

ATTESTATION ENGAGEMENT

Township of Upper Turkeyfoot

Somerset County, Pennsylvania

55-225

Liquid Fuels Tax Fund

For the Period

January 1, 2021 to December 31, 2023

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Independent Auditor's Report

The Honorable Michael Carroll
Secretary
Department of Transportation
Harrisburg, PA 17120

We examined the accompanying Forms MS-965 With Adjustments for the Liquid Fuels Tax Fund of the Township of Upper Turkeyfoot, Somerset County, for the period January 1, 2021 to December 31, 2023. The municipality's management is responsible for presenting the Forms MS-965 in accordance with the criteria described in the Background section of this report and the Department of Transportation's *Publication 9*. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the Forms MS-965 With Adjustments based on our examination.

Our examination was conducted in accordance with attestation standards established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants and the standards applicable to attestation engagements contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Those standards require that we plan and perform the examination to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the Forms MS-965 are presented in accordance with the criteria described above, in all material respects. An examination involves performing procedures to obtain evidence about the Forms MS-965. The nature, timing and extent of the procedures selected depend on our judgement, including an assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the Forms MS-965, whether due to fraud or error. We believe that the evidence we obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a reasonable basis for our opinion.

We are required to be independent and to meet our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with ethical requirements relating to the engagement.

As described in the Auditor Description of Select Transactions section of this report, the adjustments included on the Forms MS-965 With Adjustments are made by the Department of the Auditor General.

Independent Auditor's Report (Continued)

In our opinion, the Forms MS-965 With Adjustments present, in all material respects, the information required by the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation for the Liquid Fuels Tax Fund of the Township of Upper Turkeyfoot, Somerset County, for the period January 1, 2021 to December 31, 2023, in accordance with the criteria described in the Background section of this report and the Department of Transportation's *Publication 9*.

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we are required to report all deficiencies that are considered to be significant deficiencies or material weaknesses in internal control; fraud and noncompliance with provisions of laws or regulations that have a material effect on the Forms MS-965; and any other instances that warrant the attention of those charged with governance; noncompliance with provisions of contracts or grant agreements, and abuse that has a material effect on the Forms MS-965. We are also required to obtain and report the views of responsible officials concerning the findings, conclusions, and recommendations, as well as any planned corrective actions. We performed our examination to express an opinion on whether the Forms MS-965 are presented in accordance with the criteria described above and not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the internal control over reporting on the Forms MS-965 or on compliance and other matters; accordingly, we express no such opinions.

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 combination of deficiencies, in internal control such that there is a reasonable possibility that a material misstatement of the Forms MS-965 will not be prevented, or detected and corrected, on a timely basis. 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.

Our consideration of internal control was for the limited purpose of expressing an opinion on whether the Forms MS-965 are presented in accordance with the criteria described above 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 were not identified. We did identify a certain deficiency in internal control, described in the finding listed below, that we consider to be a material weakness in internal control:

- Authorized Check Signers Are Related.

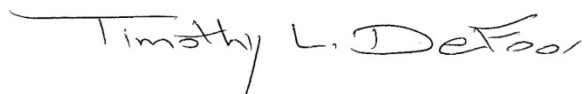
Independent Auditor's Report (Continued)

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the Forms MS-965 are free from material misstatement, we performed tests of the Township of Upper Turkeyfoot, Somerset County's 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 amounts on the Forms MS-965. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our engagement, 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*. However, we did note a matter that, while not required to be included in this report by *Government Auditing Standards*, has been included in the finding below:

- Late Receipt Of Allocation - Recurring.

The purpose of this report is to determine whether the municipality's Liquid Fuels Tax Fund money is spent in accordance with the laws and regulations identified in the Background section of this report and the Department of Transportation's *Publication 9*. This report is not suitable for any other purpose.

We appreciate the courtesy extended by the Township of Upper Turkeyfoot, Somerset County, to us during the course of our examination. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the Bureau of County Audits at 717-787-1363.



Timothy L. DeFoor
Auditor General
February 4, 2025

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TOWNSHIP OF UPPER TURKEYFOOT
SOMERSET COUNTY
LIQUID FUELS TAX FUND
BACKGROUND
FOR THE PERIOD
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Background

The Liquid Fuels Tax Municipal Allocation Law, Act 655 of 1956, as amended, see also 72 P.S. § 2615.5, et sec., provides municipalities other than counties (i.e., townships, boroughs, cities, towns, home rule, and optional plan governments) with an annual allocation of liquid fuels taxes from the state's Motor License Fund to be used for the maintenance and repair of streets, roads, and bridges for which the municipality is responsible. The allocation of these funds to municipalities is based upon: (1) 50 percent on the municipality's proportion of local road mileage to the total local road mileage in the state; and (2) 50 percent on the proportion of a municipality's population to the total population in the state.

Title 75 Pa.C.S. § 9511 of the Pennsylvania Vehicle Code provides municipalities with annual maintenance payments to be received from the Motor License Fund for functionally local highways that were transferred to a municipality from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

Each municipality must deposit the allocation of Liquid Fuels Tax funds and annual maintenance payments that it receives into a special fund called either the Municipal Liquid Fuels Tax Fund or State Fund. A municipality may not deposit any other monies into this fund except when the municipality does not have enough money in the special fund to meet the payments called for by its current annual budget for road and bridge purposes. In such a case, the municipality may borrow money or transfer money from its General Fund to its Liquid Fuels Tax Fund.

The Department of Transportation has been given the regulatory authority for the administration of these funds. Department of Transportation's *Publication 9* includes the policies and procedures for the administration of Act 655, as amended, and the Liquid Fuels Tax Fund money. However, if there is a difference between *Publication 9* and any legislation, the legislation shall govern.

To qualify for the annual allocation of Liquid Fuels Tax funds, *Publication 9* indicates that each municipality shall:

1. Submit annual reports (MS-965, Actual Use Report, MS-965P, Project and Miscellaneous Receipts, and MS-965S, Record of Checks).
2. Make deposits and payments or expenditures in compliance with Act 655 of 1956, as amended. Failure to do so may result in not receiving allocations from PennDOT until all discrepancies are resolved. *Publication 9*, Section 2.6, includes information about investing Liquid Fuels Tax monies, using loan or bond proceeds, and types of receipts into the Liquid Fuels Tax Fund.

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Background (Continued)

3. Submit the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development’s (DCED) Report of Elected and Appointed Officials by January 31st and the Survey of Financial Condition By March 15th.
4. Ensure resolution of all Contractor Responsibility Program (CRP) holds and blocks imposed by the Department of Revenue and the Department of Labor and Industry.
5. Ensure resolution of all reimbursements required as a result of audits performed by the Department of the Auditor General or monitoring reviews performed by the Department of Transportation’s Financial Consultants.

Criteria

The criteria for the Form MS-965 With Adjustment are described below.

Section 1 of Form MS-965 With Adjustments provides a summary of Liquid Fuels Tax Fund expenditures by category. Categories requiring explanation include:

- Major equipment purchases are purchases of road machinery and road equipment with varying yearly costs in excess of the amounts indicated below:

2020	2021	2022	2023
\$11,300.00	\$11,500.00	\$11,800.00	\$12,200.00

- Minor equipment purchases are purchases of road machinery and road equipment with varying yearly costs that are less than or equal to the amounts indicated below:

2020	2021	2022	2023
\$11,300.00	\$11,500.00	\$11,800.00	\$12,200.00

- Agility projects are exchanges of services with the Department of Transportation.

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Section 2 of Form MS-965 With Adjustments provides information on the fund balance. Categories requiring explanation include:

- The state allocation is available from the Department of Transportation in March of each year. The amount the municipality receives is based half on its population and half on its road mileage.
- Municipalities that transferred roads from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania to the municipality through the Highway Transfer Program receive annual turnback allocations in March of each year from the Department of Transportation. Turnback allocations are based on the mileage of the roads transferred.
- Expenditures include the total transferred from Section 1.

Section 3 of Form MS-965 With Adjustments determines if the municipality expended Liquid Fuels Tax Fund money in excess of the permissible amount for equipment and the balance that the municipality may carry forward for the purchase of equipment to the subsequent year.

Department of Transportation *Publication 9* requires that the amount expended for equipment purchases in a given year not exceed the sum of the equipment balance carried forward from the previous year and 20 percent of the current year's Liquid Fuels Tax Fund allocation and, if applicable, 20 percent of the turnback allocation plus other Department of Transportation approved adjustments.

If the municipality spent in excess of the amount listed on Line 4, the excess must be reimbursed to the Liquid Fuels Tax Fund.

The equipment balance to be carried forward for the subsequent year is the lesser of the amount on Line 6 or the ending fund balance on Line 6 of Section 2, but not less than zero.

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Background (Continued)

Basis of Presentation

The financial activities of the municipality are accounted for in separate funds. The Liquid Fuels Tax Fund is used to account for state aid revenues from the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation used primarily for building and improving local roads and bridges. The Form MS-965 has been prepared in accordance with reporting requirements prescribed by the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation as a result of the Fuels Tax Act 655, dated 1956 and as amended, which does not constitute a complete presentation of the entity's assets, liabilities, expenses, and fund balance. Accordingly, the presentation of Form MS-965 With Adjustments is restricted to the Liquid Fuels Tax Fund, which represents a segment of the entity.

Basis Of Accounting

The accompanying Forms MS-965 With Adjustments is prepared in accordance with reporting requirements prescribed by the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation. Under this method, revenues are recognized when received and expenditures are recorded when paid.

General Fixed Assets

General fixed assets are recognized as expenditures at the time of purchase. No depreciation has been provided on the heavy equipment used to maintain and repair roads and bridges.

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LIQUID FUELS TAX FUND
2021 FORM MS-965 – SECTION 1
WITH ADJUSTMENTS

<u>Expenditure Summary</u>	<u>Reported</u>	<u>Adjustments</u>	<u>Adjusted Amount</u>
Minor equipment purchases	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Computer/Computer related training	-	-	-
Major equipment purchases	-	-	-
Agility projects	-	-	-
Cleaning streets and gutters	-	-	-
Winter maintenance services	57,474.72	-	57,474.72
Traffic control devices	-	-	-
Street lighting	-	-	-
Storm sewers and drains	-	-	-
Repairs of tools and machinery	34,145.45	-	34,145.45
Maintenance and repair of roads and bridges	110,343.89	-	110,343.89
Highway construction and rebuilding projects	-	-	-
Miscellaneous	-	-	-
 Total (To Section 2, Line 5)	 <u>\$ 201,964.06</u>	 <u>\$ -</u>	 <u>\$ 201,964.06</u>

TOWNSHIP OF UPPER TURKEYFOOT
SOMERSET COUNTY
LIQUID FUELS TAX FUND
2021 FORM MS-965 – SECTION 2
WITH ADJUSTMENTS

<u>Fund Balance</u>	<u>Reported</u>	<u>Adjustments</u>	<u>Adjusted Amount</u>
1. Balance, January 1, 2021	\$ 184,840.10	\$ -	\$ 184,840.10
Receipts:			
2. State allocation	150,314.71	-	150,314.71
2a. Turnback allocation	13,840.00	-	13,840.00
2b. Interest on investments	248.27	-	248.27
2c. Miscellaneous	20,223.64	-	20,223.64
3. Total receipts	184,626.62	-	184,626.62
4. Total funds available	369,466.72	-	369,466.72
5. Expenditures (Section 1)	201,964.06	-	201,964.06
6. Balance, December 31, 2021	<u>\$ 167,502.66</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 167,502.66</u>

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2021 FORM MS-965 – SECTION 3
WITH ADJUSTMENTS

<u>Equipment Balance</u>	<u>Reported</u>	<u>Adjustments</u>	<u>Adjusted Amount</u>
1. Prior year equipment balance	\$ 89,553.74	\$ -	\$ 89,553.74
2. Add: Current year equipment allocation (20% of Lines 2 + 2a, Section 2)	32,830.94	-	32,830.94
3. PENNDOT approved adjustments	-	-	-
4. Total funds available for equipment acquisition	122,384.68	-	122,384.68
5. Less: Major equipment expenditures	-	-	-
6. Remainder	<u>122,384.68</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>122,384.68</u>
7. Equipment balance available for subsequent year (Lesser of Line 6 or Section 2 balance, but not less than zero)	<u>\$ 122,384.68</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 122,384.68</u>

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SOMERSET COUNTY
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2022 FORM MS-965 – SECTION 1
WITH ADJUSTMENTS

<u>Expenditure Summary</u>	<u>Reported</u>	<u>Adjustments</u>	<u>Adjusted Amount</u>
Minor equipment purchases	\$ 3,722.83	\$ (89.80)	\$ 3,633.03
Computer/Computer related training	-	-	-
Major equipment purchases	-	-	-
Agility projects	-	-	-
Cleaning streets and gutters	-	-	-
Winter maintenance services	71,775.47	-	71,775.47
Traffic control devices	-	-	-
Street lighting	-	-	-
Storm sewers and drains	-	-	-
Repairs of tools and machinery	25,338.91	-	25,338.91
Maintenance and repair of roads and bridges	106,869.25	-	106,869.25
Highway construction and rebuilding projects	-	-	-
Miscellaneous	-	-	-
 Total (To Section 2, Line 5)	 <u>\$ 207,706.46</u>	 <u>\$ (89.80)</u>	 <u>\$ 207,616.66</u>

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2022 FORM MS-965 – SECTION 2
WITH ADJUSTMENTS

<u>Fund Balance</u>	<u>Reported</u>	<u>Adjustments</u>	<u>Adjusted Amount</u>
1. Balance, January 1, 2022	\$ 167,502.66	\$ -	\$ 167,502.66
Receipts:			
2. State allocation	149,820.89	-	149,820.89
2a. Turnback allocation	13,840.00	-	13,840.00
2b. Interest on investments	194.80	-	194.80
2c. Miscellaneous	20,487.40	-	20,487.40
3. Total receipts	184,343.09	-	184,343.09
4. Total funds available	351,845.75	-	351,845.75
5. Expenditures (Section 1)	207,706.46	(89.80)	207,616.66
6. Balance, December 31, 2022	<u>\$ 144,139.29</u>	<u>\$ 89.80</u>	<u>\$ 144,229.09</u>

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2022 FORM MS-965 – SECTION 3
WITH ADJUSTMENTS

<u>Equipment Balance</u>	<u>Reported</u>	<u>Adjustments</u>	<u>Adjusted Amount</u>
1. Prior year equipment balance	\$ 122,384.68	\$ -	\$ 122,384.68
2. Add: Current year equipment allocation (20% of Lines 2 + 2a, Section 2)	32,732.18	-	32,732.18
3. PENNDOT approved adjustments	-	-	-
4. Total funds available for equipment acquisition	155,116.86	-	155,116.86
5. Less: Major equipment expenditures	-	-	-
6. Remainder	<u>155,116.86</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>155,116.86</u>
7. Equipment balance available for subsequent year (Lesser of Line 6 or Section 2 balance, but not less than zero)	<u>\$ 144,139.29</u>	<u>\$ 89.80</u>	<u>\$ 144,229.09</u>

TOWNSHIP OF UPPER TURKEYFOOT
SOMERSET COUNTY
LIQUID FUELS TAX FUND
2023 FORM MS-965 – SECTION 1
WITH ADJUSTMENTS

<u>Expenditure Summary</u>	<u>Reported</u>	<u>Adjustments</u>	<u>Adjusted Amount</u>
Minor equipment purchases	\$ 3,285.00	\$ -	\$ 3,285.00
Computer/Computer related training	-	-	-
Major equipment purchases	-	-	-
Agility projects	-	-	-
Cleaning streets and gutters	-	-	-
Winter maintenance services	58,569.49	-	58,569.49
Traffic control devices	-	-	-
Street lighting	-	-	-
Storm sewers and drains	-	-	-
Repairs of tools and machinery	14,481.61	-	14,481.61
Maintenance and repair of roads and bridges	123,704.47	-	123,704.47
Highway construction and rebuilding projects	-	-	-
Miscellaneous	-	-	-
 Total (To Section 2, Line 5)	 <u>\$ 200,040.57</u>	 <u>\$ -</u>	 <u>\$ 200,040.57</u>

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SOMERSET COUNTY
LIQUID FUELS TAX FUND
2023 FORM MS-965 – SECTION 2
WITH ADJUSTMENTS

<u>Fund Balance</u>	<u>Reported</u>	<u>Adjustments</u>	<u>Adjusted Amount</u>
1. Balance, January 1, 2023	\$ 144,139.29	\$ 89.80	\$ 144,229.09
Receipts:			
2. State allocation	154,391.10	-	154,391.10
2a. Turnback allocation	13,840.00	-	13,840.00
2b. Interest on investments	182.38	-	182.38
2c. Miscellaneous	-	-	-
3. Total receipts	<u>168,413.48</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>168,413.48</u>
4. Total funds available	<u>312,552.77</u>	<u>89.80</u>	<u>312,642.57</u>
5. Expenditures (Section 1)	<u>200,040.57</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>200,040.57</u>
6. Balance, December 31, 2023	<u><u>\$ 112,512.20</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 89.80</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 112,602.00</u></u>

TOWNSHIP OF UPPER TURKEYFOOT
SOMERSET COUNTY
LIQUID FUELS TAX FUND
2023 FORM MS-965 – SECTION 3
WITH ADJUSTMENTS

<u>Equipment Balance</u>	<u>Reported</u>	<u>Adjustments</u>	<u>Adjusted Amount</u>
1. Prior year equipment balance	\$ 144,139.29	\$ 89.80	\$ 144,229.09
2. Add: Current year equipment allocation (20% of Lines 2 + 2a, Section 2)	33,646.22	-	33,646.22
3. PENNDOT approved adjustments	-	-	-
4. Total funds available for equipment acquisition	177,785.51	89.80	177,875.31
5. Less: Major equipment expenditures	-	-	-
6. Remainder	<u>177,785.51</u>	<u>89.80</u>	<u>177,875.31</u>
7. Equipment balance available for subsequent year (Lesser of Line 6 or Section 2 balance, but not less than zero)	<u>\$ 112,512.20</u>	<u>\$ 89.80</u>	<u>\$ 112,602.00</u>

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AUDITOR DESCRIPTION OF SELECT TRANSACTIONS
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The following information relates to certain types of transactions for which the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation requested that we provide additional detail:

Adjustments

2022 - Section 1

An adjustment of \$(89.80) was made to “Minor equipment purchases” because check No. 2376 was voided but was included as an expenditure.

2023 - Section 2

An adjustment of \$89.80 was made to “Balance, January 1, 2023” to reflect the adjustment made to the fund balance in 2022 - Section 2.

2023 - Section 3

An adjustment of \$89.80 was made to “Prior year equipment balance” to reflect the adjustment made to the equipment balance in 2022 - Section 3.

Miscellaneous Receipts

The following miscellaneous receipts were deposited into the Liquid Fuels Tax Fund during the examination period:

<u>Source</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2022</u>
General Fund	Reimbursement (Summary Of 2016-2017 Examination Recommendation)	\$19,626.00	\$19,626.00
General Fund	Transfers in error	597.64	861.40
Totals		<u>\$20,223.64</u>	<u>\$20,487.40</u>

Transfers In Error

On January 14, 2021, and October 10, 2022, the municipality transferred \$597.64 and \$861.40, respectively, from its General Fund to its Liquid Fuels Tax Fund in error. On January 14, 2021, and October 20, 2022, the municipality transferred \$597.64 and \$861.40, respectively, from its Liquid Fuels Tax Fund to its General Fund to correct the transfers in error.

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Finding No. 1 - Authorized Check Signers Are Related

Our examination disclosed that the signatures required to authenticate Liquid Fuel Tax Fund checks are that of the chairman of the board of supervisors and a supervisor who are father and son, respectively.

An entity's system of internal controls should include procedures to prevent the possibility of related persons authorizing checks.

The condition occurred because the municipal officials were not aware that having the chairman and supervisor sign checks together was improper.

When related persons are authorized to sign checks, there is an increased risk of unauthorized disbursements, errors, or misappropriation of assets.

Recommendation

We recommend that the municipality ensure that either none of the authorized check signers are related or that the number of signatures required ensures that at least two signers are unrelated to the other signer(s).

Management's Response

The secretary/treasurer stated:

The father and son finding will not happen again. If we have related persons on our board, they will not be signers on our accounts.

Auditor's Conclusion

During our next examination, we will determine if the municipality complied with our recommendation.

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Finding No. 2 - Late Receipt Of Allocation - Recurring

We cited the municipality for late receipt of allocation in our prior report for the period January 1, 2018 to December 31, 2020. Our current examination disclosed that the 2023 Liquid Fuels Tax Fund allocation of \$154,391.10 which should have been distributed from the Department of Transportation to the municipality during the first week of March of that year, was not received until May 4, 2023, because the municipality failed to comply with the Department of Transportation's *Publication 9*, Chapter Two, Section 2.4, which states:

To qualify for the annual liquid fuels tax allocation, a municipality shall:

- Submit annual reports (MS-965, Actual Use Report, MS-965P, Project and Miscellaneous Receipts, and MS-965S, Record of Checks).
- Make deposits and payments or expenditures in compliance with the Act 655. Failure to do so may result in not receiving allocations from PENNDOT until all discrepancies are resolved.
- Submit the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development's (DCED) Report of Elected and Appointed Officials by January 31st and the Survey of Financial Condition by March 15th.
- Ensure resolution of all Contractor Responsibility Program (CRP) holds and blocks imposed by the Department of Revenue and the Department of Labor and Industry.
- Ensure resolution of all reimbursements required as a result of audits performed by the Department of the Auditor General or monitoring reviews performed by the Department of Transportation's Financial Consultants.

Because the municipality failed to timely provide documentation for reimbursement to its Liquid Fuels Tax Fund for a finding in its 2016-2017 examination, the municipality did not have use of the 2023 allocation for two months. Furthermore, had the allocation been received timely, money may have been available for investment purposes, potentially earning interest income which could have been used for road maintenance and repairs.

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Finding No. 2 - Late Receipt Of Allocation - Recurring (Continued)

Recommendation

We recommend that the municipality comply with the Department of Transportation's *Publication 9* to ensure that the allocations are received during the first week in March as outlined above.

Management's Response

The secretary/treasurer stated:

The allocation was held up by a reimbursement from a previous finding. It was paid in full on September 13, 2022. It was not cleared by Pennsylvania Department of Transportation until April 2023.

Auditor's Conclusion

According to a letter from the Department of Transportation to the municipality, the municipality did not provide documentation to the Department of Transportation for the reimbursements until April 19, 2023. During our next examination, we will determine if the municipality complied with our recommendation.

TOWNSHIP OF UPPER TURKEYFOOT
 SOMERSET COUNTY
 LIQUID FUELS TAX FUND
 SUMMARY OF 2016-2017 EXAMINATION RECOMMENDATION
 FOR THE PERIOD
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Summary Of 2016-2017 Examination Recommendation

In our 2016-2017 report, we recommended that the Department of Transportation review our examination finding to determine if the municipality should reimburse \$49,065.00 to its Liquid Fuels Tax Fund for failing to advertise for bids.

During our 2018-2020 examination, we reviewed a letter dated July 16, 2020, from the Department of Transportation directing the municipality to reimburse \$49,065.00 to its Liquid Fuels Tax Fund over the course of five annual payments of \$9,813.00 starting in December 2019 until December 2023. The schedule below shows the reimbursements:

<u>Due Date</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Date Reimbursed</u>
12/31/19	\$ 9,813.00	06/04/20
12/31/20	9,813.00	12/09/21
12/31/21	9,813.00	12/09/21
12/31/22	9,813.00	09/13/22
12/31/23	9,813.00	09/13/22
Total	<u>\$49,065.00</u>	

The payment plan was paid-in-full as of September 13, 2022.

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SUMMARY OF ONSITE CLOSEOUT MEETING
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An onsite closeout meeting was held December 11, 2024. Those participating were:

TOWNSHIP OF UPPER TURKEYFOOT

Mrs. Theresa Pletcher, Secretary/Treasurer

DEPARTMENT OF THE AUDITOR GENERAL

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