00; 2952 for \$345.48; 2953 for \$7.18; 2954 for \$465.80; 2956 for \$35.17; 2957 for \$314.17; 2959 for \$12.08; 2960 for \$84.94; 2961 for \$217.49; 2962 for 27.48; 2963 for 179.58; 2964 for \$20.00; 2965 for \$320.43; and 2966 for \$255.86 were not reported. Additionally, check Nos. 2928 for \$59.75; 2929 for \$156.36; 2934 for \$120.38; 2935 for \$199.49; 2939 for \$438.45; 2941 for \$10.00; 2942 for \$102.00; and 2946 for \$129.00 were reported twice.

An adjustment of \$732.83 was made to "Maintenance and repairs of roads and bridges" because check Nos. 2949 for \$688.87 and 2955 for \$732.83 were not reported. Additionally, check No. 2945 for \$688.87 was reported twice.

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4. Adjustments (Continued)

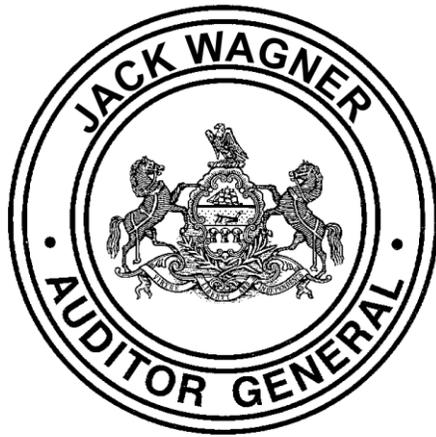
2009 - Section 3

An adjustment of \$5,927.58 was made to “Prior year equipment balance” to reflect the adjustment made to the equipment balance in 2008 - Section 3.

5. Miscellaneous Receipts

The following miscellaneous receipts were deposited into the Liquid Fuels Tax Fund during the examination period:

<u>Source</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>2008</u>	<u>2009</u>
General Fund	Reimbursement (see Comment No. 2)	\$6,377.06	\$ -
Commonwealth of Pennsylvania	Winter maintenance agreement	3,585.12	\$4,673.68
Total		<u>\$9,962.18</u>	<u>\$4,673.68</u>



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LANCASTER COUNTY  
LIQUID FUELS TAX FUND  
FINDING AND RECOMMENDATION  
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Finding – Failure To Properly Prepare 2009 Form MS-965

Our examination disclosed that there were numerous errors made in the preparation of the municipality's 2009 Form MS-965. These adjustments, which are disclosed in Note 4, are as follows:

2009 – Section 1

- An adjustment of \$(9,434.70) was made to “Winter maintenance services” because check Nos. 2948 for \$11.44 and 2951 for \$1,771.81 were not reported. Additionally, check Nos. 2927 for \$472.66; 2930 for \$51.57; 2931 for \$3,712.84; 2933 for \$693.07; 2938 for \$894.80; 2940 for \$5,381.57; and 2944 for \$11.44 were reported twice.
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- An adjustment of \$(21.66) was made to “Street lighting” because check No. 2958 for \$648.84 was not reported. Additionally, check No. 2936 for \$670.50 was reported twice.
- An adjustment of \$1,594.51 was made to “Repairs of tools and machinery” because check Nos. 2947 for \$395.28; 2950 for \$129.00; 2952 for \$345.48; 2953 for \$7.18; 2954 for \$465.80; 2956 for \$35.17; 2957 for \$314.17; 2959 for \$12.08; 2960 for \$84.94; 2961 for \$217.49; 2962 for 27.48; 2963 for 179.58; 2964 for \$20.00; 2965 for \$320.43; and 2966 for \$255.86 were not reported. Additionally, check Nos. 2928 for \$59.75; 2929 for \$156.36; 2934 for \$120.38; 2935 for \$199.49; 2939 for \$438.45; 2941 for \$10.00; 2942 for \$102.00; and 2946 for \$129.00 were reported twice.
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2009 – Section 3

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Finding – Failure To Properly Prepare Form 2009 MS-965 (Continued)

Good internal controls ensure that the municipality complete its Form MS-965 accurately and completely. The failure to properly complete Form MS-965 increases the risk that errors or irregularities may occur and remain undetected.

A similar finding was also written in our prior report.

Recommendation

We again recommend that the municipality ensure that its Form MS-965 are complete and accurate.

Management’s Response

The municipal officials offered no formal response at this time.

Auditor’s Conclusion

This is a recurring finding. We strongly recommend that the municipality comply with our recommendation.

TOWNSHIP OF CONESTOGA  
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COMMENTS  
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Comment No. 1 – Summary Of 2004 - 2005 Examination Recommendation

In our 2004-2005 report we recommended that the Department of Transportation review our examination finding to determine if the municipality should reimburse \$40,737.84 to its Liquid Fuels Tax Fund. This amount consists of \$31,281.33 for the purchases of a paving material without advertising for bids and \$9,456.51 for the purchase of paving materials without maintaining documentation for price quotations.

During our current examination we reviewed a letter dated November 26, 2008, from the Department of Transportation informing the municipality that reimbursement of \$40,737.84 would not be required.

Comment No. 2 – Summary Of 2006 - 2007 Examination Recommendations

In our 2006-2007 report the municipality expended \$6,523.12 from the Liquid Fuels Tax Fund for the purchase of 9.5 mm superpave, which is a paving material, without maintaining documentation for price quotations. We noted that the municipality reimbursed \$6,377.06 to the Liquid Fuels Tax Fund on January 25, 2008. We recommended that the Department of Transportation review our examination finding to determine if the municipality should reimburse the remaining \$146.06 to its Liquid Fuels Tax Fund.

During our current examination we reviewed a letter dated October 15, 2009, from the Department of Transportation informing the municipality that the reimbursement of \$146.06 would not be required.

In our 2006-2007 report we also recommended that the municipality comply with *The Second Class Township Code* and the Department of Transportation's *Publication 9* by obtaining price quotations for purchases between \$4,000.00 and \$10,000.00.

During our current examination we noted that the municipality complied with our recommendation.

TOWNSHIP OF CONESTOGA  
LANCASTER COUNTY  
LIQUID FUELS TAX FUND  
SUMMARY OF EXIT CONFERENCE  
FOR THE TWO YEARS ENDED  
DECEMBER 31, 2009

An exit conference was held October 12, 2010. Those participating were:

TOWNSHIP OF CONESTOGA

Ms. Kelly A. Ream, Secretary/Treasurer

DEPARTMENT OF THE AUDITOR GENERAL

Mr. Michael Klassen, Audit Supervisor

Ms. Tammy Fleisher, Auditor

The results of the examination were presented and discussed in their entirety.

TOWNSHIP OF CONESTOGA  
LANCASTER COUNTY  
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