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## **UPPER DARBY TOWNSHIP** *Financial Presentation*

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#### **PURPOSE OF THE PRESENTATION**

- Comment on Special Solicitor's Report issued September 14, 2022
- Finance Update
  - New Hire Diane Scutti
  - ERP Update
  - Audit update
- Moving Forward



#### **ARPA/COMINGLING OF FUNDS**

- Reports states Violation 3: Failure to Segregate ARPA Proceeds.
- There was/is NO REQUIREMENT from the United States Treasury to establish a separate fund or to put the funds in a separate bank account.
- FIFO analysis is not an accounting methodology for cash.
- Report states that there could have been violations if a different accounting method is used? What is the different accounting method?



### **PAYROLL ACCOUNT**

- Purpose of a separate payroll account is for internal controls, fraud prevention, and to separate the payroll transactions from other business expenses.
- The funds in the Payroll account are from the General Fund.
- There is no restriction on using money in the payroll fund



#### HIGHWAY ACCOUNTS WELLS FARGO 9427/SANTANDER 5202

- The entire section VI.C on page 19 of the Special Solicitor's Report is not correct.
- The accounts referenced DID NOT contain LFF from PADot.
- The funds in these accounts had no restrictions and were reimbursements from grants and from Aqua
- □ The LFF from PADot are deposited into TD Bank.



#### **SNAPSHOT of the MS-965 REPORT**

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION BUREAU OF MUNICIPAL SERVICES		DEPOSITORIES CONTACT AND BONDING	MS-965
			2021
MS-965	(Rev 9/13)		YEAR

	ACCOUNT NUMBER	DEPOSITORY NAME	YEAR END BALANCE
1.	36-0718043	TD Bank	\$1,328,834.59
2.	36-0718043	TD Bank	\$0.00
3.			



#### **Overspending the 2021 Budget**

- □ This statement is premature and has not been confirmed.
- □ The \$6M of lost revenue will be recognized in 2021; therefore there will be a surplus.
- □ The presentation states that "CAO Rongione had worked with Council to authorize budgetary changes in November 2021 to resolve overspending in several departments, but without authorization to increase overall spending."
  - □ Most employees received 3% increases
  - □ There were no real estate tax increases
  - □ Still recovering from a pandemic
  - Purpose of the ARPA funds was to assist municipalities in recovering from the pandemic
- $\square$  \$1.7M deficit on a \$90M budget is 1.9%.



#### **FINANCE UPDATES**

- Diane Scutti Controller
  - Over 30 years experience in finance and accounting operations, previously serving as the Controller at Cabrini University.
  - Manages the day to day accounting and finance operations and helping with the ERP implementation.
  - Currently focused on internal training, documentation, updating policies and procedures and implementing efficiencies.
- ERP Implementation
  - □ On target for January 1<sup>st</sup> go live date
  - □ Enable greater transparency and reporting
  - □ Will improve internal controls
- Audit
  - We are continuing to work with Chris Herr to finalize the 2021 audit and hope to have it completed asap.
  - □ Audits will be more timely, especially when we are using the new ERP system.
- Budget
  - We are working on finalizing the 2023 budget so the Mayor can give her budget address.
  - The 2023 budget will not have a deficit in the General Fund that is funded by the Sewer Fund as it did in 2021 and 2022.



#### **Moving Forward**

- Continue to work with the ERP Implementation team to ensure the January 1, 2023 live date is accomplished.
- Work with Council and the Administration to approve a realistic and accurate budget.
- Work with Council and the Administration to approve a Budget Amendment for 2022 based on changes that occurred during the year.
- Work with Council and the Administration to approve the lost revenue and the use of the ARPA funds outlined in the previous presentation.



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