

***EAST LAMPETER SEWER AUTHORITY***  
***(A Component Unit of East Lampeter Township)***

**FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**Year Ended December 31, 2023**

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## INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

**To the Members of the Board  
East Lampeter Sewer Authority  
Lancaster, Pennsylvania**

### **Opinions**

We have audited the accompanying modified cash basis financial statements of the business-type activities and each major fund of the East Lampeter Sewer Authority (the "Authority"), a component unit of East Lampeter Township, as of and for the year ended December 31, 2023, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Authority's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective modified cash basis financial position of the business-type activities and each major fund of the East Lampeter Sewer Authority as of December 31, 2023, and the respective changes in modified cash basis financial position and cash flows thereof for the years then ended in accordance with the modified cash basis of accounting described in Note 1.

### **Basis for Opinions**

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are required to be independent of East Lampeter Sewer Authority, and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audit. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinions.

### **Emphasis of Matter - Basis of Accounting**

We draw attention to Note 1 of the financial statements, which describes the basis of accounting. The financial statements are prepared on the modified cash basis of accounting, which is a basis of accounting other than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. Our opinions are not modified with respect to this matter.

### **Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements**

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with the modified cash basis of accounting described in Note 1 and for determining that the modified cash basis of accounting is an acceptable basis for the preparation of the financial statements in the circumstances. Management is also responsible for the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, management is required to evaluate whether there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about East Lampeter Sewer Authority's ability to continue as a going concern for twelve months beyond the financial statement date, including any currently known information that may raise substantial doubt shortly thereafter.

### **Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements**

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinions. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Misstatements are considered material if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, they would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user based on the financial statements.

In performing an audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards, we:

- Exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of East Lampeter Sewer Authority's internal control. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluate the overall presentation of the financial statements.
- Conclude whether, in our judgment, there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about East Lampeter Sewer Authority's ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

We are required to communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit, significant audit findings, and certain internal control-related matters that we identified during the audit.

*Herbein + Company, Inc.*

**Reading, Pennsylvania**  
**August 5, 2024**

**EAST LAMPETER SEWER AUTHORITY**

**STATEMENT OF NET POSITION - MODIFIED CASH BASIS**

**December 31, 2023**

	Sewer Fund	Stormwater Fund	Total Business-Type Activities
<b>ASSETS</b>			
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>			
Cash and investments	\$ 6,008	\$ 4,535,287	\$ 4,541,295
Restricted assets:			
Cash and investments - trust indenture	6,180,872	-	6,180,872
Escrow funds held by City of Lancaster	558,506	-	558,506
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<u>6,745,386</u>	<u>4,535,287</u>	<u>11,280,673</u>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>			
<b>CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>			
Due to primary government	-	1,183,261	1,183,261
<b>NET POSITION</b>			
Restricted for:			
Administrative expenses	39,347	-	39,347
Debt service	1,083	-	1,083
Capital projects	6,704,956	-	6,704,956
Unrestricted	-	3,352,026	3,352,026
<b>TOTAL NET POSITION</b>	<u>\$ 6,745,386</u>	<u>\$ 3,352,026</u>	<u>\$ 10,097,412</u>

**EAST LAMPETER SEWER AUTHORITY**  
**STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENSES,**  
**AND CHANGES IN NET POSITION - MODIFIED CASH BASIS**

**For the Year Ended December 31, 2023**

	Sewer Fund	Stormwater Fund	Total Business-Type Activities
<b>OPERATING REVENUES</b>			
Rental income, East Lampeter Township	\$ 1,871,143	\$ -	\$ 1,871,143
Stormwater charges	-	1,693,761	1,693,761
<b>TOTAL OPERATING REVENUES</b>	<b>1,871,143</b>	<b>1,693,761</b>	<b>3,564,904</b>
<b>OPERATING EXPENSES</b>			
Personnel services	1,325	251,523	252,848
Professional fees	82,082	187,729	269,811
Primary government administrative charges	-	86,873	86,873
Other operating goods and services	12,670	39,884	52,554
Project costs	1,072,578	439,514	1,512,092
<b>TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES</b>	<b>1,168,655</b>	<b>1,005,523</b>	<b>2,174,178</b>
<b>OPERATING INCOME</b>	<b>702,488</b>	<b>688,238</b>	<b>1,390,726</b>
<b>NONOPERATING REVENUES (EXPENSES)</b>			
Interest income	208,522	179,130	387,652
Note proceeds	5,000,000	-	5,000,000
State sources	-	11,656	11,656
Other revenue	-	162	162
Principal payments on long-term debt	(1,445,000)	-	(1,445,000)
Interest expense	(382,785)	-	(382,785)
Note issuance costs	(25,398)	-	(25,398)
<b>TOTAL NONOPERATING REVENUES (EXPENSES)</b>	<b>3,355,339</b>	<b>190,948</b>	<b>3,546,287</b>
<b>CHANGES IN NET POSITION</b>	<b>4,057,827</b>	<b>879,186</b>	<b>4,937,013</b>
<b>NET POSITION - BEGINNING OF YEAR</b>	<b>2,687,559</b>	<b>2,472,840</b>	<b>5,160,399</b>
<b>NET POSITION - END OF YEAR</b>	<b>\$ 6,745,386</b>	<b>\$ 3,352,026</b>	<b>\$ 10,097,412</b>

See accompanying notes.

**EAST LAMPETER SEWER AUTHORITY**

**STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS - MODIFIED CASH BASIS**

**For the Year Ended December 31, 2023**

	Sewer Fund	Stormwater Fund	Total Business-Type Activities
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES</b>			
Received from lessee, principal portion	\$ 1,445,000	\$ -	\$ 1,445,000
Received from lessee, interest portion	381,143	-	381,143
Received from lessee, administrative fee	45,000	-	45,000
Received from customers	-	1,693,761	1,693,761
Payments for employee services and benefits	(1,325)	(251,523)	(252,848)
Payments to suppliers for goods and services	(708,544)	(754,000)	(1,462,544)
<b>NET CASH PROVIDED BY OPERATING ACTIVITIES</b>	<b>1,161,274</b>	<b>688,238</b>	<b>1,849,512</b>
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM NONCAPITAL FINANCING ACTIVITIES</b>			
Advances from other funds	-	923,389	923,389
State sources	-	11,656	11,656
Other revenue	-	162	162
<b>NET CASH PROVIDED BY NONCAPITAL FINANCING ACTIVITIES</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>935,207</b>	<b>935,207</b>
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM CAPITAL AND RELATED FINANCING ACTIVITIES</b>			
Proceeds from issuance of long-term debt	5,000,000	-	5,000,000
Principal payments on long-term debt	(1,445,000)	-	(1,445,000)
Interest payments on long-term debt	(382,785)	-	(382,785)
Issuance costs of long-term debt	(25,398)	-	(25,398)
<b>NET CASH PROVIDED BY CAPITAL AND RELATED FINANCING ACTIVITIES</b>	<b>3,146,817</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>3,146,817</b>
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES</b>			
Interest received on investments	197,620	179,130	376,750
Refund of escrow funds held by City of Lancaster	7,316	-	7,316
Payments to escrow funds held by City of Lancaster	(259,840)	-	(259,840)
<b>NET CASH PROVIDED BY (USED FOR) INVESTING ACTIVITIES</b>	<b>(54,904)</b>	<b>179,130</b>	<b>124,226</b>
<b>NET INCREASE IN CASH</b>	<b>4,253,187</b>	<b>1,802,575</b>	<b>6,055,762</b>
<b>CASH AT BEGINNING OF YEAR</b>	<b>1,933,693</b>	<b>2,732,712</b>	<b>4,666,405</b>
<b>CASH AT END OF YEAR</b>	<b>\$ 6,186,880</b>	<b>\$ 4,535,287</b>	<b>\$ 10,722,167</b>
<b>RECONCILIATION OF OPERATING INCOME TO</b>			
<b>NET CASH PROVIDED BY OPERATING ACTIVITIES</b>			
Income from operations	\$ 702,488	\$ 688,238	\$ 1,390,726
Adjustments to reconcile operating income to net cash provided by operating activities:			
Wastewater project costs paid by escrow assets	458,786	-	458,786
<b>NET CASH PROVIDED BY OPERATING ACTIVITIES</b>	<b>\$ 1,161,274</b>	<b>\$ 688,238</b>	<b>\$ 1,849,512</b>
<b>SUPPLEMENTAL DISCLOSURES OF NON-CASH FINANCING AND INVESTING ACTIVITIES</b>			
Interest income in escrow accounts	\$ 10,902	\$ -	\$ 10,902
Wastewater project costs paid by escrow assets	458,786	-	458,786

See accompanying notes.

## **EAST LAMPETER SEWER AUTHORITY**

### **NOTES TO BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**December 31, 2023**

The East Lampeter Sewer Authority (the "Authority"), a component unit of East Lampeter Township, is a government entity created pursuant to an ordinance of the Board of Supervisors of East Lampeter Township (the "Township"), under an Act of the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, approved May 2, 1945, P.L. 382 as amended and supplemental, known as the "Municipality Authorities Act of 1945." The Authority is governed by a Board consisting of five members appointed by the Township Board of Supervisors.

The Authority was formed in 1970 as a financing authority leasing its sewer facilities and sewer system exclusively to the Township which operates and maintains the sewer system and pays certain minimum net rentals to the Authority. On December 13, 2019, the Authority filed an amendment to the Articles of Incorporation of the Authority. The amendment authorizes the Authority to acquire, hold, construct, improve, maintain, operate, and own stormwater systems or parts thereof including the planning, management and implementation of stormwater systems. During 2020, the Township transferred ownership of the stormwater system and the Authority began stormwater operations. After the transfer of the stormwater system, the Authority became an operating authority.

#### **NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

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As described further in Note 1C., these financial statements are presented on a modified cash basis of accounting, which is a basis of accounting other than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP) established by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB). These modified cash basis financial statements generally meet the presentation and disclosure requirements applicable to GAAP, in substance, but are limited to the elements presented in the financial statements and the constraints of the measurement and recognition criteria of the modified cash basis of accounting.

##### **A. Financial Reporting Entity**

As required by generally accepted accounting principles, the financial statements of the reporting entity include those of the Authority (the primary government) and its component units.

The Authority used guidance contained in generally accepted accounting principles to evaluate the possible inclusion of related entities (municipalities, boards, councils, fiduciary activities, etc.) within its reporting entity. Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the reporting entity consists of the primary government and legally separate entities for which the primary government is financially accountable. In addition, the primary government may determine through the exercise of management's professional judgment that the inclusion of a legally separate entity that does not meet the financial accountability criteria is necessary in order to prevent the reporting entity's financial statements from being misleading. In such instances, that legally separate entity should be included as a component unit if the nature and significance of their relationship with the primary government or other component units are such that the exclusion from the financial reporting entity would render the financial reporting entity's financial statements incomplete or misleading. In evaluating how to define the reporting entity, management has considered all potential component units.



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**NOTES TO BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**December 31, 2023**

**NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES - CONTINUED**

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**A. Financial Reporting Entity - continued**

Based on the foregoing criteria, the Authority has determined that it does not have any component units, but is itself a component unit of East Lampeter Township. The Authority is governed by a Board consisting of five members appointed by the Township Board of Supervisors. The Township has guaranteed payment of the Sewer Revenue Bonds and Notes. Finally, there is a financial burden between the Township and the Authority. Therefore, the Authority is a blended component unit of the Township. These financial statements represent the activity of the Authority only, and do not reflect any activity of the primary government.

**B. Basis of Presentation**

Proprietary Funds - The Authority is a special purpose government and as such all activities are accounted for within two proprietary (enterprise) funds and are classified as business-type activities. Proprietary funds are used to account for operations that are (a) financed and operated in a manner similar to private business enterprises where the intent of the governing body is that the cost (expenses) of providing goods or services to the general public on a continuing basis be financed or recovered primarily through user charges; or (b) where the governing body has decided that periodic determination of revenues earned, expenses incurred, and/or net income is appropriate for capital maintenance, public policy, management control, accountability, or other purposes.

The following are descriptions of the proprietary funds of the Authority that are reported as major funds:

***Sewer Fund*** - is used to account for the construction of assets and payment of debt obligations of the sewer system and related facilities which are leased to the Township who operates and maintains the system.

***Stormwater Fund*** - is used to account for the operations of the stormwater system and related facilities. The stormwater system is a public utility service, which is maintained on a self-supporting basis.

Operating revenues and expenses are distinguished from nonoperating items in the statements of revenues, expenses, and changes in net position - modified cash basis. Operating revenues and expenses generally result from providing services in connection with the Authority's principal ongoing operations. The principal operating revenues of the Authority are lease rentals from the Township and charges to customers for stormwater fees. Operating expenses include the cost of stormwater operations, administrative expenses, and construction costs. All revenues and expenses not meeting this definition are reported as nonoperating revenues and expenses.

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**December 31, 2023**

**NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES - CONTINUED**

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**C. Measurement Focus and Basis of Accounting**

The accounting and financial reporting treatment is determined by the applicable measurement focus and basis of accounting. Measurement focus indicates the type of resources being measured such as *current financial resources* or *economic resources*. The basis of accounting indicates the timing of transactions or events for recognition in the financial statements.

**1. Measurement Focus**

The Authority utilizes an economic resources measurement focus within the limitations of the modified cash basis of accounting. The accounting objectives of this measurement focus are the determination of operating income, changes in net position (or cost recovery), net financial position, and cash flows. All assets, deferred outflows of resources, liabilities, and deferred inflows of resources (whether current or noncurrent) associated with their activities are generally reported within the limitations of the modified cash basis of accounting.

**2. Basis of Accounting**

The financial statements are presented on a modified cash basis of accounting, which is a basis of accounting other than GAAP as established by GASB. This basis of accounting involves modifications to the cash basis of accounting to report in the statements of net position or balance sheet cash transactions or events that provide a benefit or result in an obligation that covers a period greater than the period in which the cash transaction or event occurred. Under this basis, revenues are recorded when received and expenses are recorded when paid, except amounts due to primary government. In addition, the restricted assets - escrow funds held by City of Lancaster are reported on the statement of net position. Although not held by the Authority, the Authority records its intergovernmental escrow agreements as restricted assets of the Authority until the Authority and other participants in the intergovernmental agreements authorize the withdrawal of said monies.

This modified cash basis of accounting differs from GAAP primarily because certain assets and their related revenues (such as accounts receivable and revenue for billed or provided services not yet collected and other accrued revenue and receivables) and certain liabilities and their related expenses or expenditures (such as accounts payable and expenses for goods or services received but not yet paid and other accrued expenses and long-term debt) are not recorded in these financial statements. In addition, other economic assets, deferred outflows of resources, liabilities, and deferred inflows of resources that do not arise from cash transactions or events are not reported, and the measurement of reported assets and liabilities does not involve adjustment to fair value.

If the Authority utilized the basis of accounting recognized as generally accepted in the United States of America, the financial statements would use the accrual basis of accounting.

**EAST LAMPETER SEWER AUTHORITY**  
**NOTES TO BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**December 31, 2023**

**NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES - CONTINUED**

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**D. Budgetary Accounting**

The Authority is not required to adopt a budget, but it does. The Authority adopts a flexible annual operating budget. The budget is adopted on a basis consistent with the modified cash basis of accounting. The current operating budget details the Authority's plans to earn and expend funds for charges incurred for operation, maintenance, debt payments, construction, general functions, and other charges for the year.

**E. Financial Position**

**1. Cash and Cash Equivalents**

For purposes of reporting cash flows, the Authority considers all cash accounts which are not subject to withdrawal restrictions or penalties, and all highly-liquid debt investments purchased with a maturity of three months or less to be cash and cash equivalents.

**2. Restricted Assets**

The restricted cash and investments represent funds received by the Authority from debt instruments that are restricted for specific purposes by trust indentures.

Escrow funds held by City of Lancaster are restricted by the agreements for various capital improvement projects.

**3. Investments**

The investment in the external investment pool is valued at amortized cost, which approximates fair value.

**4. Due to the Primary Government**

Expenses that are paid for by the Township on behalf of the Authority are reported as liabilities in the financial statements. The Authority makes payments throughout the year to reimburse the Township for these expenses. Additionally, the stormwater fund collects receipts for the Township sewer fund throughout the year. The Authority periodically remits these collections to the Township.

**5. Leases**

The Authority accounts for its leases with the Township using the direct financing method.

**6. Long-Term Debt**

Long-term debt arising from cash basis transactions of the Authority is not reported as a liability in the financial statements. Debt proceeds and payment of principal and interest are reported as nonoperating revenues (expenses).

**EAST LAMPETER SEWER AUTHORITY**  
**NOTES TO BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**December 31, 2023**

**NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES - CONTINUED**

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**E. Financial Position - continued**

**7. Compensated Absences**

Compensated absences for vacation and sick leave are recorded when paid. Authority employees are entitled to accumulate sick days. Employees are entitled to half of all accumulated sick days in excess of 60 days. Comp time may be accumulated but is not paid at termination. Vacation and personal time may not be accumulated.

**8. Other Postemployment Benefits**

The Authority provides certain benefits for its retired employees. The cost of such benefit is charged to expense as the premiums are paid.

**9. Net Position**

Net position is classified and displayed in two components:

Restricted - This category presents external restrictions imposed by creditors, grantors, contributors, or laws or regulations of other governments and restrictions imposed by law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation.

Unrestricted - This category represents net positions of the Authority, which are not restricted for any project or other purpose.

Flow Assumption - When both restricted and unrestricted resources are available for use, it is the Authority's policy to use restricted resources first, then unrestricted resources as they are needed.

**F. Use of Estimates**

The preparation of financial statements in accordance with the modified cash basis of accounting used by the Authority requires management to make certain estimates and assumptions that affect certain reported amounts and disclosures. Accordingly, actual results could differ from those estimates.

**EAST LAMPETER SEWER AUTHORITY**

**NOTES TO BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**December 31, 2023**

**NOTE 2 - CASH AND INVESTMENTS**

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The Authority is permitted to invest funds in:

Obligations of (a) the United States of America or any of its agencies or instrumentalities backed by the full faith and credit of the United States of America, (b) the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania or any of its agencies or instrumentalities backed by the full faith and credit of the Commonwealth, or (c) any political subdivision of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania or any of its agencies or instrumentalities backed by the full faith and credit of the political subdivision.

Deposits in savings accounts or time deposits or share accounts of institutions insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation to the extent that such accounts are so insured and for any amounts above the insured maximum, provided that approved collateral as provided by law, therefore, shall be pledged by the depository.

Pennsylvania Act 10 of 2016 became effective May 25, 2016 and expanded the permitted investment types to include commercial paper, bankers' acceptances, negotiable certificates of deposit, and insured bank deposit reciprocals as long as certain safeguards related to credit quality and maturity are met.

The components of cash and investments, as presented on the financial statements, are as follows at December 31, 2023:

Deposits	\$ 448,965
Pooled cash and investments (PLGIT)	4,092,330
Overnight sweep - restricted investments	<u>6,180,872</u>
	<u>\$ 10,722,167</u>

**Cash**

**Custodial Credit Risk - Deposit**

Custodial credit risk is the risk that in the event of a bank failure the government's deposits may not be returned to it. The Authority does not have a policy for custodial credit risk. As of December 31, 2023, the carrying amount of the Authority's deposits was \$448,965 and the bank balance was \$448,965. As of December 31, 2023, \$250,000 of the bank balance was covered by federal depository insurance (FDIC) and the remaining balance of \$198,965 was exposed to custodial credit risk but covered by collateralization requirements in accordance with Act 72 of the 1971 Session of the Pennsylvania General Assembly.

**EAST LAMPETER SEWER AUTHORITY**  
**NOTES TO BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**December 31, 2023**

**NOTE 2 - CASH AND INVESTMENTS - CONTINUED**

**Investments**

As of December 31, 2023, the Authority had the following investments:

	Fair Value	Carrying Value
<u>Pooled Cash and Investments</u>		
PA Local Government Investment Trust (PLGIT):		
Class	\$ 955,971	\$ 955,971
Prime	3,141,698	3,141,698
Less: reconciling items		(5,339)
Pooled cash and investments		4,092,330
 <u>Investments</u>		
Overnight sweep - money market portfolio	6,180,872	6,180,872
Total pooled cash and investments		\$ 10,273,202

Certain external pool investments held by the Authority, based on portfolio maturity, quality, diversification, and liquidity measures, qualify for measurement at amortized cost at both the pool and the participating government levels consistent with GASB Statement No. 79. The Authority measures those investments, which include \$4,097,669 (PLGIT), at amortized cost.

A portion of the Authority's deposits were in the Pennsylvania Local Government Investment Trust (PLGIT). PLGIT acts like a money market mutual fund in that the objective is to maintain a stable net asset value of \$1 per share, is rated by nationally recognized statistical rating organization, and is subject to an independent annual audit.

PLGIT invests primarily in U.S. Treasury and federal agency securities and repurchase agreements secured by such obligations, as well as certain municipal obligations and collateralized or insured certificates of deposit. The fund manager intends to comply with guidelines similar to those mandated for money-market funds as contained in Rule 2a-7 of the Investment Company Act of 1940.

Class Shares are a flexible option within the PLGIT fund which requires no minimum balance, no minimum initial investments, and a one-day minimum investment period. Dividends are paid monthly.

Prime is a variable rate investment portfolio which requires no minimum balance and no minimum investment. This option limits redemptions or exchanges to two per calendar month.

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**NOTE 2 - CASH AND INVESTMENTS - CONTINUED**

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**Investments - continued**

The Authority's cash equivalent investments in PLGIT cannot be classified by risk category because they are not evidenced by securities that exist in physical or book entry form. The fair value of the Authority's position in the external investment pool is the same as the value of the pool shares. All investments in external investment pools that are not registered with the Securities and Exchange Commission are subject to oversight by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

The Authority's investments of \$6,180,872 as of December 31, 2023 are held in an overnight investment sweep account in a money market portfolio that is comprised of U.S. Government and U.S. Treasury securities.

As of December 31, 2023, the entire PLGIT book balance of \$4,092,330 and the investment carrying balance of \$6,180,872 are considered to be cash equivalents.

**Interest Rate Risk**

The Authority does not have a formal investment policy that limits investment maturities as a means of managing its exposure to fair value losses arising from increasing interest rates.

**Credit Risk**

The Authority has no investment policy that would limit its investment choices to certain credit ratings. The Authority's investment in PLGIT is not rated as it is part of a government investment pool but has an implied rating of AAAM from Standard and Poor's. The Authority's investment in overnight sweeps in a money market portfolio has a rating of AAAM from Standard and Poor's.

**Concentration of Credit Risk**

Concentration of credit risk is the risk of loss attributed to the magnitude of a government's investments in a single issuer. The Authority does not have a formal investment policy regarding concentration of credit risk but utilizes "sound business practice" in choosing investments mandated by the State Code.

All of the Authority's investments are issued or guaranteed by the U.S. Government and investments in mutual pools and excluded from this risk.

**Custodial Credit Risk**

For an investment, custodial credit risk is the risk that in the event of the failure of the counterparty the Authority will not be able to recover the value of its investments or collateral security that are in the possession of an outside party. The Authority has no investment subject to custodial credit risk.

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**NOTE 2 - CASH AND INVESTMENTS - CONTINUED**

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**Restricted Cash and Investments - Trust Indenture**

Per contractual and legal requirements contained in the Trust Indenture dated April 15, 1985, First Supplemental Trust Indenture dated July 12, 1990, Second Supplemental Trust Indenture dated May 15, 1994, Third Supplemental Trust Indenture dated October 15, 2003, Fourth Supplemental Trust Indenture dated August 15, 2009, Fifth Supplemental Trust Indenture dated October 26, 2010, Sixth Supplemental Trust Indenture dated August 13, 2014, Seventh Supplemental Trust Indenture dated July 14, 2016, Eighth Supplemental Trust Indenture dated November 14, 2018, Ninth Supplemental Trust Indenture dated July 3, 2019, Tenth Supplemental Trust Indenture dated December 3, 2019, and Eleventh Supplemental Trust Indenture dated March 10, 2023 all monies held by the Trustee will be considered Trust Funds and shall not be subject to lien or attachment by any creditor of the Authority.

The Trustee is permitted to invest in direct obligations of the United States of America, agency obligations, direct obligations of any state of the United States of America, commercial paper, savings, or time deposits or certificates of deposit provided such deposits are fully insured, investments in a money-market fund, and repurchase agreements meeting certain requirements.

**NOTE 3 - RESTRICTED ASSETS - ESCROW FUNDS HELD BY CITY OF LANCASTER**

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The Authority has entered into various agreements with the City of Lancaster and other neighboring municipalities. As a participant in the agreements, the Authority is required to deposit its cost allocation for the respective capital improvement projects. The monies are deposited in escrow accounts maintained by a financial institution (escrow agent) for the City. Funds may only be withdrawn upon authorization of all participants in the intergovernmental escrow agreement. Escrow agreements consist of the following:

1. Process and Hydraulic Capacity Evaluation - On October 30, 2008, an agreement was established to provide for an evaluation of the hydraulic capacity of the wastewater treatment plant. A subsequent amendment was approved to provide additional funding for the development of the short-term and long-term capital needs of the wastewater treatment plant facilities.
2. Oxygen Control and BNR System Improvements - On May 31, 2013, an agreement was established to provide for the design of upgrades and improvements to the wastewater treatment plant's nutrient removal system. Subsequent amendments were approved to provide additional construction funding to complete the project including an amendment on December 9, 2022.



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**NOTE 3 - RESTRICTED ASSETS - ESCROW FUNDS HELD BY CITY OF LANCASTER - CONTINUED**

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3. Electrical Service Upgrade - On March 20, 2015, an agreement was established to provide for the evaluation phase of an upgrade to the electrical service at the wastewater treatment plant. Subsequent amendments were approved related to the design phase and the construction and engineering construction management of the upgrade to the electrical service at the wastewater treatment plant. On June 30, 2022, an amendment to provide additional funding needed based on bid results, remaining available contingency, and the necessary contract change order for the addition of above grade cable termination cabinets.
4. Liquid Sludge Storage System Upgrades - On December 17, 2015, an agreement was established to provide for the study and design phase of upgrades to the advanced wastewater treatment plant's liquid sludge storage system.
5. North and Stevens Force Main Assessment - On July 21, 2017, an agreement was established to provide for condition assessments of the North Pumping and Stevens Avenue Pumping Stations to determine operation reliability and plan for future rehabilitation and/or replacement. On September 27, 2022, the Authority approved an amendment to provide additional funding for rehabilitation of the force mains.
6. Wastewater Treatment Plant Chlorine Scrubber - On July 17, 2019, an agreement was established to construct a chlorine gas scrubbing system and to replace the chlorination building motor control center. A subsequent amendment was approved related to additional design for the project.
7. Wastewater Treatment Plant North Secondary Clarifier Addition - On December 4, 2020, an agreement was established to provide for the construction of an additional secondary clarifier to the north treatment train of the City's wastewater treatment plant.
8. Wastewater Treatment Oxygen Plant Improvements - On August 28, 2020, an agreement was established to provide for an upgrade to the cryogenic oxygen plant controls and vaporization system. A subsequent amendment was approved to provide additional funding for the construction and engineering construction management of the upgrade.
9. Special Project, Emergency Repairs, Replacements, and Improvements - On June 30, 2022, an agreement was established to provide for special projects and emergency repairs, replacements, and improvements capital in nature needed to keep the wastewater treatment plant operationally functional. A subsequent amendment was approved on February 23, 2023 to provide additional funding for this purpose.
10. Composting System Demolition - On June 30, 2022, an agreement was established to provide for the demolition of abandoned composting system.
11. South Primary Clarifier Addition - On September 27, 2022, an agreement was established to provide for the upgrade of the south primary clarifiers of the wastewater treatment plant.

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12. South Train Screenings - On September 27, 2022, an agreement was established to provide for the upgrade of south train screening and handling facilities.
13. CGPS and SAPS Interceptor Flow Monitoring and Capacity Evaluation - On April 11, 2023, an agreement was established to provide for the interceptor flow monitoring and capacity evaluation.
14. Dewatering Building Locker Room - On June 12, 2023, an agreement was established to provide for upgrades to the locker room in the dewatering building.

Activity related to the funds in escrow for the year ended December 31, 2023 was as follows:

Agreement number	Balance at 12/31/2022	Deposits	Construction Costs	Interest	Refund	Balance at 12/31/2023
1	\$ 45,288	\$ -	\$ (2,628)	\$ 710	\$ -	\$ 43,370
2	28,031	86,594	(109,315)	706	-	6,016
3	290,723	-	(382)	4,690	-	295,031
4	13,291	-	-	113	-	13,404
5	20,062	-	(16,730)	33	-	3,365
6	29,391	-	(15,582)	338	-	14,147
7	29,694	-	(7,250)	399	-	22,843
8	150,520	-	(98,448)	2,161	-	54,233
9	30,710	37,325	(54,846)	497	-	13,686
10	32,686	-	(25,381)	11	(7,316)	-
11	45,841	-	(33,800)	405	-	12,446
12	37,629	-	(6,324)	601	-	31,906
13	-	128,456	(86,856)	210	-	41,810
14	-	7,465	(1,244)	28	-	6,249
	<u>\$ 753,866</u>	<u>\$ 259,840</u>	<u>\$ (458,786)</u>	<u>\$ 10,902</u>	<u>\$ (7,316)</u>	<u>\$ 558,506</u>

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**NOTE 4 - LEASE AGREEMENTS - SEWER FUND**

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The Authority leases the sewer system to the Township in accordance with an Eleventh Supplemental Trust Indenture dated March 10, 2023 to an Agreement of Lease dated as of April 15, 1985, as amended and supplemented by a Tenth Supplemental Trust Indenture dated December 3, 2019, a Ninth Supplemental Agreement of Lease, dated as of July 3, 2019, an Eighth Supplemental Agreement of Lease, dated as of November 14, 2018, a Seventh Supplemental Agreement of Lease, dated as of July 14, 2016, a Sixth Supplemental Agreement of Lease, dated as of August 13, 2014, a Fifth Supplemental Agreement of Lease, dated as of October 26, 2010, a Fourth Supplemental Agreement of Lease, dated as of August 15, 2009, a Third Supplemental Agreement of Lease, dated as of October 15, 2003, a Second Supplemental Agreement of Lease, dated May 15, 1994, and a First Supplemental Agreement of Lease, dated July 12, 1990 (the Agreement of Lease). The Agreement of Leases expires October 1, 2031. As stipulated in the Agreement of Lease, the Township shall pay a minimum net rental.

Approximate lease payments to be received are as follows:

2024	\$	1,829,114
2025		1,832,071
2026		1,830,078
2027		1,827,786
2028		1,828,894
2029-2031		<u>5,298,580</u>
Total		14,446,523
Less - interest payments		<u>(1,811,523)</u>
Total principal payments	\$	<u><u>12,635,000</u></u>

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**NOTE 5 - LONG-TERM DEBT - SEWER FUND**

Guaranteed Sewer Revenue Bonds, Series of 2019

On July 3, 2019, the Authority issued Guaranteed Sewer Revenue Bonds, Series of 2019, in the amount of \$5,075,000. The Bonds were issued in order to refinance the Authority's outstanding Guaranteed Sewer Revenue Bonds, Series of 2014, and pay the costs of issuing the Bonds. The Bonds are secured by the Ninth Supplemental Trust Indenture dated July 3, 2019. The Township guarantees the payment of the principal and interest on the Bonds by making lease rental payments to the Authority. Principal maturities occur annually on April 1, 2020 through 2027. Interest rates vary from 1.5% to 2.05% depending on date of maturity.

Guaranteed Sewer Revenue Bonds, Series A and Series B of 2019

On December 3, 2019, the Authority issued Guaranteed Sewer Revenue Bonds, Series A and Series B of 2019 in the total amount of \$7,695,000. The Bonds were issued in order to refinance the Authority's outstanding Guaranteed Sewer Revenue Bonds, Series 2016 and Series 2018, pay the costs of issuing the Bonds and borrow additional money to fund various capital projects of the Authority. The Bonds are secured by the Tenth Supplemental Trust Indenture dated December 3, 2019. The Township guarantees the payment of the principal and interest on the Bonds by making lease rental payments to the Authority. Principal maturities occur annually on October 1, 2020 through 2031. Interest rates vary from 1.41% to 2.43% depending on date of maturity.

Guaranteed Sewer Revenue Note, Series of 2023

On March 10, 2023, the Authority issued Guaranteed Sewer Revenue Note, Series of 2023 in the total amount of \$5,000,000. The Note was issued to fund capital additions and extraordinary repairs to the sewer system and pay the costs of issuing the Note. The Note is secured by the Eleventh Supplemental Trust Indenture dated March 10, 2023. The Township guarantees the payment of the principal and interest on the Note by making lease rental payments to the Authority. Principal maturities occur annually on October 1, 2023 through 2031. Interest rate is 3.85%.

Maturities on the sewer revenue bonds and note are as follows:

	Bonds		Direct Borrowing Note		Total	
	Principal	Interest	Principal	Interest	Principal	Interest
2024	\$ 1,440,000	\$ 191,806	\$ 5,000	\$ 192,308	\$ 1,445,000	\$ 384,114
2025	1,510,000	124,956	5,000	192,115	1,515,000	317,071
2026	1,550,000	83,156	5,000	191,922	1,555,000	275,078
2027	1,570,000	61,056	5,000	191,730	1,575,000	252,786
2028	1,000,000	32,356	605,000	191,538	1,605,000	223,894
2029-2031	570,000	25,170	4,370,000	333,410	4,940,000	358,580
	<u>\$ 7,640,000</u>	<u>\$ 518,500</u>	<u>\$ 4,995,000</u>	<u>\$ 1,293,023</u>	<u>\$ 12,635,000</u>	<u>\$ 1,811,523</u>

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**NOTE 5 - LONG-TERM DEBT - SEWER FUND - CONTINUED**

The following is a summary of the Authority's long-term debt transactions for the year:

	<u>Balance 1/1/2023</u>	<u>Additions</u>	<u>Payments</u>	<u>Balance 12/31/2023</u>	<u>Due within one year</u>
Guaranteed Sewer Revenue Bonds, Series of 2019	\$ 4,840,000	\$ -	\$ 810,000	\$ 4,030,000	\$ 1,270,000
Guaranteed Sewer Revenue Bonds, Series A of 2019	2,075,000	-	625,000	1,450,000	165,000
Guaranteed Sewer Revenue Bonds, Series B of 2019	2,165,000	-	5,000	2,160,000	5,000
Guaranteed Sewer Revenue Note, Series of 2023	-	5,000,000	5,000	4,995,000	5,000
	<u>\$ 9,080,000</u>	<u>\$ 5,000,000</u>	<u>\$ 1,445,000</u>	<u>\$12,635,000</u>	<u>\$ 1,445,000</u>

Total interest expense paid during the year was \$382,785.

The Township unconditionally guarantees timely payment of the principal and interest of the outstanding bonds and note pledging its full faith, credit, and taxing power.

In the event of default, the holders of the bonds and note are entitled to rights and remedies provided by the Local Government Unit Debt Act.

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**NOTE 6 - RISK MANAGEMENT**

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The Authority is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts; theft of, damage to, and destruction of assets; errors and omissions; injuries to employees; and natural disasters. Significant losses are covered by commercial insurance for all areas for which the Authority retains risk of loss. There were no reductions in insurance coverages for the 2023 year and settlement amounts have not exceeded insurance coverage for the current year or the three prior years.

**NOTE 7 - COMMITMENTS**

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**Sewer Fund**

The Authority has entered into three construction contracts in the total amount of \$1,335,553 for upgrades to the Stauffer Run Pump Station. As of December 31, 2023, the Authority has incurred expenses on the contracts in the total amount of \$1,008,906, with a commitment remaining of \$326,647. The remaining commitment will be paid with existing cash.