ATTESTATION ENGAGEMENT

Clarion County
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Liquid Fuels, Act 44, and
Act 89 Tax Funds
For the Period
January 1, 2017 to December 31, 2021

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Independent Auditor's Report

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We examined the accompanying Forms MS-991 With Adjustments for the Liquid Fuels Tax Fund and the Reports of Act 44 and Act 89 Tax Funds With Adjustments of Clarion County for the period January 1, 2017 to December 31, 2021 (Forms). The county's management is responsible for presenting the Forms 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 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 are presented in accordance with the criteria described above, in all material respects. An examination involves performing procedures to obtain evidence about the Forms. 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 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 the engagement.

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

<u>Independent Auditor's Report (Continued)</u>

In our opinion, the Forms present, in all material respects, the information required by the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation for the Liquid Fuels Tax Fund, the Act 44 Tax Fund, and the Act 89 Tax Fund of Clarion County for the period January 1, 2017 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; 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. 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 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 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 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 was for the limited purpose of expressing an opinion on whether the Forms 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 are free from material misstatement, we performed tests of Clarion 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. 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*.

<u>Independent Auditor's Report (Continued)</u>

The purpose of this report is to determine whether the county's Liquid Fuels Tax Fund, Act 44 Tax Fund, and Act 89 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 Clarion 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.

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Auditor General

March 13, 2023

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Background

The Vehicle Code makes provisions and provides funding for the County Liquid Fuels, Act 44, and Act 89 Programs. The Pennsylvania Department of Transportation has regulatory administration and oversight of the funds supporting these county programs. Counties are required to comply with those provisions and to report annually.

The Vehicle Code imposes a state tax on liquid fuels and fuels used or sold and delivered by distributors within the Commonwealth (75 Pa. C.S. § 9004(a)). One-half cent of the tax collected on each gallon of liquid fuels is deposited in the Commonwealth's Liquid Fuels Tax Fund. The Vehicle Code further provides for the disposition and use of this tax, including the allocations to counties in June and December of each year to fund construction, reconstruction, maintenance and repair of county roads, streets and bridges. The allocation to the respective counties is made in the ratio that the average amount returned to each county during the three preceding years bears to the average amount returned to all counties during the three preceding years (75 Pa C.S. § 9010).

The Vehicle Code, as amended by Act 44 of 2007 (July 18, 2007, P.L.169) and Act 89 of 2013 (November 25, 2013, P.L. 169), provides the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation with oversight authority of the Act 44 funds distributed to the counties from the Commonwealth's Motor License Fund (75 Pa. C.S. § 8915.6(b)(2) and as of July 1, 2014 § 9301(b)). The annual distribution to counties is determined based upon the ratio of square footage of deck area of a county's county-owned bridges to the total square footage of deck area of a county's county-owned bridges is required as part of the National Bridge Inspection Standards Program.

The Vehicle Code, as amended by Act 89 of 2013 (November 25, 2013, P.L. 974, No.89) provides for semi-annual allocations to all counties that own public bridges (75 Pa. C.S. § 9502(a)(2)(iv)). These allocations are made on the first business day of June and December each year. The Commonwealth allocates the funds available through Act 89 to counties based upon the ratio of square footage of deck area of a county's county-owned bridges to the total square footage of deck area of county-owned bridges throughout the Commonwealth. The reporting of the square footage of deck area of a county's county-owned bridges is required as part of the National Bridge Inspection Standards Program.

Background (Continued)

Criteria

- A. *The Vehicle Code* prescribes criteria for liquid fuels program funds (75 Pa C.S. § 9010). The Pennsylvania Department of Transportation's *Publication 9* provides more specific policies and procedures to counties for the administration and reporting of the liquid fuels program funds. In the event of any discrepancies between the two, the legislation governs.
 - (1) Funds received by the counties must be deposited in a special fund designated as the County Liquid Fuels Tax Fund and no other money may be deposited and commingled. Money should be invested to earn interest until expended.
 - For purposes of payments under (2), below, the county may borrow and place in the special fund money not in excess of the liquid fuels tax funds to be received during the current calendar year.
 - (2) Payments from the special fund may be used for:
 - Construction, reconstruction, maintenance and repair of roads, highways, bridges and curb ramps from a road or highway to provide for access by individuals with disabilities consistent with Federal and State law;
 - Property damages and compensation of viewers for services in eminent domain proceedings involving roads, highways, and bridges;
 - Construction, reconstruction, operation and maintenance of publicly owned ferryboat operations;
 - Interest and principal payments on road, bridge, or publicly owned ferryboat operation bonds or sinking fund charges;
 - Acquisition, maintenance, repair and operation of traffic signs and signals;
 - Erection and maintenance of stop and go signal lights, blinkers and other like traffic control devices;

- Indirect costs, including benefit costs, overhead and other administrative charges for those county employees directly engaged in eligible projects, not to exceed 10 percent of the yearly allocation to the county; and
- Individual vehicle liability insurance for equipment purchased under the fund, not to exceed 10 percent of the yearly allocation to the county.
- (3) Counties may not make expenditures from the special fund for new construction on roads, bridges, curb ramps, or publicly owned ferryboat operations without the approval of the plans for construction by the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation. And, counties may not allocate money from the special fund to political subdivisions within the county until the application and the contracts or plans for the proposed expenditures have been made on a form prescribed by the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation.
- (4) Counties may encumber current funds for future road and bridge construction, reconstruction, and maintenance projects including viable municipal projects. Counties must redistribute any unencumbered balance in the special fund to political subdivisions if the unencumbered balance is more than the county's receipts during the preceding twelve month period.
- (5) Counties must submit a report to the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation by January 31 for the period ending December 31 on prescribed Form MS-991, The Report of County Liquid Fuels Tax Fund, showing the receipts and expenditures of the money received by the county from the Commonwealth. Upon failure to file the report or instances of any non-compliant payments, allocations, or expenditures, the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation may withhold further funding until the delinquent report is filed, the money is allocated, or the expenditures for the prior 12 months are approved.
- B. *The Vehicle Code*, as amended by Act 44 of 2007 (July 18, 2007, P.L. 169) and Act 89 of 2013 (November 25, 2013, P.L. 169), prescribes the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation with oversight authority of the Act 44 funds distributed to the counties from the Commonwealth's Motor License Fund. The County's Act 44 Tax Fund is used to account for the distribution made to the county from the Department of Transportation and the payments made for construction and maintenance of county-owned bridges.

- (1) Funds received by the counties must be deposited in a special fund designated as the County Act 44 Fund and no other money may be deposited and commingled. (Note: Act 44 and Act 89 Funds may be deposited in a single account. However, the county must account for these funds independently for auditing). Money should be invested to earn interest until expended.
 - For purposes of payments under (2), below, the county may borrow and place in the special fund money not in excess of the liquid fuels tax funds to be received during the current calendar year.
- (2) Payments from the special fund may be used for:
 - Construction, reconstruction, maintenance, and repair of public bridges for which the county is legally responsible.
 - Interest and principal payments on bridge loans and bonds or sinking fund charges for such bonds becoming due within that current calendar year.
 - County Engineer's salary and benefit costs for bridge work (that portion of the total calculated to be relevant to bridge work only).
 - Engineering fees related to bridge work (fees in excess of 10% of the total contract price must be documented and justified to the satisfaction of the District Municipal Services Office).
 - Liability insurance for bridge equipment and vehicles when the named beneficiary is the entity's Act 44 Fund.
 - Inspection costs associated with bridges.
 - Purchase of right-of-way for bridge construction, reconstruction, or maintenance.

- (3) For bridge maintenance/preservation activities, the county must confer with a District Municipal Services Representative to determine if Department of Transportation approval is required. All rehabilitations, replacements or any other work that affects the carrying capacity of the structure or the waterway areas requires the approval of the Department of Transportation.
- (4) In order to receive Act 44 funds as scheduled, each county must submit an annual report showing the receipts and expenditures for the preceding 12 months. The use of the funds must be in compliance with the Act. Failure to do so may result in the county's not receiving allocations until such deficiencies are resolved.
- C. *The Vehicle Code*, as amended by Act 89 of 2013 (November 25, 2013, P.L. 169), prescribes the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation with oversight authority of the Act 89 funds distributed to the counties from the Department of Transportation. The County's Act 89 Tax Fund is used to account for the distribution made to the county from the Department of Transportation and the payments made for construction and maintenance of county-owned bridges.
 - (1) Funds received by the counties must be deposited in a special fund designated as the County Act 89 Fund and no other money may be deposited and commingled. (Note: Act 89 and Act 44 Funds may be deposited in a single account. However, the county must account for these funds independently for auditing). Money should be invested to earn interest until expended.
 - For purposes of payments under (2), below, the county may borrow and place in the special fund money not in excess of the liquid fuels tax funds to be received during the current calendar year.
 - (2) Payments from the special fund may be used for:
 - Construction, reconstruction, maintenance, and repair of public bridges for which the county is legally responsible.
 - Interest and principal payments on bridge loans and bonds or sinking fund charges for such bonds becoming due within that current calendar year.

- County Engineer's salary and benefit costs for bridge work (that portion of the total calculated to be relevant to bridge work only).
- Engineering fees related to bridge work (fees in excess of 10% of the total contract price must be documented and justified to the satisfaction of the District Municipal Services Office).
- Liability insurance for bridge equipment and vehicles when the named beneficiary is the entity's Act 89 Fund.
- Inspection costs associated with bridges.
- Purchase of right-of-way for bridge construction, reconstruction, or maintenance.
- (3) For bridge maintenance/preservation activities, the county must confer with a District Municipal Services Representative to determine if Department of Transportation approval is required. All rehabilitations, replacements or any other work that affects the carrying capacity of the structure or the waterway areas requires the approval of the Department of Transportation.
- (4) In order to receive Act 89 funds as scheduled, each county must submit an annual report showing the receipts and expenditures for the preceding 12 months. The use of the funds must be in compliance with the Act. Failure to do so may result in the county's not receiving allocations until such deficiencies are resolved.

Background (Continued)

Basis Of Presentation

In accordance with reporting requirements prescribed by the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation, the Form MS-991 With Adjustments and the Reports of Act 44 and Act 89 Tax Funds With Adjustments do not constitute complete financial presentations of the county's assets, liabilities, expenses, and fund balance but include the receipts, expenditures, and fund balances of the County Liquid Fuels Tax Fund, the County Act 44 Tax Fund, and the County Act 89 Tax Fund, respectively.

The Pennsylvania Department of Transportation prescribes that the county report the following on the Form MS-991, *Report of County Liquid Fuels Tax Fund*:

- A. The balance in the County Liquid Fuels Tax Fund at the beginning of the report calendar year.
- B. Receipts which must be itemized and include the County's Liquid Fuels Tax Fund allocations, interest, reimbursable agreements, and miscellaneous items such as loans, sale of salvageable material, and damage claims to road or bridge property.
- C. Accounts receivable (to be realized within 60 days of the year end).
- D. Total Liquid Fuels Tax funds available for expenditure and encumbrances.
- E. Expenditures for county-owned roads, highways, and bridges.
- F. Accounts payable (accrued wages, accrued payroll taxes, and accounts payable vendors to be realized within 60 days of the year end).
- G. The balance in the fund at the close of the report calendar year.
- H. Encumbered and unencumbered balances on hand at the close of the report calendar year.

Background (Continued)

The Pennsylvania Department of Transportation prescribes that the county report the following on the Reports Of Act 44 Tax Fund and Act 89 Tax Fund:

- A. The balance in the County Act 44 and Act 89 Tax Fund at the beginning of the report calendar year.
- B. Receipts which must be itemized and include the County's Act 44 and Act 89 allocations, interest, reimbursable agreements, and miscellaneous items such as loans, sale of salvageable material, and damage claims to road or bridge property.
- C. Total Act 44 and Act 89 funds available for expenditure.
- D. Expenditures for county-owned bridges.
- E. The balance in the fund at the close of the report calendar year.

Basis Of Accounting

The accompanying Form MS-991 With Adjustments, Report of Act 44 Tax Fund With Adjustments, and Report of Act 89 Tax Fund 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.

CLARION COUNTY LIQUID FUELS TAX FUND 2017 FORM MS-991 WITH ADJUSTMENTS

	Reported		Adjustments		Adjusted Amount
Actual balance in county Liquid					
Fuels Tax Fund on January 1, 2017	\$	122,477.56	\$	744.18	\$ 123,221.74
Receipts:					
Liquid Fuels Tax Funds received					
from Commonwealth		112,511.65		-	112,511.65
Interest		118.33		.29	118.62
Reimbursable agreements		-		-	-
Miscellaneous		163,235.00			163,235.00
Total receipts		275,864.98		.29	275,865.27
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Total Liquid Fuels Tax Funds available for expenditures and encumbrances		398,342.54		744.47	399,087.01
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Expenditures:					
Administrative		3,185.00		-	3,185.00
Minor equipment purchases		3,217.40		-	3,217.40
County aid payments		70,208.00		-	70,208.00
Major equipment expenditures		-		-	-
Street cleaning and gutters		-		-	-
Winter maintenance services		-		-	-
Traffic control devices		-		-	-
Street lighting		1,872.92		-	1,872.92
Storm sewers and drains		-		-	-
Repairs of tools and machinery		-		-	-
Maintenance and repairs - roads and					
bridges		355.65		-	355.65
Highway construction and rebuilding					
projects		16,024.00		-	16,024.00
Miscellaneous		163,247.00			 163,247.00
Total expenditures		258,109.97			 258,109.97
Remaining funds available as of					
December 31, 2017	\$	140,232.57	\$	744.47	\$ 140,977.04

CLARION COUNTY LIQUID FUELS TAX FUND 2017 FORM MS-991 WITH ADJUSTMENTS

2017 Form MS-991 With Adjustments (Continued)

	Reported		Adjustments		 Adjusted Amount
Approved future year receipts and expenditures					
Accounts receivable	\$	-	\$	-	\$ -
Accounts payable		-		-	-
Unpaid encumbrances		-		-	-
Unpaid county aid grants		97,700.00			 97,700.00
Total approved future year receipts					
and expenditures		97,700.00			 97,700.00
Year end balance available for future years as of December 31, 2017	\$	42,532.57	\$	744.47	\$ 43,277.04

CLARION COUNTY LIQUID FUELS TAX FUND 2018 FORM MS-991 WITH ADJUSTMENTS

	Reported		Adjustments		Adjusted Amount
Actual balance in county Liquid					
Fuels Tax Fund on January 1, 2018	\$	140,232.57	\$	744.47	\$ 140,977.04
Receipts:					
Liquid Fuels Tax Funds received					
from Commonwealth		105,755.82		-	105,755.82
Interest		1,271.68		-	1,271.68
Reimbursable agreements		-		-	-
Miscellaneous					
Total receipts		107,027.50			 107,027.50
Total Liquid Fuels Tax Funds available					
for expenditures and encumbrances		247,260.07		744.47	248,004.54
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Expenditures:					
Administrative		3,319.00		-	3,319.00
Minor equipment purchases		-		-	-
County aid payments		107,700.00		-	107,700.00
Major equipment expenditures		-		-	-
Street cleaning and gutters		-		-	-
Winter maintenance services		-		-	-
Traffic control devices		-		-	-
Street lighting		1,585.16		-	1,585.16
Storm sewers and drains		-		-	-
Repairs of tools and machinery		-		-	-
Maintenance and repairs - roads and					
bridges		-		-	-
Highway construction and rebuilding					
projects		-		-	-
Miscellaneous		-			
Total expenditures		112,604.16			 112,604.16
Remaining funds available as of					
December 31, 2018	\$	134,655.91	\$	744.47	\$ 135,400.38

CLARION COUNTY LIQUID FUELS TAX FUND 2018 FORM MS-991 WITH ADJUSTMENTS

2018 Form MS-991 With Adjustments (Continued)

	Reported		Ad	justments	 Adjusted Amount
Approved future year receipts and expenditures					
Accounts receivable	\$	-	\$	-	\$ -
Accounts payable		-		-	-
Unpaid encumbrances		-		-	-
Unpaid county aid grants		128,249.00			 128,249.00
Total approved future year receipts		100 040 00			120 240 00
and expenditures		128,249.00			 128,249.00
Year end balance available for future years as of December 31, 2018	_\$	6,406.91	\$	744.47	\$ 7,151.38

CLARION COUNTY LIQUID FUELS TAX FUND 2019 FORM MS-991 WITH ADJUSTMENTS

	Reported		Adjustments		Adjusted Amount
Actual balance in county Liquid					
Fuels Tax Fund on January 1, 2019	\$	134,655.91	\$	744.47	\$ 135,400.38
Receipts:					
Liquid Fuels Tax Funds received					
from Commonwealth		96,631.28		-	96,631.28
Interest		2,114.59		-	2,114.59
Reimbursable agreements		-		-	-
Miscellaneous					
Total receipts		98,745.87			 98,745.87
Total Liquid Fuels Tax Funds available					
for expenditures and encumbrances		233,401.78		744.47	 234,146.25
Expenditures:					
Administrative		3,913.00		_	3,913.00
Minor equipment purchases		5,715.00		_	-
County aid payments		98,756.00		_	98,756.00
Major equipment expenditures		_		_	-
Street cleaning and gutters		_		_	-
Winter maintenance services		_		_	-
Traffic control devices		-		-	-
Street lighting		1,572.88		-	1,572.88
Storm sewers and drains		-		-	-
Repairs of tools and machinery		-		-	-
Maintenance and repairs - roads and					
bridges		-		-	-
Highway construction and rebuilding					
projects		-		-	-
Miscellaneous					
Total expenditures		104,241.88			 104,241.88
Remaining funds available as of					
December 31, 2019	\$	129,159.90	\$	744.47	\$ 129,904.37

CLARION COUNTY LIQUID FUELS TAX FUND 2019 FORM MS-991 WITH ADJUSTMENTS

2019 Form MS-991 With Adjustments (Continued)

	R	Reported		Adjustments		Adjusted Amount
Approved future year receipts and expenditures	Φ.		*		Φ.	
Accounts receivable	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-
Accounts payable		-		-		-
Unpaid encumbrances		18,000.00		-		18,000.00
Unpaid county aid grants		109,619.00		(93.00)		109,526.00
Total approved future year receipts						
and expenditures		127,619.00		(93.00)		127,526.00
Year end balance available for future years as of December 31, 2019	\$	1,540.90	\$	837.47	\$	2,378.37

CLARION COUNTY LIQUID FUELS TAX FUND 2020 FORM MS-991 WITH ADJUSTMENTS

	Reported Adjustments		Adjustments	Adjusted Amount	
Actual balance in county Liquid					
Fuels Tax Fund on January 1, 2020	\$	129,159.90	\$	744.47	\$ 129,904.37
Receipts:					
Liquid Fuels Tax Funds received					
from Commonwealth		87,948.44		-	87,948.44
Interest		695.46		-	695.46
Reimbursable agreements		-		-	-
Miscellaneous					
Total receipts		88,643.90			88,643.90
Total Liquid Fuels Tax Funds available					
for expenditures and encumbrances		217,803.80		744.47	 218,548.27
Expenditures:				(4.54.5.00)	
Administrative		4,215.00		(4,215.00)	-
Minor equipment purchases		-		-	-
County aid payments		102,637.24		-	102,637.24
Major equipment expenditures		-		-	-
Street cleaning and gutters Winter maintenance services		-		-	-
Traffic control devices		-		-	-
Street lighting		- 1,591.79		_	1,591.79
Storm sewers and drains		1,391.79		_	1,371.77
Repairs of tools and machinery		_		_	_
Maintenance and repairs - roads and					
bridges		_		_	_
Highway construction and rebuilding					
projects		-		-	-
Miscellaneous				47,545.43	 47,545.43
Total expenditures		108,444.03		43,330.43	151,774.46
Remaining funds available as of					
December 31, 2020	\$	109,359.77	\$	(42,585.96)	\$ 66,773.81

CLARION COUNTY LIQUID FUELS TAX FUND 2020 FORM MS-991 WITH ADJUSTMENTS

2020 Form MS-991 With Adjustments (Continued)

	Reported		Adjustments			Adjusted Amount
Approved future year receipts and expenditures						
Accounts receivable	\$	_	\$	_	\$	_
Accounts payable		4,215.00	•	(4,215.00)	·	_
Unpaid encumbrances	18,000.00		-			18,000.00
Unpaid county aid grants		6,981.76		(6,981.76)		
Total approved future year receipts						
and expenditures		29,196.76		(11,196.76)		18,000.00
Year end balance available for future	Ф	00.1/2.01	Ф	(21, 200, 20)	Ф	40.772.01
years as of December 31, 2020		80,163.01	\$	(31,389.20)	\$	48,773.81

CLARION COUNTY LIQUID FUELS TAX FUND 2021 FORM MS-991 WITH ADJUSTMENTS

	Reported Adjustments		Adjusted Amount	
Actual balance in county Liquid				
Fuels Tax Fund on January 1, 2021	\$ 109,359.77	\$	(42,585.96)	\$ 66,773.81
Receipts:				
Liquid Fuels Tax Funds received				
from Commonwealth	79,289.23		-	79,289.23
Interest	189.73		-	189.73
Reimbursable agreements	-		-	-
Miscellaneous			46,800.94	 46,800.94
Total receipts	 79,478.96		46,800.94	126,279.90
Total Liquid Fuels Tax Funds available				
for expenditures and encumbrances	188,838.73		4,214.98	193,053.71
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Expenditures:				
Administrative	4,453.00		4,215.00	8,668.00
Minor equipment purchases	-		-	-
County aid payments	113,950.00		-	113,950.00
Major equipment expenditures	-		-	-
Street cleaning and gutters	-		-	-
Winter maintenance services	-		-	-
Traffic control devices	-		-	-
Street lighting	1,550.49		-	1,550.49
Storm sewers and drains	-		-	-
Repairs of tools and machinery	-		-	-
Maintenance and repairs - roads and				
bridges	493.00		-	493.00
Highway construction and rebuilding				
projects	-		-	-
Miscellaneous	 			 -
Total expenditures	 120,446.49		4,215.00	124,661.49
Remaining funds available as of				
December 31, 2021	\$ 68,392.24	\$	(.02)	\$ 68,392.22

CLARION COUNTY LIQUID FUELS TAX FUND 2021 FORM MS-991 WITH ADJUSTMENTS

2021 Form MS-991 With Adjustments (Continued)

		Reported		Adjustments		Adjusted Amount	
Approved future year receipts and expenditures							
Accounts receivable	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	
Accounts payable		-		-		-	
Unpaid encumbrances		18,000.00		-		18,000.00	
Unpaid county aid grants							
Total approved future year receipts							
and expenditures		18,000.00				18,000.00	
Year end balance available for future years as of December 31, 2021	\$	50,392.24	\$	(.02)	\$	50,392.22	

CLARION COUNTY 2017 REPORT OF ACT 44 TAX FUND WITH ADJUSTMENTS

	Reported		Adjustments		Adjusted Amount
Balance, January 1, 2017	\$	6,245.39	\$	-	\$ 6,245.39
Receipts:					
Act 44 Funds		1,028.08		-	1,028.08
Interest		-		-	-
Reimbursable agreements		-		-	-
Miscellaneous					
Total receipts		1,028.08			 1,028.08
Total funds available		7,273.47			 7,273.47
Expenditures:					
Administrative		_		_	_
Minor Equipment Purchases		_		_	_
Major Equipment Purchases		_		_	-
Street Cleaning and Gutters		_		_	-
Traffic Control Devices		_		_	-
Street Lighting		_		_	-
Storm Sewers and Drains		_		_	-
Repairs of Tools and Machinery		-		-	-
Maintenance and Repairs-					
Roads and Bridges		-		-	-
Highway Construction and					
Rebuilding Projects		-		-	-
Miscellaneous					
Total expenditures				-	
Balance, December 31, 2017	\$	7,273.47	\$	_	\$ 7,273.47

CLARION COUNTY 2018 REPORT OF ACT 44 TAX FUND WITH ADJUSTMENTS

	F	Reported	Adjustments		Adjusted Amount
Balance, January 1, 2018	\$	7,273.47	\$ -	\$	7,273.47
Receipts:					
Act 44 Funds		1,026.85	-		1,026.85
Interest		.74	-		.74
Reimbursable agreements		-	-		-
Miscellaneous		744.49	(744.49)		
Total receipts		1,772.08	(744.49)		1,027.59
Total funds available		9,045.55	(744.49)	· <u></u>	8,301.06
Expenditures:					
Administrative		-	-		-
Minor Equipment Purchases		-	-		-
Major Equipment Purchases		-	-		-
Street Cleaning and Gutters		-	-		-
Traffic Control Devices		-	-		-
Street Lighting		-	-		-
Storm Sewers and Drains		-	-		-
Repairs of Tools and Machinery		-	-		-
Maintenance and Repairs-					
Roads and Bridges		-	375.18		375.18
Highway Construction and					
Rebuilding Projects		-	-		-
Miscellaneous		375.18	(375.18)		
Total expenditures		375.18			375.18
Balance, December 31, 2018	\$	8,670.37	\$ (744.49)	\$	7,925.88

CLARION COUNTY 2019 REPORT OF ACT 44 TAX FUND WITH ADJUSTMENTS

	I	Reported	Adjustments		Adjusted Amount
Balance, January 1, 2019	\$	8,670.37	\$	(744.49)	\$ 7,925.88
Receipts:					
Act 44 Funds		1,026.85		-	1,026.85
Interest		.97		-	.97
Reimbursable agreements		-		-	-
Miscellaneous					
Total receipts		1,027.82			1,027.82
Total funds available		9,698.19		(744.49)	8,953.70
Expenditures:					
Administrative		-		_	-
Minor Equipment Purchases		-		_	-
Major Equipment Purchases		-		_	-
Street Cleaning and Gutters		-		-	-
Traffic Control Devices		-		-	-
Street Lighting		-		-	-
Storm Sewers and Drains		-		-	-
Repairs of Tools and Machinery		-		-	-
Maintenance and Repairs-					
Roads and Bridges		-		-	-
Highway Construction and					
Rebuilding Projects		-		-	-
Miscellaneous					
Total expenditures					
Balance, December 31, 2019	\$	9,698.19	\$	(744.49)	\$ 8,953.70

CLARION COUNTY 2020 REPORT OF ACT 44 TAX FUND WITH ADJUSTMENTS

	Reported	Adjustments		 Adjusted Amount
Balance, January 1, 2020	\$ 9,698.19	\$	(744.49)	\$ 8,953.70
Receipts:				
Act 44 Funds	1,022.64		-	1,022.64
Interest	1.52		-	1.52
Reimbursable agreements	-		-	-
Miscellaneous	 		47,545.43	 47,545.43
Total receipts	 1,024.16		47,545.43	 48,569.59
Total funds available	10,722.35		46,800.94	 57,523.29
Expenditures:				
Administrative	_		-	-
Minor Equipment Purchases	_		-	-
Major Equipment Purchases	_		-	-
Street Cleaning and Gutters	-		-	-
Traffic Control Devices	-		-	-
Street Lighting	-		-	_
Storm Sewers and Drains	-		-	_
Repairs of Tools and Machinery	-		-	_
Maintenance and Repairs-				
Roads and Bridges	-		-	-
Highway Construction and				
Rebuilding Projects	-		-	-
Miscellaneous	 			
Total expenditures	 			
Balance, December 31, 2020	\$ 10,722.35	\$	46,800.94	\$ 57,523.29

CLARION COUNTY 2021 REPORT OF ACT 44 TAX FUND WITH ADJUSTMENTS

	 Reported	Adjus	stments	 Adjusted Amount
Balance, January 1, 2021	\$ 57,523.29	\$	-	\$ 57,523.29
Receipts:				
Act 44 Funds	1,024.01		-	1,024.01
Interest	1.24		-	1.24
Reimbursable agreements	-		-	-
Miscellaneous	 			
Total receipts	 1,025.25		_	 1,025.25
Total funds available	 58,548.54		_	 58,548.54
Expenditures:				
Administrative	-		-	-
Minor Equipment Purchases	-		-	-
Major Equipment Purchases	-		-	-
Street Cleaning and Gutters	-		-	-
Traffic Control Devices	-		-	-
Street Lighting	-		-	-
Storm Sewers and Drains	-		-	-
Repairs of Tools and Machinery	-		-	-
Maintenance and Repairs-				
Roads and Bridges	-		-	-
Highway Construction and				
Rebuilding Projects	-		-	-
Miscellaneous	 46,800.94			 46,800.94
Total expenditures	 46,800.94		-	 46,800.94
Balance, December 31, 2021	\$ 11,747.60	\$	-	\$ 11,747.60

CLARION COUNTY 2017 REPORT OF ACT 89 TAX FUND WITH ADJUSTMENTS

	F	Reported	Adjustments		Adjusted Amount
Balance, January 1, 2017	\$	-	\$	4,193.15	\$ 4,193.15
Receipts:					
Act 89 Funds		1,945.52		-	1,945.52
Interest		.15		-	.15
Reimbursable agreements		-		-	-
Miscellaneous		4,193.15		(4,193.15)	
Total receipts		6,138.82		(4,193.15)	 1,945.67
Total funds available		6,138.82			 6,138.82
Expenditures:					
Administrative		-		-	-
Minor Equipment Purchases		-		-	-
Major Equipment Purchases		-		-	-
Street Cleaning and Gutters		-		-	-
Traffic Control Devices		-		-	-
Street Lighting		-		-	-
Storm Sewers and Drains		-		-	-
Repairs of Tools and Machinery		-		-	-
Maintenance and Repairs-					
Roads and Bridges		-		-	-
Highway Construction and					
Rebuilding Projects		-		-	-
Miscellaneous					
Total expenditures				<u>-</u>	
Balance, December 31, 2017	\$	6,138.82	\$		\$ 6,138.82

CLARION COUNTY 2018 REPORT OF ACT 89 TAX FUND WITH ADJUSTMENTS

]	Reported	Adju	stments		Adjusted Amount
Balance, January 1, 2018	\$	6,138.82	\$	-	\$	6,138.82
Receipts:						
Act 89 Funds		2,095.28		-		2,095.28
Interest		.52		-		.52
Reimbursable agreements		-		-		-
Miscellaneous				-	-	
Total receipts		2,095.80				2,095.80
Total funds available		8,234.62				8,234.62
Expenditures:						
Administrative		-		-		-
Minor Equipment Purchases		-		-		-
Major Equipment Purchases		-		-		-
Street Cleaning and Gutters		-		-		-
Traffic Control Devices		-		-		-
Street Lighting		-		-		-
Storm Sewers and Drains		-		-		-
Repairs of Tools and Machinery		-		-		-
Maintenance and Repairs-						
Roads and Bridges		1,304.98		-		1,304.98
Highway Construction and						
Rebuilding Projects		-		-		-
Miscellaneous				-		
Total expenditures		1,304.98				1,304.98
Balance, December 31, 2018	\$	6,929.64	\$	-	\$	6,929.64

CLARION COUNTY 2019 REPORT OF ACT 89 TAX FUND WITH ADJUSTMENTS

]	Reported	Adju	stments	Adjusted Amount
Balance, January 1, 2019	\$	6,929.64	\$	-	\$ 6,929.64
Receipts:					
Act 89 Funds		1,946.79		-	1,946.79
Interest		.59		-	.59
Reimbursable agreements		-		-	-
Miscellaneous				_	
Total receipts		1,947.38			 1,947.38
Total funds available		8,877.02		-	 8,877.02
Expenditures:					
Administrative		-		-	-
Minor Equipment Purchases		_		-	-
Major Equipment Purchases		_		-	-
Street Cleaning and Gutters		-		-	-
Traffic Control Devices		-		-	-
Street Lighting		-		-	-
Storm Sewers and Drains		-		-	-
Repairs of Tools and Machinery		-		-	-
Maintenance and Repairs-					
Roads and Bridges		-		-	-
Highway Construction and					
Rebuilding Projects		-		-	-
Miscellaneous				_	
Total expenditures					
Balance, December 31, 2019	\$	8,877.02	\$	-	\$ 8,877.02

CLARION COUNTY 2020 REPORT OF ACT 89 TAX FUND WITH ADJUSTMENTS

]	Reported	Adju	ıstments	 Adjusted Amount
Balance, January 1, 2020	\$	8,877.02	\$	-	\$ 8,877.02
Receipts:					
Act 89 Funds		1,815.47		-	1,815.47
Interest		.71		-	.71
Reimbursable agreements		-		-	-
Miscellaneous				_	
Total receipts		1,816.18		-	 1,816.18
Total funds available		10,693.20		-	 10,693.20
Expenditures:					
Administrative		-		-	-
Minor Equipment Purchases		_		-	_
Major Equipment Purchases		_		-	_
Street Cleaning and Gutters		-		-	-
Traffic Control Devices		-		-	-
Street Lighting		_		-	-
Storm Sewers and Drains		_		-	-
Repairs of Tools and Machinery		_		-	-
Maintenance and Repairs-					
Roads and Bridges		_		-	-
Highway Construction and					
Rebuilding Projects		_		-	-
Miscellaneous				_	
Total expenditures				_	
Balance, December 31, 2020	\$	10,693.20	\$	-	\$ 10,693.20

CLARION COUNTY 2021 REPORT OF ACT 89 TAX FUND WITH ADJUSTMENTS

	 Reported	Adju	stments	Adjusted Amount
Balance, January 1, 2021	\$ 10,693.20	\$	-	\$ 10,693.20
Receipts:				
Act 89 Funds	1,987.37		-	1,987.37
Interest	1.21		-	1.21
Reimbursable agreements	-		-	-
Miscellaneous	 			
Total receipts	 1,988.58		-	 1,988.58
Total funds available	 12,681.78		_	 12,681.78
Expenditures:				
Administrative	-		-	-
Minor Equipment Purchases	-		-	-
Major Equipment Purchases	-		-	-
Street Cleaning and Gutters	-		-	-
Traffic Control Devices	-		-	-
Street Lighting	-		-	-
Storm Sewers and Drains	-		-	-
Repairs of Tools and Machinery	-		-	-
Maintenance and Repairs-				
Roads and Bridges	-		-	-
Highway Construction and				
Rebuilding Projects	-		-	-
Miscellaneous	 -		-	
Total expenditures	 		_	
Balance, December 31, 2021	\$ 12,681.78	\$	_	\$ 12,681.78

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

Adjustments

2017 Form MS-991

An adjustment of \$744.18 was made to "Balance, January 1, 2017" because of prior report adjustments that were not carried forward in the fund balance.

An adjustment of \$.29 was made to "Interest" because interest earned was understated.

2018 Form MS-991

An adjustment of \$744.47 was made to "Balance, January 1, 2018" to reflect the adjustment made to the fund balance in 2017.

2019 Form MS-991

An adjustment of \$744.47 was made to "Balance, January 1, 2019" to reflect the adjustment made to the fund balance in 2018.

An adjustment of \$(93.00) was made to "Unpaid county aid grants" because the balance for Project No. 18-16211-02 was overstated.

2020 Form MS-991

An adjustment of \$744.47 was made to "Balance, January 1, 2020" to reflect the adjustment made to the fund balance in 2019.

An adjustment of \$(4,215.00) was made to "Administrative" because expenditures that were paid during 2021 were erroneously reported as paid during 2020.

An adjustment of \$47,545.43 was made to "Miscellaneous" expenditures because these expenditures were understated.

An adjustment of \$(4,215.00) was made to "Accounts payable" because there were no accounts payable.

Adjustments (Continued)

2020 Form MS-991 (Continued)

An adjustment of \$(6,981.76) was made to "Unpaid county aid grants" because Project No. 18-16211-02 was reported as \$93.00 but was completed, Project No. 17-16407-02 was reported as \$762.76 but was completed, and Project No. 18-16201-02 was reported as \$6,126.00 but was canceled.

2021 Form MS-991

An adjustment of \$(42,585.96) was made to "Balance, January 1, 2021" to reflect the adjustment made to the fund balance in 2020.

An adjustment of \$46,800.94 was made to "Miscellaneous" receipts because the correction of a transfer in error was not reported.

An adjustment of \$4,215.00 was made to "Administrative" because check No. 1110, which was issued in 2021, was incorrectly reported as an expenditure in 2020.

2018 Report of Act 44 Tax Fund

An adjustment of \$(744.49) was made to "Miscellaneous" receipts because there were no miscellaneous receipts.

Adjustments were made to "Maintenance and repairs - roads and bridges" and "Miscellaneous" because expenditures of \$375.18 were misclassified.

2019 Report of Act 44 Tax Fund

An adjustment of \$(744.49) was made to "Balance, January 1, 2019" to reflect the adjustment made to the Act 44 fund balance in 2018.

2020 Report of Act 44 Tax Fund

An adjustment of \$(744.49) was made to "Balance, January 1, 2020" to reflect the adjustment made to the Act 44 fund balance in 2019.

An adjustment of \$47,545.43 was made to "Miscellaneous" receipts because these receipts were understated.

Adjustments (Continued)

2017 Report of Act 89 Tax Fund

An adjustment of \$4,193.15 was made to "Balance, January 1, 2017" because an incorrect fund balance was reported.

An adjustment of \$(4,193.15) was made to "Miscellaneous" receipts because there were no miscellaneous receipts.

Miscellaneous Receipts - Liquid Fuels Tax Fund

The following miscellaneous receipts were deposited into the Liquid Fuels Tax Fund during the examination period:

Source	Description	2017	2021
Commonwealth of Pennsylvania	Deposits in error	\$163,235.00	\$ -
Act 44 Fund	Correction of transfer in error		46,800.94
Totals		\$163,235.00	\$46,800.94

Miscellaneous Expenditures - Liquid Fuels Tax Fund

The following miscellaneous expenditures were paid from the Liquid Fuels Tax Fund during the examination period:

Payee	Description	2017	2021
General Fund	Correction of deposit in error	\$163,235.00	\$ -
Financial Institution	Bank service charge	12.00	-
Act 44 Tax Fund	Transfer in error		47,545.43
Totals		\$163,247.00	\$47,545.43

Deposits In Error

On March 29, 2017, April 10, 2017, and April 27, 2017, \$26,695.23, \$21,572.00, and \$114,967.77, respectively, of state funds were electronically deposited into the Liquid Fuels Tax Fund in error. On April 5, 2017, April 11, 2017, and April 28, 2017, the county transferred \$26,695.23, \$21,572.00, and \$114,967.77, respectively, from its Liquid Fuels Tax Fund into its General Fund to correct the deposits in error.

Transfers In Error

On January 24, 2020 and December 8, 2020, the municipality transferred \$744.49 and \$46,800.94, respectively, from the Liquid Fuels Tax Fund to the Act 44 Tax Fund in error. On January 20, 2021, \$46,800.94 was transferred from the Act 44 Tax Fund to the Liquid Fuels Tax Fund to correct that transfer in error. As of the exit conference date of this examination, \$744.49 remained in the Act 44 Tax Fund.

Encumbrances

As of December 31, 2021, \$18,000.00 was encumbered for county projects.

CLARION COUNTY LIQUID FUELS, ACT 44, AND ACT 89 TAX FUNDS SUMMARY OF EXIT CONFERENCE FOR THE PERIOD JANUARY 1, 2017 TO DECEMBER 31, 2021

An exit conference was held October 19, 2022. Those participating were:

CLARION COUNTY

Ms. Mindy Frampton, Chief Clerk

DEPARTMENT OF THE AUDITOR GENERAL

Mr. Christopher Heglen, Audit Supervisor

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

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