

FREEDOM TOWNSHIP
MUNICIPAL ANNUAL AUDIT AND FINANCIAL REPORT
YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

Township Supervisors
Freedom Township
Fairfield, Pennsylvania

Report on the Audit of the Financial Statements

Opinion

We have audited the cash basis balance sheet, statement of revenues and expenditures, debt statement, and statement of capital expenditures included in the Municipal Annual Audit and Financial Report as prescribed by the Department of Community and Economic Development (DCED) of Freedom Township (the Township) as of and for the year ended December 31, 2024, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Township's basic financial statements.

In our opinion, the accompanying financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the respective cash basis balance sheet, statement of revenue and expenditures, debt statement, and statement of capital expenditures of Freedom Township as of and for the year ended December 31, 2024, on the basis of accounting described in Note 1.

Basis for Opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAS). 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 Freedom Township and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audit. We believe the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinions.

Emphasis of Matter – Basis of Accounting

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

Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements

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

Auditor's Responsibility 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 judgement 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 Freedom 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 judgement, there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about Freedom 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.

Other Matters

Freedom Township has not presented the management's discussion and analysis and budgetary comparison information that the Governmental Accounting Standards Board requires to supplement, although not to be part of, the basic financial statements. Our opinion on the basic financial statements is not affected by this missing information.

Wessel & Company

WESSEL & COMPANY
Certified Public Accountants

December 3, 2025

2024 MUNICIPAL ANNUAL AUDIT AND FINANCIAL REPORT

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BALANCE SHEET

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FREEDOM TWP, ADAMS County
BALANCE SHEET
December 31, 2024

		Governmental Funds				Proprietary Funds		Fid. Fund	Account Groups		Total
		General Fund	Special Revenue (Including State Liquid Fuels)	Capital Projects	Debt Service	Enterprise	Internal Service	Trust and Agency	General Fixed Assets	General Long Term Debt	Memorandum Only
Assets and Other Debits											
100-120	Cash and Investments	419,359	35,360	24,665				1,000			480,384
140-144	Tax Receivable										
121-129, 145-149	Accounts Receivable (excluding taxes)										
130.00	Due From Other Funds										
131-139, 150-159	Other Current Assets										
160-169	Fixed Assets										
180-189	Other Debits										
Total Assets and Other Debits		419,359	35,360	24,665				1,000			480,384
Liabilities and Other Credits											
210-229	Payroll Taxes and Other Payroll Withholdings	399									399
200-209, 231-239	All Other Current Liabilities										
230.00	Due To Other Funds										

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Liabilities and Other Credits											
260-269	Long-Term-Liabilities										
240-259	Current Portion of Long-Term Debt and Other Credits										
Total Liabilities and Other Credits		399									399

Fund and Account Group Equity											
281-284	Contributed Capital										
290.00	Investment in General Fixed Assets										
270-289	Fund Balance / Retained Earnings on 12/31	418,960	35,360	24,665				1,000			479,985
291-299	Other Equity										
Total Fund and Account Group Equity		418,960	35,360	24,665				1,000			479,985

TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND AND ACCOUNT GROUP EQUITY											480,384
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FREEDOM TWP, ADAMS County
STATEMENT OF REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES

December 31, 2024

Governmental Funds				Proprietary Funds		Fiduciary Fund	Total
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REVENUES

Taxes									
301.00	Real Estate Taxes	67,933							67,933
305.00	Occupation Taxes (levied under municipal code)								
308.00	Residence Taxes (levied by cities of the 3rd Class)								
309.00	Regional Asset District Sales Tax (Allegheny County municipalities only)								
310.00	Per Capita Taxes	3,327							3,327
310.10	Real Estate Transfer Taxes	20,628							20,628
310.20	Earned Income Taxes / Wage Taxes	148,914							148,914
310.30	Business Gross Receipts Taxes								
310.40	Occupation Taxes (levied under Act 511)								
310.50	Local Services Tax **								
310.60	Amusement / Admission Taxes	271							271
310.70	Mechanical Device Taxes								
310.90	Other: _____								
	Other: _____								
Total Taxes		241,073							241,073

Licenses and Permits									
320-322	All Other Licenses and Permits								
321.80	Cable Television Franchise Fees	11,686							11,686
Total Licenses and Permits		11,686							11,686

Fines and Forfeits									
330-332	Fines and Forfeits	5,525							5,525
Total Fines and Forfeits		5,525							5,525

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REVENUES

Interest, Rents and Royalties									
341.00	Interest Earnings	13,211	98	11					13,320
342.00	Rents and Royalties								
Total Interest, Rents and Royalties		13,211	98	11					13,320

Federal									
351.03	Highways and Streets								
351.09	Community Development								
351.00	All Other Federal Capital and Operating Grants								
352.01	National Forest								
352.00	All Other Federal Shared Revenue and Entitlements								
353.00	Federal Payments in Lieu of Taxes								
Total Federal									

State									
354.03	Highways and Streets								
354.09	Community Development								
354.15	Recycling / Act 101								
354.00	All Other State Capital and Operating Grants								
355.01	Public Utility Realty Tax (PURTA)	233							233
355.02-355.03	Motor Vehicle Fuel Tax (Liquid Fuels Tax) and State Road Turnback		59,231						59,231
355.04	Alcoholic Beverage Licenses	150							150
355.05	General Municipal Pension System State Aid								
355.07	Foreign Fire Insurance Tax Distribution	8,018							8,018
355.08	Local Share Assessment/Gaming Proceeds								
355.09	Marcellus Shale Impact Fee Distribution								

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REVENUES

State									
355.00	All Other State Shared Revenues and Entitlements								
356.00	State Payments in Lieu of Taxes								
Total State		8,401	59,231						67,632

Local Government Units									
357.03	Highways and Streets								
357.00	All Other Local Governmental Units Capital and Operating Grants								
358.00	Local Government Unit Shared Payments for Contracted Intergovernmental Services								
359.00	Local Governmental Units and Authorities Payments in Lieu of Taxes								
Total Local Government Units									

Charges for Service									
361.00	General Government	9,719							9,719
362.00	Public Safety	600							600
363.20	Parking								
363.00	All Other Charges for Highway & Street Services								
364.10	Wastewater / Sewage (including connection / tapping fees, sewer usage charges, reserve capacity fee, etc.)	5,096							5,096
364.30	Solid Waste Collection and Disposal Charge (trash)							1,500	1,500
364.60	Host Municipality Benefit Fee for Solid Waste Facility								
364.00	All Other Charges for Sanitation Services								
365.00	Health								
366.00	Human Services								
367.00	Culture and Recreation								
368.00	Airports								

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REVENUES

Charges for Service								
369.00	Bars							
370.00	Cemeteries							
372.00	Electric System							
373.00	Gas System							
374.00	Housing System							
375.00	Markets							
377.00	Transit Systems							
378.00	Water System							
379.00	All Other Charges for Service							
Total Charges for Service		15,415					1,500	16,915

Unclassified Operating Revenues								
383.00	Special Assessments							
386.00	Escheats (sale of personal property)							
387.00	Contributions and Donations from Private Sectors		8,300					8,300
388.00	Fiduciary Fund Pension Contributions							
389.00	All Other Unclassified Operating Revenues							
Total Unclassified Operating Revenues			8,300					8,300

Other Financing Sources								
391.00	Proceeds of General Fixed Asset Disposition							
392.00	Interfund Operating Transfers		789					789
393.00	Proceeds of General Long-Term Debt							
394.00	Proceeds of Short Term-Debt							

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REVENUES

Other Financing Sources								
395.00	Refunds of Prior Year Expenditures	580						580
Total Other Financing Sources		580		789				1,369

TOTAL REVENUES

295,891	59,329	9,100				1,500	365,820
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EXPENDITURES

General Government								
400.00	Legislative (Governing) Body	6,288						6,288
401.00	Executive (Manager or Mayor)	30,413						30,413
402.00	Auditing Services / Financial Administration	1,783						1,783
403.00	Tax Collection	7,932						7,932
404.00	Solicitor / Legal Services	7,452						7,452
405.00	Secretary / Clerk							
406.00	Other General Government Administration	8,256						8,256
407.00	IT-Networking Services-Data Processing							
408.00	Engineering Services	29,425					1,133	30,558
409.00	General Government Buildings and Plant	72,051						72,051
Total General Government		163,600					1,133	164,733

Public Safety

410.00	Police	27,518						27,518
411.00	Fire	33,318						33,318
412.00	Ambulance / Rescue							
413.00	UCC and Code Enforcement	1,125						1,125

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EXPENDITURES

Public Safety									
414.00	Planning and Zoning	1,753							1,753
415.00	Emergency Management and Communications	22							22
416.00	Militia and Armories								
417.00	Examination of Licensed Occupations								
418.00	Public Scales (weights and measures)								
419.00	Other Public Safety								
Total Public Safety		63,736							63,736

Health and Human Services									
420.00-425.00	Health and Human Services								
Total Health and Human Services									

Public Works - Sanitation									
426.00	Recycling Collection and Disposal								
427.00	Solid Waste Collection and Disposal (garbage)								
428.00	Weed Control								
429.00	Wastewater / Sewage Treatment and Collection	7,789							7,789
Total Public Works - Sanitation		7,789							7,789

Public Works - Highways and Streets									
430.00	General Services - Administration	43,150							43,150
431.00	Cleaning of Streets and Gutters								
432.00	Winter Maintenance – Snow Removal								
433.00	Traffic Control Devices								
434.00	Street Lighting								

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EXPENDITURES

Public Works - Highways and Streets									
435.00	Sidewalks and Crosswalks	2,076							2,076
436.00	Storm Sewers and Drains								
437.00	Repairs of Tools and Machinery	5,780							5,780
438.00	Maintenance and Repairs of Roads and Bridges	5,286	102,039						107,325
439.00	Highway Construction and Rebuilding Projects	600							600
Total Public Works - Highways and Streets		56,892	102,039						158,931

Other Public Works Enterprises									
440.00	Airports								
441.00	Cemeteries								
442.00	Electric System								
443.00	Gas System								
444.00	Markets								
445.00	Parking								
446.00	Storm Water and Flood Control								
447.00	Transit System								
448.00	Water System								
449.00	Water Transport and Terminals								
Total Other Public Works Enterprises									

Culture and Recreation									
451.00	Culture-Recreation Administration	1,250							1,250
452.00	Participant Recreation								
453.00	Spectator Recreation								
454.00	Parks								

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EXPENDITURES

Culture and Recreation									
455.00	Shade Trees								
456.00	Libraries								
457.00	Civil and Military Celebrations								
458.00	Senior Citizens' Centers								
459.00	All Other Culture and Recreation								
Total Culture and Recreation		1,250							1,250

Community Development									
461.00	Conservation of Natural Resources								
462.00	Community Development and Housing								
463.00	Economic Development								
464.00	Economic Opportunity								
465-469	All Other Community Development								
Total Community Development									

Debt Service									
471.00	Debt Principal (short-term and long-term)								
472.00	Debt Interest (short-term and long-term)								
475.00	Fiscal Agent Fees								
Total Debt Service									

Employer Paid Benefits and Withholding Items									
481.00	Employer Paid Withholding Taxes and Unemployment Compensation	6,151							6,151
482.00	Judgments and Losses								
483.00	Pension / Retirement Fund Contributions								

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EXPENDITURES

Employer Paid Benefits and Withholding Items									
484.00	Worker Compensation Insurance	13,444							13,444
487.00	Other Group Insurance Benefits								
Total Employer Paid Benefits and Withholding Items		19,595							19,595

Insurance									
486.00	Insurance, Casualty, and Surety	21,397							21,397
Total Insurance		21,397							21,397

Unclassified Operating Expenditures									
488.00	Fiduciary Fund Benefits and Refunds Paid								
489.00	All Other Unclassified Expenditures	1,771						367	2,138
Total Unclassified Operating Expenditures		1,771						367	2,138

Other Financing Uses									
491.00	Refund of Prior Year Revenues	4,016							4,016
492.00	Interfund Operating Transfers	789							789
493.00	All Other Financing Uses								
Total Other Financing Uses		4,805							4,805

TOTAL EXPENDITURES	340,835	102,039						1,500	444,374
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EXCESS/DEFICIT OF REVENUES OVER EXPENDITURES	-44,944	-42,710	9,100						-78,554
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FREEDOM TWP
December 31, 2024

DEBT STATEMENT											
OUTSTANDING BONDS AND NOTES											
Listed below are all currently outstanding bond and note issues according to our files, excluding bond issues redeemed or refunded and defeased. Please show the principal payments and make any other necessary corrections and additions.											
Purpose	Bond (B) Capital Lease (C) Lease Rental (L) Note (N)	Issue Year (yyyy)	Maturity Year (yyyy)	Original Amount of Issue	Outstanding Beginning of Year (1)	Principal Incurred This Year	Principal Paid This Year	Current Year Accretion on Compound Interest Bonds	Outstanding at Year End (1)	Plus (less) Unamortized Premium (Discount)	Total Balance
General Obligation Bonds and Notes											
Revenue Bonds and Notes											
Lease Rental Debt											
Other											

(1) - excludes unamortized premium/discount	Total bonds and notes outstanding	0
	Capitalized lease obligations	0
	Net debt	0

FREEDOM TWP, ADAMS County
STATEMENT OF CAPITAL EXPENDITURES
December 31, 2024

Category	Capital Purchases	Capital Construction	Total
Community Development			
Electric			
Fire			
Gas System			
General Government			
Health			
Housing			
Libraries			
Mass Transit			
Parks			
Police			
Recreation			
Sewer			
Solid Waste			
Streets / Highways		100,635	100,635
Water			
Other: _____			
TOTAL CAPITAL EXPENDITURES		100,635	100,635

EMPLOYEE COMPENSATION

Total salaries, wages, commissions, etc. paid this year (including all employees and elected officials) 77,992

December 31, 2024

NOTES / COMMENTS

1. There is a variance of \$798 in the General Fund Balance compared to the prior year.
2. Escrow account was not reported on on the 2023 DCED report. It is a new reporting item in 2024

FREEDOM TOWNSHIP
NOTE TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
DECEMBER 31, 2024

NOTE 1 BASIS OF ACCOUNTING

Freedom Township prepares its financial statements on a prescribed basis of accounting that demonstrates compliance with the regulatory basis of accounting and laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, which is a basis of accounting other than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. The significant differences between the regulatory basis of accounting and accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America are as follows:

Disclosures

Management has elected to omit substantially all of the disclosures required by generally accepted accounting principles. If the omitted disclosures were included in the financial statements, they might influence the user's conclusion about the Township's financial position and results of operations. Accordingly, these financial statements are not designed for those who are not informed about such matters.

Basis of Accounting

The accompanying financial statements have been prepared on the cash basis of accounting, a special purpose framework. Under this basis, the only asset recognized is cash. All transactions are recognized as either cash receipts or disbursements, and non-cash transactions are not recognized. The cash basis differs from generally accepted accounting principles primarily because the effects of accounts receivable, capital assets and related depreciation, deferred inflows, accounts payable, long-term debt obligations, other liabilities, and deferred outflows are not included on the financial statements.

NOTE 2 SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

Subsequent events were considered through December 3, 2025, the date that the DCED Audit was available to be issued. The Township is not aware of any subsequent events which would require recognition or disclosure in the financial statements.