

# ATTESTATION ENGAGEMENT

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Township of Springfield  
Huntingdon County, Pennsylvania  
31-222

Liquid Fuels Tax Fund  
For the Period  
January 1, 2013 to December 31, 2015

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### Independent Auditor's Report

The Honorable Leslie Richards  
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 Springfield, Huntingdon County, for the period January 1, 2013 to December 31, 2015. 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 Springfield, Huntingdon County's Forms MS-965 for the period January 1, 2013 to December 31, 2015 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 municipality expended \$8,195.00 on March 7, 2014, for an invoice dated September 26, 2013, which is a retroactive expenditure.

In our opinion, except for the matter 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 Township of Springfield, Huntingdon County, for the period January 1, 2013 to December 31, 2015, in conformity with the criteria set forth in Note 1.

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we are required to report all deficiencies that are considered to be significant deficiencies or material weaknesses in internal control; fraud and noncompliance with provisions of laws or regulations that have a material effect on the Forms MS-965; and any other instances that warrant the attention of those charged with governance; noncompliance with provisions of contracts or grant agreements, and abuse that has a material effect on the Forms MS-965. We are also required to obtain and report the views of responsible officials concerning the findings, conclusions, and recommendations, as well as any planned corrective actions. 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 internal control over reporting on the Forms MS-965 or on compliance and other matters; accordingly, we express no such opinions.

*A deficiency in internal control* 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 and correct, misstatements on a timely basis. *A material weakness* is a deficiency, or combination of deficiencies, in internal control such that there is a reasonable possibility that a material misstatement of the Forms MS-965 will not be prevented, or detected and corrected, on a timely basis. *A significant deficiency* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control that is less severe than a material weakness, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance.

Our consideration of internal control over reporting on the Forms MS-965 was for the limited purpose of expressing an opinion on whether the Forms MS-965 are presented in accordance with the criteria described above and would not necessarily identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies. Given these limitations, during our engagement we did not identify any deficiencies in internal control that we consider to be material weaknesses. However, material weaknesses may exist that have not been identified.

Independent Auditor's Report (Continued)

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the Forms MS-965 are free from material misstatement, we performed tests of Township of Springfield, Huntingdon County's compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the determination of amounts on the Forms MS-965. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our engagement, and accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed the following instances of noncompliance that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*:

- Noncompliance With Advertising And Bidding Requirements.
- Retroactive Expenditure.

We also noted a matter that, while not required to be included in this report by *Government Auditing Standards*, has been included in the finding below:

- Late Receipt Of Allocations.

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

We appreciate the courtesy extended by the Township of Springfield, Huntingdon County, to us during the course of our examination. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Michael B. Kashishian, CPA, CGAP, CFE, Director, Bureau of County Audits, at 717-787-1363.



Eugene A. DePasquale  
Auditor General

April 18, 2016

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TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD  
HUNTINGDON COUNTY  
LIQUID FUELS TAX FUND  
BACKGROUND  
FOR THE PERIOD  
JANUARY 1, 2013 TO DECEMBER 31, 2015

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.

TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD  
HUNTINGDON COUNTY  
LIQUID FUELS TAX FUND  
2013 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	\$ 12,715.99	\$ -	\$ 12,715.99
Minor equipment purchases	-	-	-
Computer/Computer related training	-	-	-
Agility projects	-	-	-
Cleaning streets and gutters	-	-	-
Winter maintenance services	791.29	-	791.29
Traffic control devices	-	-	-
Street lighting	-	-	-
Storm sewers and drains	-	-	-
Repairs of tools and machinery	-	-	-
Maintenance and repair of roads and bridges	58,057.15	-	58,057.15
Highway construction and rebuilding projects	-	-	-
Miscellaneous (Bank service charges)	-	30.00	30.00
 Total (To Section 2, Line 5)	 <u>\$ 71,564.43</u>	 <u>\$ 30.00</u>	 <u>\$ 71,594.43</u>

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

TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD  
HUNTINGDON COUNTY  
LIQUID FUELS TAX FUND  
2013 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, 2013	\$ 15,329.30	\$ -	\$ 15,329.30
Receipts:			
2. State allocation	71,417.00	-	71,417.00
2a. Turnback allocation	-	-	-
2b. Interest on investments (Note 3)	20.63	-	20.63
2c. Miscellaneous (Note5)	-	1,702.44	1,702.44
3. Total receipts	<u>71,437.63</u>	<u>1,702.44</u>	<u>73,140.07</u>
4. Total funds available	<u>86,766.93</u>	<u>1,702.44</u>	<u>88,469.37</u>
5. Expenditures (Section 1)	<u>71,564.43</u>	<u>30.00</u>	<u>71,594.43</u>
6. Balance, December 31, 2013	<u>\$ 15,202.50</u>	<u>\$ 1,672.44</u>	<u>\$ 16,874.94</u>

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TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD  
HUNTINGDON COUNTY  
LIQUID FUELS TAX FUND  
2013 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	\$ 15,329.30	\$ (15,329.30)	\$ -
2. Add: Current year equipment allocation (20% of Lines 2 + 2a, Section 2)	14,283.40	-	14,283.40
3. PENNDOT approved adjustments	-	-	-
4. Total funds available for equipment acquisition	29,612.70	(15,329.30)	14,283.40
5. Less: Major equipment expenditures	12,715.99	-	12,715.99
6. Remainder	16,896.71	(15,329.30)	1,567.41
7. Equipment balance available for subsequent year (Lesser of Line 6 or Section 2 balance, but not less than zero)	\$ 15,202.50	\$ (13,635.09)	\$ 1,567.41

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TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD  
HUNTINGDON COUNTY  
LIQUID FUELS TAX FUND  
2014 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	\$ -	\$ 12,049.23	\$ 12,049.23
Minor equipment purchases	-	-	-
Computer/Computer related training	-	-	-
Agility projects	-	-	-
Cleaning streets and gutters	-	-	-
Winter maintenance services	-	-	-
Traffic control devices	-	-	-
Street lighting	-	-	-
Storm sewers and drains	-	-	-
Repairs of tools and machinery	-	-	-
Maintenance and repair of roads and bridges	51,878.02	-	51,878.02
Highway construction and rebuilding projects	-	-	-
Miscellaneous (Bank service charges)	12,049.23	(12,019.23)	30.00
 Total (To Section 2, Line 5)	 <u>\$ 63,927.25</u>	 <u>\$ 30.00</u>	 <u>\$ 63,957.25</u>

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TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD  
HUNTINGDON COUNTY  
LIQUID FUELS TAX FUND  
2014 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, 2014	\$ 16,874.94	\$ -	\$ 16,874.94
Receipts:			
2. State allocation	76,901.06	-	76,901.06
2a. Turnback allocation	-	-	-
2b. Interest on investments (Note 3)	40.10	-	40.10
2c. Miscellaneous (Note 5)	-	3.78	3.78
3. Total receipts	<u>76,941.16</u>	<u>3.78</u>	<u>76,944.94</u>
4. Total funds available	<u>93,816.10</u>	<u>3.78</u>	<u>93,819.88</u>
5. Expenditures (Section 1)	<u>63,927.25</u>	<u>30.00</u>	<u>63,957.25</u>
6. Balance, December 31, 2014	<u>\$ 29,888.85</u>	<u>\$ (26.22)</u>	<u>\$ 29,862.63</u>

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

TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD  
HUNTINGDON COUNTY  
LIQUID FUELS TAX FUND  
2014 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	\$ 1,567.41	\$ -	\$ 1,567.41
2. Add: Current year equipment allocation (20% of Lines 2 + 2a, Section 2)	15,380.21	-	15,380.21
3. PENNDOT approved adjustments	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
4. Total funds available for equipment acquisition	16,947.62	-	16,947.62
5. Less: Major equipment expenditures	<u>-</u>	<u>12,049.23</u>	<u>12,049.23</u>
6. Remainder	<u>16,947.62</u>	<u>(12,049.23)</u>	<u>4,898.39</u>
7. Equipment balance available for subsequent year (Lesser of Line 6 or Section 2 balance, but not less than zero)	<u>\$ 16,947.62</u>	<u>\$ (12,049.23)</u>	<u>\$ 4,898.39</u>

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TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD  
HUNTINGDON COUNTY  
LIQUID FUELS TAX FUND  
2015 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	10,303.70	20.00	10,323.70
Computer/Computer related training	-	-	-
Agility projects	-	-	-
Cleaning streets and gutters	-	-	-
Winter maintenance services	-	-	-
Traffic control devices	-	-	-
Street lighting	-	-	-
Storm sewers and drains	-	-	-
Repairs of tools and machinery	-	-	-
Maintenance and repair of roads and bridges	91,005.79	-	91,005.79
Highway construction and rebuilding projects	-	-	-
Miscellaneous (Bank service charges)	-	180.00	180.00
 Total (To Section 2, Line 5)	 <u>\$ 101,309.49</u>	 <u>\$ 200.00</u>	 <u>\$ 101,509.49</u>

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TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD  
HUNTINGDON COUNTY  
LIQUID FUELS TAX FUND  
2015 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, 2015	\$ 29,888.85	\$ (26.22)	\$ 29,862.63
Receipts:			
2. State allocation	84,654.63	-	84,654.63
2a. Turnback allocation	-	-	-
2b. Interest on investments (Note 3)	51.87	3.29	55.16
2c. Miscellaneous (Note 5)	-	180.00	180.00
3. Total receipts	<u>84,706.50</u>	<u>183.29</u>	<u>84,889.79</u>
4. Total funds available	<u>114,595.35</u>	<u>157.07</u>	<u>114,752.42</u>
5. Expenditures (Section 1)	<u>101,309.49</u>	<u>200.00</u>	<u>101,509.49</u>
6. Balance, December 31, 2015	<u>\$ 13,285.86</u>	<u>\$ (42.93)</u>	<u>\$ 13,242.93</u>

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

TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD  
HUNTINGDON COUNTY  
LIQUID FUELS TAX FUND  
2015 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	\$ 16,947.62	\$ (12,049.23)	\$ 4,898.39
2. Add: Current year equipment allocation (20% of Lines 2 + 2a, Section 2)	16,930.93	-	16,930.93
3. PENNDOT approved adjustments	-	-	-
4. Total funds available for equipment acquisition	33,878.55	(12,049.23)	21,829.32
5. Less: Major equipment expenditures	-	-	-
6. Remainder	<u>33,878.55</u>	<u>(12,049.23)</u>	<u>21,829.32</u>
7. Equipment balance available for subsequent year (Lesser of Line 6 or Section 2 balance, but not less than zero)	<u>\$ 13,285.86</u>	<u>\$ (42.93)</u>	<u>\$ 13,242.93</u>

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

TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD  
HUNTINGDON COUNTY  
LIQUID FUELS TAX FUND  
NOTES TO FORMS MS-965 WITH ADJUSTMENTS  
FOR THE PERIOD  
JANUARY 1, 2013 TO DECEMBER 31, 2015

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 with varying yearly costs in excess of the amounts indicated below:

2012	2013	2014	2015
\$10,000.00	\$10,200.00	\$10,300.00	\$10,500.00

- Minor equipment purchases are purchases of road machinery and road equipment with varying yearly costs, or less, than the amounts indicated below:

2012	2013	2014	2015
\$10,000.00	\$10,200.00	\$10,300.00	\$10,500.00

- 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 was received from the Department of Transportation during the first week in April of each year through 2013. Municipalities began receiving the state allocation in March of each year beginning in 2014. The amount the municipality receives is based half on its population and half on its road mileage.
- The turnback allocation was received from the Department of Transportation during the first week in April of each year through 2013. Municipalities began receiving the turnback allocation in March of each year beginning in 2014. 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.

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1. Criteria (Continued)

Section 2 (Continued)

- 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.

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.

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

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.

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 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.

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2. Deposits (Continued)

There were no deposits exposed to custodial credit risk as of December 31, 2015. 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, 2015 consists of the following:

Cash	<u>\$13,242.93</u>
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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 \$20.63 during 2013, \$40.10 during 2014, and \$55.16 during 2015, thus providing additional funds for road maintenance and repairs.

4. Adjustments

2013 - Section 1

An adjustment of \$30.00 was made to "Miscellaneous" because bank service charges were not reported.

2013 - Section 2

An adjustment of \$1,702.44 was made to "Miscellaneous" because a reimbursement from the General Fund was not reported.

2013 - Section 3

An adjustment of \$(15,329.30) was made to "Prior year equipment balance" because prior report adjustments were not carried forward in the equipment balance.

2014 - Section 1

An adjustment of \$12,019.23 was made to "Major equipment purchases" because these expenditures were misclassified as miscellaneous.

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4. Adjustments (Continued)

2014 - Section 1 (Continued)

An adjustment of \$(12,019.23) was made to “Miscellaneous” because expenditures of \$12,049.23 for major equipment purchases were misclassified and bank service charges of \$30.00 were not reported.

2014 - Section 2

An adjustment of \$3.78 was made to “Miscellaneous” because a reimbursement from the General Fund was not reported.

2014 - Section 3

An adjustment of \$12,049.23 was made to “Major equipment expenditures” to reflect the adjustment made to major equipment purchases in 2014 - Section 1.

2015 - Section 1

An adjustment of \$20.00 was made to “Minor equipment purchases” because these expenditures were understated.

An adjustment of \$180.00 was made to “Miscellaneous” because bank service charges were not reported.

2015 - Section 2

An adjustment of \$(26.22) was made to “Balance, January 1, 2015” to reflect the adjustment made to the fund balance in 2014 - Section 2.

An adjustment of \$3.29 was made to “Interest on investments” because interest earnings were understated.

An adjustment of \$180.00 was made to “Miscellaneous” because the reimbursement of bank service charges was not reported.

2015 - Section 3

An adjustment of \$(12,049.23) was made to “Prior year equipment balance” to reflect the adjustment made to the equipment balance in 2014 - Section 3.

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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>2013</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>2015</u>
General Fund	Reimbursement (Summary Of Prior Examination Recommendation)	\$1,702.44	\$ -	\$ -
Financial Institution	Reimbursement of loan overpayment (Note 6)	-	3.78	-
Financial Institution	Reimbursement for bank service charges	-	-	180.00
Totals		<u>\$1,702.44</u>	<u>\$3.78</u>	<u>\$180.00</u>

6. Bank Loan

On July 25, 2011, the municipality purchased a 2011 Ford F550 truck for \$57,429.00. The municipality made a down payment of \$6,000.00 on that date and an additional down payment of \$17,429.00 during 2012 from the Liquid Fuels Tax Fund. The municipality borrowed the balance of \$34,000.00 from Clearfield Bank & Trust Company. The term of the loan was for three years at an interest rate of 6.0 percent. Principal of \$11,333.33, plus accrued interest, are due annually. Prior years' principal and interest payments from the Liquid Fuels Tax Fund were \$11,333.33 and \$895.33, respectively.

During the current examination period, the municipality paid principal of \$22,666.67 and interest of \$2,094.77 from the Liquid Fuels Tax Fund. These amounts are reflected in major equipment purchases on the 2013 and 2014 Forms MS-965 - Section 1. Additionally, during 2014 the municipality overpaid the interest by \$3.78, which was reimbursed to the Liquid Fuels Tax Fund on April 29, 2014. The loan was paid-in-full on April 29, 2014.

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**Finding No. 1 - Noncompliance With Advertising And Bidding Requirements**

Our examination disclosed that the municipality expended \$23,872.12 during 2013 from the Liquid Fuels Tax Fund for the purchase of DSA (driving service aggregate). Although the municipality advertised for bids for stone, DSA was not included in the bid. These expenditures were as follows:

<u>Invoice Number</u>	<u>Invoice Date</u>	<u>Check Number</u>	<u>Check Date</u>	<u>Amount</u>
274452	05/21/13	1068	05/21/13	\$ 3,924.59
280470	05/29/13	1068	05/29/13	3,116.07
289404	06/11/13	1070	06/11/13	508.47
292986	06/18/13	1070	06/18/13	4,380.47
292986	06/18/13	1070	06/18/13	2,575.83
299209	06/24/13	1070	06/24/13	1,777.62
354108	06/26/13	1070	06/26/13	634.08
314160	07/15/13	1070	07/15/13	1,003.40
34859	08/26/13	1075	08/26/13	2,095.98
373937	09/24/13	1079	09/24/13	2,961.71
387084	10/07/13	1079	10/07/13	204.50
461	10/14/13	1080	10/14/13	480.00
416127	11/12/13	1081	11/12/13	209.40
Total				<u>\$23,872.12</u>

The above expenditures were 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 \$18,500.00 during 2012 must be advertised, bid, and awarded by contract. The bidding threshold increased to purchases over \$18,900.00 for 2013, \$19,100.00 for 2014, and \$19,400.00 for 2015 and 2016. *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.

We noted a letter dated August 12, 2014, from the Department of Transportation informing the municipality that reimbursement for these expenditures to its Liquid Fuels Tax Fund would not be required.

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**Finding No. 1 - Noncompliance With Advertising And Bidding Requirements (Continued)**

Recommendation

We recommend that, in the future, the municipality complies with *The Second Class Township Code* as noted in this finding.

Management's Response

The township officials stated:

The advertising of these bids was done, but we have no newspaper proof as it was labeled as a different stone.

Auditor's Conclusion

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

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**Finding No. 2 - Retroactive Expenditure**

Our examination disclosed that the municipality expended \$8,195.00 on March 7, 2014, for an invoice dated September 26, 2013, which is a retroactive expenditure.

The Department of Transportation's *Publication 9* contains the policies and procedures for the administration of the Liquid Fuels Tax Fund. *Publication 9*, Chapter Two, Section 2.7.2, states, in relevant part:

Examples of what Liquid Fuels Tax Fund monies may not be expended for are:

8. Repayments of prior year's expenditures.
17. Retroactive expenditures or repayment of other funds for prior period expenditures.

Because this expenditure was incurred on September 26, 2013, and was not paid until March 7, 2014, the expenditure incurred was not paid in a reasonable period of time. Therefore, the municipality did not comply with the Department of Transportation's *Publication 9*.

The failure to follow the Department of Transportation's *Publication 9* as noted above could result in the municipality having to reimburse \$8,195.00 to its Liquid Fuels Tax Fund.

**Recommendations**

We recommend that the municipality reimburse \$8,195.00 to its Liquid Fuels Tax Fund upon official notification by the Department of Transportation.

We further recommend that, in the future, the municipality complies with the Department of Transportation's *Publication 9* as noted above.

**Management's Response**

The municipal officials stated:

We did not have Liquid Fuels funds to completely pay roadwork bill that was done in the fall. We had to pay insurance, fire company workers compensation, and other bills out of the General Fund, so we paid this bill after the New Year when we got the allocation money.

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**Finding No. 2 - Retroactive Expenditure (Continued)**

Auditor's Conclusion

The Department of Transportation's *Publication 9* does not permit Liquid Fuels Tax Fund money to be used to pay prior year expenditures. The Department of Transportation will determine if reimbursement will be required for this finding. During our next examination we will determine if the municipality complied with our recommendations.

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**Finding No. 3 - Late Receipt Of Allocations**

Our examination disclosed that the 2014 and 2015 Liquid Fuels Tax Fund allocations of \$76,901.06 and \$84,654.63, respectively, which should have been distributed from the Department of Transportation to the municipality during the first week of March of each year, were not received until April 29, 2014, and April 23, 2015, respectively, because the municipality failed to comply with the Department of Transportation's *Publication 9*, Chapter Two, Section 2.4, which states:

To qualify for the annual liquid fuels tax allocation, a municipality shall:

- Submit annual reports (MS-965, Actual Use Report, MS-965P, Project and Miscellaneous Receipts, and MS-965S, Record of Checks).
- Make deposits and payments or expenditures in compliance with the Act 655. Failure to do so may result in not receiving allocations from PENNDOT until all discrepancies are resolved.
- Submit the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development's (DCED) Report of Elected and Appointed Officials by January 31<sup>st</sup> and the Survey of Financial Condition by March 15<sup>th</sup>.
- Ensure resolution of all Contractor Responsibility Program (CRP) holds and blocks imposed by the Department of Revenue and the Department of Labor and Industry.

Because the municipality failed to file documents and information timely as noted above, the municipality did not have use of the 2014 and 2015 allocations for more than one month. Furthermore, had the allocations been received timely, money may have been available for investment purposes, potentially earning interest income which could have been used for road maintenance and repairs.

**Recommendation**

We recommend that, in the future, the municipality complies with the Department of Transportation's *Publication 9* to ensure that the allocations are received during the first week in March as outlined above.

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**Finding No. 3 - Late Receipt Of Allocations (Continued)**

Management's Response

The municipal officials stated:

We have gotten late allocations from PennDot for the last two years and we have set up for the allocations to be directly deposited into our state account. We are still getting paper checks late. Our MS-965s have been approved and sent in timely as well.

Auditor's Conclusion

The municipality officials should contact the Department of Transportation to ensure that all forms are filed properly and that its direct deposit information is correct. During our next examination we will determine if the municipality complied with our recommendation.

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SUMMARY OF PRIOR EXAMINATION RECOMMENDATION  
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Summary Of Prior Examination Recommendation

Our prior examination disclosed that the municipality expended \$1,702.44 in excess of the amount available for purchase of equipment for the year ending December 31, 2012. We noted that the municipality reimbursed this amount to its Liquid Fuels Tax Fund on February 19, 2013.

We recommended that the municipality only expend up to the approved amount on equipment expenditures in accordance with the Department of Transportation's *Publication 9*.

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 6, 2016. Those participating were:

TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD

Mrs. Holly L. Anderson, Secretary/Treasurer

DEPARTMENT OF THE AUDITOR GENERAL

Michele A. Garman, CFE, Audit Supervisor

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

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