

ATTESTATION ENGAGEMENT

City of Williamsport
Lycoming County, Pennsylvania
41-301
Liquid Fuels Tax Fund
For the Period
January 1, 2019 to December 31, 2021

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Independent Auditor's Report

The Honorable Michael Carroll
Secretary
Department of Transportation
Harrisburg, PA 17120

We examined the accompanying Forms MS-965 With Adjustments for the Liquid Fuels Tax Fund of the City of Williamsport, Lycoming County, for the period January 1, 2019 to December 31, 2021. The municipality's management is responsible for presenting the Forms MS-965 in accordance with the criteria described in the Background section of this report and the Department of Transportation's *Publication 9*. 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. Those standards require that we plan and perform the examination to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the Forms MS-965 are presented in accordance with the criteria described above, in all material respects. An examination involves performing procedures to obtain evidence about the Forms MS-965. The nature, timing and extent of the procedures selected depend on our judgement, including an assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the Forms MS-965, whether due to fraud or error. We believe that the evidence we obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a reasonable basis for our opinion.

We are required to be independent and to meet our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with relevant ethical requirements relating to engagement.

As described in the Auditor Description Of Select Transactions section of this report, the adjustments included on the Forms MS-965 With Adjustments are made by the Department of the Auditor General.

Independent Auditor's Report (Continued)

In our opinion, the Forms MS-965 With Adjustments present, in all material respects, the information required by the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation for the Liquid Fuels Tax Fund of the City of Williamsport, Lycoming County, for the period January 1, 2019 to December 31, 2021, in accordance with the criteria described in the Background section of this report and the Department of Transportation's *Publication 9*.

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.

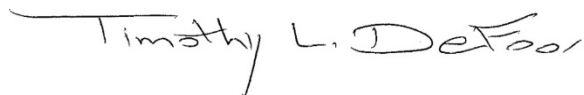
As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the Forms MS-965 are free from material misstatement, we performed tests of the City of Williamsport, Lycoming County's compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could have 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 no instances of noncompliance or other matters that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*. However, we did note a matter that, while not required to be included in this report by *Government Auditing Standards*, has been included in the finding below:

- Liquid Fuels Money Over Expended On Project.

Independent Auditor's Report (Continued)

The purpose of this report is to determine whether the municipality's Liquid Fuels Tax Fund money is spent in accordance with the laws and regulations identified in the Background section of this report and the Department of Transportation's *Publication 9*. This report is not suitable for any other purpose.

We appreciate the courtesy extended by the City of Williamsport, Lycoming County, to us during the course of our examination. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the Bureau of County Audits at 717-787-1363.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Timothy L. DeFoor". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal line extending to the left of the first letter.

Timothy L. DeFoor
Auditor General
June 28, 2023

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CITY OF WILLIAMSPORT
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LIQUID FUELS TAX FUND
BACKGROUND
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Background

The Liquid Fuels Tax Municipal Allocation Law, Act 655 of 1956, as amended, see also 72 P.S. § 2615.5, et sec., provides municipalities other than counties (i.e., 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 upon: (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.

Title 75 Pa.C.S. § 9511 of the Pennsylvania Vehicle Code 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 allocation of Liquid Fuels Tax funds and annual maintenance payments that it receives into a special fund called either 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 such a 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. Department of Transportation's *Publication 9* includes the policies and procedures for the administration of Act 655, as amended, and the Liquid Fuels Tax Fund money. However, if there is a difference between *Publication 9* and any legislation, the legislation shall govern.

To qualify for the annual allocation of Liquid Fuels Tax funds, *Publication 9* indicates that each municipality shall:

1. Submit annual reports (MS-965, Actual Use Report, MS-965P, Project and Miscellaneous Receipts, and MS-965S, Record of Checks).
2. Make deposits and payments or expenditures in compliance with Act 655 of 1956, as amended. Failure to do so may result in not receiving allocations from PennDOT until all discrepancies are resolved. *Publication 9*, Section 2.6, includes information about investing Liquid Fuels Tax monies, using loan or bond proceeds, and types of receipts into the Liquid Fuels Tax Fund.

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3. Submit the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development’s (DCED) Report of Elected and Appointed Officials by January 31st and the Survey of Financial Condition By March 15th.
4. Ensure resolution of all Contractor Responsibility Program (CRP) holds and blocks imposed by the Department of Revenue and the Department of Labor and Industry.
5. Ensure resolution of all reimbursements required as a result of audits performed by the Department of the Auditor General or monitoring reviews performed by the Department of Transportation’s Financial Consultants.

Criteria

The criteria for the Form MS-965 With Adjustment are described below.

Section 1 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:

2018	2019	2020	2021
\$10,900.00	\$11,100.00	\$11,300.00	\$11,500.00

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

2018	2019	2020	2021
\$10,900.00	\$11,100.00	\$11,300.00	\$11,500.00

- Agility projects are exchanges of services with the Department of Transportation.

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Section 2 of Form MS-965 With Adjustments provides information on the fund balance. Categories requiring explanation include:

- The state allocation is available from the Department of Transportation in March of each year. The amount the municipality receives is based half on its population and half on its road mileage.
- Municipalities that transferred roads from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania to the municipality through the Highway Transfer Program receive annual turnback allocations in March of each year from the Department of Transportation. Turnback allocations are based on the mileage of the roads transferred.
- Expenditures include the total transferred from Section 1.

Section 3 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.

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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 Form MS-965 has 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 Form MS-965 With Adjustments is restricted to the Liquid Fuels Tax Fund, which represents a segment of the entity.

Basis Of Accounting

The accompanying Form MS-965 With Adjustments is 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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 2019 FORM MS-965 – SECTION 1
 WITH ADJUSTMENTS

<u>Expenditure Summary</u>	<u>Reported</u>	<u>Adjustments</u>	<u>Adjusted Amount</u>
Minor equipment purchases	\$ 2,919.93	\$ -	\$ 2,919.93
Computer/Computer related training	-	-	-
Major equipment purchases	153,276.12	-	153,276.12
Agility projects	-	-	-
Cleaning streets and gutters	-	-	-
Winter maintenance services	58,727.66	-	58,727.66
Traffic control devices	21,189.16	-	21,189.16
Street lighting	166,189.48	-	166,189.48
Storm sewers and drains	5,256.99	-	5,256.99
Repairs of tools and machinery	67,983.60	-	67,983.60
Maintenance and repair of roads and bridges	79,012.26	-	79,012.26
Highway construction and rebuilding projects	92,522.36	-	92,522.36
Miscellaneous	-	-	-
 Total (To Section 2, Line 5)	 <u>\$ 647,077.56</u>	 <u>\$ -</u>	 <u>\$ 647,077.56</u>

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 2019 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, 2019	\$ 632,651.13	\$ -	\$ 632,651.13
Receipts:			
2. State allocation	954,649.33	-	954,649.33
2a. Turnback allocation	8,920.00	-	8,920.00
2b. Interest on investments	20,022.13	-	20,022.13
2c. Miscellaneous	817.36	-	817.36
3. Total receipts	984,408.82	-	984,408.82
4. Total funds available	1,617,059.95	-	1,617,059.95
5. Expenditures (Section 1)	647,077.56	-	647,077.56
6. Balance, December 31, 2019	<u>\$ 969,982.39</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 969,982.39</u>

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 2019 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	\$ 444,246.03	\$ -	\$ 444,246.03
2. Add: Current year equipment allocation (20% of Lines 2 + 2a, Section 2)	192,713.87	-	192,713.87
3. PENNDOT approved adjustments	-	-	-
4. Total funds available for equipment acquisition	636,959.90	-	636,959.90
5. Less: Major equipment expenditures	153,276.12	-	153,276.12
6. Remainder	<u>483,683.78</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>483,683.78</u>
7. Equipment balance available for subsequent year (Lesser of Line 6 or Section 2 balance, but not less than zero)	<u>\$ 483,683.78</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 483,683.78</u>

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 2020 FORM MS-965 – SECTION 1
 WITH ADJUSTMENTS

<u>Expenditure Summary</u>	<u>Reported</u>	<u>Adjustments</u>	<u>Adjusted Amount</u>
Minor equipment purchases	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Computer/Computer related training	-	-	-
Major equipment purchases	145,026.12	-	145,026.12
Agility projects	-	-	-
Cleaning streets and gutters	-	-	-
Winter maintenance services	17,132.29	-	17,132.29
Traffic control devices	20,781.54	-	20,781.54
Street lighting	169,856.43	-	169,856.43
Storm sewers and drains	18,071.27	-	18,071.27
Repairs of tools and machinery	45,764.49	-	45,764.49
Maintenance and repair of roads and bridges	85,214.28	-	85,214.28
Highway construction and rebuilding projects	485,688.01	-	485,688.01
Miscellaneous	-	-	-
 Total (To Section 2, Line 5)	 <u>\$ 987,534.43</u>	 <u>\$ -</u>	 <u>\$ 987,534.43</u>

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 2020 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, 2020	\$ 969,982.39	\$ -	\$ 969,982.39
Receipts:			
2. State allocation	929,113.79	-	929,113.79
2a. Turnback allocation	8,920.00	-	8,920.00
2b. Interest on investments	6,005.49	-	6,005.49
2c. Miscellaneous	1,222.92	-	1,222.92
3. Total receipts	<u>945,262.20</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>945,262.20</u>
4. Total funds available	<u>1,915,244.59</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,915,244.59</u>
5. Expenditures (Section 1)	<u>987,534.43</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>987,534.43</u>
6. Balance, December 31, 2020	<u><u>\$ 927,710.16</u></u>	<u><u>\$ -</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 927,710.16</u></u>

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 2020 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	\$ 483,683.78	\$ -	\$ 483,683.78
2. Add: Current year equipment allocation (20% of Lines 2 + 2a, Section 2)	187,606.76	-	187,606.76
3. PENNDOT approved adjustments	-	-	-
4. Total funds available for equipment acquisition	671,290.54	-	671,290.54
5. Less: Major equipment expenditures	145,026.12	-	145,026.12
6. Remainder	<u>526,264.42</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>526,264.42</u>
7. Equipment balance available for subsequent year (Lesser of Line 6 or Section 2 balance, but not less than zero)	<u>\$ 526,264.42</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 526,264.42</u>

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 2021 FORM MS-965 – SECTION 1
 WITH ADJUSTMENTS

<u>Expenditure Summary</u>	<u>Reported</u>	<u>Adjustments</u>	<u>Adjusted Amount</u>
Minor equipment purchases	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Computer/Computer related training	-	-	-
Major equipment purchases	158,918.12	-	158,918.12
Agility projects	-	-	-
Cleaning streets and gutters	-	-	-
Winter maintenance services	78,125.63	-	78,125.63
Traffic control devices	23,409.64	-	23,409.64
Street lighting	140,445.13	-	140,445.13
Storm sewers and drains	15,380.41	(416.74)	14,963.67
Repairs of tools and machinery	45,967.51	(661.29)	45,306.22
Maintenance and repair of roads and bridges	104,384.42	(21,471.97)	82,912.45
Highway construction and rebuilding projects	390,077.36	21,471.97	411,549.33
Miscellaneous	-	-	-
 Total (To Section 2, Line 5)	 <u>\$ 956,708.22</u>	 <u>\$ (1,078.03)</u>	 <u>\$ 955,630.19</u>

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 2021 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, 2021	\$ 927,710.16	\$ -	\$ 927,710.16
Receipts:			
2. State allocation	862,584.59	-	862,584.59
2a. Turnback allocation	8,920.00	-	8,920.00
2b. Interest on investments	759.76	-	759.76
2c. Miscellaneous	29,887.94	(531.58)	29,356.36
3. Total receipts	<u>902,152.29</u>	<u>(531.58)</u>	<u>901,620.71</u>
4. Total funds available	<u>1,829,862.45</u>	<u>(531.58)</u>	<u>1,829,330.87</u>
5. Expenditures (Section 1)	<u>956,708.22</u>	<u>(1,078.03)</u>	<u>955,630.19</u>
6. Balance, December 31, 2021	<u><u>\$ 873,154.23</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 546.45</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 873,700.68</u></u>

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 2021 FORM MS-965 – SECTION 3
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<u>Equipment Balance</u>	<u>Reported</u>	<u>Adjustments</u>	<u>Adjusted Amount</u>
1. Prior year equipment balance	\$ 526,264.42	\$ -	\$ 526,264.42
2. Add: Current year equipment allocation (20% of Lines 2 + 2a, Section 2)	174,300.92	-	174,300.92
3. PENNDOT approved adjustments	<u>3,325.00</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3,325.00</u>
4. Total funds available for equipment acquisition	703,890.34	-	703,890.34
5. Less: Major equipment expenditures	<u>158,918.12</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>158,918.12</u>
6. Remainder	<u><u>544,972.22</u></u>	<u><u>-</u></u>	<u><u>544,972.22</u></u>
7. Equipment balance available for subsequent year (Lesser of Line 6 or Section 2 balance, but not less than zero)	<u><u>\$ 544,972.22</u></u>	<u><u>\$ -</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 544,972.22</u></u>

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The following information relates to certain types of transactions for which the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation requested that we provide additional detail:

Adjustments

2021 - Section 1

An adjustment of \$(416.74) was made to “Storm sewers and drains” because check No. 8699 was voided but was included as an expenditure.

An adjustment of \$(661.29) was made to “Repairs of tools and machinery” because check No. 8868 for \$473.78 and check No. 8923 for \$187.51 were voided but were included as expenditures.

Adjustments were made to “Maintenance and repair of roads and bridges” and “Highway construction and rebuilding projects” because expenditures of \$21,471.97 were misclassified.

2021 - Section 2

An adjustment of \$(531.58) was made to “Miscellaneous” because these receipts were overstated.

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>2019</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2021</u>
Vendor	Refund of parts	\$ 97.92	\$1,200.44	\$ 44.87
Commonwealth of Pennsylvania	Reimbursement for street light repair	719.44	-	-
Vendor	Reimbursement for payment in error	-	22.48	1,493.49
County of Lycoming	County Aid	-	-	24,493.00
Local business	Sale of equipment	-	-	3,325.00
	Totals	<u>\$817.36</u>	<u>\$1,222.92</u>	<u>\$29,356.36</u>

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Payments In Error

On January 16, 2020, December 24, 2020, and January 7, 2021, the municipality paid \$22.48, \$1,432.00 and \$61.49, respectively, from its Liquid Fuels Tax Fund in error. On June 29, 2020, April 19, 2021, and March 10, 2021, the municipality reimbursed \$22.48, \$1,432.00 and \$61.49, respectively, to its Liquid Fuels Tax Fund to correct the errors.

Bank Loan

On March 21, 2005, the municipality borrowed \$6,000,000.00 from Citizens and Northern Bank. Of that amount \$1,390,000.00 was used for street light project 05-41301-01. Therefore, \$1,390,000.00, plus interest, is eligible to be repaid from the Liquid Fuels Tax Fund. The term of the loan was for 25 years at an interest rate of 4.875 percent. Principal and interest payments of \$97,391.96 are eligible to be made from the Liquid Fuels Fund annually, beginning December 31, 2010. Until that time, only interest payments were made. Prior years' principal and interest payments from the Liquid Fuels Tax Fund were \$308,551.50 and \$720,490.85, respectively. Additionally, the municipality paid principal of \$16,482.63 and interest of \$29,713.65 from the General Fund toward the street light portion of the loan.

During the current examination period, the municipality paid principal of \$136,024.22 and interest of \$141,542.86 from the Liquid Fuels Tax Fund. These amounts are reflected in highway construction and rebuilding projects on the 2019, 2020, and 2021 Form MS-965 - Section 1. Additionally, the municipality paid principal of \$7,159.17 and interest of \$7,449.62 from the General Fund toward the street light portion of the loan. The outstanding balance of the portion of the loan used for street lighting as of December 31, 2021, was \$921,782.48, plus interest.

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Lease-Purchase Agreement

On February 6, 2018, the municipality entered into a lease-purchase agreement with Caterpillar Financial to purchase a 2018 Caterpillar wheel loader for \$145,450.00. The agreement was for a term of five years at an interest rate of 4.20 percent. Principal and interest payments of \$31,531.30 are due annually. A Prior years' principal payment and fees from the Liquid Fuels Tax Fund were \$31,531.30 and \$850.00, respectively.

During the current examination period, the municipality paid principal of \$83,657.41 and interest of \$10,936.49 from the Liquid Fuels Tax Fund. These amounts are reflected in major equipment purchases on the 2019, 2020, and 2021 Form MS-965 - Section 1. The outstanding balance of the lease-purchase agreement as of December 31, 2021, was \$30,261.29, plus interest.

Lease-Purchase Agreement

On July 1, 2018, the municipality entered into a lease-purchase agreement with Altec Capital Services to purchase a 2018 Ford bucket truck for \$102,202.00. The agreement was for a term of five years at an interest rate of 3.90 percent. Principal and interest payments of \$22,644.88 are due annually. Prior years' principal payment and documentation fees from the Liquid Fuels Tax Fund were \$22,644.88 and \$500.00, respectively.

During the current examination period, the municipality paid principal of \$58,072.40 and interest of \$9,862.24 from the Liquid Fuels Tax Fund. These amounts are reflected in major equipment purchases on the 2019, 2020, and 2021 Form MS-965 - Section 1. The outstanding balance of the lease-purchase agreement as of December 31, 2021, was \$21,484.72, plus interest.

Lease-Purchase Agreement

On July 26, 2018, the municipality purchased a 2018 Freightliner sweeper truck for \$279,539.73. The municipality received a trade-in allowance of \$4,500.00. The municipality entered into a lease-purchase agreement with F.N.B. Equipment Finance for the balance of \$275,039.73. The agreement was for a term of five years at an interest rate of 3.56 percent. Principal and interest payments of \$60,056.92 are due annually.

During the current examination period, the municipality paid principal of \$161,204.20 and interest of \$18,966.56 from the Liquid Fuels Tax Fund. These amounts are reflected in major equipment purchases on the 2019, 2020, and 2021 Form MS-965 - Section 1. The outstanding balance of the lease-purchase agreement as of December 31, 2021, was \$113,835.53, plus interest.

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Lease-Purchase Agreement

On March 15, 2019, the municipality entered into a lease-purchase agreement with Bank Capital Services LLC to purchase a 2019 Ford F-550 truck for \$88,595.00. The agreement was for a term of three years at an interest rate of 4.25 percent. Principal and interest payments of \$30,793.02 are due annually. Additionally, the municipality paid a documentation fee of \$500.00 from the Liquid Fuels Tax Fund.

During the current examination period, the municipality paid principal of \$88,594.00 and interest of \$3,785.06 from the Liquid Fuels Tax Fund. These amounts, and the documentation fee, are reflected in major equipment purchases on the 2019, 2020, and 2021 Forms MS-965 - Section 1. Additionally, the municipality paid principal of \$1.00 from the General Fund. The lease-purchase agreement was paid-in-full on March 19, 2021.

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Finding - Liquid Fuels Money Over Expended On Project

Our examination disclosed that the municipality expended \$94,376.24 of Liquid Fuels Tax Fund money on construction project No. 18-41301-001. However, the amount of Liquid Fuels Tax Fund money approved by the Department of Transportation to be expended from the Liquid Fuels Tax Fund for this project was \$55,635.84. The difference of \$38,740.40 should have been paid directly from the General Fund.

The Department of Transportation's Regulations do not permit a municipality to expend Liquid Fuels Tax Fund money in excess of the amount approved on Municipal Services Completion Report Form MS-999.

We were unable to determine the cause of this condition because current management was not employed by the municipality during the examination period.

The failure to comply with the Department of Transportation's Regulations could result in the municipality having to reimburse \$38,740.40 to its Liquid Fuels Tax Fund.

Recommendations

We recommend that the municipality reimburse \$38,740.40 to its Liquid Fuels Tax Fund upon official notification by the Department of Transportation.

We further recommend that, in the future, the municipality expend only the approved amount of Liquid Fuels Tax Fund money on road construction projects.

Management's Response

The Acting Budget and Finance Manager stated:

I was not at the city during the contract period. However, I am working with the city engineer to correct this issue going forward. The over expenditures were for eligible liquid fuels cost, even though they were in excess of the approved amount. In addition, other actual expenditures were less than their approved amounts.

Auditor's Conclusion

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

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Summary Of Prior Examination Recommendations

In our prior report, we recommended that the Department of Transportation review our examination finding to determine if the municipality should reimburse \$81,318.00 to its Liquid Fuels Tax Fund for retroactive expenditures.

During our current examination, we reviewed a letter dated December 3, 2019, from the Department of Transportation informing the municipality that the reimbursement of \$81,318.00 would not be required.

In our prior report, we also recommended that the municipality comply with the Department of Transportation's *Publication 9* regarding retroactive expenditures.

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

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SUMMARY OF EXIT CONFERENCE
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An exit conference was held March 22, 2023. Those participating were:

CITY OF WILLIAMSPORT

Ms. Tracey Rash, Acting Budget and Finance Manager

DEPARTMENT OF THE AUDITOR GENERAL

Mr. Kyle A. Coleman, Auditor

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

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