

ATTESTATION ENGAGEMENT

Township of Brady
Huntingdon County, Pennsylvania
31-202
Liquid Fuels Tax Fund
For the Period
January 1, 2011 to December 31, 2013

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Independent Auditor's Report

The Honorable Barry J. Schoch, P.E.
Secretary
Department of Transportation
Harrisburg, PA 17120

We examined the accompanying Forms MS-965 With Adjustments for the Liquid Fuels Tax Fund of the Township of Brady, Huntingdon County, for the period January 1, 2011 to December 31, 2013. 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 Brady, Huntingdon County's Forms MS-965 for the period January 1, 2011 to December 31, 2013 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 Finding No. 1, 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, on December 17, 2013, the municipality expended \$66,945.00 from the Liquid Fuels Tax Fund for the purchase of a 2014 Ford F-550 truck, which was restrictively bid. Additionally, as discussed in Finding No. 3, the municipality expended \$32,053.82 in excess of the amount available for the purchase of equipment for the period January 1, 2010 to December 31, 2013 as a result of the truck purchase discussed in Finding No. 2.

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 Township of Brady, Huntingdon County, for the period January 1, 2011 to December 31, 2013, in conformity with the criteria set forth in Note 1.

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

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

- Failure To Properly Prepare Forms MS-965.

A material weakness is a significant deficiency or combination of significant deficiencies that results in more than a remote likelihood that a material misstatement of the Forms MS-965 will not be prevented or detected by the Township of Brady, Huntingdon 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.

Independent Auditor's Report (Continued)

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

- Restrictive Bidding.

- Overexpended Equipment Purchase Tally.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation and the management of the Township of Brady, 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 Brady, 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

July 23, 2014

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TOWNSHIP OF BRADY
HUNTINGDON COUNTY
LIQUID FUELS TAX FUND
BACKGROUND
FOR THE PERIOD
JANUARY 1, 2011 TO DECEMBER 31, 2013

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 BRADY
HUNTINGDON COUNTY
LIQUID FUELS TAX FUND
2011 FORM MS-965 – SECTION 1
WITH ADJUSTMENTS

<u>Expenditure Summary</u>	<u>Reported</u>	<u>Adjustments (Finding No. 1)</u>	<u>Adjusted Amount</u>
Major equipment purchases	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
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	-	-	-
Highway construction and rebuilding projects	-	-	-
Miscellaneous (Bank service charges)	-	6.00	6.00
 Total (To Section 2, Line 5)	 \$ -	 \$ 6.00	 \$ 6.00

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

TOWNSHIP OF BRADY
HUNTINGDON COUNTY
LIQUID FUELS TAX FUND
2011 FORM MS-965 – SECTION 2
WITH ADJUSTMENTS

<u>Fund Balance</u>	<u>Reported</u>	<u>Adjustments (Finding No. 1)</u>	<u>Adjusted Amount</u>
1. Balance, January 1, 2011	\$ 42,043.30	\$ 112.96	\$ 42,156.26
Receipts:			
2. State allocation	25,699.70	-	25,699.70
2a. Turnback allocation	16,280.00	-	16,280.00
2b. Interest on investments (Note 3)	194.13	-	194.13
2c. Miscellaneous	-	-	-
3. Total receipts	<u>42,173.83</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>42,173.83</u>
4. Total funds available	<u>84,217.13</u>	<u>112.96</u>	<u>84,330.09</u>
5. Expenditures (Section 1)	<u>-</u>	<u>6.00</u>	<u>6.00</u>
6. Balance, December 31, 2011	<u><u>\$ 84,217.13</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 106.96</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 84,324.09</u></u>

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TOWNSHIP OF BRADY
HUNTINGDON COUNTY
LIQUID FUELS TAX FUND
2011 FORM MS-965 – SECTION 3
WITH ADJUSTMENTS

<u>Equipment Balance</u>	<u>Reported</u>	<u>Adjustments (Finding No. 1)</u>	<u>Adjusted Amount</u>
1. Prior year equipment balance	\$ 8,822.70	\$ 112.96	\$ 8,935.66
2. Add: Current year equipment allocation (20% of Lines 2 + 2a, Section 2)	8,395.94	-	8,395.94
3. PENNDOT approved adjustments	-	-	-
4. Total funds available for equipment acquisition	17,218.64	112.96	17,331.60
5. Less: Major equipment expenditures	-	-	-
6. Remainder	<u>17,218.64</u>	<u>112.96</u>	<u>17,331.60</u>
7. Equipment balance available for subsequent year (Lesser of Line 6 or Section 2 balance, but not less than zero)	<u>\$ 17,218.64</u>	<u>\$ 112.96</u>	<u>\$ 17,331.60</u>

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TOWNSHIP OF BRADY
HUNTINGDON COUNTY
LIQUID FUELS TAX FUND
2012 FORM MS-965 – SECTION 1
WITH ADJUSTMENTS

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

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TOWNSHIP OF BRADY
HUNTINGDON COUNTY
LIQUID FUELS TAX FUND
2012 FORM MS-965 – SECTION 2
WITH ADJUSTMENTS

<u>Fund Balance</u>	<u>Reported</u>	<u>Adjustments (Finding No. 1)</u>	<u>Adjusted Amount</u>
1. Balance, January 1, 2012	\$ 84,217.13	\$ 106.96	\$ 84,324.09
Receipts:			
2. State allocation	27,845.78	-	27,845.78
2a. Turnback allocation	16,280.00	-	16,280.00
2b. Interest on investments (Note 3)	191.01	-	191.01
2c. Miscellaneous	-	-	-
3. Total receipts	<u>44,316.79</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>44,316.79</u>
4. Total funds available	<u>128,533.92</u>	<u>106.96</u>	<u>128,640.88</u>
5. Expenditures (Section 1)	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
6. Balance, December 31, 2012	<u><u>\$ 128,533.92</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 106.96</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 128,640.88</u></u>

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TOWNSHIP OF BRADY
HUNTINGDON COUNTY
LIQUID FUELS TAX FUND
2012 FORM MS-965 – SECTION 3
WITH ADJUSTMENTS

<u>Equipment Balance</u>	<u>Reported</u>	<u>Adjustments (Finding No. 1)</u>	<u>Adjusted Amount</u>
1. Prior year equipment balance	\$ 17,218.64	\$ 112.96	\$ 17,331.60
2. Add: Current year equipment allocation (20% of Lines 2 + 2a, Section 2)	8,825.16	-	8,825.16
3. PENNDOT approved adjustments	-	-	-
4. Total funds available for equipment acquisition	26,043.80	112.96	26,156.76
5. Less: Major equipment expenditures	-	-	-
6. Remainder	<u>26,043.80</u>	<u>112.96</u>	<u>26,156.76</u>
7. Equipment balance available for subsequent year (Lesser of Line 6 or Section 2 balance, but not less than zero)	<u>\$ 26,043.80</u>	<u>\$ 112.96</u>	<u>\$ 26,156.76</u>

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TOWNSHIP OF BRADY
HUNTINGDON COUNTY
LIQUID FUELS TAX FUND
2013 FORM MS-965 – SECTION 1
WITH ADJUSTMENTS

<u>Expenditure Summary</u>	<u>Reported</u>	<u>Adjustments (Finding No. 1)</u>	<u>Adjusted Amount</u>
Major equipment purchases	\$ -	\$ 66,945.00	\$ 66,945.00
Minor equipment purchases	66,945.00	(66,945.00)	-
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	-	-	-
Highway construction and rebuilding projects	-	-	-
Miscellaneous	-	-	-
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Total (To Section 2, Line 5)	<u>\$ 66,945.00</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 66,945.00</u>

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TOWNSHIP OF BRADY
HUNTINGDON COUNTY
LIQUID FUELS TAX FUND
2013 FORM MS-965 – SECTION 2
WITH ADJUSTMENTS

<u>Fund Balance</u>	<u>Reported</u>	<u>Adjustments (Finding No. 1)</u>	<u>Adjusted Amount</u>
1. Balance, January 1, 2013	\$ 128,533.92	\$ 106.96	\$ 128,640.88
Receipts:			
2. State allocation	27,392.09	-	27,392.09
2a. Turnback allocation	16,280.00	-	16,280.00
2b. Interest on investments (Note 3)	172.62	-	172.62
2c. Miscellaneous	-	-	-
3. Total receipts	<u>43,844.71</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>43,844.71</u>
4. Total funds available	<u>172,378.63</u>	<u>106.96</u>	<u>172,485.59</u>
5. Expenditures (Section 1)	<u>66,945.00</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>66,945.00</u>
6. Balance, December 31, 2013	<u><u>\$ 105,433.63</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 106.96</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 105,540.59</u></u>

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TOWNSHIP OF BRADY
HUNTINGDON COUNTY
LIQUID FUELS TAX FUND
2013 FORM MS-965 – SECTION 3
WITH ADJUSTMENTS

<u>Equipment Balance</u>	<u>Reported</u>	<u>Adjustments (Finding No. 1)</u>	<u>Adjusted Amount</u>
1. Prior year equipment balance	\$ 26,043.80	\$ 112.96	\$ 26,156.76
2. Add: Current year equipment allocation (20% of Lines 2 + 2a, Section 2)	8,734.42	-	8,734.42
3. PENNDOT approved adjustments	-	-	-
4. Total funds available for equipment acquisition	34,778.22	112.96	34,891.18
5. Less: Major equipment expenditures	-	66,945.00	66,945.00
6. Remainder	<u>34,778.22</u>	<u>(66,832.04)</u>	<u>(32,053.82)</u>
7. Equipment balance available for subsequent year (Lesser of Line 6 or Section 2 balance, but not less than zero)	<u>\$ 34,778.22</u>	<u>\$ (34,778.22)</u>	<u>\$ -</u>

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TOWNSHIP OF BRADY
HUNTINGDON COUNTY
LIQUID FUELS TAX FUND
NOTES TO FORMS MS-965 WITH ADJUSTMENTS
FOR THE PERIOD
JANUARY 1, 2011 TO DECEMBER 31, 2013

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:

Prior To 2012	2012	2013	2014
\$4,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$10,200.00	\$10,300.00

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

Prior To 2012	2012	2013	2014
\$4,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$10,200.00	\$10,300.00

- 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 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.

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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.

TOWNSHIP OF BRADY
HUNTINGDON COUNTY
LIQUID FUELS TAX FUND
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1. Criteria (Continued)

Section 3 (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'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.

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2. Deposits (Continued)

There were no deposits exposed to custodial credit risk as of December 31, 2013. 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, 2013 consists of the following:

Cash	<u>\$105,540.59</u>
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3. Interest On Investments

Our examination disclosed that the municipality deposited idle liquid fuels tax money in an interest-bearing account which earned \$194.13 during 2011, \$191.01 during 2012, and \$172.62 during 2013, thus providing additional funds for road maintenance and repairs.

TOWNSHIP OF BRADY
HUNTINGDON COUNTY
LIQUID FUELS TAX FUND
FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS
FOR THE PERIOD
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Finding No. 1 - Failure To Properly Prepare Forms MS-965

Our examination disclosed that there were numerous errors made in the preparation of the municipality's 2011, 2012, and 2013 Forms MS-965. The adjustments made to correct the Forms MS-965 were as follows:

2011 - Section 1

- An adjustment of \$6.00 was made to "Miscellaneous" because bank service charges were not reported.

2011 - Section 2

- An adjustment of \$112.96 was made to "Balance, January 1, 2011" because an incorrect fund balance was reported.

2011 - Section 3

- An adjustment of \$112.96 was made to "Prior year equipment balance" because an incorrect equipment balance was reported.

2012 - Section 2

- An adjustment of \$106.96 was made to "Balance, January 1, 2012" to reflect the adjustment made to the fund balance in 2011 - Section 2.

2012 - Section 3

- An adjustment of \$112.96 was made to "Prior year equipment balance" to reflect the adjustment made to the equipment balance in 2011 - Section 3.

2013 - Section 1

- Adjustments were made to "Major equipment purchases" and "Minor equipment purchases" because expenditures of \$66,945.00 were misclassified.

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Finding No. 1 - Failure To Properly Prepare Forms MS-965 (Continued)

2013 - Section 2

- An adjustment of \$106.96 was made to “Balance, January 1, 2013” to reflect the adjustment made to the fund balance in 2012 - Section 2.

2013 - Section 3

- An adjustment of \$112.96 was made to “Prior year equipment balance” to reflect the adjustment made to the equipment balance in 2012 - Section 3.
- An adjustment of \$66,945.00 was made to “Major equipment expenditures” to reflect the adjustment made to major equipment purchases in 2013 - Section 1.

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

Recommendation

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

Management’s Response

The chairman of the board of supervisors stated:

It was ignorance of the law.

Auditor’s Conclusion

The municipality should ensure that its Forms MS-965 are complete and accurate. During our next examination we will determine if the municipality complied with our recommendation.

TOWNSHIP OF BRADY
HUNTINGDON COUNTY
LIQUID FUELS TAX FUND
FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS
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Finding No. 2 - Restrictive Bidding

Our examination disclosed that on December 17, 2013, the municipality expended \$66,945.00 from the Liquid Fuels Tax Fund for the purchase of a 2014 Ford F-550 truck. The advertisement for this purchase requested sealed proposals for a 2013 or 2014 F-550 Ford dump truck. Ford is a Brand name. The use of Brand names in advertising for equipment without including the words “or its equivalent” is considered restrictive bidding, and therefore, is prohibited by the Department of Transportation’s *Publication 9*, § 449.3(f), which states:

Brand names. In advertising for equipment to be rented or purchased, or for materials to be purchased or delivered in place, it is unlawful to require or specify any particular make or brand thereof, thereby excluding other makes or brands; however, a particular brand name or its equivalent may be specified if equal consideration is given to all brands which are reasonably similar to the specified brand. Such specifications must be reasonable and not merely imposed in order to exclude some brands of equipment or material in favor of other brands.

The failure to follow the Department of Transportation’s *Publication 9* as noted above could result in the municipality having to reimburse \$66,945.00 to its Liquid Fuels Tax Fund.

Recommendations

We recommend that the municipality reimburse \$66,945.00 to its Liquid Fuels Tax Fund upon official notification by the Department of Transportation.

We further recommend that, in the future, the municipality follow the Department of Transportation’s *Publication 9* if it uses Brand names in future advertisements for purchases as cited above.

Management’s Response

The chairman of the board of supervisors stated:

We didn’t realize that we couldn’t bid specifically for a Ford.

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Finding No. 2 - Restrictive Bidding (Continued)

Auditor's Conclusion

The municipality should review the Department of Transportation's *Publication 9* to become familiar with proper bidding procedures. During our next examination we will determine if the municipality complied with our recommendations.

TOWNSHIP OF BRADY
HUNTINGDON COUNTY
LIQUID FUELS TAX FUND
FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS
FOR THE PERIOD
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Finding No. 3 - Overexpended Equipment Purchase Tally

Our examination disclosed that the municipality expended \$32,053.82 in excess of the amount available for the purchase of equipment for the period January 1, 2010 to December 31, 2013, as follows:

<u>2013</u>	<u>Actual</u>
1. Prior year equipment balance	\$26,156.76
2. Current year equipment allocation (20% of Lines 2 + 2A, Section 2)	8,734.42
3. PENNDOT approved adjustments	<u>-</u>
4. Total funds available for equipment acquisition	34,891.18
5. Less: Major equipment purchases	<u>66,945.00</u>
6. Amount overexpended for equipment – 2013	<u><u>\$(32,053.82)</u></u>

The Department of Transportation’s, *Publication 9*, Appendix D, Section 449.11, 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, 20 percent of the current year’s Liquid Fuels Tax Fund allocations, and any approved adjustments.

This condition occurred because of the purchase of the Ford F-550 truck discussed in Finding No. 2.

The failure to follow *Publication 9* could result in the municipality having to reimburse \$32,053.82 to its Liquid Fuels Tax Fund.

Recommendations

If the municipality is not required to reimburse the \$66,945.00 cited in Finding No. 1 to its Liquid Fuels Tax Fund, we recommend that the municipality reimburse \$32,053.82 to its Liquid Fuels Tax Fund upon official notification by the Department of Transportation.

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

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Finding No. 3 - Overexpended Equipment Purchase Tally (Continued)

Management's Response

The chairman of the board of supervisors stated:

We weren't aware that we could only spend a certain amount on equipment.

Auditor's Conclusion

The municipal officials should review the Department of Transportation's *Publication 9* for restrictions regarding the purchase of equipment. During our next examination we will determine if the municipality complied with our recommendations.

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SUMMARY OF EXIT CONFERENCE
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An exit conference was held June 19, 2014. Those participating were:

TOWNSHIP OF BRADY

The Honorable Richard L. Wagner, Chairman of the Board of Supervisors

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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