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Baldwin Township, Minnesota

Audited Financial Statements

December 31, 2022

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**INTRODUCTORY
SECTION**

**BALDWIN TOWNSHIP, MINNESOTA
TOWN BOARD AND ADMINISTRATION
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2022**

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Term Expires

Jay Swanson	Chairman	March 2024
Tom Rush	Vice Chairman	March 2025
Scott Case	Supervisor	March 2025
Jeff Holm	Supervisor	March 2024
Bryan Lawrence	Supervisor	March 2026

ADMINISTRATION

Cathy Stevens	Clerk/Treasurer	Appointed
Marlene Nelson	Deputy Clerk/Treasurer	Appointed

**FINANCIAL
SECTION**

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

Board of Supervisors
Baldwin Township
Princeton, Minnesota

Report on the Audit of the Financial Statements

Opinions

We have audited the financial statements of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of Baldwin Township, Minnesota (the Township) as of and for the year ended December 31, 2022, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Township's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

Summary of Opinions

<u>Opinion Unit</u>	<u>Type of Opinion</u>
Governmental Activities	Qualified
Business-Type Activities	Qualified
General Fund	Unmodified
Road & Bridge Fund	Unmodified
Fire Fund	Unmodified
Building Permits Fund	Unmodified
Debt Service Fund	Unmodified
Sewer Fund	Qualified
Aggregate Remaining Fund Information	Unmodified

Unmodified Opinions

In our opinion, the accompanying financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of each major fund, other than the Sewer Fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of Baldwin Township, Minnesota as of December 31, 2022, and the respective changes in financial position thereof for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Qualified Opinions

In our opinion, except for the effects of the matters described in the "Basis for Qualified Opinions on Governmental Activities, Business-Type Activities and Sewer Fund" section of our report, the accompanying financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the governmental activities, business-type activities and Sewer Fund of Baldwin Township, Minnesota, as of December 31, 2022, and the respective changes in financial position and, where applicable, cash flows thereof for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Basis for Opinions

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAS) and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* (GAS) issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. 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 the Township 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.

Basis for Qualified Opinions on Governmental Activities, Business-Type Activities and Sewer Fund

Management has not recorded capital assets in governmental activities, business-type activities and the Sewer Fund and, accordingly, has not recorded depreciation expense on those assets. Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that capital assets be capitalized and depreciated, which would increase the assets, net position and expenses of the governmental activities, business-type activities and Sewer Fund. The amount by which this departure would affect the assets, net position and expenses of the governmental activities, business-type activities and Sewer Fund has not been determined.

Management has elected not to adopt Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement No. 68, *Accounting and Financial Reporting for Pensions*, and Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement No. 71, *Pension Transition for Contributions Made Subsequent to the Measurement Date*, and, accordingly, has not recorded a net pension asset/liability, or related balances and activity. Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that these balances and activity be recorded in the government-wide Statement of Net Position and Statement of Activities. The amount by which this departure would affect the assets/liabilities, net position and expenses of the governmental activities has not been determined.

Emphasis of Matter

As discussed in Note 4.D. to the financial statements, the 2021 financial statements have been restated to correct a misstatement. Our opinion is not modified with respect to this matter.

Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements

The Township's management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, and 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 the Township'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 GAAS 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 GAAS, 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 the Township'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 the Township'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.

Required Supplementary Information

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the budgetary comparison schedules, as shown in the table of contents, be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management and, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board, who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic or historical context. We have applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, which consisted of inquiries of management about the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, the basic financial statements and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. We do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide us with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance.

Management has omitted the management's discussion and analysis that accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require to be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such missing information, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board, who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic or historical context. Our opinions on the basic financial statements are not affected by this missing information.

Supplementary Information

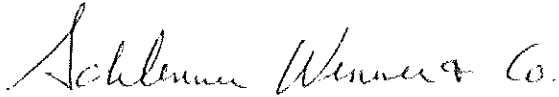
Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the Township's basic financial statements. The introductory section and supplementary information, as listed in the table of contents, are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the basic financial statements.

The combining nonmajor governmental funds financial statements are the responsibility of management and were derived from and relate directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements or to the basic financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the combining nonmajor governmental funds financial statements are fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the basic financial statements as a whole.

The introductory section and schedule of indebtedness have not been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and, accordingly, we do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on them.

Other Reporting Required by *Government Auditing Standards*

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated June 29, 2023 on our consideration of Baldwin Township's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering Baldwin Township's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.



SCHLENNER WENNER & CO.

St. Cloud, Minnesota

June 29, 2023

BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

BALDWIN TOWNSHIP, MINNESOTA
STATEMENT OF NET POSITION
DECEMBER 31, 2022

	Governmental Activities	Business-Type Activities	Total
ASSETS			
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ 2,725,134	\$ 81,343	\$ 2,806,477
Property Taxes Receivable	52,999	-	52,999
Assessments Receivable	-	107,741	107,741
Accounts Receivable	11,758	6,265	18,023
Prepays	2,113	74	2,187
TOTAL ASSETS	2,792,004	195,423	2,987,427
LIABILITIES			
Accounts Payable	53,815	5,445	59,260
Salaries Payable	50,133	-	50,133
Accrued Interest Payable	5,583	1,503	7,086
Noncurrent Liabilities:			
Amount Due Within One Year	189,089	50,911	240,000
Amount Due After One Year	714,018	189,610	903,628
TOTAL LIABILITIES	1,012,638	247,469	1,260,107
NET POSITION			
Restricted	453,318	-	453,318
Unrestricted	1,326,048	(52,046)	1,274,002
TOTAL NET POSITION	\$ 1,779,366	\$ (52,046)	\$ 1,727,320

**BALDWIN TOWNSHIP, MINNESOTA
STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2022**

Functions/Programs	Program Revenues				Net (Expense) Revenue and Changes in Net Position		
	Expenses	Charges for Services	Operating Grants and Contributions		Governmental Activities	Primary Government	
			Operating Grants and Contributions	Capital Grants and Contributions		Business-Type Activities	Total
Governmental Activities:							
General Government	\$ 507,669	\$ 227,839	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (279,830)	\$ -	\$ (279,830)
Public Safety	194,549	9,470	403,627	-	218,548	-	218,548
Public Works	252,736	12,736	75,820	-	(164,180)	-	(164,180)
Parks and Recreation	572,675	-	-	-	(572,675)	-	(572,675)
Cemetery	3,406	3,900	-	-	494	-	494
Debt Service	22,645	-	-	-	(22,645)	-	(22,645)
Total Governmental Activities	1,553,680	253,945	479,447	-	(820,288)	-	(820,288)
Business-Type Activities:							
Sewer	64,200	35,601	-	6,345	-	(22,254)	(22,254)
TOTALS	\$ 1,617,880	\$ 289,546	\$ 479,447	\$ 6,345	\$ (820,288)	\$ (22,254)	\$ (842,542)
General Revenues:							
Property Taxes					1,362,916	-	1,362,916
Franchise Taxes					18,967	-	18,967
Intergovernmental					15,065	-	15,065
Investment Income					7,197	373	7,570
Gain on Sale of Assets					14,609	-	14,609
Miscellaneous					22,599	1,485	24,084
Total General Revenues					1,441,353	1,858	1,443,211
CHANGE IN NET POSITION					621,065	(20,396)	600,669

See accompanying notes.

BALDWIN TOWNSHIP, MINNESOTA
 STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES (Continued)
 FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2022

NET POSITION - BEGINNING OF YEAR (As Previously Reported)	\$	1,144,820	\$	(31,650)	\$	1,113,170
PRIOR PERIOD ADJUSTMENT (See Note 4.D.)		<u>13,481</u>		-		<u>13,481</u>
NET POSITION - BEGINNING OF YEAR (As Restated)		<u>1,158,301</u>		<u>(31,650)</u>		<u>1,126,651</u>
NET POSITION - END OF YEAR	\$	<u>1,779,366</u>	\$	<u>(52,046)</u>	\$	<u>1,727,320</u>

See accompanying notes.

**BALDWIN TOWNSHIP, MINNESOTA
BALANCE SHEET
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
DECEMBER 31, 2022**

	Road and Bridge		Fire Fund		Building Permits		Debt Service		Nonmajor		Total	
	General Fund	Fund	Fire Fund	Fund	Building Permits	Fund	Debt Service	Fund	Governmental	Funds	Governmental	Funds
ASSETS												
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ 846,340	\$ 934,015	\$ 195,738	\$ 71,178	\$ 446,533	\$ 231,330	\$ 2,725,134					
Property Taxes Receivable	9,891	18,518	6,855	-	12,368	5,367	52,999					
Accounts Receivable	10,930	303	400	125	-	-	11,758					
Prepays	870	371	813	-	-	59	2,113					
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 868,031	\$ 953,207	\$ 203,806	\$ 71,303	\$ 458,901	\$ 236,756	\$ 2,792,004					
LIABILITIES												
Accounts Payable	\$ 13,611	\$ 15,571	\$ 3,487	\$ 20,826	\$ -	\$ 320	\$ 53,815					
Salaries Payable	5,463	4,090	40,580	-	-	-	50,133					
Total Liabilities	19,074	19,661	44,067	20,826	-	320	103,948					
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES												
Unavailable Revenue:												
Property Taxes	3,440	6,677	2,376	-	4,427	1,879	18,799					
FUND BALANCES												
Nonspendable	870	371	813	-	-	59	2,113					
Restricted	-	-	-	-	454,474	-	454,474					
Assigned	350,211	926,498	156,550	50,477	-	234,498	1,718,234					
Unassigned	494,436	-	-	-	-	-	494,436					
Total Fund Balances	845,517	926,869	157,363	50,477	454,474	234,557	2,669,257					
TOTAL LIABILITIES, DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES, AND FUND BALANCES	\$ 868,031	\$ 953,207	\$ 203,806	\$ 71,303	\$ 458,901	\$ 236,756	\$ 2,792,004					

See accompanying notes.

**BALDWIN TOWNSHIP, MINNESOTA
RECONCILIATION OF THE BALANCE SHEET – GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
TO THE STATEMENT OF NET POSITION
DECEMBER 31, 2022**

Total Fund Balances - Governmental Funds	\$	2,669,257
Amounts reported for governmental activities in the Statement of Net Position are different because:		
Long-term liabilities are not due and payable in the current period and, therefore, are not reported as liabilities in the governmental funds:		
Debt Principal Payable	\$	(893,317)
Compensated Absences Payable		<u>(9,790)</u>
		(903,107)
Interest payable on long-term debt does not require current financial resources and, therefore, is not reported as a liability in the governmental funds Balance Sheet:		
		(5,583)
Other long-term assets are not available to pay for current-period expenditures and, therefore, are reported as unavailable in the governmental funds:		
Property Taxes		<u>18,799</u>
TOTAL NET POSITION OF GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES	\$	<u>1,779,366</u>

BALDWIN TOWNSHIP, MINNESOTA
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2022

	General Fund	Road and Bridge Fund	Fire Fund	Building Permits Fund	Debt Service Fund	Nonmajor Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
REVENUES							
Property Taxes	\$ 251,595	\$ 472,656	\$ 179,046	\$ -	\$ 317,268	\$ 139,325	\$ 1,359,890
Franchise Taxes	18,967	-	-	-	-	-	18,967
Licenses, Permits, and Fees	-	-	-	201,567	-	-	201,567
Intergovernmental	416,459	75,820	2,233	-	-	-	494,512
Charges for Services	26,272	2,876	9,470	-	-	3,900	42,518
Fines	-	9,860	-	-	-	-	9,860
Investment Income	2,812	2,139	514	38	1,208	486	7,197
Miscellaneous	900	835	8,663	-	6	26,804	37,208
TOTAL REVENUES	717,005	564,186	199,926	201,605	318,482	170,515	2,171,719
EXPENDITURES							
Current:							
General Government	359,610	-	164	151,128	-	-	510,902
Public Safety	1,626	-	192,923	-	-	-	194,549
Public Works	10,423	239,841	-	-	-	-	250,264
Parks and Recreation	7,911	-	-	-	-	57,583	65,494
Cemetery	-	-	-	-	-	3,406	3,406
Capital Outlay	452,576	-	-	-	-	54,605	507,181
Debt Service:	-	-	-	-	261,217	-	261,217
Principal	-	-	-	-	31,468	-	31,468
Interest and Other Charges	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	832,146	239,841	193,087	151,128	292,685	115,594	1,824,481
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES	(115,141)	324,345	6,839	50,477	25,797	54,921	347,238
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)							
Transfers In	-	-	-	-	-	13,728	13,728
Transfers Out	-	(13,728)	-	-	-	-	(13,728)
TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)	-	(13,728)	-	-	-	13,728	-

See accompanying notes.

BALDWIN TOWNSHIP, MINNESOTA
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS (Continued)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2022

	General Fund	Road and Bridge Fund	Fire Fund	Building Permits Fund	Debt Service Fund	Nonmajor Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCES	\$ (115,141)	\$ 310,617	\$ 6,839	\$ 50,477	\$ 25,797	\$ 68,649	\$ 347,238
FUND BALANCES - BEGINNING (As Previously Reported)	960,658	609,138	144,157	-	428,677	165,908	2,308,538
PRIOR PERIOD ADJUSTMENT (See Note 4.D.)	-	7,114	6,367	-	-	-	13,481
FUND BALANCES - BEGINNING (As Restated)	960,658	616,252	150,524	-	428,677	165,908	2,322,019
FUND BALANCES - ENDING	\$ 845,517	\$ 926,869	\$ 157,363	\$ 50,477	\$ 454,474	\$ 234,557	\$ 2,669,257

See accompanying notes.

**BALDWIN TOWNSHIP, MINNESOTA
RECONCILIATION OF CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES OF GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
TO THE STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2022**

Net Change in Fund Balances - Total Governmental Funds \$ 347,238

Amounts reported for governmental activities in the Statement of Activities are different due to the following:

The issuance of long-term debt provides current financial resources to governmental funds while the repayment of principal of long-term debt consumes the current financial resources of governmental funds. Neither transaction, however, has any effect on net position. Also, governmental funds report the effect of premiums and discounts when debt is first issued, whereas these amounts are deferred and amortized in the Statement of Activities. The amounts below detail the effects of these differences in the treatment of long-term debt and related items:

Repayment of Certificate of Indebtedness Principal 261,217

Interest on long-term debt in the Statement of Activities differs from the amount reported in the governmental funds because interest is recognized as an expenditure in the funds only when it is due. In the Statement of Activities, however, interest expense is recognized as the interest accrues, regardless of when it is due:

8,823

Under the modified accrual basis of accounting, certain revenues cannot be recognized until they are available to liquidate liabilities of the current period:

Property Taxes - Delinquent 3,026

Some expenses reported in the Statement of Activities do not require the use of current financial resources and, therefore, are not reported as expenditures in the governmental funds:

Change in Compensated Absences Payable 761

CHANGE IN NET POSITION OF GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES \$ 621,065

**BALDWIN TOWNSHIP, MINNESOTA
STATEMENT OF NET POSITION
PROPRIETARY FUND
DECEMBER 31, 2022**

	Sewer Fund
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ 81,343
Assessments Receivable	26,935
Accounts Receivable	6,265
Prepays	74
Total Current Assets	114,617
Noncurrent Assets	
Assessments Receivable	80,806
TOTAL ASSETS	195,423
LIABILITIES	
Current Liabilities	
Accounts Payable	5,445
Accrued Interest Payable	1,503
Debt Due Within One Year	50,911
Total Current Liabilities	57,859
Noncurrent Liabilities	
Debt Due After One Year	189,610
TOTAL LIABILITIES	247,469
NET POSITION	
Unrestricted	\$ (52,046)

BALDWIN TOWNSHIP, MINNESOTA
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENSES AND CHANGES IN NET POSITION
PROPRIETARY FUND
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2022

	Sewer Fund
OPERATING REVENUES	
Charges for Services	\$ 35,601
OPERATING EXPENSES	
Wages and Benefits	4,616
Materials and Supplies	11,183
Repairs and Maintenance	856
Professional Services	36,198
Insurance	419
Utilities	4,843
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES	58,115
NET OPERATING LOSS	(22,514)
NONOPERATING INCOME (EXPENSE)	
Special Assessments	6,345
Investment Income	373
Miscellaneous	1,485
Interest and Other Charges	(6,085)
NET NONOPERATING INCOME (EXPENSE)	2,118
CHANGE IN NET POSITION	(20,396)
NET POSITION - BEGINNING OF YEAR	(31,650)
NET POSITION - END OF YEAR	\$ (52,046)

**BALDWIN TOWNSHIP, MINNESOTA
STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
PROPRIETARY FUND
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2022**

	Sewer Fund
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES	
Cash Received from Customers	\$ 36,483
Cash Paid to Suppliers	(48,464)
Cash Paid to Employees	(4,616)
NET CASH PROVIDED (USED) BY OPERATING ACTIVITIES	(16,597)
 CASH FLOWS FROM NONCAPITAL FINANCING ACTIVITIES	
Other Receipts from Customers	1,485
 CASH FLOWS FROM CAPITAL AND RELATED FINANCING ACTIVITIES	
Special Assessments	39,513
Payments on Bond Principal	(64,946)
Cash Paid for Interest	(8,400)
NET CASH PROVIDED (USED) BY CAPITAL AND RELATED FINANCING ACTIVITIES	(33,833)
 CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES	
Investment Income	373
Net Change in Cash and Cash Equivalents	(48,572)
Cash and Cash Equivalents - Beginning of Year	129,915
Cash and Cash Equivalents - End of Year	\$ 81,343
 RECONCILIATION OF NET OPERATING LOSS TO NET CASH PROVIDED (USED) BY OPERATING ACTIVITIES	
Net Operating Loss	\$ (22,514)
Adjustments to Reconcile Net Operating Loss to Net Cash Provided (Used) by Operating Activities:	
Changes in Assets and Liabilities:	
Accounts Receivable	882
Prepays	419
Accounts Payable	4,616
NET CASH PROVIDED (USED) BY OPERATING ACTIVITIES	\$ (16,597)

BALDWIN TOWNSHIP, MINNESOTA
NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
DECEMBER 31, 2022

NOTE 1 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The financial statements of Baldwin Township (the Township) have been prepared in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP) as applied to governmental units. GAAP includes all relevant Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) pronouncements. The Township has adopted all such standards with the exception of the application of GASB 68 and 71, which the Township has elected not to implement. These statements specify how the net pension liability/asset is determined and require significant disclosures. The Township has also elected to not record capital assets, another requirement of U.S. GAAP. These departures affect the government-wide (defined below) and Sewer Fund financial statements and disclosures only.

I.A. FINANCIAL REPORTING ENTITY

The Township is a town located in Sherburne County, Minnesota. It is governed by an elected board of five supervisors who reside in the Township.

In determining the financial reporting entity, the Township complies with the provisions of GASB Statement No. 14, *The Financial Reporting Entity*, and includes all component units of which the Township appointed a voting majority of the units' board; the Township is either able to impose its will on the unit or a financial benefit or burden relationship exists.

Blended Component Units

Blended component units are separate legal entities that meet the component unit criteria described above and whose governing body is the same or substantially the same as the Township's Board of Supervisors or the component unit provides services entirely to the Township. These component units' funds are blended into those of the Township's by appropriate activity type to compose the primary government presentation. Currently, the Township does not have any blended component units.

Discretely Presented Component Units

Discretely presented component units are separate legal entities that meet the component unit criteria described above but do not meet the criteria for blending. Currently, the Township does not have any discretely presented component units.

I.B. BASIS OF PRESENTATION

Government-wide Financial Statements

The Statement of Net Position and Statement of Activities display information about the reporting government as a whole. They include all funds of the reporting entity. The government-wide statements distinguish between governmental and business-type activities. Governmental activities generally are financed through taxes, intergovernmental revenues and other nonexchange revenues. Business-type activities are financed in whole or in part by fees charged to external parties for goods and services.

Fund Financial Statements

Fund financial statements of the reporting entity are organized into funds, each of which is considered to be a separate accounting entity. Each fund is accounted for by providing a separate set of self-balancing accounts that constitute its assets, deferred outflows, liabilities, deferred inflows, fund equity, revenues and expenditures/expenses. Funds are organized into two major categories: governmental and proprietary. An emphasis is placed on major funds within the governmental and proprietary categories. A fund is considered major if it is the primary operating fund of the Township or meets the following criteria:

- Total assets and deferred outflows, liabilities and deferred inflows, revenues or expenditures/expenses of that individual governmental or proprietary fund are at least ten percent of the corresponding total for all funds of that category or type; and
- Total assets and deferred outflows, liabilities and deferred inflows, revenues or expenditures/expenses of that individual governmental or proprietary fund are at least five percent of the corresponding total for all governmental and proprietary funds combined.

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NOTE 1 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

1.B. BASIS OF PRESENTATION (Continued)

The Township reports the following major governmental funds:

General Fund

The General Fund is the primary operating fund of the Township and is always classified as a major fund. It is used to account for all activities, except those legally or administratively required to be accounted for in other funds.

Road and Bridge Fund

The Road and Bridge Fund is a special revenue fund used to account for proceeds of specific revenue sources that are related to expenditures for the operation and maintenance of roads and bridges within the Township.

Fire Fund

The Fire Fund is a special revenue fund used to account for proceeds of specific revenue sources that are related to expenditures for public safety purposes.

Building Permits Fund

The Building Permits Fund is a special revenue fund used to account for proceeds of specific revenue sources that are related to the Township's building permit activity.

Debt Service Fund

This Debt Service Fund is used to account for proceeds and payments of principal and interest on general long-term debt.

The Township reports the following major proprietary fund:

Sewer Fund

This fund accounts for business-like activities provided to the general public. These activities are financed primarily by user charges, and the measurement of financial activity focuses on net income measurement similar to the private sector.

Additionally, the Township reports the following nonmajor governmental funds:

Cemetery Fund

This special revenue fund accounts for the proceeds of specific revenue sources related to expenditures for the Township cemetery.

Parks and Recreation Fund

This special revenue fund accounts for proceeds of specific revenue sources related to expenditures for culture and recreation purposes.

Capital Project Fund

This fund is used to account for financial resources to be used for the acquisition or construction of capital projects.

Fire Equipment Fund

This capital project fund is used to account for financial resources to be used for the acquisition and construction of capital projects for the fire department.

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NOTE 1 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

1.C. MEASUREMENT FOCUS AND BASIS OF ACCOUNTING

Measurement focus is a term used to describe “which” transactions are recorded within the various financial statements. Basis of accounting refers to “when” transactions are recorded regardless of the measurement focus applied.

Measurement Focus

On the government-wide Statement of Net Position and Statement of Activities, both governmental and business-type activities are presented using the *economic resources* measurement focus as defined in the second bullet point below.

In the fund financial statements, the *current financial resources* measurement focus or the *economic resources* measurement focus is used as appropriate:

- All governmental funds utilize a *current financial resources* measurement focus. Only current financial assets and liabilities are generally included on their balance sheets. Their operating statements present sources and uses of available spendable financial resources during a given period. These funds use fund balance as their measure of available spendable financial resources at the end of the period.
- The government-wide financial statements and proprietary fund utilize an *economic resources* measurement focus. The accounting objectives of this measurement focus are the determination of operating income, changes in net position (or cost recovery), financial position and cash flows. All assets, deferred outflows, liabilities and deferred inflows (whether current or noncurrent) associated with their activities are reported. Proprietary fund equity is classified as net position.

Basis of Accounting

In the government-wide Statement of Net Position and Statement of Activities, both governmental and business-type activities are presented using the *accrual basis of accounting*. Under the accrual basis of accounting, revenues are recognized when earned and expenses are recorded when the liability is incurred, or economic asset used. Revenues, expenses, gains, losses, assets and liabilities, and deferred outflows/inflows of resources resulting from exchange and exchange-like transactions are recognized when the exchange takes place.

In the fund financial statements, governmental funds are presented on the *modified accrual basis of accounting*. Under this modified accrual basis of accounting, revenues are recognized when “measurable and available.” Measurable means knowing or being able to reasonably estimate the amount. Available means collectible within the current period or within sixty days after year end. Expenditures (including capital outlay) are recorded when the related fund liability is incurred, except for general obligation bond principal and interest which are reported when due.

The proprietary fund utilizes the accrual basis of accounting.

1.D. USE OF ESTIMATES

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets, deferred outflows, liabilities and deferred inflows, and disclosure of contingencies related to these balances at the date of the financial statements. Estimates also affect reported amounts of revenues and expenditures/expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

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NOTE 1 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

1.E. ASSETS, LIABILITIES, DEFERRED OUTFLOWS/INFLOWS OF RESOURCES AND EQUITY

Cash and Cash Equivalents

For purposes of the Statement of Net Position and proprietary fund Statement of Cash Flows, "cash and cash equivalents" includes all checking and savings accounts of the Township. See Note 2.A. for additional information related to cash and cash equivalents.

Receivables

In the government-wide statements, receivables consist of all revenues earned at year-end and not yet received. Allowances for uncollectible accounts receivable are based upon historical trends and the periodic aging of accounts receivable. No such allowances are deemed necessary at year end. Major receivable balances for the governmental activities include taxes. Business-type activities report utility charges and special assessments as their major receivables.

In the fund financial statements, material receivables in governmental funds include revenue accruals such as taxes and other similar intergovernmental revenues since they are usually both measurable and available. Revenues collectible but not available are considered deferred inflows of resources in the fund financial statements in accordance with the modified accrual basis, but not deferred in the government-wide financial statements in accordance with the accrual basis. Interest and investment earnings are recorded when earned only if paid within 60 days since they would be considered both measurable and available. Proprietary fund material receivables consist of all revenues earned at year-end and not yet received. Utility accounts receivable and special assessments receivable compose the majority of proprietary fund receivables. No allowances are deemed necessary at year end.

Interfund Receivables and Payables

During the course of operations, transactions occur between individual funds that may result in amounts owed between funds. Those related to goods and services type transactions are classified as "due to and from other funds." Short-term interfund loans are reported as "due to and from other funds." Long-term interfund loans are reported as "advances to and from other funds." Interfund receivables and payables between funds within governmental activities are eliminated in the Statement of Net Position. There are no interfund balances at December 31, 2022.

Prepaid Expenditures/Expenses

Prepays represent expenditures/expenses paid during the current year to be recognized in future periods.

Compensated Absences

It is the Township's policy to permit employees to accumulate a limited amount of earned but unused vacation leave. All vacation pay is accrued when incurred in the government-wide financial statements.

Vacation leave accrues monthly based on the number of years of service from a minimum of 40 hours per year to a maximum of 200 hours per year. Employees may accrue vacation leave up to a maximum of 1 ½ times the employee's annual accrual rate.

At December 31, 2022, compensated absences amount to \$9,790.

Long-Term Debt

The accounting treatment of long-term debt depends on whether the assets are used in governmental fund operations or proprietary fund operations and whether they are reported in the government-wide or fund financial statements.

All long-term debt to be repaid from governmental and business-type resources is reported as liabilities in the government-wide statements. The long-term debt consists of certificates of indebtedness.

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NOTE 1 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

1.E. ASSETS, LIABILITIES, DEFERRED OUTFLOWS/INFLOWS OF RESOURCES AND EQUITY (Continued)

Long-term debt for governmental funds is not reported as liabilities in the fund financial statements. The debt proceeds are reported as other financing sources and payment of principal and interest are reported as expenditures. The accounting for proprietary funds is the same in the fund statements as it is in the government-wide statements.

Deferred Inflows of Resources

In addition to liabilities, the Balance Sheet reports a separate section for deferred inflows of resources. This element represents an acquisition of fund balance that applies to future periods and, therefore, will not be recognized as an inflow of resources (revenue) until that time. The Township reports only one type of transaction, property taxes, as deferred inflows of resources, and accordingly, these amounts are deferred and recognized as inflows of resources in the period that they become available. Because this type of unavailable revenue is only reported under a modified accrual basis of accounting, deferred inflows of resources are only reported in the governmental funds Balance Sheet.

Equity Classifications

Government-wide Statements

Equity is classified as net position and displayed in two components:

Restricted – The portion of net position for which use is constrained by 1) external groups such as creditors, grantors, contributors, or laws or regulations of other governments; or 2) law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation.

Unrestricted – Remaining balance of net position that does not meet the definition of “restricted.”

It is the Township’s policy to consider restricted net position to its depletion before unrestricted net position is applied.

Governmental Fund Statements

In the fund financial statements, governmental funds report fund balances as either nonspendable, restricted, committed, assigned or unassigned. When the Township incurs an expenditure for which it may use either restricted or unrestricted fund balances, it uses restricted fund balances first unless unrestricted fund balances will have to be returned because they were not used. When the Township incurs an expenditure for purposes for which amounts in any unrestricted fund balance classification could be used, it uses fund balances in the following order: Committed, assigned, unassigned.

Nonspendable – Includes amounts that cannot be spent because they are either not in spendable form, or legally or contractually required to be maintained intact. The nonspendable fund balances at December 31, 2022 consist of prepaid expenditures.

Restricted – That portion of fund balance which is not available for appropriation or which has been legally segregated for a specific purpose.

Committed – Amounts that can only be used for specific purposes pursuant to constraints imposed by formal action of the Township Board of Supervisors. Committed amounts cannot be used for any other purpose unless the Board modifies or rescinds the commitment by resolution. The Township has no committed fund balances at December 31, 2022.

Assigned – Amounts that are constrained by the Township’s intent to be used for specific purposes, but are neither restricted nor committed. The Board Chairman shall have the authority to assign fund balance.

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NOTE 1 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

1.E. ASSETS, LIABILITIES, DEFERRED OUTFLOWS/INFLOWS OF RESOURCES AND EQUITY (Continued)

Unassigned – This classification represents fund balance that has not been assigned to other funds and that has not been restricted, committed, or assigned to specific purposes within the General Fund. The Township has formally adopted a policy under which it strives to maintain a minimum unassigned General Fund balance equal to approximately twenty percent of annual operating expenditures.

See Note 2.D. for additional disclosures.

Proprietary Fund Financial Statements

Proprietary fund equity is classified the same as in the government-wide statements, as described above.

1.F. REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND EXPENSES

Property Tax

Under State law, municipalities are limited in their ability to levy a property tax. The Township levies its property tax for the subsequent year during the month of December. Sherburne County is the collecting agency for the levy and remits the collections to the Township. In the fund financial statements, property taxes are recorded as revenue in the period levied to the extent they are collected within 60 days of year-end.

December 31st is the last day the Township can certify a tax levy to the County Auditor for collection the following year. The County creates the tax list for all taxable property in the Township and applies the applicable tax rate to the tax capacity of individual properties to arrive at the actual tax for each property. The County also collects all special assessments, except for certain prepayments paid directly to the Township. The County collects all taxes and assessments, except as noted above. The County mails copies of all real estate and personal property tax statements. Each year, property owners are required to pay one half of their real estate taxes by May 15 and the balance by October 15. Penalties and interest are assessed to property owners who do not pay their property taxes and special assessments by the due dates.

Delinquent taxes receivable includes the past six years' uncollected taxes. Delinquent taxes have been offset by deferred inflows of resources for taxes not received within 60 days after year end in the fund financial statements.

Expenditures/Expenses

In the government-wide financial statements, expenses are classified by function for both governmental and business-type activities.

In the fund financial statements, expenditures are classified as follows:

Governmental Funds - By Character	Current (further classified by Function)
	Capital Outlay
	Debt Service

Proprietary Fund - By Operating and Nonoperating

In the fund financial statements, governmental funds report expenditures of financial resources. Proprietary funds report expenses relating to the use of economic resources.

Operating Revenues and Expenses

Operating revenues and expenses for the proprietary fund are those that result from providing services and producing and delivering goods and/or services. It also includes all revenues and expenses not related to capital and noncapital financing or investing activities.

**BALDWIN TOWNSHIP, MINNESOTA
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NOTE 1 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

1.F. REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND EXPENSES (Continued)

Interfund Transfers

Permanent reallocations of resources between funds of the reporting entity are classified as interfund transfers. For the purpose of the Statement of Activities, all interfund transfers between individual governmental funds have been eliminated. See additional information at Note 2.C.

NOTE 2 DETAIL NOTES ON TRANSACTION CLASSES/ACCOUNTS

The following notes present detail information to support the amounts reported in the basic financial statements for its various assets, liabilities, deferred outflows/inflows of resources, equity, revenues and expenditures/expenses.

2.A. CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS

Deposits

In accordance with applicable Minnesota Statutes, the Township maintains deposits at depository banks authorized by the Township's Board of Supervisors.

Minnesota Statutes require that all Township deposits be protected by insurance, surety bond or collateral. The market value of collateral pledged must equal 110 percent of the deposits not covered by insurance or bonds (100 percent if collateral pledged is irrevocable standby letters of credit issued by the Federal Home Loan Bank). The Township complies with such laws.

Authorized collateral in lieu of a corporate surety bond includes:

- United States government Treasury bills, Treasury notes, Treasury bonds;
- Issues of United States government agencies and instrumentalities as quoted by a recognized industry quotation service available to the government entity;
- A general obligation of a state or local government, with taxing powers, rated "A" or better;
- A revenue obligation of a state or local government, with taxing powers, rated "AA" or better;
- Unrated general obligation securities of a local government, with taxing powers, pledged as collateral against funds deposited by that same local government entity;
- Irrevocable standby letter of credit issued by a Federal Home Loan Bank accompanied by written evidence that the Federal Home Loan Bank's public debt is rated "AA" or better by Moody's or Standard and Poor's; or
- Time deposits insured by any federal agency.

Minnesota Statutes require that all collateral shall be placed in safekeeping in a restricted account at a Federal Reserve Bank, or in an account at a trust department of a commercial bank or other financial institution that is not owned or controlled by the financial institution furnishing the collateral. The selection should be approved by the Township.

At December 31, 2022, the Township's deposits were not exposed to custodial credit risk. The Township's deposits were sufficiently covered by federal depository insurance or by collateral held by the Township's agent in the Township's name.

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NOTE 2 DETAIL NOTES ON TRANSACTION CLASSES/ACCOUNTS (Continued)

2.B. NONCURRENT LIABILITIES

The Township's long-term debt is segregated between the amounts to be repaid from governmental activities and amounts to be repaid from business-type activities. All certificates are direct obligations of the Township and pledge the full faith and credit of the Township.

Debt Detail

At December 31, 2022, the long-term debt of the financial reporting entity, excluding compensated absences payable, consists of the following:

Governmental Activities

General Obligation Certificates of Indebtedness					
Issue Date	Original Amount	Annual Principal Payment	Interest Rate(s)	Maturity Date	Remaining Amount
08/17	\$ 1,776,800	\$189,089-\$209,089	2.75-3.00%	02/27	\$ 893,317

Business-Type Activities

General Obligation Certificates of Indebtedness					
Issue Date	Original Amount	Annual Principal Payment	Interest Rate(s)	Maturity Date	Remaining Amount
08/17	\$ 458,200	\$ 50,911	3.00%	02/27	\$ 240,521

Changes in Noncurrent Liabilities

The following is a summary of changes in noncurrent liabilities for the year ended December 31, 2022:

Type of Debt	Balance 01/01/22	Additions	Reductions	Balance 12/31/22	Amounts Due Within One Year
<i>Governmental Activities</i>					
General Obligation Certificates	\$ 1,154,534	\$ -	\$ (261,217)	\$ 893,317	\$ 189,089
Compensated Absences Payable	10,551	7,034	(7,795)	9,790	-
Total	\$ 1,165,085	\$ 7,034	\$ (269,012)	\$ 903,107	\$ 189,089
<i>Business-Type Activities</i>					
General Obligation Certificates	\$ 305,467	\$ -	\$ (64,946)	\$ 240,521	\$ 50,911

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NOTE 2 DETAIL NOTES ON TRANSACTION CLASSES/ACCOUNTS (Continued)

2.B. NONCURRENT LIABILITIES (Continued)

Annual Debt Service Requirements

At December 31, 2022, the estimated annual debt service requirements to maturity, including principal and interest, and excluding compensated absences payable are as follows:

Years Ending December 31,	Governmental Activities		
	Principal	Interest	Total
2023	\$ 189,089	\$ 17,263	\$ 206,352
2024	189,089	18,290	207,379
2025	189,089	12,618	201,707
2026	189,089	6,945	196,034
2027	136,961	2,055	139,016
Total	<u>\$ 893,317</u>	<u>\$ 57,171</u>	<u>\$ 950,488</u>

Years Ending December 31,	Business-Type Activities		
	Principal	Interest	Total
2023	\$ 50,911	\$ 4,648	\$ 55,559
2024	50,911	4,925	55,836
2025	50,911	3,397	54,308
2026	50,911	1,870	52,781
2027	36,877	553	37,430
Total	<u>\$ 240,521</u>	<u>\$ 15,393</u>	<u>\$ 255,914</u>

Interest expense for long-term debt totals \$28,730 in the Statement of Activities (included in the Debt Service and Sewer lines). Interest expenditures total \$31,468 for the Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances – Governmental Funds. Accrued interest is recorded on the Statement of Activities for governmental funds, but not the governmental fund Balance Sheet due to the nature of fund accounting. Interest expense totals \$6,085 in the Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Net Position – Proprietary Fund.

Governmental Activity debt is typically funded through the Debt Service Fund and Business-Type Activities debt is funded through the Sewer Fund. Compensated absences are funded through the funds to which the respective employees' wages are allocated.

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NOTE 2 DETAIL NOTES ON TRANSACTION CLASSES/ACCOUNTS (Continued)

2.C. INTERFUND TRANSACTIONS AND BALANCES

Operating transfers consist of the following for the year ended December 31, 2022:

<u>Major Funds</u>	<u>Transfers Out</u>	<u>Transfers In Nonmajor Governmental Funds Capital Project</u>
Road and Bridge	\$ 13,728	\$ 13,728

Transfers are used to (a) move revenues from the fund that statute or budget requires to collect them to the fund that statute or budget require to expend them and to (b) use unrestricted revenues collected in the general fund to finance various programs accounted for in other funds in accordance with budgetary authorizations.

There are no interfund balances at December 31, 2022.

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NOTE 2 DETAIL NOTES ON TRANSACTION CLASSES/ACCOUNTS (Continued)

2.D. FUND EQUITY

At December 31, 2022, governmental fund equity consists of the following:

	<u>Nonspendable</u>	<u>Restricted</u>	<u>Assigned</u>	<u>Unassigned</u>
General Fund				
Nonspendable - Prepaids	\$ 870	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Assigned for American Rescue Plan Act Expenditures	-	-	350,211	-
Unassigned	-	-	-	494,436
Total General Fund Balance	<u>\$ 870</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 350,211</u>	<u>\$ 494,436</u>
Road and Bridge Fund				
Nonspendable - Prepaids	\$ 371	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Assigned for Road and Bridge	-	-	926,498	-
Total Road and Bridge Fund Balance	<u>\$ 371</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 926,498</u>	<u>\$ -</u>
Fire Fund				
Nonspendable - Prepaids	\$ 813	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Assigned for Fire Department	-	-	156,550	-
Total Fire Fund Balance	<u>\$ 813</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 156,550</u>	<u>\$ -</u>
Building Permits Fund				
Assigned for Building Permits Fund Activity	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 50,477</u>	<u>\$ -</u>
Debt Service Fund				
Restricted for Debt Service	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 454,474</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>
Nonmajor Governmental Funds				
Nonspendable - Prepaids	\$ 59	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Assigned for:				
Cemetery	-	-	17,338	-
Parks and Recreation	-	-	45,380	-
Capital Project	-	-	119,764	-
Fire Equipment	-	-	52,016	-
Total Nonmajor Governmental Fund Balances	<u>\$ 59</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 234,498</u>	<u>\$ -</u>

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NOTE 3 DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLANS - STATEWIDE

Plan Description

All full-time and certain part-time employees of Baldwin Township are covered by defined benefit plans administered by the Public Employees Retirement Association of Minnesota (PERA). PERA administers the General Employees Retirement Plan (accounted for in the General Employees Fund), which is a cost-sharing, multiple-employer retirement plan. This plan is established and administered in accordance with *Minnesota Statutes*, Chapters 353 and 356.

General Employees Plan members belong to either the Coordinated Plan or the Basic Plan. Coordinated Plan members are covered by Social Security and Basic Plan members are not. All new members must participate in the Coordinated Plan.

PERA provides retirement benefits as well as disability benefits to members and survivor benefits upon death of eligible members. Benefits are established by State Statute. Benefits for members of the General Employees Plan vest after five years of credited service. The defined benefit retirement plan benefits are based on a member's highest average salary for any 5 years of allowable service, age, and years of credit at termination of service.

Two methods are used to compute benefits for PERA's Coordinated Plan members. Members hired prior to July 1, 1989, receive the higher of Method 1 or Method 2 formulas. Only Method 2 is used for members hired after June 30, 1989. Under Method 1, the accrual rate for Coordinated members is 1.20 percent for each of the first 10 years of service and 1.70 percent for each additional year. The rates are 2.20 percent and 2.70 percent, respectively, for Basic members. Under Method 2, the accrual rate for Coordinated members is 1.70 percent for all years of service, and 2.70 percent for Basic members. For members hired prior to July 1, 1989 a full annuity is available when age plus years of service equal 90 and normal retirement age is 65. For members hired on or after July 1, 1989 normal retirement age is the age for unreduced Social Security benefits capped at 66.

For all General Employee Plan members hired prior to July 1, 1989 whose annuity is calculated using Method 1, a full annuity is available when age plus years of service equal 90. Method 2 provides for unreduced retirement benefits at age 65 for members first hired prior to July 1, 1989 or age 66 (the age for unreduced Social Security benefits), for those first hired on or after that date. Early retirement may begin at age 55 with an actuarial reduction (about six percent per year) for members retiring prior to full retirement age.

There are different types of annuities available to members upon retirement. A single-life annuity is a lifetime annuity that ceases upon the death of the retiree—no survivor annuity is payable. There are also various types of joint and survivor annuity options available which will be payable over joint lives. Members may also leave their contributions in the fund upon termination of public service in order to qualify for a deferred annuity at retirement age. Refunds of contributions are available at any time to members who leave public service before retirement benefits begin.

The benefit provisions stated in the preceding paragraphs of this section are current provisions and apply to active plan participants.

PERA issues a publicly available financial report that includes financial statements and required supplementary information for the General Employees Plan. That report may be obtained on the PERA's website at www.mnpera.org/financial/.

Funding Policy

Minnesota Statutes Chapter 353 sets the rates for employer and employee contributions. These statutes are established and amended by the State Legislature. In 2022, Coordinated Plan members were required to contribute 6.50 percent of their annual covered salary.

The Township makes annual contributions to the pension plan equal to the amount required by State Statutes. In 2022, the Township was required to contribute the following percentage of annual covered payroll: 7.50 percent for Coordinated Plan members.

The Township's contributions to the General Employees Fund for the years ending December 31, 2022, 2021, and 2020 total \$16,283, \$16,027 and \$13,135, respectively.

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NOTE 4 OTHER NOTES

4.A. RISK MANAGEMENT

The Township 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. To manage these risks, the Township purchases commercial insurance. The Township retains risk for the deductible portions of the insurance. The amounts of these deductibles are considered immaterial to the financial statements. There were no significant reductions in insurance from the previous year settlements in excess of insurance for any of the past two years.

Liabilities are reported when it is probable that a loss has occurred and the amount of the loss can be reasonably estimated. Liabilities, if any, include an amount for claims that have been incurred but not reported. The Township's management is not aware of any incurred but not reported claims.

4.B. OTHER EMPLOYEE BENEFITS

The Township provides eligible employees future retirement benefits through participation in the Minnesota Deferred Compensation Plan (MNDCP), which is a section 457 plan administered by the Minnesota State Retirement System. The plan assets are not held in a formal trust meeting the criteria defined by GASB Statement No. 73, par. 4, and the Township is not involved with the investment decisions for plan assets. Eligible employees of the Township may begin participating in the MNDCP commencing on the date of their employment by electing to have a percentage of their pay contributed to the Plan. The Township does not make employer contributions to the Plan.

4.C. SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

Subsequent to year end and prior to the issuance of these financial statements, the Township approved the following purchases:

- Purchase of a vehicle in the amount of \$106,231
- Purchase of a truck in the amount of \$56,270
- Purchase of a truck in the amount of \$308,350, which will be financed via a loan
- Truck repairs in the amount of \$36,000

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NOTE 4 OTHER NOTES (Continued)

4.D. CORRECTION OF AN ERROR

During the year ended December 31, 2022, the Township determined an adjustment to beginning equity was necessary to correct an error identified in the Township's prior year financial statements. Accounts payable balances from December 31, 2020 were inadvertently included in the December 31, 2021 accounts payable balances, resulting in an overstatement in December 31, 2021 accounts payable and an understatement in the December 31, 2021 fund balances and governmental activities net position. An adjustment has been recorded to correct this error. The table below displays the impact of this adjustment on the prior year financial statements:

	Road and Bridge Fund	Fire Fund	Governmental Activities
December 31, 2021 Fund Balance/Net Position, as Previously Reported	\$ 609,138	\$ 144,157	\$ 1,144,820
Accounts Payable Adjustment	7,114	6,367	13,481
December 31, 2021 Fund Balance/Net Position, as Restated	\$ 616,252	\$ 150,524	\$ 1,158,301
Net Change in Fund Balance/Net Position for the Year Ended December 31, 2021, as Previously Reported	\$ (101,997)	\$ (38,066)	\$ 581,140
Accounts Payable Adjustment	7,114	6,367	13,481
Net Change in Fund Balance/Net Position for the Year Ended December 31, 2021, as Restated	\$ (94,883)	\$ (31,699)	\$ 594,621

4.E. NEW ACCOUNTING STANDARD

In May 2020, the Government Accounting Standards Board (GASB) issued Statement No. 96, *Subscription-Based Information Technology Arrangements*. GASB Statement No. 96 (GASB 96) increases the usefulness of governmental financial statements by requiring recognition of right-to-use assets and liabilities for subscription-based information technology arrangements. GASB 96 will be effective for the Township's fiscal year ended December 31, 2023. The effect on net position may be significant.

REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

BALDWIN TOWNSHIP, MINNESOTA
BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE – GENERAL FUND
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2022

	Budget Amounts- Original and Final	Actual Amounts Budgetary Basis	Variance with Budget Over (Under)
REVENUES			
Taxes			
Property Taxes	\$ 261,800	\$ 251,595	\$ (10,205)
Franchise Taxes	16,100	18,967	2,867
Total Taxes	<u>277,900</u>	<u>270,562</u>	<u>(7,338)</u>
Intergovernmental Revenue			
Federal Revenue			
American Rescue Plan Act Funds	-	401,394	401,394
State Revenue			
Market Value Credit	2,700	4,506	1,806
Town Aid	-	700	700
County Revenue			
Other County Grants and Aids	11,600	9,859	(1,741)
Total Intergovernmental Revenue	<u>14,300</u>	<u>416,459</u>	<u>402,159</u>
Charges for Services			
General Government	15,539	4,192	(11,347)
Other Service Charges	21,500	22,080	580
Total Charges for Services	<u>37,039</u>	<u>26,272</u>	<u>(10,767)</u>
Miscellaneous Revenue			
Investment Earnings	127	2,812	2,685
Other Miscellaneous	2,000	900	(1,100)
Total Miscellaneous Revenue	<u>2,127</u>	<u>3,712</u>	<u>1,585</u>
TOTAL REVENUES	<u>331,366</u>	<u>717,005</u>	<u>385,639</u>
EXPENDITURES			
General Government			
Governing Board	32,740	35,591	2,851
Administration and Finance	152,209	144,239	(7,970)
Other General Government	137,765	179,780	42,015
Total General Government	<u>322,714</u>	<u>359,610</u>	<u>36,896</u>
Public Safety			
Fire			
Current	-	25	25
Other Public Safety			
Current	2,000	1,601	(399)
Total Public Safety	<u>2,000</u>	<u>1,626</u>	<u>(374)</u>

BALDWIN TOWNSHIP, MINNESOTA
BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE – GENERAL FUND (Continued)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2022

	Budget Amounts- Original and Final	Actual Amounts Budgetary Basis	Variance with Budget Over (Under)
Public Works			
Street Engineering	\$ 2,400	\$ 10,423	\$ 8,023
Culture and Recreation			
Parks and Recreation			
Current	4,545	7,911	3,366
Capital Outlay	-	452,576	452,576
Total Culture and Recreation	4,545	460,487	455,942
Debt Service			
Interest and Other Fiscal Charges	15	-	(15)
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	331,674	832,146	500,472
NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCE	\$ (308)	(115,141)	\$ (114,833)
FUND BALANCE - BEGINNING		960,658	
FUND BALANCE - ENDING		\$ 845,517	

**BALDWIN TOWNSHIP, MINNESOTA
BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE – ROAD AND BRIDGE FUND
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2022**

	Budget Amounts- Original and Final	Actual Amounts Budgetary Basis	Variance with Budget Over (Under)
REVENUES			
Taxes			
Property Taxes	\$ 477,200	\$ 472,656	\$ (4,544)
Intergovernmental Revenue			
State Revenue			
Transportation	50,800	75,820	25,020
Charges for Services			
Streets and Highways	9,800	2,876	(6,924)
Fines and Forfeitures			
	8,400	9,860	1,460
Miscellaneous Revenue			
Investment Earnings	114	2,139	2,025
Other Miscellaneous	-	835	835
Total Miscellaneous Revenue	<u>114</u>	<u>2,974</u>	<u>2,860</u>
TOTAL REVENUES	546,314	564,186	17,872
EXPENDITURES			
Public Works			
Street Maintenance and Storm Sewers	360,700	137,460	(223,240)
Snow and Ice Removal	38,300	65,458	27,158
Street Engineering	80,000	36,923	(43,077)
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	<u>479,000</u>	<u>239,841</u>	<u>(239,159)</u>
EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER EXPENDITURES	67,314	324,345	257,031
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)			
Transfers			
To Other Funds	-	(13,728)	(13,728)
NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCE	<u>\$ 67,314</u>	310,617	<u>\$ 243,303</u>
FUND BALANCE - BEGINNING (As previously reported)		609,138	
PRIOR PERIOD ADJUSTMENT (See Note 4.D.)		7,114	
CASH FUND BALANCE - BEGINNING (As restated)		616,252	
FUND BALANCE - ENDING		\$ 926,869	

**BALDWIN TOWNSHIP, MINNESOTA
BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE – FIRE FUND
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2022**

	<u>Budget Amounts- Original and Final</u>	<u>Actual Amounts Budgetary Basis</u>	<u>Variance with Budget Over (Under)</u>
REVENUES			
Taxes			
Property Taxes	\$ 180,000	\$ 179,046	\$ (954)
Intergovernmental Revenue			
Federal Revenue			
Other Federal Grants	-	2,233	2,233
Charges for Services			
Police and Fire Contracts	35,680	9,470	(26,210)
Miscellaneous Revenue			
Investment Earnings	21	514	493
Contributions and Donations	-	8,059	8,059
Other Miscellaneous	-	604	604
Total Miscellaneous Revenue	<u>21</u>	<u>9,177</u>	<u>9,156</u>
TOTAL REVENUES	215,701	199,926	(15,775)
EXPENDITURES			
General Government			
Other General Government	-	164	164
Public Safety			
Fire			
Current	<u>289,779</u>	<u>192,923</u>	<u>(96,856)</u>
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	<u>289,779</u>	<u>193,087</u>	<u>(96,692)</u>
NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCE	<u>\$ (74,078)</u>	6,839	<u>\$ 80,917</u>
FUND BALANCE - BEGINNING (As previously reported)		144,157	
PRIOR PERIOD ADJUSTMENT (See Note 4.D.)		<u>6,367</u>	
CASH FUND BALANCE - BEGINNING (As restated)		<u>150,524</u>	
FUND BALANCE - ENDING		<u>\$ 157,363</u>	

**BALDWIN TOWNSHIP, MINNESOTA
NOTES TO THE REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION
DECEMBER 31, 2022**

NOTE 1 BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULES

Actual expenditures exceeded total budgeted expenditures in the general fund for the current year-end as follows:

Fund	Budgeted Expenditures	Actual Expenditures
General Fund	<u>\$ 331,674</u>	<u>\$ 832,146</u>

The expenditures in excess of budget in the General Fund are primarily due to an unbudgeted purchase of land in the current year. The expenditures in excess of budget were funded by available fund balance.

Due to the fund being new in 2022, the Township did not adopt a budget for its Building Permits Fund for 2022. Because of this, a budgetary comparison schedule has not been presented for this major special revenue fund.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

**BALDWIN TOWNSHIP, MINNESOTA
COMBINING BALANCE SHEET
NONMAJOR GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
DECEMBER 31, 2022**

	Special Revenue			Capital Project			Total Nonmajor Governmental Funds
	Cemetery Fund	Parks & Recreation Fund	Capital Project Fund	Fire Equipment Fund	Capital Project Fund	Governmental Funds	
ASSETS							
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ 17,338	\$ 44,209	\$ 118,759	\$ 51,024	\$ -	\$ 231,330	
Property Taxes Receivable	-	2,282	1,612	1,473	-	5,367	
Prepays	6	53	-	-	-	59	
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>\$ 17,344</u>	<u>\$ 46,544</u>	<u>\$ 120,371</u>	<u>\$ 52,497</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 236,756</u>	
LIABILITIES							
Accounts Payable	\$ -	\$ 320	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 320	
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES							
Unavailable Revenue:							
Property Taxes	-	791	607	481	-	1,879	
FUND BALANCES							
Nonspendable	6	53	-	-	-	59	
Assigned	17,338	45,380	119,764	52,016	-	234,498	
Total Fund Balances	<u>17,344</u>	<u>45,433</u>	<u>119,764</u>	<u>52,016</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>234,557</u>	
TOTAL LIABILITIES, DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES, AND FUND BALANCES	<u>\$ 17,344</u>	<u>\$ 46,544</u>	<u>\$ 120,371</u>	<u>\$ 52,497</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 236,756</u>	

BALDWIN TOWNSHIP, MINNESOTA
COMBINING STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES
NONMAJOR GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2022

	Special Revenue			Capital Project		Total Nonmajor Governmental Funds
	Cemetery Fund	Parks & Recreation Fund	Capital Project Fund	Fire Equipment Fund		
REVENUES						
Property Taxes	\$ -	\$ 59,653	\$ 39,904	\$ 39,768	\$ 139,325	
Charges for Services	3,900	-	-	-	3,900	
Investment Income	49	249	151	37	486	
Miscellaneous	-	12,195	14,609	-	26,804	
TOTAL REVENUES	<u>3,949</u>	<u>72,097</u>	<u>54,664</u>	<u>39,805</u>	<u>170,515</u>	
EXPENDITURES						
Current:						
Parks and Recreation	-	57,583	-	-	57,583	
Cemetery	3,406	-	-	-	3,406	
Capital Outlay	-	54,605	-	-	54,605	
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	<u>3,406</u>	<u>112,188</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>115,594</u>	
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES	543	(40,091)	54,664	39,805	54,921	
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)						
Transfers In	-	-	13,728	-	13,728	
NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCES	543	(40,091)	68,392	39,805	68,649	
FUND BALANCES - BEGINNING	16,801	85,524	51,372	12,211	165,908	
FUND BALANCES - ENDING	<u>\$ 17,344</u>	<u>\$ 45,433</u>	<u>\$ 119,764</u>	<u>\$ 52,016</u>	<u>\$ 234,557</u>	

BALDWIN TOWNSHIP, MINNESOTA
SCHEDULE OF INDEBTEDNESS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2022
(UNAUDITED)

	Issue Dates	Interest Rates	Maturity Dates	Initial Authorized Issue	Outstanding Balance 01/01/22	Issued	Paid	Outstanding Balance 12/31/22	Principal Due Within One Year
GOVERNMENTAL INDEBTEDNESS									
G.O. Certificates of Indebtedness, Series 2017A	08/21/17	2.75-3.00%	02/01/27	\$ 1,776,800	\$ 1,154,534	\$ -	\$ 261,217	\$ 893,317	\$ 189,089
PROPRIETARY INDEBTEDNESS									
G.O. Certificates of Indebtedness, Series 2017A	08/21/17	3.00%	02/01/27	458,200	305,467	-	64,946	240,521	50,911
TOTAL INDEBTEDNESS				<u>\$ 2,235,000</u>	<u>\$ 1,460,001</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 326,163</u>	<u>\$ 1,133,838</u>	<u>\$ 240,000</u>

OTHER REQUIRED REPORTS

**INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER FINANCIAL REPORTING
AND ON COMPLIANCE AND OTHER MATTERS BASED ON AN AUDIT
OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS PERFORMED IN ACCORDANCE WITH
GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS**

Board of Supervisors
Baldwin Township
Princeton, Minnesota

We have audited, in accordance with the auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, the financial statements of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of Baldwin Township, Minnesota (the Township) as of and for the year ended December 31, 2022, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise Baldwin Township's basic financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated June 29, 2023.

Report on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered Baldwin Township's internal control over financial reporting (internal control) as a basis for designing audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing our opinions on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Township's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the Township's internal control.

Our consideration of internal control was for the limited purpose described in the preceding paragraph and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies and, therefore, material weaknesses or significant deficiencies may exist that have not been identified. However, as described in the accompanying *Schedule of Findings and Responses*, we identified certain deficiencies in internal control that we consider to be material weaknesses and significant deficiencies.

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 a combination of deficiencies, in internal control such that there is a reasonable possibility that a material misstatement of the Township's financial statements will not be prevented, or detected and corrected, on a timely basis. We consider the deficiencies described in the accompanying *Schedule of Findings and Responses* as items 2015-001, 2015-002, 2021-001, and 2022-001 to be material weaknesses.

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. We consider the following deficiency described in the accompanying *Schedule of Findings and Responses* as item 2015-003 to be a significant deficiency.

Report on Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the Township's financial statements are free from material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the financial statements. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit, 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*.

Minnesota Legal Compliance

In connection with our audit, nothing came to our attention that caused us to believe that Baldwin Township failed to comply with the provisions of the contracting- bid laws, conflicts of interest, depositories of public funds and public investments, claims and disbursements, miscellaneous provisions, and public indebtedness sections of the *Minnesota Legal Compliance Audit Guide for Towns*, promulgated by the State Auditor pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 6.65, insofar as they relate to accounting matters. However, our audit was not directed primarily toward obtaining knowledge of such noncompliance. Accordingly, had we performed additional procedures, other matters may have come to our attention regarding the Township's noncompliance with the above referenced provisions, insofar as they relate to accounting matters.

Township's Response to Findings

Government Auditing Standards requires the auditor to perform limited procedures on Baldwin Township's response to the findings identified in our engagement and described in the accompanying *Schedule of Findings and Responses* and *Corrective Action Plans*. The Township's response was not subjected to the other auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements and, accordingly, we express no opinion on the response.

Purpose of this Report

The purpose of this report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the Township's internal control or on compliance. This report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the Township's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose.



SCHLENNER WENNER & CO.
St. Cloud, Minnesota
June 29, 2023

**BALDWIN TOWNSHIP, MINNESOTA
SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND RESPONSES
DECEMBER 31, 2022**

FINANCIAL STATEMENT FINDINGS

Finding 2015-001 Limited Segregation of Duties

Condition: The Township has limited segregation of accounting duties.

Criteria: The basic premise of proper segregation of duties is that no one employee should have access to both physical assets and the related accounting records or to all phases of the transaction.

Cause: There are a limited number of employees.

Effect: The Township's lack of adequate segregation of accounting duties could adversely affect the Township's ability to initiate, record, process, and report financial data consistent with the assertions of management in the financial statements.

Recommendation: Although the number of employees may not be large enough to eliminate this deficiency, we recommend that the Township continue to evaluate current procedures and segregate where possible and implement compensating controls.

*Views of Responsible
Officials And Planned
Corrective Actions:*

Management agrees with the recommendation. See corresponding Corrective Action Plan.

Finding 2015-002 Material Audit Adjustments

Condition: Audit adjustments were required to correct material misstatements identified in the trial balance presented for the audit.

Criteria: The Township is required to report accurate financial information.

Cause: The Township failed to record all year-end adjustments required under the accrual basis of accounting and various other adjustments were required to correct misstatements.

Effect: The misstatement in the trial balance presented for the audit resulted in the need to record audit adjustments to achieve fair financial statement presentation under accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Recommendation: We recommend management perform a thorough review of the trial balance prior to the audit and ensure all accounts have been properly adjusted at year-end.

*Views of Responsible
Officials And Planned
Corrective Actions:*

Management agrees with the recommendation. See corresponding Corrective Action Plan.

**BALDWIN TOWNSHIP, MINNESOTA
SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND RESPONSES
DECEMBER 31, 2022**

FINANCIAL STATEMENT FINDINGS (Continued)

Finding 2015-003 Financial Statement Preparation

Condition: Schlenner Wenner & Co. drafts the financial statements and related footnote disclosures for the Township. These financial statements, including disclosures, were reviewed by management and management has taken responsibility for them. However, we believe that management would require additional training in accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America to adequately apply such standards internally.

Criteria: The Township is required to report accurate financial information.

Cause: Management does not have adequate skill to prepare the financial statements.

Effect: The inability to properly prepare the Township's financial statements would result in improper financial reporting.

Recommendation: While the Township may not have adequate controls in place to eliminate this finding, the Township should document its annual review of the financial statements.

*Views of Responsible
Officials And Planned
Corrective Actions:*

Management agrees with the recommendation. See corresponding Corrective Action Plan.

Finding 2021-001 Departure From Accounting Principles Generally Accepted in the United States

Condition: Management has elected not to adopt Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement No. 34, *Basic Financial Statements—and Management's Discussion And Analysis—For State and Local Governments*, specifically the recording of capital assets, including the capitalization and depreciation of such assets. In addition, management has elected not to adopt Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement No. 68, *Accounting and Financial Reporting for Pensions*, and Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement No. 71, *Pension Transition for Contributions Made Subsequent to the Measurement Date*.

Criteria: The Township is required to report capital assets, the capitalization and depreciation of such assets, a net pension asset/liability, and related pension activity.

Cause: The Township failed to report the balances and activity noted above.

Effect: Electing not to adopt these standards resulted in a qualified audit opinion on the governmental activities, business-type activities, and the Sewer Fund.

Recommendation: We recommend the Township consider adopting GASB Statements No. 34, No. 68, and No. 71 for the year ended December 31, 2023.

*Views of Responsible
Officials And Planned
Corrective Actions:*

Management agrees with the recommendation. See corresponding Corrective Action Plan.

**BALDWIN TOWNSHIP, MINNESOTA
SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND RESPONSES
DECEMBER 31, 2022**

FINANCIAL STATEMENT FINDINGS (Continued)

Finding 2022-001 Prior Period Adjustment

Condition: The Township's prior year financial statements contained a material misstatement.

Criteria: The Township is required to report financial information that is accurately presented in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted within the United States of America.

Cause: In the 2021 financial statements, the Township inadvertently included accounts payable balances from December 31, 2020 in the December 31, 2021 accounts payable balances, resulting in an overstatement in December 31, 2021 accounts payable and an understatement in the December 31, 2021 fund balances and governmental activities net position. See further details described in Note 4.D. in the notes to the basic financial statements.

Effect: The misstatement in the prior year financial statements resulted in the need to restate beginning fund balances and net position of the current year.

Recommendation: We recommend management perform a thorough review of the audited financial statements and year-end adjustments to ensure their accuracy and completeness.

*Views of Responsible
Officials And Planned
Corrective Actions:* Management agrees with the recommendation. See corresponding Corrective Action Plan.

**BALDWIN TOWNSHIP, MINNESOTA
CORRECTIVE ACTION PLANS
DECEMBER 31, 2022**

FINANCIAL STATEMENT FINDINGS

Finding 2015-001 Limited Segregation of Duties

1. Explanation of Disagreement with Audit Finding
There is no disagreement with the audit finding.
2. Actions Planned in Response to Finding
The Township currently has the following procedures in place:
 - o The Township Board reviews the monthly invoices and approves the expenditures.
 - o The Township utilizes claim listings which are approved by the Township Clerk/Treasurer.The Township will review current procedures and implement additional controls where possible.
3. Official Responsible
Joan Heinen, Clerk/Treasurer, is the official responsible for ensuring corrective action.
4. Planned Completion Date
The Corrective Action Plan will be reviewed on an ongoing basis with no anticipated completion date.
5. Plan to Monitor Completion
The Township Board will be monitoring this Corrective Action Plan.

Finding 2015-002 Material Audit Adjustments

1. Explanation of Disagreement with Audit Finding
There is no disagreement with the audit finding.
2. Actions Planned in Response to Finding
The Township will continue to have Schlenner Wenner & Co. prepare certain audit adjustments and the Township will review the adjustments and schedules provided to the auditor. The Township will be more diligent in the review of schedules, including those prepared by third parties, to ensure they are correct and agree with the unaudited trial balance.
3. Official Responsible
Joan Heinen, Clerk/Treasurer, is the official responsible for ensuring corrective action.
4. Planned Completion Date
The Corrective Action Plan will be reviewed on an ongoing basis with no anticipated completion date.
5. Plan to Monitor Completion
The Township Board will be monitoring this Corrective Action Plan.

**BALDWIN TOWNSHIP, MINNESOTA
CORRECTIVE ACTION PLANS
DECEMBER 31, 2022**

FINANCIAL STATEMENT FINDINGS (Continued)

Finding 2015-003 Financial Statement Preparation

1. Explanation of Disagreement with Audit Finding
There is no disagreement with the audit finding.
2. Actions Planned in Response to Finding
The Township will continue to have the auditor prepare the financial statements and will continue to document the annual review of the financial statements and related footnote disclosures. The Township will revisit this decision on an ongoing, annual basis.
3. Official Responsible
Joan Heinen, Clerk/Treasurer, is the official responsible for ensuring corrective action.
4. Planned Completion Date
The Corrective Action Plan will be reviewed on an ongoing basis with no anticipated completion date.
5. Plan to Monitor Completion
The Township Board will be monitoring this Corrective Action Plan.

Finding 2021-001 Departure From Accounting Principles Generally Accepted in the United States

1. Explanation of Disagreement with Audit Finding
There is no disagreement with the audit finding.
2. Actions Planned in Response to Finding
The Township will implement the recommendations provided in the *Schedule of Findings and Responses*.
3. Official Responsible
Joan Heinen, Clerk/Treasurer is the official responsible for ensuring corrective action.
4. Planned Completion Date
The Corrective Action Plan will be reviewed on an ongoing basis with no anticipated completion date.
5. Plan to Monitor Completion
The Township Board will be monitoring this Corrective Action Plan.

**BALDWIN TOWNSHIP, MINNESOTA
CORRECTIVE ACTION PLANS
DECEMBER 31, 2022**

FINANCIAL STATEMENT FINDINGS (Continued)

Finding 2022-001 Prior Period Adjustment

1. Explanation of Disagreement with Audit Finding
There is no disagreement with the audit finding.

2. Actions Planned in Response to Finding
The Township will review the audited financial statements and year-end adjustments to ensure their accuracy and completeness.

3. Official Responsible
Joan Heinen, Clerk/Treasurer, is the official responsible for ensuring corrective action.

4. Planned Completion Date
December 31, 2023.

5. Plan to Monitor Completion
The Township Board will be monitoring this Corrective Action Plan.