AUDIT REPORT

For The Year Ended December 31, 1996

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

Borough of Honesdale Council Honesdale, Pennsylvania 18431

I have audited the accompanying financial statements of the Borough of Honesdale as of and for the year ended December 31, 1996 as listed in the foregoing table of contents. The financial statements are the responsibility of the Borough's management. My responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on my audit.

I conducted my audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards. 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 statements presentation. I believe that my audit provides a reasonable basis for my opinion.

As described in Note #1, the Borough's policy is to prepare its financial statements on the basis of cash receipts and cash disbursements; consequently, certain revenues and related assets are recognized when received rather than when earned, and certain expenses are recognized when paid rather than when an obligation is incurred. Accordingly, the accompanying financial statements are not intended to present the financial position and results of operations in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles.

In my opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly the assets and liabilities arising from cash transactions of the Borough of Honesdale, Pennsylvania at December 31, 1996 and its cash receipts and disbursements for the year then ended, on a basis of accounting described in Note #1, which basis has been applied in a manner consistent with that of the preceding year.

Brian Foster Certified Public Accountant

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BOROUGH OF HONESDALE
Combined Statement of Assets & Liabilities Arising
From Cash Transactions - All Fund Types

December 31, 1996

		Govern	Governmental Fund Types	Des	1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1	1		
	General	Special Revenue	Capital Projects	Debt <u>Service</u>	Proprietary <u>Fund</u>	Trust & Agency Funds	General Fixed <u>Assets</u>	General Long-Term Debt
Cash Investments Due From Other Funds Amount Prov'd/Ret. Long Trm Dbt Land & Site Improvements Bldgs. & Bldgs. Improvements Machinery & Equipment TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 51 348 -0- 105 -00000- \$ 51 453	\$ 112 925 -0- -0- -0- -0- \$ 112 925	069 9 \$	\$ 14 284 -0- -0- -0- -0- -0- \$ 14 284	\$ 588 216 -0000000000	\$ 65 331 1 151 000 -0- -0- -0- \$ 1 216 331	\$ -000- 390 700 1 710 958 \$ 2 300 650	\$ -0- -0- 1 727 778 -0- -0- \$ 1 727 778
LIABILITIES: Due To Other Funds G. D. Note, Pennvest & Equip Ln. Payroll Taxes Payable TOTAL LIABILITIES	-0- -0- \$	-0-	-0 - 0 - 0 - 0 - 9	-0 - 0 - 0 - 0 - 0 - 0 - 0 - 0 - 0 - 0	-00-	\$ 105 -0- 33 \$	-0	\$ -0- 1 727 778 -0- \$ 1 727 778
FUND BALANCE: Invested In Gen. Fixed Assets Reserved for Special Revenues Reserved for Capital Projects Reserved for Debt Service Unreserved Retained Earnings Rsvd.for Police & Employee Pen. Reserved for Rev. Doh. Fuel Fund Unreserved	\$ -0- -0- -0- -0- -0- -0- 51 453	\$ -0- 112 925 -0- -0- -0- -0- -0- -0- -0-	069 9 -0- -0- -0- -0- -0- -0- -0- -0- -0- -0	\$ -0- 14 284 -0- -0- -0- -0- -0- -0- -0- -0-	\$ -0- -0- -0- 588 216 -0- -0- -0- \$ 588 216	\$ -0- -0- -0- 1 213 787 2 406 -0- 1 216 193	\$ 2 300 650 -0- -0- -0- -0- -0- -0- -0- -0-	
TOTAL LIABILITIES & FUND BALANCE	\$ 51 453	\$ 112 925	069 9 \$	\$ 14 284 ======	\$ 588 216	\$ 1 216 331	\$ 2 300 650	\$ 1 727 778 ========

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

BOROUGH OF HONESDALE
Combined Statement of Cash Receipts and Disbursements
- All Governmental Funds and Fiduciary Fund Types For The Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1996

BOROUGH OF HONESDALE
Combined Statement of Cash Receipts and Disbursements
- All Governmental Funds and Fiduciary Fund Types (continued) For The Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1996

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements

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BOROUGH OF HONESDALE
Combined Statement of Cash Receipts & Disbursements
- Budget & Actual - All Governmental Fund Types For The Year Ended December 31, 1996

	1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1	General Fu	General Fund	Specia	Special Revenue Fund
			Variances		Variances
			Favorable		Favorable
RECEIPTS	Budget	Actual	(Unfavorable)	<u>Budget</u> <u>Actual</u>	리
Тахеѕ	\$ 664 357	\$ 657 125	\$ (7 232)		6
Licenses & Permits	300	675	375	· ·	9
Fines and Forfeits	82 350	78 639	(3 711)		
Interest & Rent	2 810	5 412	2 602	•	
Intergovernmental	59 100	34 785	(24 315)	•	
Charge for Services	77 850	89 406	11 556	-0-	
Miscellaneous	5 500	7 081	1 581	-0-	l
TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$ 892 267	\$ 873 123	\$ (19 144)	\$ 69 795 \$ 71 214	14 \$ 1 419
EXPENDITURES					
Genrl Govnmt - Admin.	\$ 141 494	\$ 131 053	\$ 10 441	£	
Public Safety	408 171	414 486		9 0	A
Public Works-Sanitation	3 000	21 123	(18 123)		-n- -n-
- Highway, Roads, Streets	293 849	260 112	33 737	1	
- Other Public Works	48 608	29 414	19 194) (4 4
Culture - Recreation	86 884	80 595	6 289		
Debt Service	7 840	3 579	4 261	-0-	
Miscellaneous	-0-	7.727	(7.727.)	1	ō 0
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	978 686 \$	\$ 948 089	\$ 41 757	\$ 82 063 \$ 37 837	\$ 44 226
EXCESS OF RECEIPTS OVER (UNDER) DISBURSEMENTS	\$ (97 579)	\$ (74 966)	\$ 22 613	\$(12 268) \$ 33 377	7 \$ 45 645

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BOROUGH OF HONESDALE
Combined Statement of Cash Receipts & Disbursements
- Budget & Actual - All Governmental Fund Types - (continued)
For The Year Ended December 31, 1996

· 0 · 0 · 6	· 0 -	\$ 45 645		\$10	\$ 45 655
-0-	-0-	\$ 33 377		\$ 25 946	\$ 59 323
\$ -0- \$	\$ -0- \$	\$(12 268) \$ 33 377		\$ 25 936	\$ 13 668
\$ 45 000 (<u>\$ 000</u>)	\$ 40 000	\$ 62 613		\$ (11 681)	\$ 50 932
\$ 85 000	\$ 80 000	\$ 5 034		\$ 46 419	\$ 51 453
\$ 40 000	\$ 40 000	\$(57 579)		\$ 58 100	\$ 521
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES) Oper Transfers In Oper Transfers Out	TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)	RECEIPTS & OTHER SRCS OVER (UNDER) DISB. AND OTHER (USES)	FUND BALANCES	BEGINNING	ENDING

BOROUGH OF HONESDALE
Combined Statement of Cash Receipts & Disbursements
- Budget & Actual - All Governmental Fund Types (Continued) For The Year Ended December 31, 1996

und Variances Favorable (<u>Unfavorable</u>)	\$ -0- -0- -0- 6 450 606 289 328	\$ 296 384 \$ -0- 117 009 -0- -0- (12 471)	\$ 104 538 \$ 400 922
Variances Variances Favorable Sudget Actual (Unfavorable)	\$ -0- -0- 14 450 13 356 831 828	\$ 859 634 \$ -0- 421 733 -0- -0- 171 471	\$ <u>593 204</u> \$ 266 430
Budget	\$ -0- -0- 8 000 12 750 542 500	\$ 563 250 \$ -0- 538 742 -0- -0- 159 000	\$ <u>697</u> 74 <u>2</u> \$(134 492)
ce Fund Variances Favorable (<u>Unfavorable</u>)	\$ (5 451) -0- (1 540) -0- -0-	\$ (6 991) \$ -0- -0- -0- -0- 4 185	\$ 4 185 \$ (2 806)
Debt Service Fund Varianc Favorab et <u>Actual</u> (<u>Unfavora</u>	\$ 63 083 -0- -0- -0- -0-	\$ 63 843 \$ -0- -0- -10- 41 248	\$ 41 248 \$ 22 595
Budget	\$ 68 534 -0- -0- 2 300 -0- -0-	46	\$ \frac{45 \ 453}{5 \ 401}
RECEIPIS	Taxes Licenses & Permits Fines and Forfeits Interest & Rent Intergovernmental Charge for Services Miscellaneous	EXPENDITURES Genrl Govnmt - Admin. Public Safety Public Works-Sanitation - Highway, Roads, Streets - Other Public Works Culture - Recreation Debt Service Miscellaneous	EXCESS OF RECEIPTS OVER (UNDER) DISBURSEMENTS

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BOROUGH OF HONESDALE Combined Statement of Cash Receipts & Disbursements - Budget & Actual - All Governmental Fund Types (Continued) For The Year Ended December 31, 1996

OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES) Oper Transfers Dut \$ TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)	*(25 000) -0- *(25 000)	\$(<u>25 000)</u> \$(25 000)	\$ (40 000)	(000 09) \$ (000 07) \$	\$ (20 000)
\$ 25 401		\$(27 806)	\$(174 492)		\$ 380 922
\$ 16 929	# 77 88 80	(0/C) #	6 0		:
\$ 42 330	\$ 14 284	82	\$ 140 508	\$ <u>581 786</u> \$ 588 216	\$ 447 708

Notes to Financial Statements For The Year Ended December 31, 1996

Note 1 - Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

a. Basis of Presentation

The accounts of the borough are organized on the basis of funds and account groups. The operations of each fund are accounted for with a separate set of self-balancing accounts that comprise its assets, liabilities, fund equity, revenues and expenditures as appropriate. Government resources are allocated to and accounted for in individual funds based upon the purpose for which they are spent and the means by which spending activities are controlled. The following fund types are maintained by the borough:

Governmental Funds

General Fund - The general fund is the general operating fund of the borough. It is used to account for all financial resources except those required to be accounted for in another fund.

Special Revenue Funds - Special revenue funds are used to account for the proceeds of specific revenue sources that are legally restricted to expenditures for special purposes. The special revenue funds maintained by the borough are as follows:

<u>Liquid Fuels Fund</u> - The liquid fuels fund accounts for state revenues used primarily for building, improving and maintaining borough roads and bridges.

 $\underline{\text{Downtown Honesdale}}$ - This special revenue fund is to account for the transactions associated with the Downtown Honesdale Revitalization Program.

<u>DPW Equipment</u> - This fund was established to account for the purchase of a new truck with the proceeds from a DCA equipment loan and will be used to account for the payment of the interest and principal required for the loan.

<u>Sidewalk Project</u> - This fund is used to account for the transactions associated with the Sidewalk Project.

<u>Capital Project Funds</u> - Capital project funds are used to account for funds used specifically for construction or renovation of borough facilities. The capital project fund included in this report is being used to account for transactions for the renovations to Borough buildings.

<u>Debt Service Fund</u> - The debt service fund is used to account for tax and other revenues specifically appropriated for debt service and also to pay certain debt service requirements.

Notes to Financial Statements For The Year Ended December 31, 1996

Note 1 - Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

<u>Proprietary Fund Types</u> - These are funds that account for the operations of the borough that are financed and operated in a manner similar to those often found in the private sector. The fund included in this category is:

Enterprise Fund - This fund is used to account for the operations of the sewerage treatment operation.

Fiduciary Fund

Trust and Agency Funds - Trust and agency funds are used to account for assets held by the borough in a trustee capacity or as an agency for individual, private organizations, other governments, and/or other funds. Trust and agency funds maintained by the borough are as follows:

<u>Police Pension Fund</u> - The police pension fund is a pension trust fund which accounts for the accumulation of resources to be used for retirement annuity payments at appropriate amounts and times in the future. Resources are contributed by the borough at amounts determined by an annual actuarial study.

Non-Uniformed Employees Pension Fund - The non-uniformed employee pension fund is used to account for the taxes received for the payments made to the Pennsylvania State Association of Borough Master Plan and Trust, which is a municipal pension fund.

<u>Payroll Fund</u> - The payroll fund is a non-expendable trust fund used to disburse employee payroll.

Reverend Doherty Fuel Fund - This fund is used to account for the transactions related to a trust fund set up for partial fuel payments for eligible individuals.

b. Basis of Accounting

Basis of accounting refers to when revenues and expenditures or expenses are recognized in the accounts and reported in the financial statements. Basis of accounting relates to the timing of the measurements made, regardless of the measurement focus applied.

All funds are accounted for using the cash basis of accounting, whereby revenues are recognized when received and expenditures are recognized when cash is disbursed. The financial statements do not give effect to accounts receivable, accounts payable, and accrued items which would be recognized under the modified accrual basis of accounting.

Notes to Financial Statements (Continued) For The Year Ended December 31, 1996

Note 1 - Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

c. <u>Budget</u>

The Borough Council adopts a budget each year for the general, debt service, proprietary and liquid fuels funds.

d. Compensated Absences

Employees of the Borough are entitled to paid vacation and sick days depending on their length of service. It is not the Borough's policy to allow unused vacation days to be carried over from one year to the next and policy does not provide for the payment for unused sick days at termination of employment. Consequently, there is no liability included on the balance sheet for compensated absences.

Note 2 - Reporting Entity

Statement No. 14 of the Government Accounting Standards Board, entitled "The Financial Reporting Entity" establishes the criteria and standards for defining and reporting on the financial reporting entity. The requirements of this statement apply to financial reporting by primary governments and also to the separately issued financial statements of governmental component units.

Based on the criteria of Statement No. 14, we have determined that the Borough of Honesdale is a stand alone primary governmental entity with no component units.

Note 3 - Cash in Bank

Cash in bank includes the amounts on deposit at the following institutions as of December 31, 1996. All institutions listed are insured or collateralized either by FDIC insurance or in accordance with provisions of Pennsylvania P.L. 281, No. 72 PS-3836-1.

Fund and Bank Title / Account	<u>An</u>	ount
General Fund		
Honesdale National Bank - Checking - General	\$ 23	548
Honesdale National Bank - Savings - Park and Shop	4	291
Honesdale National Bank - Savings - General	1	114
Honesdale National Bank - Checking - Park & Shop	5	906
Honesdale National Bank - CD - Park & Shop	10	000
Honesdale National Bank - CD - Park & Rec.	10	000
Citizens National Bank - Checking - Park & Rec		446
Citizens National Bank - Checking - OPT	_	396
Citizens National Bank - Savings - Park & Rec.	1.3	182

Notes to Financial Statements (Continued)
For The Year Ended December 31, 1996

Note 3 - Cash in Bank (Continued)

Special Revenue Fund

The Dime Bank - Checking - Liquid Fuels The Dime Bank - Savings - Liquid Fuels Wayne Bank - Checking - Downtown Honesdale Honesdale National Bank - Sidewalk Project The Dime Bank - Sidewalk Project Honesdale National Bank - DPW Equip. Fund Honesdale National Bank - CD - Liquid Fuel Honesdale National Bank - CD - Liquid Fuel	\$	31 8 30 13 1	111 176 224 650 635 593 437 858
Debt Service Fund			
Honesdale National Bank - Sinking Fund	\$	14	284
Capital Projects Fund			
The Dime Bank - Checking - Rennovation Acct	\$	6	690
Proprietary Fund			
Honesdale National Bank - Checking Honesdale National Bank - Savings Honesdale National Bank - Certificate of Deposit Honesdale National Bank - Certificate of Deposit		62 30	388 966 000
Honesdale National Bank - Certificate of Deposit Honesdale National Bank - Certificate of Dep.			000
The Dime Bank - Certificate of Deposit The Dime Bank - Certificate of Deposit		_	484
The Dime Bank - Certificate of Deposit			728 000
Wayne Bank - Certificate of Deposit			000
Wayne Bank - Certificate of Deposit			000
Honesdale National Bank - Certificate of Deposit		40	000
Fiduciary Fund - Trust & Agency			
Honesdale National Bank - Checking - Payroll Honesdale National Bank - Money Market - Police Pensi Honesdale National Bank - CD's - Police Pension Honesdale National Bank - Savings - Pension Fund	on	1 52	396 151 500 136
Farmers & Merchants Bank - Savings - Doherty Fund		2	406

Notes to Financial Statements (continued)
For The Year Ended December 31, 1996

Note 4 - <u>Investments</u>

All investments are stated at cost on the balance sheet.

Fiduciary Fund - Trust & Agency

Police Pension Fund:	COST	MARKET
Common Stocks U.S. Government and Federal Agency Obligations	\$ 429 943 \$ <u>721 057</u>	795 631 728 089
Total Investments	\$ 1 151 000 \$	1 523 720

The investments in the police pension fund are managed by the trust department of the Honesdale National Bank. Investments in common stocks are not insured or collateralized.

Note 5 - Police Pension Fund

The Borough enacted and is the administrator for a defined benefit pension plan for all full-time police officers. There are six (6) active participants as of December 31, 1994. As of December 31, 1994 there are no vested members not receiving benefits and three members receiving benefits.

All years of service in the Borough are credited for eligibility, vesting, and pension accruals. All wages, including bonuses and overtime pay, are used to determine pensions or allocations.

Normal retirement is defined as the first of the month, coincident with or next, following the attainment of age 50 and the completion of 20 years of service.

Pension - Fifty percent (50%) of the final three year average compensation less any other pensions provided by the Borough.

Payment - Commences immediately upon eligibility and continues in monthly installments for the life of the pensioner and at fifty percent (50%) for the life of the spouse.

The plan also provides for deferred disability and vesting retirement and death benefits. There is no provision for early retirement.

Members are eligible for vested retirement the first of the month coincident with or next following the completion of twelve (12) years of service.

Pension payments are increased annually based on a cost-of-living adjustment. Such increases are in accordance with the increases in the consumer price index, but shall not exceed thirty percent (30%) and the resulting pension shall not be greater than seventy-five percent (75%) of the average compensation used for pension purposes.

Notes to Financial Statements (continued) For The Year Ended December 31, 1996

Note 5 - Police Pension Fund (continued)

The actuarial cost method used to determine contributions to the trust fund is known as the entry age normal accrued liability cost method. The method assumes that an annual contribution, or normal cost, is made each year and is determined from the age of plan entry on the assumption that the plan had always existed and is known as the entry age normal cost. The accumulation of these costs to the current date is known as the entry age accrued liability, which was \$1,108,914 as of January 1, 1995.

The annual plan costs are estimated by the Borough's contracted actuarial firm. The state contribution, is calculated and issued in accordance with the Municipal Pension Plan Funding Standard and Recovery Act, P.L. 1005, (Act 205 of 1984). The difference between the estimated plan costs and the state contributions is contributed by the Borough. There are no provisions for employee contributions. The Borough and State contributions for the year ended December 31, 1996 were \$11,454 and \$26,396, respectively.

The pension benefit obligation, which is the actuarial present value of credited projected benefits, is a standardized disclosure measure of the present value of pension benefits, adjusted for the effects of projected salary increases and any step-rate benefits, estimated to be payable in the future as a result of employee services to date. The present value of benefits at January 1, 1995 was \$1,329,937.

Further information regarding the Borough's police pension fund is contained in the annual actuarial valuation report, which can be obtained by contacting the Borough Secretary.

Note 6 - Non-Uniformed Employees Pension Plan

The Borough enacted a pension plan for all non-uniformed employees. Eligible participants includes all employees who have completed a year of continuous service during the plan year. The plan is part of the Pennsylvania State Association of Boroughs Master Plan and Trust and is administered by Mackenhaupt, Mackenhaupt, Camden and Parks, Inc.

The Borough's contribution is set each year for each eligible participant and was \$750 for the year ended December 31, 1996. Plan participants are not required or permitted to make contributions to the plan.

Normal retirement age is defined as the attainment of age 65. The plan provides for early retirement which is defined as the attainment of age 62. The plan also provides for disability and death benefits.

Notes to Financial Statements (Continued)
For The Year Ended December 31, 1996

Note 6 - Non-Uniformed Employees Pension Plan (continued)

The following vesting schedule has been adopted:

Completed Years of Service	Vested Percentage
0-2	0%
3	20%
4	40%
5	60%
6	80%
7	100%

Note 7 - Taxes

For 1996, real estate taxes were levied at 30 mills for general purposes, 6 mills for parks and recreation, 3.5 mills for street lighting, 3 mills for fire protection, 5 mills for debt service, and .5 mills for pension and retirement. Other taxes included, Per Capita at \$5.00, Real Estate Transfer at 1/2 of 1% of selling price, and Occupational Privilege at \$10.00.

Note 8 - Debt

a. During the fiscal years ended December 31, 1991 and 1992, the Borough received a total of \$1,996,917 from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania representing proceeds from a PENNVEST loan. This loan is with the Pennsylvania Infrastructure Investment Authority and the proceeds were used as financing for expansion of the sewage treatment plant.

The loan requires monthly payments of \$13,179 and the loan bears interest at an annual rate of 2.085% for the first five years and 4.171% for the remaining nine years and eight months.

During the year ended December 31, 1996, the Borough made interest payments of \$54,468 and principal payments of \$117,003. The principal outstanding as of December 31, 1996 is \$1,436,348.

b. On January 26, 1995 the Borough executed a general obligation note in the amount of \$325,000. The proceeds of the note were used as follows:

Prepayment of note dated 12/98 - \$ 141 785 Purchase of adjacent office building - 137 500 Remodeling, legal and closing costs - 45 715

The note requires monthly payments of principal and interest in the amount of \$ 3,437.36 from January 26, 1995 to January 26, 2005. During the year ended December 31, 1996, the Borough made interest payments of \$14,305 and principal payments of \$26,964. The principal outstanding as of December 31, 1996 is \$274,433.

Notes to Financial Statements (continued)

For The Year Ended December 31, 1996

Note 8 - Debt (continued)

C. On April 19, 1994, the Borough executed an equipment loan in the amount of \$25,000 through the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Local Government Capital Projects Loan Program. The loan bears interest computed at 2% and requires monthly payments of \$1,108. During the year ended December 31, 1996, the Borough made interest payments of \$391 and principal payments of \$4,041. The principal balance outstanding at December 31, 1996 was \$16,997.