



**TOWNSHIP OF GREEN  
FOREST COUNTY  
27-202**

**LIQUID FUELS TAX FUND  
EXAMINATION REPORT**

**FOR THE PERIOD  
JANUARY 1, 2010 TO DECEMBER 31, 2011**

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TOWNSHIP OF GREEN  
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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.



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### Independent Auditor's Report

The Honorable Barry J. Schoch, P.E.  
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 Green, Forest County, for the period January 1, 2010 to December 31, 2011. 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 Green, Forest County's Forms MS-965 for the period January 1, 2010 to December 31, 2011 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)

As discussed in Finding No. 2, the township expended \$9,733.99 during 2010 from the Liquid Fuels Tax Fund for the partial purchase of a dump truck without advertising for bids. Additionally, as discussed in Finding No. 3, the township expended \$5,841.13 during 2010 from the Liquid Fuels Tax Fund for the purchase of various types of stone without maintaining documentation for price quotations.

In our opinion, except for the matters discussed in the preceding paragraph, the Forms MS-965 With Adjustments presents, in all material respects, the information required by the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation for the Liquid Fuels Tax Fund of the Township of Green, Forest County, for the period January 1, 2010 to December 31, 2011, 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 Green, Forest 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 Green, Forest County's Forms MS-965 that is more than inconsequential will not be prevented or detected by the Township of Green, Forest 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:

- Payment And Transfer In Error.

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 Green, Forest 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. However, we believe that the significant deficiency described above is not a material weakness.

The results of our tests disclosed the following instances of noncompliance that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*:

- Purchases Over \$10,000.00 In Noncompliance With Advertising And Bidding Requirements.
- Documentation For Price Quotations Was Not Available For Examination.

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



August 1, 2012

**EUGENE A. DEPASQUALE**  
Auditor General

TOWNSHIP OF GREEN  
FOREST COUNTY  
LIQUID FUELS TAX FUND  
2010 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	\$ 17,013.67	\$ (1,500.00)	\$ 15,513.67
Minor equipment purchases	1,010.68	918.30	1,928.98
Computer/Computer related training	-	-	-
Agility projects	-	-	-
Cleaning streets and gutters	-	-	-
Winter maintenance services	1,249.96	-	1,249.96
Traffic control devices	3,071.84	-	3,071.84
Street lighting	-	-	-
Storm sewers and drains	-	-	-
Repairs of tools and machinery	1,009.93	-	1,009.93
Maintenance and repair of roads and bridges	21,083.78	-	21,083.78
Highway construction and rebuilding projects	-	-	-
Miscellaneous (Note 5)	581.70	581.70	1,163.40
 Total (To Section 2, Line 5)	 <u>\$ 45,021.56</u>	 <u>\$ -</u>	 <u>\$ 45,021.56</u>

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



TOWNSHIP OF GREEN  
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2010 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, 2010	\$ 41,566.99	\$ -	\$ 41,566.99
Receipts:			
2. State allocation	23,121.95	-	23,121.95
2a. Turnback allocation	-	-	-
2b. Interest on investments (Note 3)	61.92	-	61.92
2c. Miscellaneous	-	-	-
3. Total receipts	<u>23,183.87</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>23,183.87</u>
4. Total funds available	<u>64,750.86</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>64,750.86</u>
5. Expenditures (Section 1)	<u>45,021.56</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>45,021.56</u>
6. Balance, December 31, 2010	<u>\$ 19,729.30</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 19,729.30</u>

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TOWNSHIP OF GREEN  
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2010 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	\$ 21,350.71	\$ -	\$ 21,350.71
2. Add: Current year equipment allocation (20% of Lines 2 + 2a, Section 2)	4,624.39	-	4,624.39
3. PENNDOT approved adjustments	-	-	-
4. Total funds available for equipment acquisition	25,975.10	-	25,975.10
5. Less: Major equipment expenditures	17,013.67	(1,500.00)	15,513.67
6. Remainder	<u>8,961.43</u>	<u>1,500.00</u>	<u>10,461.43</u>
7. Equipment balance available for subsequent year (Lesser of Line 6 or Section 2 balance, but not less than zero)	<u>\$ 8,961.43</u>	<u>\$ 1,500.00</u>	<u>\$ 10,461.43</u>

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2011 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	\$ 10,394.07	\$ (10,394.07)	\$ -
Minor equipment purchases	2,483.13	(1,171.81)	1,311.32
Computer/Computer related training	-	-	-
Agility projects	-	-	-
Cleaning streets and gutters	-	-	-
Winter maintenance services	2,062.16	49.56	2,111.72
Traffic control devices	255.17	-	255.17
Street lighting	-	-	-
Storm sewers and drains	-	1,992.80	1,992.80
Repairs of tools and machinery	3,521.16	10,394.07	13,915.23
Maintenance and repair of roads and bridges	18,945.77	(870.55)	18,075.22
Highway construction and rebuilding projects	-	-	-
Miscellaneous	-	-	-
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Total (To Section 2, Line 5)	<u>\$ 37,661.46</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 37,661.46</u>

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2011 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, 2011	\$ 19,729.30	\$ -	\$ 19,729.30
Receipts:			
2. State allocation	23,658.97	-	23,658.97
2a. Turnback allocation	-	-	-
2b. Interest on investments (Note 3)	14.57	-	14.57
2c. Miscellaneous (Finding No. 1)	<u>1,163.40</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,163.40</u>
3. Total receipts	<u>24,836.94</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>24,836.94</u>
4. Total funds available	<u>44,566.24</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>44,566.24</u>
5. Expenditures (Section 1)	<u>37,661.46</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>37,661.46</u>
6. Balance, December 31, 2011	<u>\$ 6,904.78</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 6,904.78</u>

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2011 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	\$ 8,961.43	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 10,461.43
2. Add: Current year equipment allocation (20% of Lines 2 + 2a, Section 2)	4,731.79	-	4,731.79
3. PENNDOT approved adjustments	-	-	-
4. Total funds available for equipment acquisition	13,693.22	1,500.00	15,193.22
5. Less: Major equipment expenditures	10,394.07	(10,394.07)	-
6. Remainder	<u>3,299.15</u>	<u>11,894.07</u>	<u>15,193.22</u>
7. Equipment balance available for subsequent year (Lesser of Line 6 or Section 2 balance, but not less than zero)	<u>\$ 3,299.15</u>	<u>\$ 3,605.63</u>	<u>\$ 6,904.78</u>

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NOTES TO FORMS MS-965 WITH ADJUSTMENTS  
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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, 2011. 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, 2011 consists of the following:

Cash	\$6,904.78
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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 \$61.92 during 2010, and \$14.57 during 2011, thus providing additional funds for road maintenance and repairs.

4. Adjustments

2010 - Section 1

Adjustments were made to “Major equipment purchases,” “Minor equipment purchases,” and “Miscellaneous” because expenditures of \$1,500.00 were misclassified.

2010 - Section 3

An adjustment of \$(1,500.00) was made to “Major equipment expenditures” to reflect the adjustment made to major equipment purchases in 2010 – Section 1.

2011 - Section 1

Adjustments were made to “Major equipment purchases” and “Repairs of tools and machinery” because expenditures of \$10,394.07 were misclassified.

Adjustments were made to “Minor equipment purchases,” “Winter maintenance services,” “Storm sewers and drains,” and “Maintenance and repair of roads and bridges” because expenditures of \$2,042.36 were misclassified.

2011 - Section 3

An adjustment of \$1,500.00 was made to “Prior year equipment balance” to reflect the adjustment made to the equipment balance in 2010 – Section 3.

An adjustment of \$(10,394.07) was made to “Major equipment expenditures” to reflect the adjustment made to major equipment purchases in 2011 – Section 1.

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Finding No. 1 – Payment And Transfer In Error

Our examination disclosed that on January 13, 2010, the municipality expended \$581.70 from its Liquid Fuels Tax Fund for a sewage invoice. On August 12, 2010, the municipality attempted to correct the error by transferring \$581.70 from its General Fund to its Liquid Fuels Tax Fund. However, the municipality transferred another \$581.70 from the Liquid Fuels Tax Fund to the General Fund in error. On January 14, 2011, the municipality transferred \$1,163.40 from the General Fund to its Liquid Fuels Tax Fund to correct both the payment in error and the transfer in error.

Although this money was reimbursed to the Liquid Fuels Tax Fund on January 14, 2011, the primary concern is the inadequate internal controls which enabled the payment and transfer in error to remain undetected for one year.

Good internal controls ensure that all payments and transfers are reviewed timely to payments and transfers in error. The failure to follow this procedure increases the possibility that payments and transfers in error can be made and go undetected for long periods of time.

Recommendation

We recommend that the municipality establish and implement internal controls to ensure vendor invoices are reviewed timely to avoid payments and transfers in error.

Management's Response

The secretary/treasurer stated:

The correction was made a year later only because the error wasn't detected until I was completing the reports for the previous year. No harm was meant or done nor any money missing. It was just an accounting error. I remember calling the state and ask how to handle it in my report. I will accept the finding if it is the final ruling of the state.

Auditor's Conclusion

During our next examination we will determine if the municipality complied with our recommendation.

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Finding No. 2 – Purchase Over \$10,000.00 In Noncompliance With Advertising  
And Bidding Requirements

Our examination disclosed that during 2010, the township expended \$38,761.00 for a 1993 IHC 4800 dump truck. Of that amount \$29,027.01 was paid from the General Fund and \$9,733.99 was paid from the Liquid Fuels Tax Fund. Because the total cost of the truck was over \$10,000.00, the township was required to advertise for bids. However, the township failed to advertise for bids for the purchase of the truck.

The above expenditure was not made in compliance with the advertising, bidding, and contract requirements of *The Second Class Township Code*, 53 P.S. § 68102(a), (also found at § 3102(a) of *The Second Class Township Code* as published by the Local Government Commission), which requires that purchases over \$10,000.00 must be advertised, bid, and awarded by contract. *The Second Class Township Code*, 53 P.S. § 68104(a), (also found at § 3104(a) of *The Second Class Township Code* as published by the Local Government Commission) further states that advertising, bidding and contract requirements should not be evaded through piecemeal purchases.

The failure to comply with *The Second Class Township Code* could result in the township having to reimburse \$9,733.99 to its Liquid Fuels Tax Fund.

Recommendations

We recommend that the township reimburse \$9,733.99 to its Liquid Fuels Tax Fund upon official notification by the Department of Transportation.

We further recommend that, in the future, the township comply with *The Second Class Township Code* as noted in this finding.

Management's Response

The secretary/treasurer stated:

We sent out for bid quotes but misplaced the information to prove such. We had all intentions to pay cash for the truck without using loans or grants. We closed out savings accounts that had not been touched in years. We never gave it a second thought that by closing out the state savings account to use in purchasing this truck, that it was not allowed.

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Finding No. 2 – Purchase Over \$10,000.00 In Noncompliance With Advertising  
And Bidding Requirements (Continued)

Auditor's Conclusion

Even though the Liquid Fuels Tax Fund portion of this expenditure was under the \$10,000.00 threshold, the entire purchase for the truck was more of \$10,000.00 and was required to be advertised and bid. The township was unable to provide us with documentation that the township advertised for bids. During our next examination we will determine if the municipality complied with our recommendations.

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Finding No. 3 - Documentation For Price Quotations Was Not Available For Examination

Our examination disclosed that the township expended \$5,841.13 during 2010 from the Liquid Fuels Tax Fund for the purchase of various types of stone. The township was required to obtain three written or telephonic price quotations for these expenditures. Although the municipality did obtain price quotations for these purchases, it could not provide us with documentation for price quotations from the vendor from which the stone was purchased. The stone purchases were as follows:

Invoice Number	Invoice Date	Check Number	Check Date	Amount
86579	04/24/10	1436	05/10/10	\$ 269.28
86677	05/01/10	1437	05/10/10	780.51
86919	05/15/10	1442	06/07/10	226.20
Unknown	Unknown	1442	06/07/10	301.44
87203	05/29/10	1453	07/13/10	1,326.64
87400	06/12/10	1453	07/13/10	1,001.82
95	09/09/10	1468	10/12/10	25.00
3269	09/30/10	1470	10/14/10	1,299.15
89761	10/23/10	1477	11/09/10	611.09
2010 Total				\$5,841.13

The above expenditures were not made in compliance with the contract requirements of *The Second Class Township Code*, 53 P.S. § 68102(b), (also found at § 3102(b) of *The Second Class Township Code* as published by the Local Government Commission), which states, in part:

Written or telephonic price quotations from at least three qualified and responsible contractors shall be requested for all contracts that exceed four thousand dollars (\$4,000.00) but are less than the amount [in excess of \$10,000.00] requiring advertisement and competitive bidding or, in lieu of price quotations, a memorandum shall be kept on file showing that fewer than three qualified contractors exist in the market area within which it is practicable to obtain quotations. A written record of telephonic price quotations shall be made and shall contain at least the date of the quotation, the name of the contractor and the contractor's representative, the construction, reconstruction, repair, maintenance or work which was the subject of the quotation and the price. Written price quotations, written records of telephonic price quotations and memoranda shall be retained for a period of three years.

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Finding No. 3 - Documentation For Price Quotations Was Not Available For Examination  
(Continued)

In addition, the above expenditures were not made in compliance with the Department of Transportation's *Publication 9*, Appendix D, Section 449.7(d), which states, in part:

...For material estimates between \$4,000 and \$10,000, three telephone price quotes shall be obtained prior to the selection of a supplier. In lieu of the price quotations, a memorandum shall be kept on file showing that fewer than three qualified contractors service the market area within which it is practicable to obtain quotations. If the cost during the year of an unadvertised item or group of like items ordinarily supplied by a single supplier exceeds \$10,000 or if the cost was between \$4,000 and \$10,000 and three price quotes were not obtained, the entire cost shall be ineligible for payment from the Liquid Fuels Tax Fund unless it can be shown to the satisfaction of the Secretary [of the Department of Transportation] that it was reasonably believed that the cost of the year's requirements of that item or group of like items would not exceed \$10,000 or be between \$4,000 and \$10,000 as specified above.

The failure to comply with *The Second Class Township Code* and the Department of Transportation's *Publication 9* could result in the township having to reimburse \$5,841.13 to its Liquid Fuels Tax Fund.

Recommendations

We recommend that the township reimburse \$5,841.13 to its Liquid Fuels Tax Fund upon official notification by the Department of Transportation.

We further recommend that, in the future, the township comply with *The Second Class Township Code* and the Department of Transportation's *Publication 9* as noted in this finding.

Management's Response

The secretary/treasurer stated:

We received quotes but variances in delivery costs due to gas prices made prices fluctuate.

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Finding No. 3 - Documentation For Price Quotations Was Not Available For Examination  
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Auditor's Conclusion

The municipality should ensure that price quotations are maintained from all vendors, including vendors that were and were not awarded bids. During our next examination we will determine if the municipality complied with our recommendations.

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SUMMARY OF EXIT CONFERENCE  
FOR THE PERIOD  
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An exit conference was held August 1, 2012. Those participating were:

TOWNSHIP OF GREEN

Mrs. Carla C. Woodside, Secretary/Treasurer

DEPARTMENT OF THE AUDITOR GENERAL

Mr. Joel S. Schwartz, Auditor

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



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