

BOROUGH OF ASHLEY, PENNSYLVANIA

ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2008

BOROUGH OF ASHLEY, PENNSYLVANIA

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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

Members of Council
Borough of Ashley, Pennsylvania

We have audited the financial statements of the Borough of Ashley, Pennsylvania, as of and for the year ended December 31, 2008. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Borough's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Those standards require that we 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. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

As discussed in Note 2, the Borough of Ashley, Pennsylvania prepares its financial statements on a prescribed basis of accounting that demonstrates compliance with the cash basis and budget laws of Pennsylvania, which is a comprehensive basis of accounting other than generally accepted accounting principles.

The financial statements referred to above do not include the General Fixed Asset Group of Accounts or the Fiduciary Fund Type Trust and Agency which should be included in order to conform with generally accepted accounting principles. The information for the Fiduciary Fund Type Trust and Agency was unavailable at the time the audit was performed.

The Borough's financial statements do not disclose all pension plan information required by GASB Statement No. 5. In our opinion, disclosure of that information is required to conform with generally accepted accounting principles; however, management believes it is impracticable to develop this information.

In our opinion, except as noted in the preceding paragraphs, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the assets, liabilities and fund balances arising from cash transactions of the Borough of Ashley, Pennsylvania as of December 31, 2008, and its revenue collected and expenditures paid and changes in fund balance for the year then ended on the basis of accounting described in Note 2.

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the financial statements taken as a whole. The combining 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 of Borough of Ashley. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and in our opinion, is fairly presented in all material respects in relation to the basic financial statements taken as a whole.

Forty Fort, Pennsylvania
June 8, 2009

BOROUGH OF ASHLEY, PENNSYLVANIA
Combined Statement of Assets and Liabilities Arising from Cash Transactions
All Fund Types and Account Group
December 31, 2008

	Government Fund Type				Fiduciary Fund Type Trust and Agency	Total (Memorandum Only)
	General	Special Revenue	Debt Service	Capital Projects		
ASSETS						
Cash	\$ 66,537	\$ 17,878	\$ -	\$ 762	\$ -	\$ 85,177
Amount to be provided for long-term debt	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total assets	<u>\$ 66,537</u>	<u>\$ 17,878</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 762</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 85,177</u>
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE						
Notes payable	\$ 1,224	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,224
Payroll taxes and benefits withheld	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total liabilities	<u>1,224</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,224</u>
Fund balance (deficit):						
Unreserved	<u>65,313</u>	<u>17,878</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>762</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>83,953</u>
Fund balance	<u>65,313</u>	<u>17,878</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>762</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>83,953</u>
Total liabilities and fund balance	<u>\$ 66,537</u>	<u>\$ 17,878</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 762</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 85,177</u>

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

BOROUGH OF ASHLEY, PENNSYLVANIA
Combined Statement of Revenue Collected and Expenditures Paid
All Governmental Fund Types and Expendable Trust Fund
Year Ended December 31, 2008

	Government Fund Type				Total (Memorandum Only)
	<u>General</u>	<u>Special Revenue</u>	<u>Debt Service</u>	<u>Capital Projects</u>	
Revenue collected:					
Taxes	\$ 337,579	\$ 33,961	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 371,540
Licenses and permits	32,269	-	-	-	32,269
Fines and forfeits	17,906	-	-	-	17,906
Interest earnings	665	914	-	19	1,598
Charges for services	242,142	77,701	-	-	319,843
Insurance reimbursement	47,156	-	-	-	47,156
Intergovernmental revenues	10,318	56,541	-	-	66,859
Insurance and benefits	<u>5,069</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>5,069</u>
Total revenue collected	<u>693,104</u>	<u>169,117</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>19</u>	<u>862,240</u>
Expenditures paid:					
Current:					
General government	116,816	-	-	-	116,816
Public safety	240,134	-	-	-	240,134
Project expenses	27,997	-	-	-	27,997
Health and welfare	955	-	-	-	955
Sanitation	124,150	-	-	-	124,150
Public works	41,849	282,578	-	-	324,427
Employee benefits and insurance	73,980	-	-	-	73,980
Debt service	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>4,213</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>4,213</u>
Total expenditures paid	<u>625,881</u>	<u>282,578</u>	<u>4,213</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>912,672</u>
Excess (deficiency) of revenue collected over expenditures paid	<u>67,223</u>	<u>(113,461)</u>	<u>(4,213)</u>	<u>19</u>	<u>(50,432)</u>

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

BOROUGH OF ASHLEY, PENNSYLVANIA
Combined Statement of Revenue Collected and Expenditures Paid
All Governmental Fund Types and Expendable Trust Fund - continued
Year Ended December 31, 2008

	Government Fund Type				Total (Memorandum Only)
	General	Special Revenue	Debt Service	Capital Projects	
Other financing sources (uses):					
Operating transfers in	-	9,290	4,213	-	13,503
Operating transfers out	(9,081)	(9,213)	-	-	(18,294)
Principal repayments	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
 Total other financing sources (uses)	 <u>(9,081)</u>	 <u>77</u>	 <u>4,213</u>	 <u>-</u>	 <u>(4,791)</u>
 Excess (deficiency) of revenue collected and other sources over expenditures paid and other uses	 <u>58,142</u>	 <u>(113,384)</u>	 <u>-</u>	 <u>19</u>	 <u>(55,223)</u>
 Fund balance - beginning	 <u>7,171</u>	 <u>131,262</u>	 <u>-</u>	 <u>743</u>	 <u>139,176</u>
 Fund balance (deficit) - ending	 <u>\$ 65,313</u>	 <u>\$ 17,878</u>	 <u>\$ -</u>	 <u>\$ 762</u>	 <u>\$ 83,953</u>

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

BOROUGH OF ASHLEY, PENNSYLVANIA
General Fund
Statement of Revenue Collected and Expenditures Paid
Budget and Actual
Year Ended December 31, 2008

	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	Variance Favorable <u>(Unfavorable)</u>
Revenue collected:			
Taxes	\$ 357,300	\$ 337,579	\$ (19,721)
Licenses and permits	30,000	32,269	2,269
Fines and forfeits	12,130	17,906	5,776
Interest earnings	1,200	665	(535)
Charges for services	202,350	242,142	39,792
Insurance reimbursement	-	47,156	47,156
Intergovernmental revenues	10,515	10,318	(197)
Insurance and benefits	<u>36</u>	<u>5,069</u>	<u>5,033</u>
Total revenue collected	<u>613,531</u>	<u>693,104</u>	<u>79,573</u>
Expenditures paid:			
Current:			
General government	108,300	116,816	(8,516)
Public safety	217,245	240,134	(22,889)
Project expenses	-	27,997	(27,997)
Health and welfare	975	955	20
Sanitation	193,140	124,150	68,990
Public works	53,010	41,849	11,161
Parks and recreation	5,910	-	5,910
Miscellaneous	<u>75,300</u>	<u>73,980</u>	<u>1,320</u>
Total expenditures paid	<u>653,880</u>	<u>625,881</u>	<u>27,999</u>
Excess (deficiency) of revenue collected over expenditures paid	(40,349)	67,223	107,572
Other financing sources:			
Operating transfers in	-	-	-
Operating transfers out	<u>-</u>	<u>(9,081)</u>	<u>(9,081)</u>
Total other financing sources	<u>-</u>	<u>(9,081)</u>	<u>(9,081)</u>
Excess (deficiency) of revenue collected and other sources (uses) over expenditures paid and other sources	(40,349)	58,142	98,491
Fund balance - beginning	<u>(49,541)</u>	<u>7,171</u>	<u>56,712</u>
Fund balance – ending	\$ <u>(89,890)</u>	\$ <u>65,313</u>	\$ <u>155,203</u>

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

BOROUGH OF ASHLEY, PENNSYLVANIA
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
DECEMBER 31, 2008

NOTE 1. ORGANIZATION AND REPORTING ENTITY:

The Borough of Ashley (the Borough) is located in Northeastern Pennsylvania. It was incorporated on April 19, 1874. The Borough operates under the council-mayor form of government. Council is comprised of six elected members. Council is the chief policy making body and is elected for a four-year term. The council also appoints a secretary/manager. The mayor is also elected to a four-year term and is the head of the executive and administrative branch of city government. The Borough provides public safety (police and fire), sanitation, public works, culture and recreation, community development, and general administrative services to its residents.

Government Accounting Standards Board (GASB), Codification Section 2100 - *Defining the Governmental Reporting Entity*, provides guidance in determining the governmental activities, organizations and functions that should be included in the governing entity's financial statements. The criteria for inclusion are defined as:

1. Manifestation of oversight relating to:
 - a. financial independency
 - b. selections of governing authority
 - c. designation of management
 - d. ability to significantly influence management
 - e. accountability for fiscal matters

2. Scope of public service relating to:
 - a. benefits of reporting entity and/or its residents
 - b. geographic boundaries

The Borough does not have any relationships with other governmental units which would require inclusion as component units.

NOTE 2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES:

The Borough implements fund accounting, a practice recognized as generally accepted for governments.

A fund is described as a fiscal accounting entity with a self-balancing set of accounts where cash and other financial resources are recorded, together with all related liabilities and residual equities or balances, and changes therein, all of which are segregated for the purpose of carrying on specific activities or attaining certain objectives in accordance with special regulations, restrictions or limitations.

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NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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NOTE 2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES - continued:

The following paragraphs describe the fund accounting structure of the Borough.

Governmental Fund Types

Governmental funds are those through which most governmental functions of the Borough are recorded. The Borough's expendable, available financial resources are recorded in governmental funds wherein the measurement focus is on changes in financial position, rather than on net income. Following are descriptions of the Borough's governmental fund types:

General Fund

The General Fund accounts for all financial transactions except those required to be recorded in another fund. Operating activities recorded in the General Fund include administrative and service departments.

Special Revenue Funds

Special Revenue Funds account for transactions relating to revenue received for a specified purpose (exclusive of capital projects). The revenue recorded in these funds is legally restricted and must be spent in accordance with required guidelines. Commonwealth grant revenue received under the Liquid Fuels program is recorded as a special revenue fund, as well as other restricted intergovernmental grant funds.

Debt Service Fund

The Debt Service Fund accounts for the accumulation of resources for the payment of principal and interest on most general long-term debt.

Capital Projects Fund

The Capital Projects Fund accounts for resources and activity relating to the acquisition of capital equipment.

Budgets and Budgetary Accounting

After several public hearings and work sessions, the Council adopts an annual budget during the last week in December for the year beginning January 1. Budgets are prepared for the General Fund, Liquid Fuels, Street Lighting and Fire Equipment Fund. With the approval of Council, budgetary transfers may be allowed. All budgets are prepared on a cash basis.

Compensated Absences

The financial statements do not include an accrual for compensated absences.

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DECEMBER 31, 2008**

NOTE 2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES - continued:

Total Columns on Combined Statements

Total columns on the financial statements are captioned "Memorandum Only" to indicate that they are presented only to facilitate financial analysis. Data in these columns do not present financial position, results of operations or changes in financial position in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles. Interfund eliminations have not been made in the aggregation of this data; and accordingly, the totals cannot be considered comparable to a consolidation.

NOTE 3. CASH AND INVESTMENTS:

Pennsylvania statutes provide for investment of governmental funds into certain authorized investment types including US Treasury bills, other short-term US and Pennsylvania government obligations and insured or collateralized time deposits and certificates of deposit. The statutes do not prescribe regulations related to demand deposits; however, they do allow the pooling of governmental funds for investment purposes.

In addition to the investments authorized for governmental funds, fiduciary fund investments may also be made in corporate stocks and bonds, real estate and other investments consistent with sound business practice.

The deposit investment policy of the Borough adheres to state statutes. Deposits of the governmental funds are either maintained in demand deposits, savings accounts, or certificates of deposit. All deposits of the Borough are either insured under FDIC or fully collateralized under Pennsylvania Act 72.

NOTE 4. PROPERTY TAXES:

The Municipality has the power to levy and collect ad valorem taxes on all taxable real estate within its boundaries. Real estate is assessed by the Chief Assessor's Office of the County of Luzerne. Property taxes attach an enforceable lien on property as of January 1. Taxes paid within 60 days are given a 2% discount. Amounts paid after 120 days are subject to a 10% penalty. Tax liens are filed on the related property for taxes not remitted within three years of the due date.

Tax levies are made annually and collected by the Borough. The tax levy for 2008 was 41 mills on every dollar of assessed value. The total estimated assessed value of taxable property was approximately \$3.1 million.

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NOTE 5. LONG-TERM DEBT:

A) Fire Equipment Fund

The Borough negotiated a general obligation note in the amount of \$ 109,107 from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania on November 5, 1998. The proceeds from the note were used to purchase a 1999 Emergency One Rescue/Pumper. The Emergency Management Agency maintains a lien and security interest in the fire truck. The note is for a period of fifteen years at an interest rate of 2% per annum. The loan has been assumed by the Fire Department. The Borough will continue to contribute \$351 per month in payments. The loan is guaranteed. The principal maturities are as follows:

<u>Year</u>	<u>Principal</u>
2009	\$ 7,422
2010	7,627
2011	7,882
2012	8,187
2013	<u>1,103</u>
	<u>\$ 32,221</u>

B) 2008 General Obligation Note

The Borough negotiated a general obligation note in the amount of \$110,000 from PNC Bank on October 14, 2008. The proceeds from the note were used to purchase a 2009 Garbage Packer. The note matures December 10, 2013 and bears interest at a rate of 4.14% per annum. Monthly payments are \$2,045 including interest. The principal maturities are as follows:

<u>Year</u>	<u>Principal</u>
2009	\$ 19,765
2010	21,163
2011	22,068
2012	23,007
2013	<u>23,997</u>
	<u>\$ 110,000</u>

NOTE 6. POLICE PENSION PLAN:

The Borough has a pension plan which covers full-time policemen in accordance with Act 205 of 1984, The Municipal Pension Funding Standards and Recovery Act. The plan is funded primarily through an annual allocation from the Commonwealth of the 2% tax imposed on foreign casualty insurance premiums and through contributions received from Ashley Borough.

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NOTE 6. POLICE PENSION PLAN - continued:

Additional information regarding the police pension plan at January 1, 2007, the most recent plan valuation date, is as follows:

Market value of net assets available for benefits	\$ 1,099,887
Actuarial accrued liability	<u>734,322</u>
Assets in excess of accrued liability	\$ <u>365,565</u>

Changes in net assets available for benefits:

Net assets, beginning of year	\$ 750,199
Investment income	44,988
Expenses	<u>(393)</u>
	794,794
PMRS retirement account	<u>305,093</u>
Net assets available for benefits	\$ <u>1,099,887</u>

SUPPLEMENTARY FINANCIAL DATA

BOROUGH OF ASHLEY, PENNSYLVANIA
Combining Statement of Assets and Liabilities Arising from Cash Transactions
Special Revenue Funds
December 31, 2008

	<u>Liquid Fuels</u>	<u>Community Revitalization</u>	<u>Street Lighting</u>	<u>Fire Equipment</u>	<u>East Side Landfill Closing</u>	<u>Fire Insurance Escrow</u>	<u>Sewer Fund</u>	<u>WVSA Sewer Fund</u>	<u>Total</u>
ASSETS									
Cash	\$ <u>1,917</u>	\$ <u>(65)</u>	\$ <u>286</u>	\$ <u>145</u>	\$ <u>20</u>	\$ <u>2,637</u>	\$ <u>178</u>	\$ <u>12,760</u>	\$ <u>17,878</u>
Total assets	\$ <u>1,917</u>	\$ <u>(65)</u>	\$ <u>286</u>	\$ <u>145</u>	\$ <u>20</u>	\$ <u>2,637</u>	\$ <u>178</u>	\$ <u>12,760</u>	\$ <u>17,878</u>
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE									
Fund balance	\$ <u>1,917</u>	\$ <u>(65)</u>	\$ <u>286</u>	\$ <u>145</u>	\$ <u>20</u>	\$ <u>2,637</u>	\$ <u>178</u>	\$ <u>12,760</u>	\$ <u>17,878</u>
Total liabilities and fund balance	\$ <u>1,917</u>	\$ <u>(65)</u>	\$ <u>286</u>	\$ <u>145</u>	\$ <u>20</u>	\$ <u>2,637</u>	\$ <u>178</u>	\$ <u>12,760</u>	\$ <u>17,878</u>

BOROUGH OF ASHLEY, PENNSYLVANIA
Combining Statement of Revenues Collected, Expenditures Paid and Changes in Fund Balance -
Special Revenue Funds
Year Ended December 31, 2008

	<u>Liquid Fuels</u>	<u>Community Revitalization</u>	<u>Street Lighting</u>	<u>Fire Equipment</u>	<u>East Side Landfill Closing</u>	<u>Fire Insurance Escrow</u>	<u>Sewer Fund</u>	<u>WVSA Sewer Fund</u>	<u>Total</u>
Revenue collected:									
Grant revenues	\$ 56,541	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 56,541
Interest	86	2	55	29	1	18	706	17	914
Taxes	-	-	24,710	9,251	-	-	-	-	33,961
Sewer use fees	-	-	-	-	-	-	15,469	62,232	77,701
Miscellaneous	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total revenue collected	<u>56,627</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>24,765</u>	<u>9,280</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>18</u>	<u>16,175</u>	<u>62,249</u>	<u>169,117</u>
Expenditures paid:									
Current:									
Public works	70,308	8,564	32,103	-	1,890	-	120,224	49,489	282,578
Insurance proceeds expense	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total expenditures paid	<u>70,308</u>	<u>8,564</u>	<u>32,103</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,890</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>120,224</u>	<u>49,489</u>	<u>282,578</u>
Excess (deficiency) of revenue collected over expenditures paid	<u>(13,681)</u>	<u>(8,562)</u>	<u>(7,338)</u>	<u>9,280</u>	<u>(1,889)</u>	<u>18</u>	<u>(104,049)</u>	<u>12,760</u>	<u>(113,461)</u>
Other financing sources (uses):									
Operating transfers in	-	-	7,400	-	1,890	-	-	-	9,290
Operating transfers out	-	-	-	(9,213)	-	-	-	-	(9,213)
Total other financing sources (uses)	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>7,400</u>	<u>(9,213)</u>	<u>1,890</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>77</u>
Excess (deficiency) of revenue collected over expenditures paid and other sources (uses)	<u>(13,681)</u>	<u>(8,562)</u>	<u>62</u>	<u>67</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>18</u>	<u>(104,049)</u>	<u>12,760</u>	<u>(113,384)</u>
Fund balance - beginning	<u>15,598</u>	<u>8,497</u>	<u>224</u>	<u>78</u>	<u>19</u>	<u>2,619</u>	<u>104,227</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>131,262</u>
Fund balance - ending	<u>\$ 1,917</u>	<u>\$ (65)</u>	<u>\$ 286</u>	<u>\$ 145</u>	<u>\$ 20</u>	<u>\$ 2,637</u>	<u>\$ 178</u>	<u>\$ 12,760</u>	<u>\$ 17,878</u>