

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, 2011 and 2010 as required by N.J.S.A.40A:5A-16.

STATEMENT OF NET ASSETS

	<u>2011</u>	<u>2010</u>
Assets		
Cash	\$ 1,786,577	\$1,511,612
Prepaid expense	17,498	16,335
Capital assets, net	<u>475,405</u>	<u>604,745</u>
	<u>\$ 2,279,480</u>	<u>\$2,132,692</u>
Liabilities and Net Assets		
Liabilities:		
Accounts payable & accrued expenses	<u>83,014</u>	<u>89,455</u>
Net Assets:		
Invested in capital assets	475,405	604,745
Restricted capital projects	1,090,510	890,510
Unrestricted	<u>630,551</u>	<u>547,982</u>
Total Net Assets	<u>2,196,466</u>	<u>2,043,237</u>
	<u>\$2,279,480</u>	<u>\$2,132,692</u>

Statement of Activities

For the Years Ended December 31, 2011 and 2010

Expenses		
Material and services	\$ 429,248	\$ 416,157
Depreciation	<u>129,340</u>	<u>136,321</u>
Total expenses	<u>558,588</u>	<u>552,478</u>
Revenues		
Interest income	6,924	5,254
Amount raised by taxation	704,893	689,747
Other Income	<u>-</u>	<u>5,553</u>
Total revenue	<u>711,817</u>	<u>700,554</u>
Increase in Net Assets	<u>\$ 153,229</u>	<u>\$ 148,076</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, 2011 and 2010.

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, 2011 AND 2010

WITH

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

BARRY J. OSBORN
CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT

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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, 2011 and 2010, 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, 2011 and 2010, 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 September 11, 2012 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 11, 2012

BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS
DISTRICT NO. 4
TOWNSHIP OF HOWELL
MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2011

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, 2011. Please review it in conjunction with the district's basic financial statements which begin on page 6.

Financial Highlights

Total net assets increased \$153,229 which represents a 7.5 percent increase from 2010. \$82,569 was the excess of revenues over expenditures in the general fund, \$200,000 was the increase in net assets restricted for capital projects and \$129,340 was the decrease in net assets invested in capital assets.

The amount raised by taxation was \$704,893 or 98.5 percent of all revenues. Interest and other income amounted to \$6,924 or 1.5 percent of all revenues.

Total program expenses have increased \$6,110 or 1.1 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

BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS
DISTRICT NO. 4
TOWNSHIP OF HOWELL
MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS
(continued)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2011

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 \$153,229 to \$2,196,466 or 7.5 percent. Details of the changes are reflected on page 8.

BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS
DISTRICT NO. 4
TOWNSHIP OF HOWELL
MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS
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FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2011

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 \$169,271.

Capital Assets

At year end, the district had \$1,916,666 in total capital assets.

Debt Administration

There is no debt as of December 31, 2011.

Economic Factors and Next Year's Budget and Rates

The district's governing body considered many factors when setting the 2013 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, 2011 AND 2010

	<u>2011</u>	<u>2010</u>
ASSETS		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$1,786,577	\$1,511,612
Prepaid expense	17,498	16,335
Capital assets, net	<u>475,405</u>	<u>604,745</u>
Total Assets	<u>\$2,279,480</u>	<u>\$2,132,692</u>
 LIABILITIES		
Payables and accrued expenses	\$ 83,014	\$ 89,455
 NET ASSETS		
Invested in capital assets, net of related debt	475,405	604,745
Restricted for capital projects	1,090,510	890,510
Unrestricted	<u>630,551</u>	<u>547,982</u>
Total Net Assets	<u>\$2,196,466</u>	<u>\$2,043,237</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part
of these financial statements

BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS
DISTRICT NO. 4
TOWNSHIP OF HOWELL
STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2011 AND 2010

	<u>2011</u>	<u>2010</u>
Expenses		
Material and services	\$ 429,248	\$ 416,157
Depreciation	<u>129,340</u>	<u>136,321</u>
Total program expenses	<u>558,588</u>	<u>552,478</u>
 General Revenues		
Miscellaneous	-	20
Sale of vehicle	-	5,533
Amount raised by taxation	704,893	689,747
Interest income	<u>6,924</u>	<u>5,254</u>
Total general revenues	<u>711,817</u>	<u>700,554</u>
 Increase in net assets	 153,229	 148,076
Net Assets – beginning of year	<u>2,043,237</u>	<u>1,895,161</u>
Net Assets – end of year	<u>\$2,196,466</u>	<u>\$2,043,237</u>

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BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS
DISTRICT NO.4
TOWNSHIP OF HOWELL
**STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND
CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE/STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES**
YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2011

	<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Other Funds</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Ad just- ments</u>	<u>Statement of Activities</u>
Revenues					
Amount raised by taxation	\$504,893	\$200,000	\$704,893		\$704893
Interest income	6,924	-	6,924		6,924
Sale of Vehicle	-	-	-		-
Misc. Income	-	-	-		-
Total revenues	511,817	200,000	711,817		711,817
Expenditures					
Capital Outlays	-	-	-	-	
Materials and services	429,248	-	429,248		429,248
Depreciation	-	-	-	129,340	129,340
Total expenditures	<u>429,248</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>416,157</u>	<u>129,340</u>	<u>558,588</u>
Excess of Revenue Over Expenditures	82,569	200,000	282,569	(282,569)	
Change in net assets				153,229	153,229
Fund Balance/net assets					
Beginning of year	<u>547,982</u>	<u>890,510</u>	<u>1,438,492</u>	-	<u>2,043,237</u>
End of year	<u>\$630,551</u>	<u>\$1,090,510</u>	<u>\$1,721,061</u>	-	<u>\$2,196,466</u>

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BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS
DISTRICT NO. 4
TOWNSHIP OF HOWELL
STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2011 AND 2010

	<u>2011</u>	<u>2010</u>
Cash flows from operating activities:		
Cash received from operations	\$ 704,893	\$ 689,747
Cash paid to suppliers	(436,852)	(406,975)
Interest income received	6,924	5,254
Miscellaneous Income	<u> -</u>	<u> 5,553</u>
Net cash provided (used) by operating activities	<u> 274,965</u>	<u> 293,579</u>
Cash flows from investing activities:		
Capital expenditures	<u> -</u>	<u> -</u>
Net cash provided (used) by Investing activities	<u> -</u>	<u> -</u>
Net increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	274,965	293,579
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of year	<u> 1,511,612</u>	<u> 1,218,033</u>
Cash and cash equivalents at end of year	<u>\$ 1,786,577</u>	<u>\$ 1,511,612</u>
Reconciliation of change in net assets to net cash provided (used) by operating activities:		
Change in net assets	\$ 153,229	\$ 148,076
Adjustments to reconcile change in net assets to cash provided by operating activities		
Depreciation	129,340	136,321
Change in assets and liabilities:		
(Increase) decrease in:		
Prepaid expense	(1,163)	2,754
Increase (decrease) in:		
Payables and accrued expenses	<u> (6,441)</u>	<u> 6,428</u>
Total adjustments	<u> 121,736</u>	<u> 145,503</u>
Net cash provided (used) by operating activities	<u>\$ 274,965</u>	<u>\$ 293,579</u>

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BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS
DISTRICT NO. 4
TOWNSHIP OF HOWELL
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2011 AND 2010

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.

BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS
DISTRICT NO. 4
TOWNSHIP OF HOWELL
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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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 2010 financial statements to conform to the 2011 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.

BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS
DISTRICT NO. 4
TOWNSHIP OF HOWELL
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YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2011 AND 2010

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>2011</u>	<u>2010</u>
Payables	\$ 10,291	\$ 28,992
Accrued expense	28,259	13,723
LOSAP	<u>44,464</u>	<u>46,740</u>
	<u>\$83,014</u>	<u>\$ 89,455</u>

Commitments

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

This lease is for a term of three years 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. Rent expense was \$37,132 and \$36,050 in 2011 and 2010 respectively. Rent expense for 2012 will be \$38,245.

Subsequent Events

The district has evaluated subsequent events through September 11, 2012, the date the financial statements were available to be issued.

BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS
DISTRICT NO. 4
TOWNSHIP OF HOWELL
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2011 AND 2010

Capital Assets

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

	<u>2011</u>	<u>2010</u>	
Apparatus and equipment	\$ 1,787,472	\$ 1,787,472	5-10
Vehicles	<u>129,194</u>	<u>129,194</u>	5
	1,916,666	1,916,666	
Less, accumulated depreciation	<u>1,441,261</u>	<u>1,311,921</u>	
	<u>\$ 475,405</u>	<u>\$ 604,745</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 plan, 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 \$3,725 and \$2,067 in 2011 and 2010, respectively.

Fair Value Measurements

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

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

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS
DISTRICT NO. 4
TOWNSHIP OF HOWELL
BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE - GENERAL FUND
YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2011

	<u>Budgeted</u> <u>Original</u>	<u>Amounts</u> <u>Final</u>	Actual (Budgetary Basis)	Variance with Final Budget Positive (Negative)
Revenues				
Amount raised by taxation	\$704,893	\$704,893	\$704,893	-
Interest income	12,000	12,000	6,924	(5,076)
Fund balance utilized	<u>86,702</u>	<u>86,702</u>	<u>86,702</u>	-
Total revenues	<u>803,595</u>	<u>803,595</u>	<u>798,519</u>	<u>(5,076)</u>
Expenditures				
Salary - Commissioners	56,000	76,000	71,228	4,772
LOSAP	67,000	67,000	44,464	22,536
Materials and supplies	102,995	82,995	52,036	30,959
Rental charges	36,500	36,500	37,132	(632)
Insurance premiums	80,000	80,000	65,537	14,463
Professional services	30,000	30,000	14,968	15,032
Advertising	1,500	1,500	503	997
Elections	2,000	2,000	769	1,231
Training and education	12,000	12,000	7,351	4,649
Office expenses	7,000	7,000	2,328	4,672
Maintenance and repairs	65,000	65,000	41,222	23,778
Capital appropriations	200,000	200,000	200,000	-
Utilities	33,000	33,000	17,931	15,069
Hydrant rent	75,000	75,000	58,074	16,926
Fringe benefits	8,600	8,600	5,063	3,537
Reimbursement for losses and expenses	<u>27,000</u>	<u>27,000</u>	<u>10,642</u>	<u>16,358</u>
Total expenditures	<u>803,595</u>	<u>803,595</u>	<u>629,248</u>	<u>174,347</u>
Excess of Revenues Over Expenditures	-	-	<u>\$169,271</u>	<u>\$169,271</u>

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of these financial statements

BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS
DISTRICT NO. 4
TOWNSHIP OF HOWELL
STATISTICAL INFORMATION
DECEMBER 31, 2011

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>
12/31/2011	1,127,688,400	704,893	.063
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

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, 2011	630,551	82,795
December 31, 2010	547,982	86,702
December 31, 2009	463,585	64,883
December 31, 2008	371,656	67,550

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

<u>Name</u>	<u>Amount of Dishonesty Bond</u>
<u>Board of Commissioners</u>	
Raymond A. Equils, Chairman	-
Gregory E. Scarlato, Vice Chairman	-
Robert J. Kelly, Clerk	-
Richard H. Stalling, Treasurer	\$ 1,250,000
James J. Eadicicco, Commissioner	-

Company Name

American Alternative Insurance Corporation

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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, 2011, and have issued my report thereon dated September 11, 2012. 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 11, 2012.

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.



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