

**THE MUNICIPAL SEWER AUTHORITY OF THE
TOWNSHIP OF LOWER MAKEFIELD**
(A Component Unit of the Township of Lower Makefield)

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

For the Years Ended December 31, 2008 and 2007

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Board of Supervisors
THE MUNICIPAL SEWER AUTHORITY
OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LOWER MAKEFIELD
Yardley, Pennsylvania

We have audited the accompanying basic financial statements of THE MUNICIPAL SEWER AUTHORITY OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LOWER MAKEFIELD (a component unit of the Township of Lower Makefield) as of and for the years ended December 31, 2008 and 2007, as listed in the table of contents. These financial statements are the responsibility of THE MUNICIPAL SEWER AUTHORITY OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LOWER MAKEFIELD'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.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of THE MUNICIPAL SEWER AUTHORITY OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LOWER MAKEFIELD as of December 31, 2008 and 2007, and the changes in financial position for the years then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States.

The Management's Discussion and Analysis on pages 3 and 4 is not a required part of the basic financial statements but is supplementary information required by accounting principles generally accepted in the United States. We have applied certain limited procedures, which consisted principally of inquiries of management regarding the methods of measurement and presentation of the required supplementary information. However, we did not audit the information and express no opinion on it.

June 26, 2009

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MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS (Unaudited)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2008

Our discussion and analysis of The Municipal Sewer Authority of the Township of Lower Makefield's (the Authority) financial performance provides an overview of the Authority's financial activities for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2008. Please read it in conjunction with the Authority's financial statements, which begin with the Balance Sheet.

FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

- Revenue from tapping fees was \$49,100 in 2008, a decrease of \$39,086 from the 2007 tapping fees. 2007 tapping fees were higher due to development in the Township that has since diminished. There were no sewer dedications in 2008.
- The assets of the Authority exceeded its liabilities by \$20,344,163 (net assets).

OVERVIEW OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The Authority's annual report consists of several sections. Taken together, they provide a comprehensive financial look at the Authority. The components of the report include the Independent Auditors' Report, Management Discussion and Analysis, Financial Statements and Notes to the Basic Financial Statements.

The Independent Auditors' Report briefly describes the audit engagement and also renders an opinion as to the material components of the Authority's financial position.

Management's Discussion and Analysis (MD&A), prepared by the Township management, provides a narrative introduction and overview that users of the financial statements need to interpret the basic financial statements. The MD&A also provides analysis of some key data that is presented in the basic financial statements. It also addresses any other currently known facts, decisions, or conditions that are expected to have a significant effect on financial position or results of operations.

The basic financial statements include the Balance Sheets, Statements of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Net Assets and the Notes to the Basic Financial Statements.

- The Balance Sheets show the financial condition of the Authority at the end of the fiscal period or a specific snapshot in time.
- The Statements of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Net Assets measure the results of operations of the Authority during the fiscal period.
- The Notes to the Basic Financial Statements provide additional disclosures required by governmental accounting standards and provide information to assist the reader in understanding the Authority's financial condition.

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MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS (Unaudited)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2008

REPORTING

As stated in Note 1 of the Notes to the Basic Financial Statements, The Municipal Sewer Authority of the Township of Lower Makefield was incorporated pursuant to the Municipal Authorities Act 22 of 2001 for the purpose of owning the sanitary sewage collection system and to provide the system for the Township of Lower Makefield's use. A five member board, appointed by the Township Board of Supervisors, governs the Authority. Members of this Board serve five-year terms. Although legally separate, the Authority is considered a component unit of the Township of Lower Makefield because the Township is financially accountable for it. The Authority owns 13 pump stations and approximately 230 miles of sewer lines. The Authority leases the sewer system to the Township for operation and use for \$1 per year. This lease agreement began on December 1, 1991, expired on March 14, 2005, and was renewed on August 2, 2006, for just over 25 years, and having a lease end date of December 31, 2031. This extension makes the lease co-terminus with the sewer system debt service.

The assets of the Authority are comprised 100% of Property, Plant and Equipment. Accumulated Depreciation in 2008 reflects 44.78% of total capital assets, and, in 2007, this percentage was 42.65%.

Tapping fees, the source of revenue for the Authority, were \$49,100 for the year 2008. This compares to \$88,186 in 2007. Revenue from this source has been declining with the rate of development in the Township.

REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION

This financial report is designed to provide our citizens, taxpayers, customers, investors and creditors with a general overview of the Authority's finances and to show the Authority's accountability for the funds it receives and disburses. If you have questions about this report or need additional information, please contact Brian McCloskey, Director of Finance, at 1100 Edgewood Road, Yardley, PA 19067.

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STATEMENTS OF REVENUES, EXPENSES AND
CHANGES IN NET ASSETS

DECEMBER 31,

	<u>2008</u>	<u>2007</u>
OPERATING REVENUES		
Tapping Fees	\$ 49,100	\$ 88,186
DEPRECIATION	<u>807,911</u>	<u>818,405</u>
LOSS FROM OPERATIONS	<u>(758,811)</u>	<u>(730,219)</u>
CONTRIBUTIONS AND TRANSFERS		
Transfer to the Township of Lower Makefield Sewer Fund	(49,100)	(88,186)
Capital Contributions	<u>59,188</u>	<u>1,720,984</u>
TOTAL CONTRIBUTIONS AND TRANSFERS	<u>10,088</u>	<u>1,632,798</u>
CHANGE IN NET ASSETS	(748,723)	902,579
NET ASSETS AT BEGINNING OF YEAR	<u>21,092,886</u>	<u>20,190,307</u>
NET ASSETS AT END OF YEAR	<u>\$ 20,344,163</u>	<u>\$ 21,092,886</u>

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NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

DECEMBER 31, 2008

1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of Presentation

The Municipal Sewer Authority of the Township of Lower Makefield (the Authority) was incorporated pursuant to the Municipality Authorities Act 22 of 2001, as amended. The Authority was created to own the sanitary sewage collection system and provide the system for the Township of Lower Makefield's (the Township) use.

For financial reporting purposes, the Authority is a component unit of the Township. There are no component units included in the accompanying financial statements.

Basis of Accounting

The measurement focus is on the flow of economic resources and the accrual basis of accounting, whereby revenues are recognized when earned and expenses are recorded when incurred.

Property, Plant and Equipment/Contributed Capital

Property, plant and equipment are stated at cost and include the cost of system additions and improvements contributed to the Authority by the Township and other parties, primarily developers. Capital contributions are recorded upon dedication of improvements to the Authority and acceptance of such improvements by the Board of Supervisors. Depreciation is provided using the straight line method over estimated useful lives of 25 to 40 years.

Use of Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect certain reported amounts and disclosures. Accordingly, actual results could differ from those estimates.

Statement of Cash Flows

The statement of cash flows are not meaningful and, therefore, not presented.

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NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

2. TAPPING FEES

Pursuant to Act 203 of 1990 of the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, the Authority has adopted a resolution charging a tapping fee against the owner of each property connecting to the sewer system.

3. CONTRIBUTIONS TO OTHER AUTHORITIES

The Authority has entered into agreements with certain adjoining municipal authorities in order to guarantee treatment capacity at the Municipal Authority of the Borough of Morrisville's sewage treatment plant and to guarantee the right to connect to and transport through the Yardley Borough Sewer Authority's system. Under terms of the agreement, the Authority has made capital contributions representing its pro rata share for joint use or expansion of the facilities. Cumulative contributions to these authorities are \$8,067,600.

4. CAPITAL CONTRIBUTIONS

Capital Contributions in the form of system improvements and expansion were \$59,188 in 2008 and \$1,720,984 in 2007, including Township contributions of \$59,188 in 2008 and \$1,511,366 in 2007. The majority of the increase in 2007 and prior related to the canal interceptor project undertaken in 2006.

5. LEASE AGREEMENT

On December 1, 1991, the Authority entered into a lease agreement with the Township. The Authority leases the sewer system to the Township for operation and use for one dollar (\$1) per annum. The agreement expired on March 14, 2005, and was renewed on August 2, 2006, for a term of 25 years, expiring in December of 2031. The payments remain at \$1 per annum.