



**BOROUGH OF MORTON
DELAWARE COUNTY
23-416**

**LIQUID FUELS TAX FUND
EXAMINATION REPORT**

**FOR THE PERIOD
JANUARY 1, 2009 TO DECEMBER 31, 2012**

COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA

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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 Borough of Morton, Delaware County, for the period January 1, 2009 to December 31, 2012. 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 Borough of Morton, Delaware County's Forms MS-965 for the period January 1, 2009 to December 31, 2012 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 borough expended \$5,739.18 during 2009 and \$5,660.28 during 2011 from the Liquid Fuels Tax Fund for street light maintenance. However, documentation for price quotations was not available for examination. These amounts were reimbursed to the borough's Liquid Fuels Tax Fund on February 16, 2011 and January 8, 2013, respectively.

In our opinion, except for the matters discussed in the preceding paragraph, 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 Borough of Morton, Delaware County, for the period January 1, 2009 to December 31, 2012, 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 Borough of Morton, Delaware 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 Borough of Morton, Delaware County's Forms MS-965 that is more than inconsequential will not be prevented or detected by the Borough of Morton, Delaware 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:

- Inadequate Internal Control Over The Facsimile Signature Stamp - Recurring.

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 Borough of Morton, Delaware 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 the following instance of noncompliance that is required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*:

- Documentation For Price Quotations Was Not Available For Examination - Recurring.

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



EUGENE A. DEPASQUALE
Auditor General

April 18, 2013

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BOROUGH OF MORTON
DELAWARE COUNTY
LIQUID FUELS TAX FUND
BACKGROUND
FOR THE PERIOD
JANUARY 1, 2009 TO DECEMBER 31, 2012

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.

BOROUGH OF MORTON
 DELAWARE COUNTY
 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	3,073.31	-	3,073.31
Traffic control devices	1,139.51	-	1,139.51
Street lighting	30,738.93	-	30,738.93
Storm sewers and drains	-	-	-
Repairs of tools and machinery	758.94	-	758.94
Maintenance and repair of roads and bridges	13,610.43	1,122.89	14,733.32
Highway construction and rebuilding projects	30,000.00	-	30,000.00
Miscellaneous (Bank service charges)	1,122.89	(1,090.74)	32.15
 Total (To Section 2, Line 5)	 <u>\$ 80,444.01</u>	 <u>\$ 32.15</u>	 <u>\$ 80,476.16</u>

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

BOROUGH OF MORTON
 DELAWARE COUNTY
 LIQUID FUELS TAX FUND
 2009 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, 2009	\$ 52,681.80	\$ -	\$ 52,681.80
Receipts:			
2. State allocation	50,583.67	-	50,583.67
2a. Turnback allocation	-	-	-
2b. Interest on investments (Note 3)	164.03	-	164.03
2c. Miscellaneous (Note 5)	5,337.50	37.80	5,375.30
3. Total receipts	<u>56,085.20</u>	<u>37.80</u>	<u>56,123.00</u>
4. Total funds available	<u>108,767.00</u>	<u>37.80</u>	<u>108,804.80</u>
5. Expenditures (Section 1)	<u>80,444.01</u>	<u>32.15</u>	<u>80,476.16</u>
6. Balance, December 31, 2009	<u>\$ 28,322.99</u>	<u>\$ 5.65</u>	<u>\$ 28,328.64</u>

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BOROUGH OF MORTON
 DELAWARE COUNTY
 LIQUID FUELS TAX FUND
 2009 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	\$ 35,181.48	\$ -	\$ 35,181.48
2. Add: Current year equipment allocation (20% of Lines 2 + 2a, Section 2)	10,116.73	-	10,116.73
3. PENNDOT approved adjustments	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
4. Total funds available for equipment acquisition	45,298.21	-	45,298.21
5. Less: Major equipment expenditures	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
6. Remainder	<u>45,298.21</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>45,298.21</u>
7. Equipment balance available for subsequent year (Lesser of Line 6 or Section 2 balance, but not less than zero)	<u>\$ 28,322.99</u>	<u>\$ 5.65</u>	<u>\$ 28,328.64</u>

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BOROUGH OF MORTON
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 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	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Minor equipment purchases	-	-	-
Computer/Computer related training	-	-	-
Agility projects	-	-	-
Cleaning streets and gutters	357.44	-	357.44
Winter maintenance services	25,650.07	-	25,650.07
Traffic control devices	15,954.36	-	15,954.36
Street lighting	26,071.72	-	26,071.72
Storm sewers and drains	658.42	-	658.42
Repairs of tools and machinery	8,766.01	-	8,766.01
Maintenance and repair of roads and bridges	4,905.96	732.49	5,638.45
Highway construction and rebuilding projects	-	-	-
Miscellaneous	732.49	(732.49)	-
 Total (To Section 2, Line 5)	 <u>\$ 83,096.47</u>	 <u>\$ -</u>	 <u>\$ 83,096.47</u>

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BOROUGH OF MORTON
 DELAWARE COUNTY
 LIQUID FUELS TAX FUND
 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	\$ 28,328.64	\$ -	\$ 28,328.64
Receipts:			
2. State allocation	48,627.73	-	48,627.73
2a. Turnback allocation	-	-	-
2b. Interest on investments (Note 3)	78.84	-	78.84
2c. Miscellaneous (Note 5)	23,007.34	-	23,007.34
3. Total receipts	<u>71,713.91</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>71,713.91</u>
4. Total funds available	<u>100,042.55</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>100,042.55</u>
5. Expenditures (Section 1)	<u>83,096.47</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>83,096.47</u>
6. Balance, December 31, 2010	<u>\$ 16,946.08</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 16,946.08</u>

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 DELAWARE COUNTY
 LIQUID FUELS TAX FUND
 2010 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	\$ 28,328.64	\$ -	\$ 28,328.64
2. Add: Current year equipment allocation (20% of Lines 2 + 2a, Section 2)	9,725.55	-	9,725.55
3. PENNDOT approved adjustments	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
4. Total funds available for equipment acquisition	38,054.19	-	38,054.19
5. Less: Major equipment expenditures	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
6. Remainder	<u>38,054.19</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>38,054.19</u>
7. Equipment balance available for subsequent year (Lesser of Line 6 or Section 2 balance, but not less than zero)	<u>\$ 16,946.08</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 16,946.08</u>

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BOROUGH OF MORTON
 DELAWARE COUNTY
 LIQUID FUELS TAX FUND
 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	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Minor equipment purchases	-	-	-
Computer/Computer related training	-	-	-
Agility projects	-	-	-
Cleaning streets and gutters	835.94	-	835.94
Winter maintenance services	10,842.08	-	10,842.08
Traffic control devices	1,926.30	-	1,926.30
Street lighting	28,226.75	-	28,226.75
Storm sewers and drains	-	-	-
Repairs of tools and machinery	2,052.29	200.26	2,252.55
Maintenance and repair of roads and bridges	12,194.82	356.13	12,550.95
Highway construction and rebuilding projects	-	-	-
Miscellaneous	1,480.39	(1,480.39)	-
	<u>1,480.39</u>	<u>(1,480.39)</u>	<u>-</u>
Total (To Section 2, Line 5)	<u>\$ 57,558.57</u>	<u>\$ (924.00)</u>	<u>\$ 56,634.57</u>

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 LIQUID FUELS TAX FUND
 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	\$ 16,946.08	\$ -	\$ 16,946.08
Receipts:			
2. State allocation	50,018.38	-	50,018.38
2a. Turnback allocation	-	-	-
2b. Interest on investments (Note 3)	.42	-	.42
2c. Miscellaneous (Note 5)	13,817.13	-	13,817.13
3. Total receipts	<u>63,835.93</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>63,835.93</u>
4. Total funds available	<u>80,782.01</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>80,782.01</u>
5. Expenditures (Section 1)	<u>57,558.57</u>	<u>(924.00)</u>	<u>56,634.57</u>
6. Balance, December 31, 2011	<u><u>\$ 23,223.44</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 924.00</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 24,147.44</u></u>

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BOROUGH OF MORTON
 DELAWARE COUNTY
 LIQUID FUELS TAX FUND
 2011 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	\$ 16,946.08	\$ -	\$ 16,946.08
2. Add: Current year equipment allocation (20% of Lines 2 + 2a, Section 2)	10,003.68	-	10,003.68
3. PENNDOT approved adjustments	-	-	-
4. Total funds available for equipment acquisition	26,949.76	-	26,949.76
5. Less: Major equipment expenditures	-	-	-
6. Remainder	<u>26,949.76</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>26,949.76</u>
7. Equipment balance available for subsequent year (Lesser of Line 6 or Section 2 balance, but not less than zero)	<u>\$ 23,223.44</u>	<u>\$ 924.00</u>	<u>\$ 24,147.44</u>

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BOROUGH OF MORTON
 DELAWARE COUNTY
 LIQUID FUELS TAX FUND
 2012 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	328.14	-	328.14
Computer/Computer related training	-	-	-
Agility projects	-	-	-
Cleaning streets and gutters	868.62	-	868.62
Winter maintenance services	1,388.16	-	1,388.16
Traffic control devices	2,822.87	-	2,822.87
Street lighting	25,251.68	-	25,251.68
Storm sewers and drains	267.59	-	267.59
Repairs of tools and machinery	229.97	-	229.97
Maintenance and repair of roads and bridges	3,946.01	(76.00)	3,870.01
Highway construction and rebuilding projects	-	-	-
Miscellaneous	-	-	-
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Total (To Section 2, Line 5)	<u>\$ 35,103.04</u>	<u>\$ (76.00)</u>	<u>\$ 35,027.04</u>

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BOROUGH OF MORTON
 DELAWARE COUNTY
 LIQUID FUELS TAX FUND
 2012 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, 2012	\$ 24,223.44	\$ (76.00)	\$ 24,147.44
Receipts:			
2. State allocation	49,889.87	-	49,889.87
2a. Turnback allocation	-	-	-
2b. Interest on investments (Note 3)	86.40	-	86.40
2c. Miscellaneous	-	-	-
3. Total receipts	<u>49,976.27</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>49,976.27</u>
4. Total funds available	<u>74,199.71</u>	<u>(76.00)</u>	<u>74,123.71</u>
5. Expenditures (Section 1)	<u>35,103.04</u>	<u>(76.00)</u>	<u>35,027.04</u>
6. Balance, December 31, 2012	<u><u>\$ 39,096.67</u></u>	<u><u>\$ -</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 39,096.67</u></u>

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BOROUGH OF MORTON
 DELAWARE COUNTY
 LIQUID FUELS TAX FUND
 2012 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	\$ 24,223.44	\$ (76.00)	\$ 24,147.44
2. Add: Current year equipment allocation (20% of Lines 2 + 2a, Section 2)	9,977.97	-	9,977.97
3. PENNDOT approved adjustments	-	-	-
4. Total funds available for equipment acquisition	34,201.41	(76.00)	34,125.41
5. Less: Major equipment expenditures	-	-	-
6. Remainder	<u>34,201.41</u>	<u>(76.00)</u>	<u>34,125.41</u>
7. Equipment balance available for subsequent year (Lesser of Line 6 or Section 2 balance, but not less than zero)	<u>\$ 34,201.41</u>	<u>\$ (76.00)</u>	<u>\$ 34,125.41</u>

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BOROUGH OF MORTON
DELAWARE COUNTY
LIQUID FUELS TAX FUND
NOTES TO FORMS MS-965 WITH ADJUSTMENTS
FOR THE PERIOD
JANUARY 1, 2009 TO DECEMBER 31, 2012

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 prior to 2012 and in excess of \$10,000.00 during 2012 and subsequent years.
- Minor equipment purchases are purchases of road machinery and road equipment that cost \$4,000.00 or less prior to 2012 and \$10,000.00 or less during 2012 and subsequent years.
- 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.

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NOTES TO FORMS MS-965 WITH ADJUSTMENTS
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1. Criteria (Continued)

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.

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.

BOROUGH OF MORTON
DELAWARE COUNTY
LIQUID FUELS TAX FUND
NOTES TO FORMS MS-965 WITH ADJUSTMENTS
FOR THE PERIOD
JANUARY 1, 2009 TO DECEMBER 31, 2012

1. Criteria (Continued)

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.

2. Deposits

The Borough Code, Title 53 P.S § 46316, authorizes the borough 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, 2012. 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.

BOROUGH OF MORTON
DELAWARE COUNTY
LIQUID FUELS TAX FUND
NOTES TO FORMS MS-965 WITH ADJUSTMENTS
FOR THE PERIOD
JANUARY 1, 2009 TO DECEMBER 31, 2012

2. Deposits (Continued)

Fund Balance

The fund balance as of December 31, 2012 consists of the following:

Cash	\$39,096.67
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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 \$164.03 during 2009, \$78.84 during 2010, \$.42 during 2011, and \$86.40 during 2012 thus providing additional funds for road maintenance and repairs.

4. Adjustments

2009 - Section 1

An adjustment of \$1,122.89 was made to “Maintenance and repair of roads and bridges” because these expenditures were misclassified as miscellaneous.

An adjustment of \$(1,090.74) was made to “Miscellaneous” because expenditures of \$1,122.89 for maintenance and repair of roads and bridges were misclassified and bank service charges of \$32.15 were not reported.

2009 - Section 2

An adjustment of \$37.80 was made to “Miscellaneous” because a reimbursement for a payment in error was not reported.

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4. Adjustments (Continued)

2010 - Section 1

Adjustments were made to “Maintenance and repair of roads and bridges” and “Miscellaneous” because expenditures of \$732.49 were misclassified.

2011 - Section 1

An adjustment of \$200.26 was made to “Repairs of tools and machinery” because these expenditures were misclassified as miscellaneous.

An adjustment of \$356.13 was made to “Maintenance and repair of roads and bridges” because expenditures of \$280.13 were misclassified as miscellaneous and check No. 3766 for \$76.00 was issued in 2011 but was incorrectly reported as an expenditure in 2012.

An adjustment of \$(1,480.39) was made to “Miscellaneous” because expenditures of \$200.26 for repairs of tools and machinery and \$280.13 for maintenance and repair of roads and bridges were misclassified. Additionally, a transfer of \$1,000.00 between two Liquid Fuels Tax Fund accounts was incorrectly reported as an expenditure.

2012 - Section 1

An adjustment of \$(76.00) was made to “Maintenance and repair of roads and bridges” because check No. 3766 was issued in 2011 but was incorrectly reported as an expenditure in 2012.

2012 - Section 2

An adjustment of \$(76.00) was made to “Balance, January 1, 2012” because an incorrect fund balance was carried forward.

2012 - Section 3

An adjustment of \$(76.00) was made to “Prior year equipment balance” because an incorrect equipment balance was carried forward.

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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>2009</u>	<u>2010</u>	<u>2011</u>
General Fund	Reimbursement (Comment)	\$5,337.50	\$ -	\$ -
Vendor	Reimbursement for road materials	37.80	-	-
Commonwealth of Pennsylvania	Severe weather assistance	-	8,186.98	-
Insurance company	Reimbursement for damages	-	14,820.36	-
General Fund	Reimbursement (Finding No. 2)	-	-	5,739.18
Vendor	Rebate for traffic light electricity	-	-	8,077.95
	Totals	<u>\$5,375.30</u>	<u>\$23,007.34</u>	<u>\$13,817.13</u>

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Finding No. 1 - Inadequate Internal Control Over The Facsimile Signature Stamp - Recurring

We cited the municipality for the inadequate control over the facsimile signature stamp in our prior examination for the period ending December 31, 2008, and we are citing the municipality again in the current examination. Our current examination disclosed a significant weakness in the municipality's internal control that requires at least two authorized signatures on checks drawn on the Liquid Fuels Tax Fund. The authorized signatures are the president of council and the director of finance and administration. This control was circumvented in each instance that someone applied a facsimile signature stamp that included the signatures of the president of council and the director of finance and administration. Additionally, the facsimile signature stamp is kept on top of a file cabinet in the borough office, which makes it available to anyone.

Good internal controls require that there are at least two authorized signatures on checks drawn on the Liquid Fuels Tax Fund. If a facsimile signature stamp represents any of the authorized signatures, then the municipal official whose signature is represented on each stamp and only that municipal official should apply the stamp and safeguard it to prevent unauthorized use. Facsimile signature stamps should not contain multiple signatures. Without this control, the risk that errors or misappropriations may occur and remain undetected increases significantly.

This condition occurred because the municipality did not comply with the prior recommendations to establish and implement an adequate system of internal controls over disbursements.

Recommendation

We again strongly recommend that the municipality establish and implement an adequate system of internal controls over disbursements. This includes ensuring that there are at least two authorized signatures on checks and that if the facsimile signature stamp of the municipal officials is used, each municipal official have their own stamp and the stamp should be maintained and applied by the municipal official whose name is represented on the stamp.

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(Continued)

Management's Response

The borough secretary stated:

We agree with the finding.

Auditor's Conclusion

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

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Finding No. 2 - Documentation For Price Quotations Was Not Available For Examination -
Recurring

We cited the municipality for not maintaining documentation for price quotations in our prior examination for the period ending December 31, 2008, and are citing the municipality in the current examination. Our current examination disclosed that the borough expended \$5,739.18 during 2009 and \$5,660.28 during 2011 from the Liquid Fuels Tax Fund for street light maintenance. The borough was required to obtain three written or telephonic price quotations for these expenditures. However, documentation for price quotations was not available for examination.

The above expenditures were not made in compliance with the contract requirements of *The Borough Code*, 53 P.S. § 46402(a.1), (also found at § 1402(a.1) of *The Borough 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.

On February 16, 2011 and January 8, 2013, the borough reimbursed \$5,739.18 and \$5,660.28, respectively, to its Liquid Fuels Tax Fund.

This condition occurred because the municipality did not comply with our prior recommendation to maintain documentation for price quotations as noted in *The Borough Code* and the Department of Transportation's *Publication 9*.

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Finding No. 2 - Documentation For Price Quotations Was Not Available For Examination -
Recurring (Continued)

Recommendation

We again strongly recommend that, in the future, the borough comply with *The Borough Code* and the Department of Transportation's *Publication 9*. The threshold for obtaining price quotations was increased to purchases between \$4,000.00 and \$10,000.00 for 2012 and subsequent years.

Management's Response

The borough secretary stated:

We agree with the finding.

Auditor's Conclusion

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

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Comment - Summary Of Prior Examination Recommendations

In our prior report we noted that the municipality expended \$5,000.00 from its Liquid Fuels Tax Fund for a failure to maintain documentation for price quotations. A similar finding was also written in our current report (see Finding No. 2).

During our current examination, we noted that the municipality reimbursed \$5,337.50 to its Liquid Fuels Tax Fund on March 3, 2009, which is \$337.50 more than the required amount.

In our prior report we recommended that the municipality ensure that its Forms MS-965 are complete and accurate.

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

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SUMMARY OF EXIT CONFERENCE
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An exit conference was held April 18, 2013. Those participating were:

BOROUGH OF MORTON

Ms. Martha L. Preston, Secretary

DEPARTMENT OF THE AUDITOR GENERAL

Mr. Stephen P. Stoppie, Auditor

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

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