

## SYNOPSIS OF AUDIT REPORT FOR PUBLICATION

Synopsis of audit report of the Board of Fire Commissioners, Fire District No. 4, Township of Howell for the years ended December 31, 2010 and 2009 as required by N.J.S.A.40A:5A-16.

### STATEMENT OF NET ASSETS

	<u>2010</u>	<u>2009</u>
<b>Assets</b>		
Cash	\$ 1,511,612	\$1,218,033
Prepaid expense	16,335	19,089
Capital assets, net	<u>604,745</u>	<u>741,066</u>
	<u>\$ 2,132,692</u>	<u>\$1,978,188</u>
<b>Liabilities and Net Assets</b>		
Liabilities:		
Accounts payable & accrued expenses	<u>89,455</u>	<u>83,027</u>
Net Assets:		
Invested in capital assets	604,745	741,066
Restricted capital projects	890,510	690,510
Unrestricted	<u>547,982</u>	<u>463,585</u>
Total Net Assets	<u>2,043,237</u>	<u>1,895,161</u>
	<u>\$2,132,692</u>	<u>\$1,978,188</u>

### Statement of Activities

For the Years Ended December 31, 2010 and 2009

<b>Expenses</b>		
Material and services	\$ 416,157	\$ 399,111
Depreciation	<u>136,321</u>	<u>90,386</u>
Total expenses	<u>552,478</u>	<u>489,497</u>
<b>Revenues</b>		
Interest income	5,254	15,018
Amount raised by taxation	689,747	651,380
Other Income	<u>5,553</u>	<u>24,642</u>
Total revenue	<u>700,554</u>	<u>691,040</u>
Increase in Net Assets	<u>\$ 148,076</u>	<u>\$ 201,543</u>

The above synopsis was prepared from the financial statements with independent auditor's report of the Board of Fire Commissioners, Fire District No. 4, Township of Howell, County of Monmouth for the years ended December 31, 2010 and 2009.

The financial statements with independent auditor's report, submitted by Barry J. Osborn, Certified Public Accountant, are on file at the township clerk's office and may be inspected by any interested person.

Robert J. Kelly  
Clerk of the Board

BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS  
DISTRICT NO. 4  
TOWNSHIP OF HOWELL

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2010 AND 2009

WITH

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

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## INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

Board of Fire Commissioners  
District No. 4  
Township of Howell  
Howell, New Jersey

I have audited the accompanying financial statements of the Board of Fire Commissioners, District No. 4, Township of Howell as of December 31, 2010 and 2009, as listed in the Table of Contents. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Board of Fire Commissioners' management. My responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on my audit.

I conducted my audit in accordance with 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. Those standards require that I plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. I believe that my audit provides a reasonable basis for my opinion.

In my opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Board of Fire Commissioners, District No. 4, Township of Howell as of December 31, 2010 and 2009, and the results of its operations, and the changes in its fund balances and cash flows for the years then ended, in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, I have also issued a report dated November 13, 2010 on my consideration of the Board of Fire Commissioners, District No. 4, Township of Howell's internal control over financial reporting and on my tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is 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 internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* and should be considered in assessing the results of our audit.

The management's discussion and analysis and budgetary comparison information on pages 3 through 5 and page 14, are not a required part of the basic financial statements but are supplementary information required by accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. I have applied certain limited procedures, which consisted principally of inquiries of management regarding the methods of measurement and presentation of the required supplementary information. However, I did not audit the information and express no opinion on it.

My audit was made for the purpose of forming an opinion on the basic financial statements of the Board of Fire Commissioners, District No. 4, Township of Howell, taken as a whole. The accompanying schedules listed in the table of contents are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the basic financial statements. Such information has been subjected to the procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and, in my opinion, is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the basic financial statements taken as a whole.

  
BARRY J. OSBORN, CPA

September 13, 2011

BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS  
DISTRICT NO. 4  
TOWNSHIP OF HOWELL  
**MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS**  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2010

My discussion and analysis of Board of Fire Commissioners, District No. 4, Township of Howell financial performance provides an overview of the district's financial activities for the year ended December 31, 2010. Please review it in conjunction with the district's basic financial statements which begin on page 6.

**Financial Highlights**

Total net assets increased \$148,076 which represents a 7.8 percent increase from 2009. \$84,397 was the excess of revenues over expenditures in the general fund, \$200,000 was the increase in net assets restricted for capital projects and \$136,321 was the decrease in net assets invested in capital assets, net.

The amount raised by taxation was \$689,747 or 98.4 percent of all revenues. Interest and other income amounted to \$10,807 or 1.6 percent of all revenues.

Total program expenses have decreased \$62,981 or 14.0 percent. There are no significant increases or decreases in expenses.

**Using This Annual Report**

This annual report consists of a series of financial statements. The Statement of Net Assets and the Statement of Activities (on page 6 and 7) provide information about the activities of the district as a whole. Fund financial statements start on page 8. These statements tell how these services were financed. Fund financial statements also report the district's operations in more detail than the government-wide statements by providing information about the district's most significant funds.

**Reporting the District as a Whole**

**The Statement of Net Assets and the Statement of Activities**

My analysis of the district as a whole begins on page 6. One of the most important questions asked about the district's finances is, "Is the District as a whole better off or worse off as a result of the year's activities?" The Statement of Net Assets and the Statement of Activities report information about the district as a whole and about its activities in a way that helps

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**MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS**  
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FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2010

answer this question. These statements include *all* assets and liabilities using the *accrual basis of accounting*, which is similar to the accounting used by most private sector companies. All of the current year's revenues and expenses are taken into account regardless of when cash is received or paid.

These two statements report the district's net assets and changes in them. You can think of the district's net assets – the difference between assets and liabilities – as one way to measure the district's financial health or financial position. Over time, increases or decreases in the district's net assets are one indicator of whether its financial health is improving or deteriorating.

### **Reporting the District's Most Significant Funds**

#### **Fund Financial Statements**

My analysis of the district's major funds begins on page 8. The fund financial statements provide detailed information about the most significant funds – not the district as a whole.

General Fund – Most of the district's basic services are reported in the general fund, which focuses on how money flows into and out of the funds and the balances left at year-end that are available for spending. The general fund statements provide a detailed *short-term view* of the district's general operations and the basic services it provides. General fund information helps you determine whether there are more or fewer financial resources that can be spent in the near future to finance the district's programs.

#### **The District as a Whole**

The district's total net assets increased \$148,076 to \$2,043,237 or 7.8 percent. Details of the changes are reflected on page 8.

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**Original Versus Final Budget**

Page 14 reflects the variances between the original and final budgeted amounts.

**Final Budget Versus Actual Results**

As reflected on page 14, the district operated within budgetary constraints. Actual expenses were under the final budget by \$149,280.

**Capital Assets**

At year end, the district had \$1,916,666 in total capital assets, a decrease of \$54,908 from 2009. The District sold surplus equipment.

**Debt Administration**

There is no debt as of December 31, 2010.

**Economic Factors and Next Year's Budget and Rates**

The district's governing body considered many factors when setting the 2011 budget and tax rates including the economy, the rate of inflation and planned future capital projects. The tax rate will remain at or near the current rate.

**Contacting the City's Financial Management**

This financial report is designed to provide our citizens, taxpayers, customers and investors and creditors with a general overview of the district's finances and to show the district's accountability for the money it receives. If you have questions about this report or need additional financial information, contact the Board Clerk at 88 Ramtown-Greenville Road, Howell, NJ 07731.



BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS  
DISTRICT NO. 4  
TOWNSHIP OF HOWELL  
**STATEMENT OF NET ASSETS**  
DECEMBER 31, 2010 AND 2009

	<u>2010</u>	<u>2009</u>
<b>ASSETS</b>		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$1,511,612	\$1,218,033
Prepaid expense	16,335	19,089
Capital assets, net	<u>604,745</u>	<u>741,066</u>
<b>Total Assets</b>	<u>\$2,132,692</u>	<u>\$1,978,188</u>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>		
Payables and accrued expenses	\$ 89,455	\$ 83,027
<b>NET ASSETS</b>		
Invested in capital assets, net of related debt	604,745	741,066
Restricted for capital projects	890,510	690,510
Unrestricted	<u>547,982</u>	<u>463,585</u>
<b>Total Net Assets</b>	<u>\$2,043,237</u>	<u>\$1,895,161</u>

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BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS  
DISTRICT NO. 4  
TOWNSHIP OF HOWELL  
**STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES**  
FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2010 AND 2009

	<u>2010</u>	<u>2009</u>
<b>Expenses</b>		
Material and services	\$ 416,157	\$ 399,111
Depreciation	<u>136,321</u>	<u>90,386</u>
Total program expenses	<u>552,478</u>	<u>489,497</u>
<b>General Revenues</b>		
Miscellaneous	20	1,782
Sale of vehicle	5,533	22,860
Amount raised by taxation	689,747	651,380
Interest income	<u>5,254</u>	<u>15,018</u>
Total general revenues	<u>700,554</u>	<u>691,040</u>
Increase in net assets	148,076	201,543
Net Assets – beginning of year	<u>1,895,161</u>	<u>1,693,618</u>
Net Assets – end of year	<u>\$2,043,237</u>	<u>\$1,895,161</u>

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BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS  
DISTRICT NO.4  
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**STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND  
CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE/STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES**  
YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2010

	<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Other Funds</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Ad just- ments</u>	<u>Statement of Activities</u>
<b>Revenues</b>					
Amount raised by taxation	\$489,747	\$ 200,000	\$689,747		\$689,747
Interest income	5,254	-	5,254		5,254
Sale of Vehicle	5,533		5,533		5,533
Misc. Income	<u>20</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>20</u>		<u>20</u>
<b>Total revenues</b>	500,554	200,000	700,554		700,554
<b>Expenditures</b>					
Capital Outlays	-	-	-		-
Materials and services	416,157	-	416,157		416,157
Depreciation	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>136.321</u>	<u>136.321</u>
<b>Total expenditures</b>	<u>416,157</u>	<u>580,147</u>	<u>416,157</u>	<u>136.321</u>	<u>552,478</u>
Excess of Revenue Over Expenditures	84,397	200,000	284,397	(284,397)	
Change in net assets				148,076	148,076
<b>Fund Balance/net assets</b>					
Beginning of year	<u>463,585</u>	<u>690,510</u>	<u>1,154,095</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,895,161</u>
End of year	<u>\$547,982</u>	<u>\$ 890,510</u>	<u>\$1,438,492</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>\$2,043,237</u>

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BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS  
DISTRICT NO. 4  
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STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS  
YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2010 AND 2009

	<u>2010</u>	<u>2009</u>
<b>Cash flows from operating activities:</b>		
Cash received from operations	\$ 689,747	\$ 651,380
Cash paid to suppliers	(406,975)	(380,901)
Interest income received	5,254	15,018
Miscellaneous Income	<u>5,553</u>	<u>24,642</u>
<b>Net cash provided (used) by operating activities</b>	<u>293,579</u>	<u>310,139</u>
<b>Cash flows from investing activities:</b>		
Capital expenditures	<u>0</u>	<u>(580,147)</u>
<b>Net cash provided (used) by Investing activities</b>	<u>0</u>	<u>(580,147)</u>
<b>Net increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents</b>	293,579	(270,008)
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of year	<u>1,218,033</u>	<u>1,488,041</u>
<b>Cash and cash equivalents at end of year</b>	<u>\$ 1,511,612</u>	<u>\$ 1,218,033</u>
<b>Reconciliation of change in net assets to net cash provided (used) by operating activities:</b>		
Change in net assets	\$ 148,076	\$ 201,543
Adjustments to reconcile change in net assets to cash provided by operating activities		
Depreciation.	136,321	90,386
Change in assets and liabilities:		
(Increase) decrease in:		
Prepaid expense	2,754	56
Increase (decrease) in:		
Payables and accrued expenses	<u>6,428</u>	<u>18,154</u>
<b>Total adjustments</b>	<u>145,503</u>	<u>108,596</u>
<b>Net cash provided (used) by operating activities</b>	<u>\$ 293,579</u>	<u>\$ 310,139</u>

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BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS  
DISTRICT NO. 4  
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NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2010 AND 2009

**SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

**Reporting Entity** – The Board of Fire Commissioners District No. 4 (the “District”) is a corporate body created for the purpose of prevention and extinguishment of fires and regulation of fire hazards within the District. The District is governed by Commissioners (“Board”) that acts as the governing body. The Board is comprised of five elected Commissioners.

The Board of Commissioners annually appoints the Chair(person) of the Board from existing board members. The Chair’s responsibilities are to preside at all meetings of the Board; be the chief officer of the District; perform all duties commonly incident to the position of presiding officer of a board, commission or business organization and exercise supervision over the business of the District, its officers and employees to the extent set forth in their bylaws.

The accompanying statements of the District have been prepared in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United State of America (GAAP) as applicable to governmental units. The financial statements include all organization, activities and functions that comprise the District.

**Fund Accounting** – The District uses funds to maintain its financial records during the year. A fund is defined as a fiscal and accounting entity with a self-balancing set of accounts. The District only uses governmental funds.

**Governmental Funds** – Governmental funds are those through which most governmental functions typically are financed. Governmental funds reporting focuses on the sources, uses and balances of current financial resources. Expendable assets are assigned to the various governmental funds according to the purpose for which they may or must be used. Current liabilities are assigned to the fund from which they will be paid. The difference between governmental fund assets and liabilities is reported as fund balance.

The District reports the following major governmental funds:

**General Fund** – The General Fund is used to account for all financial resources of the District except those required to be accounted for in another fund. The general fund balance is available to the District for any purpose provided it is expended or transferred according to the general laws and the bylaws of the District.

**Other Funds** - Other Funds is used to account for funds restricted for capital projects.

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**Basis of Accounting** – The financial statements of the Board of Fire Commissioners, District No. 4, Township of Howell, have been prepared on the accrual basis of accounting. The significant accounting policies followed are described below to enhance the usefulness of the financial statements to the reader.

**Inventories of Supplies** – Purchases of materials and supplies are recognized and recorded as expenditures when they are acquired, regardless of when used.

**Reclassifications** – Certain reclassifications have been made to the 2009 financial statements to conform to the 2010 presentation.

**Estimates** – The preparation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect certain reported amounts and disclosures. Accordingly, actual results could differ from those estimates.

**Cash and Cash Equivalents** – For purpose of reporting cash flows, cash and cash equivalents include cash on hand and investments with an initial maturity of three months or less.

**Related Party Transactions** – District No. 4 is comprised of one Fire Company as follows:

1. Ramtown-Howell Fire Company No. 2

The Board of Fire Commissioners has entered into an agreement with the company to provide fire fighting services.

**Reservations of Fund Balance** – The District records reservations for portions of funds equity which are legally segregated for specific future use or which do not represent available expendable resources and therefore, are not available for appropriations or expenditure in the general fund balance sheet. Unreserved fund balance indicates that portion of fund equity, which is available for appropriations, in future periods. Fund equity reserves have been established for capital projects.

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**Net Assets** – Net assets present the difference between assets and liabilities in the statement of net assets. Net assets invested in capital assets are reduced by the outstanding balances of any borrowing used for the acquisition, construction or improvement of those assets. Net assets are reported as restricted when there are legal limitations imposed on their use by District legislation or external restrictions by creditors, grantors, laws or regulations of other governments.

**Capital Assets** – General capital assets generally result from expenditures in the reserve for capital projects. These assets are reported on the government-wide statement of net assets but are not reported in the fund financial statements.

All capital assets are capitalized at cost (or estimated historical cost) and updated for additions and retirements during the year. The District maintains a capitalization threshold of \$5,000. The District does not possess any infrastructure. Improvements are capitalized; the cost of normal maintenance and repairs that do not add to the value of the assets or materially extend the asset's life are not.

**Accounts Payable and Accrued Expenses**

	<u>2010</u>	<u>2009</u>
Payables	\$ 28,992	\$ 33,204
Accrued expense	13,723	5,859
LOSAP	<u>46,740</u>	<u>43,964</u>
	<u>\$89,455</u>	<u>\$ 83,027</u>

**Commitments**

The Board leases facilities from the Ramtown-Howell Fire Co. No. 2.

This lease is for a term of one year and is automatically renewable from year to year unless either party notifies the other by written notice at least 60 days prior to the expiration of the term that the lease will not be renewed. Rental is paid annually in the amount of \$36,050.

**Subsequent Events**

The district has evaluated subsequent events through September 13, 2011, the date the financial statements were available to be issued.

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DISTRICT NO. 4  
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**NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
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**Capital Assets**

Capital assets together with accumulated depreciation and estimated useful lives consist of the following:

	<u>2010</u>	<u>2009</u>	
Apparatus and equipment	\$ 1,787,472	\$ 1,825,472	5-10
Vehicles	<u>129,194</u>	<u>146,102</u>	5
	1,916,666	1,971,574	
Less, accumulated depreciation	<u>1,311,921</u>	<u>1,230,508</u>	
	<u>\$ 604,745</u>	<u>\$ 741,066</u>	

**Pension Plan**

District No.4 participates in the Public Employees' Retirement System which is a part of the Division of Pensions in the Department of the Treasury, State of New Jersey. The plans are funded annually based on the projected benefit method with aggregate level normal cost and frozen initial unfunded accrued liability. The plans, which covers public employees throughout the state, does not maintain separate records for each reporting unit and, accordingly, the actuarial data for the employees of the Authority who are members of the plan are not available. Pension expense was \$2,067 and \$1,878 in 2010 and 2009, respectively.

**Fair Value Measurements**

The District uses fair value measurements to record fair value adjustments to certain assets and to determine fair value disclosure.



**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**

BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS  
DISTRICT NO. 4  
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**Fair Value Measurements - Continued**

FASB ASC topic 820, fair value measurements and disclosures establishes a fair value hierarchy that prioritizes the inputs to valuation methods used to measure fair value. The hierarchy gives the highest priority to quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities (level 1) and the lowest priority to unobservable inputs (level 3). The three levels of the fair value hierarchy under FASB ASC topic 820 are as follows:

- Level 1: Quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities.
- Level 2: Significant other observable inputs.
- Level 3: Significant unobservable inputs.

The carrying amount of cash, accounts receivable, accounts payable and accrued expenses approximates fair value due to the short-term maturities of these instruments.

BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS  
DISTRICT NO. 4  
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**BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE – GENERAL FUND**  
YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2010

	<u>Budgeted Amounts</u>		Actual	Variance with
	<u>Original</u>	<u>Final</u>	(Budgetary	Final Budget
			Basis)	Positive
				<u>(Negative)</u>
<b>Revenues</b>				
Amount raised by taxation	\$689,747	\$ 689,747	\$689,747	-
Interest income	35,000	35,000	5,254	(29,746)
New Jersey Supplemental Fire Service Grant Program	3,570	3,570	-	(3,570)
Fund balance utilized	64,883	64,883	64,883	-
Other Income	-	-	5,553	5,553
Total revenues	<u>793,200</u>	<u>793,200</u>	<u>765,437</u>	<u>(27,763)</u>
<b>Expenditures</b>				
Salary – Commissioners	42,000	42,000	29,370	12,630
LOSAP	67,000	67,000	46,740	20,260
Materials and supplies	94,000	94,000	67,730	26,270
Rental charges	36,500	36,500	36,050	450
Insurance premiums	80,000	80,000	73,730	6,270
Professional services	30,000	30,000	14,593	15,407
Advertising	1,500	1,500	1148	352
Elections	1,500	1,500	796	704
Training and education	12,000	12,000	4,351	7,649
Office expenses	7,000	7,000	6,097	903
Maintenance and repairs	65,000	65,000	44,792	20,208
Capital appropriations	200,000	200,000	200,000	-
Utilities	25,000	25,000	19,203	5,797
Hydrant rent	100,000	100,000	53,237	46,763
Fringe benefits	7,000	7,000	5,566	1,434
Reimbursement for losses and expenses	<u>24,700</u>	<u>24,700</u>	<u>12,754</u>	<u>11,946</u>
Total expenditures	<u>793,200</u>	<u>793,200</u>	<u>616,157</u>	<u>177,043</u>
Excess of Revenues Over Expenditures	-	-	<u>\$149,280</u>	<u>\$149,280</u>

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BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS  
DISTRICT NO. 4  
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**STATISTICAL INFORMATION**  
DECEMBER 31, 2010

**Property Tax Levies**

Following is a tabulation of district assessed valuations, tax levies and property tax rates per \$100 of assessed valuations.

<u>Calendar Year</u>	<u>Assessed Valuations (Unaudited)</u>	<u>Total Tax Levy</u>	<u>Property Tax Rates</u>
12/31/2010	1,127,797,663	689,747	.061
12/31/2009	1,128,424,655	651,380	.058
12/31/2008	1,130,181,669	625,007	.055
12/31/2007	1,123,661,900	576,930	.052

**Unreserved Fund Balance**

Following is a tabulation of unreserved fund balance and subsequent budget action thereon for the current and preceding three years.

<u>Calendar Year Ended</u>	<u>End of Calendar Year</u>	<u>Utilization in Subsequent Budget</u>
December 31, 2010	547,982	86,702
December 31, 2009	463,585	64,883
December 31, 2008	371,656	67,550
December 31, 2007	325,686	92,423

BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS  
DISTRICT NO. 4  
TOWNSHIP OF HOWELL  
ROSTER OF OFFICIALS

<u>Name</u>	
<u>Board of Commissioners</u>	<u>Amount of Dishonesty Bond</u>
Raymond A. Equils, Chairman	-
Gregory E. Scarlato, Vice Chairman	-
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## **Report on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting and on Compliance Based on an Audit of Financial Statements Performed in Accordance with Government Auditing Standards**

I have audited the financial statements of Board of Fire Commissioners, District No. 4, Township of Howell, as of and for the year ended December 31, 2010, and have issued my report thereon dated September 13, 2011. I conducted my audit in accordance with 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.

### Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing my audit, I considered Board of Fire Commissioners, District No. 4, Township of Howell's internal control over financial reporting as a basis for designing my auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing my opinion on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Board of Fire Commissioners, District No. 4, Township of Howell's internal control over financial reporting. Accordingly, I do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the Board of Fire Commissioners, District No. 4, Township of Howell's internal control over financial reporting.

A control deficiency exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent or detect misstatements on a timely basis. A significant deficiency is a control deficiency, or combination of control deficiencies, that adversely affects the Board of Fire Commissioners, District No. 4, Township of Howell's ability to initiate, authorize, record, process, or report financial data reliably in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles such that there is more than a remote likelihood that a misstatement of the Board of Fire Commissioners, District No. 4, Township of Howell's financial statements that is more than inconsequential will not be prevented or detected by the Board of Fire Commissioners, District No. 4, Township of Howell's internal control.

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A material weakness is a significant deficiency, or combination of significant deficiencies, that results in more than a remote likelihood that a material misstatement of the financial statements will not be prevented or detected by the Board of Fire Commissioners, District No. 4, Township of Howell's internal control.

My consideration of internal control over financial reporting was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and would not necessarily identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be significant deficiencies or material weaknesses. I did not identify any deficiencies in internal control over financial reporting that I consider to be material weaknesses, as defined above.

#### Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether Board of Fire Commissioners, District No. 4, Township of Howell's financial statements are free of material misstatement, I 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 determination of financial statement amounts. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of my audit, and accordingly, I do not express such an opinion. The results of my tests of compliance disclosed the following instance of noncompliance required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*. The Board of Fire Commissioners, District No. 4, Township of Howell has not had an audit completed and filed with the Authority within four months after the close of the fiscal year as required by N.J.S.A. 40A:5A-15. I considered this instance of noncompliance in forming my opinion on whether the Board of Fire Commissioners, District No. 4, Township of Howell's financial statements are presented fairly, in all material respects, in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles, and this report does not affect my report dated September 7, 2011.

This report is intended for the information and use of the Board of Fire Commissioners, District No. 4, Township of Howell, and the Division of Local Government Services. However, this report is a matter of public record and its distribution is not limited.

  
BARRY J. OSBORN, CPA

September 13, 2011