

HANOVER FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT AND
BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND
REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023

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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

To the Board of Directors
Hanover Fire Protection District
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Report on the Audit of the Financial Statements

Opinions

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities and each major fund of Hanover Fire Protection District as of and for the year ended December 31, 2023, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the District's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

In our opinion, the accompanying financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities and each major fund of the Hanover Fire Protection District as of December 31, 2023, and the respective changes in financial position for the year then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Basis for Opinions

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAS) and the standards contained in Governmental Auditing Standards (Governmental Auditing Standards), issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of Financial Statements Section of our report. We are required to be independent of the District and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audit. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis to provide a basis for our audit opinions.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America; this includes the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, management is required to evaluate whether there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the District's ability to continue as a going concern for twelve months beyond the financial statement due date, including any currently known information that may raise substantial doubt shortly thereafter.

Auditors' Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinions. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with GAAS and Governmental Auditing Standards will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Misstatements are considered material if there is substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, they would influence the judgement made by a reasonable user based on the financial statements.

In performing an audit in accordance with GAAS and Governmental Auditing Standards, we exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit. Identify and assess risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the District's internal control. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed. Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluate the overall presentation of the financial statements. Conclude whether, in our judgement, there are conditions or events, considered in aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the entity's ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

We are required to communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit, significant audit finding, and certain internal control-related matters that we identified during the audit.

Required Supplementary Information

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the General Fund – Budget and Actual and management's discussion and analysis be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information is presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management and, although not a part of the basic financial statements is required by the Governmental Accounting standards Board who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. We have applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, which consisted of inquiries of management about the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, the basis financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. We do not express an opinion or provide assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide us with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance.



Colorado Springs, Colorado
July 14, 2024

MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

Hanover Fire Protection District

Management's Discussion and Analysis As of and for the year ended December 31, 2023

As management of the Hanover Fire Protection District (the District), we offer readers of the District's financial statements this narrative analysis of the financial activities of the District for the year ended December 31, 2023. We encourage readers to consider the information presented here in conjunction with additional information that can be found in the notes to the financial statements.

Financial Highlights

- The assets of the District exceeded its liabilities at the close of the most recent fiscal year by \$2,361,873.
- Total expenses exceeded revenues by \$45,890.
- At the end of the current fiscal year, the unassigned fund balance for the District was \$1,094,812. This represents an increase of \$110,863 from 2022 and the entire unassigned fund balance may be used to meet the District's obligations to citizens and creditors.

Overview of the Financial Statements

Management's discussion and analysis is intended to serve as an introduction to the District's basic financial statements. The District's basic financial statements comprise three components: 1) government-wide financial statements, 2) fund financial statements, and 3) notes to the financial statements.

Government-wide Financial Statements

The government-wide financial statements are designed to provide the reader of the District's financial statements a broad overview of the financial activities in a manner similar to a private sector business. The government-wide financial statements include the statement of net position and the statement of activities.

The *statement of net position* presents information on all of the District's assets and liabilities, with the difference between the two reported as *net position*. Over time, increases or decreases in net position may serve as a useful indicator of whether the financial position of the District is improving or deteriorating.

The *statement of activities* presents information showing how the net position of the District changed during the current fiscal year. Changes in net position are recorded in the statement of activities when the underlying event occurs, *regardless of the timing of related cash flows*. Thus, revenues and expenses are reported in this statement even though the resulting cash flow may be recorded in a future period (e.g., uncollected taxes).

Both of the government-wide financial statements distinguish functions of the District that are principally supported by taxes and intergovernmental revenues (*governmental activities*) from other functions that are intended to recover all or a significant portion of their costs through user fees and charges or grant revenue (*business-type activities*). The governmental activities of the District include only general government and fire protection.

Fund Financial Statements

A fund is a grouping of related accounts that is used to maintain control over resources that have been segregated for specific activities or objectives. The District, like other state and local governments, uses fund accounting to ensure and demonstrate compliance with finance-related legal requirements. The District uses only two funds both of which are governmental funds: 1) the general fund, to account for all operations and 2) the capital improvement fund to account for all major capital acquisition and construction activity.

Governmental funds are used to account for essentially the same functions reported as *governmental activities* in the government-wide financial statements. However, unlike the government-wide financial statements, governmental fund financial statements focus on *near-term inflows and outflows of spendable resources*, as well as on *balances of spendable resources available* at the end of the fiscal year. Such information may be useful in evaluating a government's near-term financing requirements.

Because the focus of governmental funds is narrower than that of the government-wide financial statements, it is useful to compare the information presented for *governmental funds* with similar information presented for *governmental activities* in the government-wide financial statements. By doing so, readers may better understand the long-term impact of the District's near-term financing decisions. Both the governmental fund balance sheet and the governmental fund statement of revenues, expenditures, and changes in fund balances provide a reconciliation to facilitate this comparison between *governmental funds* and *governmental activities*.

The District adopts an annual appropriated budget. Budgetary comparison schedules are included in the fund financial statements to demonstrate compliance with the adopted budget.

Notes to the Basic Financial Statements

The notes to the basic financial statements provide additional information that is essential to a full understanding of the data provided in the basic financial statements.

Government-Wide Financial Analysis

As noted earlier, net position may serve over time as a useful indicator of a government's financial position. In the case of the District, assets exceeded liabilities by \$2,361,873 at the close of the most recent fiscal year.

A large portion of the District's net position (52%) reflects its investment in capital assets (e.g., land, buildings, equipment). The District uses these assets to provide services to citizens; consequently, these assets are *not* available for future spending.

Unassigned net position of \$1,094,812 may be used to meet the government's ongoing obligations to citizens and creditors.

Hanover Fire Protection District Condensed Statement of Net Assets As of December 31, 2023

| | 2023 |
|---|-------------|
| Current assets | \$1,256,026 |
| Capital assets, net | 1,664,535 |
| Total assets | \$2,920,561 |
| | |
| Accounts payable | \$ 127,668 |
| Capital lease | 431,020 |
| Total liabilities | 558,688 |
| | |
| Non-spendable investment in capital assets net of related debt | 1,233,515 |
| Restricted | 33,546 |
| Unassigned | 1,094,812 |
| Total net position | \$2,361,873 |

Statement of Activities

| | 2023 |
|--------------------|-----------|
| Revenues: | |
| Program revenues: | |
| Insurance proceeds | \$ 60,000 |
| Other | 184,793 |
| General revenues: | |
| Taxes | 761,656 |
| Interest earnings | 698 |
| Total revenue | 1,007,147 |

| | |
|-----------------------------------|---------------------------|
| Expenses: | |
| General government | 48,166 |
| Public safety | <u>1,004,871</u> |
| Total expenses | <u>1,053,037</u> |
| | |
| Decrease in net position | (45,890) |
| Net position--beginning January 1 | 2,407,763 |
| | |
| Net position--ending December 31 | <u><u>\$2,361,873</u></u> |

Fund Financial Analysis

The focus of the District's governmental fund reporting is to provide information on near-term inflows, outflows, and balances of spendable resources. Such information is useful in assessing the District's financing requirements. In particular, unrestricted fund balance may serve as a useful measure of a government's net resources available for spending at the end of the fiscal year.

As of the end of the most recent fiscal year, the District's general fund reported an ending fund balance of \$276,308 a decrease of \$171,364 in comparison with the previous year. Approximately 88% of this total amount, \$242,762, constitutes unassigned fund balance, which is available for spending at the government's discretion. The remainder of the fund balance is restricted or has been assigned to indicate that it is not available for new spending because it has already been committed to cover the state constitutionally mandated 3% TABOR reserve of \$33,546.

Pension Fund

The District has a defined benefit pension plan administered by a third party covering retired employees with 20 years and have attained the age of 50. There are 17 active participants and 1 retired participant.

The District paid the required contribution for the year of \$16,263. The accrued actuarial liability is \$321,277 and the actuarial value of assets are \$411,283.

General Fund Budgetary Highlights

The District's annual budget is the legally adopted expenditure control document of the District. The District did not amend its budget during the fiscal year. Budget variances can be summarized as follows:

- Total revenue was over budget due largely to additional funds from insurance and contract services.

- Expenditures came in over budget mainly due to wages and benefits.

The 2024 revenue budget is significantly higher than 2023 actual revenues due to higher taxes. Operating expenditures are higher than 2023 actual.

In 2024 there was a fire in station #1. An \$850,000 loss on equipment was incurred which is covered by insurance except for a \$2,000 deductible. Approximate \$400,000 loss on contents. Insurance payout not calculated. Building loss approximately \$900,000 and loss payout is being negotiated.

Request for Information

This financial report is designed to provide a general overview of the District's finances. Questions concerning any of the information provided in this report or requests for additional financial information may be addressed to Hanover Fire Protection District, 13325 Old Pueblo Rd, Fountain, CO 80817.

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

HANOVER FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
STATEMENT OF NET POSITION
DECEMBER 31, 2023

| | |
|--|--------------|
| Assets | |
| Cash and equivalents | \$ 381,442 |
| Cash with County Treasurer | 22,534 |
| Property tax receivable | 852,050 |
| Capital assets-- | |
| Land | 40,000 |
| Other capital assets, net of depreciation-- | |
| Fire station buildings | 313,537 |
| Fire trucks and equipment | 1,310,998 |
| | 2,920,561 |
| Total assets | 2,920,561 |
| Liabilities | |
| Accounts payable | 25,047 |
| Accounts payable - covid funds | 102,621 |
| | 127,668 |
| Capital leases payable | 431,020 |
| | 558,688 |
| Total liabilities | 558,688 |
| Net position | |
| Nonspendable - invested in capital assets, net of related debt | 1,233,515 |
| Restricted--TABOR emergency reserve | 33,546 |
| Unassigned | 1,094,812 |
| | 2,361,873 |
| Total net position | \$ 2,361,873 |

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

**HANOVER FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023**

| | |
|---|---------------------------|
| Expenses | |
| General government | \$ 48,166 |
| Public safety--fire protection | |
| Supplies and services | 815,223 |
| Depreciation | 178,622 |
| Interest | 11,026 |
| Total program expenses | <u>1,053,037</u> |
| Program revenues | |
| Insurance proceeds | 60,000 |
| Other | 1,951 |
| Contract services | 182,842 |
| Covid money received which needs to be returned | - |
| Total program revenue | <u>244,793</u> |
| Net program revenue | <u>(808,244)</u> |
| General revenues | |
| Property tax | 692,173 |
| Specific ownership tax | 69,483 |
| Investment interest | 698 |
| Total general revenues | <u>762,354</u> |
| Decrease in net position | (45,890) |
| Net position - beginning of the year | <u>2,407,763</u> |
| Net position - end of the year | <u><u>\$2,361,873</u></u> |

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

HANOVER FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
BALANCE SHEET
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
DECEMBER 31, 2023

| | General |
|--|--------------|
| Assets | |
| Cash and equivalents | \$ 381,442 |
| Cash with county treasurer | 22,534 |
| Pension contribution receivable | - |
| Property tax receivable | 852,050 |
| Total assets | \$ 1,256,026 |
| | |
| Liabilities and fund balances | |
| Liabilities | |
| Accounts payable | \$ 25,047 |
| Accounts payable - covid funds | 102,621 |
| Pension payable | - |
| Total liabilities | 127,668 |
| Deferred inflow - property taxes | 852,050 |
| Total liabilities and deferred inflows | 979,718 |
| Fund balances | |
| Restricted for emergencies | 33,546 |
| Assigned to pension plan | - |
| Unassigned | 242,762 |
| Total fund balances | 276,308 |
| Total liabilities and fund balances | \$ 1,256,026 |

Reconciliation of Total Governmental Fund Balances
To Net Assets of Governmental Activities

| | |
|--|--------------|
| Total governmental fund balances | \$ 276,308 |
| Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of net assets are different because: | |
| Capital assets used in governmental activities are not financial resources and therefore are not reported in the funds | 1,664,535 |
| Property tax assessment for 2023 not receivable in the current period | 852,050 |
| Capital lease payable | (431,020) |
| Net position of governmental activities | \$ 2,361,873 |

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

**HANOVER FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023**

| | General |
|--|------------|
| Revenues | |
| Taxes | |
| Property tax | \$ 631,865 |
| Specific ownership tax | 69,483 |
| Contract services | 182,842 |
| Grants and donations | - |
| Investment earnings | 698 |
| Covid money received which needs to be returned | - |
| Insurance proceeds | 60,000 |
| Other | 1,951 |
| | 946,839 |
| Total revenues | 946,839 |
| | |
| Expenditures | |
| Current | |
| General government | 48,166 |
| Public safety | 815,223 |
| Capital outlay | 157,323 |
| Donation | - |
| Debt service | |
| Principal | 86,465 |
| Interest | 11,026 |
| | 1,118,203 |
| Total expenditures | 1,118,203 |
| | |
| Excess (deficiency) of revenues over (under) expenditures | (171,364) |
| | |
| Other financing sources (uses) | |
| Other financing sources - capital leases | - |
| Transfers out | - |
| | - |
| Total other financing sources (uses) | - |
| | |
| Net change in fund balances | (171,364) |
| | |
| Fund balances, beginning of year | 447,672 |
| | |
| Fund balances, end of year | \$ 276,308 |

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

**HANOVER FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
RECONCILIATION OF THE STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND
BALANCES OF GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS TO THE STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023**

Net change in fund balances - governmental funds \$(171,364)

Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of activities are different because:

Governmental funds report capital outlays as expenditures. However, in the statement of activities the cost of those assets is allocated over their estimated useful lives and reported as depreciation expense.

| | |
|---|------------------|
| Expenditures for capital assets | 157,323 |
| Less current year depreciation | <u>(178,622)</u> |
| Excess capital expenditures over (under) depreciation | <u>(21,299)</u> |

Property tax revenues are recorded in the statement of activities when the tax is levied; they are not reported in the funds until collected or collectible within 60 days of year end. 60,308

Repayment of debt principal is an expenditure in the governmental funds, but the repayment reduces long-term liabilities in the statement of net assets. Debt incurred is income in the governmental funds, but increases long-term debt in the statement of net assets.

| | |
|------------------------------|----------|
| Capital lease principal paid | 86,465 |
| Capital lease debt incurred | <u>-</u> |

Change in net assets of governmental activities \$ (45,890)

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

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

HANOVER FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
DECEMBER 31, 2023

NOTE 1 – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The accompanying basic financial statements of the Hanover Fire Protection District (the District) have been prepared in conformity with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles applicable to governmental units adopted by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB). A summary of the District's more significant accounting policies follows.

A. Reporting entity

Hanover Fire Protection District is a fire district encompassing most of Hanover, Colorado. The District provides rural fire protection to the area staffed by volunteers from Hanover. Revenues are predominantly provided by property tax receipts and grants into the general funds and capital reserve funds. The accompanying financial statements consist only of Hanover Fire Protection District since the District has no component units and is not a component unit of any other governmental entity as defined by generally accepted accounting principles.

B. Government-wide and fund financial statements

The statement of net assets and statement of activities display information about the reporting government as a whole. They include all funds of the reporting entity except for fiduciary funds. The statements distinguish between governmental and business-type activities. Governmental activities generally are financed through taxes, intergovernmental revenues, and other non-exchange revenues. Business-type activities are financed in whole or in part by fees charged to external parties for goods or services.

The statement of activities demonstrates the degree to which the direct expenses of a given function or identifiable activity are offset by program revenues. Direct expenses are those that are clearly identifiable with a specific function or identifiable activity. The District does not allocate indirect expenses to functions in the Statement of Activities. Program revenues include 1) charges to customers or applicants who purchase, use or directly benefit from goods, services, or privileges provided by a given function or identifiable activity, and 2) grants and contributions that are restricted to meeting the operational or capital requirements of a particular function or identifiable activity. Taxes and other items not included among program revenues are reported as general revenues.

C. Measurement focus, basis of accounting, and financial statement presentation

The government-wide financial statements are reported using the economic resources measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting. Revenues are recorded when

HANOVER FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
DECEMBER 31, 2023

C. Measurement focus, basis of accounting, and financial statement presentation
(Continued)

earned and expenses are recorded when a liability is incurred, regardless of the timing of related cash flows. Property taxes are recognized as revenues in the year for which they are levied. Grants and similar items are recognized as revenue as soon as all eligibility requirements imposed by the provider have been met.

Governmental fund financial statements are reported using the current financial resources measurement focus and the modified accrual basis of accounting. Revenues are recognized as soon as they are both measurable and available. Revenues are considered to be available when they are collectible within the current period or soon enough thereafter to pay liabilities of the current period. For this purpose, the District considers revenues to be available if they are collected within 60 days of the end of the current fiscal period. Expenditures generally are recorded when a liability is incurred, as under accrual accounting, except expenditures related to claims and judgments, which are recorded only when payment is due.

Property taxes, intergovernmental grants and aid, and interest associated with the current fiscal period are all considered to be susceptible to accrual and so have been recognized as revenues of the current fiscal period. All other revenue items are considered to be measurable and available only when cash is received by the government.

The District reports the following major governmental funds:

The *General Fund* is the District's primary operating fund. It accounts for all financial resources of the District, except those required to be accounted for in another fund.

Amounts reported as program revenues include 1) operating grants and contributions, and 2) capital grants and contributions. General revenues include all taxes and investment earnings.

When both restricted and unrestricted resources are available for use, for governmental activities, it is the District's policy to use restricted resources first, then unrestricted resources as they are needed.

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NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
DECEMBER 31, 2023

D. Assets, liabilities, and net position or equity

1. Cash and cash equivalents

The District's cash and cash equivalents are considered to be cash on hand and demand deposits.

2. Receivables

No allowance for doubtful accounts is considered necessary.

3. Capital assets

Capital assets, which include property, plant, and equipment, are reported in the governmental activities column in the government-wide financial statements. Capital assets are defined by the District as assets with an initial, individual cost of more than \$500 and an estimated useful life in excess of one year.

Property, plant and equipment purchased or acquired is carried at historical cost or estimated historical cost. Contributed assets are recorded at fair market value as of the date received. Additions, improvements and other capital outlays that significantly extend the useful life of an asset are capitalized. Other costs incurred for repairs and maintenance are expensed as incurred.

Depreciation on all assets is provided on a straight-line basis over the following estimated useful lives:

| | |
|--------------------------------------|----------|
| Buildings and improvements | 40 years |
| Fire fighting vehicles | 15 years |
| Fire fighting equipment | 10 years |
| Communication and computer equipment | 5 years |

4. Net position

In the government-wide financial statement, net position is reported in four categories: non-spendable, restricted, assigned and unassigned. Amounts not in spendable form, such as capital assets net of related debt, is separately reported as non-spendable. Assigned amounts are constrained by the District's intent to use for a specific purpose. Unassigned amounts are the District's remaining amounts not included in the previous two categories.

HANOVER FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
DECEMBER 31, 2023

5. Fund equity

In the fund financial statements, governmental funds report reservation of fund balance for amounts that are not available for appropriation or are legally restricted by outside parties for use for a specific purpose.

E. Property taxes

Property taxes are levied, assessed, become due and attach as an enforceable lien on property as of January 1st. Taxpayers have the option of paying their taxes in full on or before April 30th, or paying in two installments of one half due by February 28th with the remaining payment due by June 15th. Unpaid taxes become delinquent as of August 1st and are subject to collection procedures on or after October 1st. The dollar amount of property taxes receivable is included as a receivable and as current revenue in the government-wide financial statements but is included as a receivable and deferred revenue on the balance sheet for the governmental funds.

F. Use of estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

NOTE 2 – STEWARDSHIP, COMPLIANCE AND ACCOUNTABILITY

A. Tax spending and debt limitations

In November 1992, the voters of Colorado approved Amendment 1, commonly known as the Taxpayer's Bill of Rights (TABOR), which added Section 20 to Article X of the Colorado Constitution. TABOR contains tax, spending, revenue and debt limitations which apply to the State of Colorado and all local governments.

TABOR requires local governments to establish Emergency Reserves. These reserves must be at least 3% of fiscal year spending for all years after and including 1995. Local governments are not allowed to use the emergency reserves to compensate for economic conditions, revenue shortfalls, or salary or benefit increases. The District has restricted net assets in the amount of \$33,546 in order to comply with the 3% reserve requirement for future year expenditures.

HANOVER FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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A. Tax spending and debt limitations (continued)

TABOR requires, with certain exceptions, voter approval prior to imposing new taxes, increasing a tax rate, increasing a mill levy above that for the prior year, extending an expiring tax, or implementing a tax policy change directly causing a net tax revenue gain to any local government.

The District's Directors believe that the District is in compliance with the provisions of TABOR. However, TABOR is complex and subject to interpretations. Ultimate implementation and impact upon the District's financial activity may depend upon litigation and legislative guidance.

NOTE 3 – DETAILED NOTES ON ALL FUNDS

A. Assets

1. Deposits

The deposits at December 31, 2023 consisted of \$381,442 cash in bank and \$22,534 cash held by the County Treasurers.

The Colorado Public Deposit Protection Act (PDPA) requires that all units of local government deposit cash in eligible public depositories. Eligibility is determined by state regulators. Amounts on deposit in excess of federal insurance levels must be collateralized. The District's cash in bank is deposited in a PDPA eligible public depository.

2. Receivables

Governmental funds report deferred revenue in connection with receivables for revenues that are not considered to be available to liquidate liabilities of the current period. At the end of the current year, deferred revenue reported in the governmental funds consisted of property taxes not yet available in the amount of \$852,050.

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DECEMBER 31, 2023

3. Capital assets

Capital asset activity for the year ended December 31, 2023 was as follows:

| | <u>Beginning Balances</u> | <u>Increases</u> | <u>Decreases</u> | <u>Ending Balances</u> |
|--|-------------------------------|-------------------|------------------|----------------------------|
| Capital assets not being depreciated: | | | | |
| Land | <u>\$40,000</u> | <u>\$ --</u> | <u>\$ --</u> | <u>\$40,000</u> |
| Capital assets being depreciated: | | | | |
| Station buildings | 832,297 | 64,106 | -- | 896,403 |
| Trucks and equipment | <u>2,660,957</u> | <u>93,217</u> | <u>--</u> | <u>2,754,174</u> |
| Total capital assets being depreciated | <u>3,493,254</u> | <u>157,323</u> | <u>--</u> | <u>3,650,577</u> |
| Less accum. Depreciation | <u>(1,847,420)</u> | <u>(178,622)</u> | <u>--</u> | <u>(2,026,042)</u> |
| Total capital assets being depreciated, net | <u>1,645,834</u> | <u>(21,299)</u> | <u>--</u> | <u>1,624,535</u> |
| Total capital assets, net | <u>\$1,685,834</u> | <u>\$(21,299)</u> | <u>\$ --</u> | <u>\$1,664,535</u> |

NOTE 5 – LEASES PAYABLE

The District leased three new vehicles in 2023 for a total of \$517,485. Payments are As follows:

| | |
|---|------------------|
| Lease payable to bank. Eleven annual payments of \$17,622 beginning July 2024, including interest at 5.95%. Down payment of \$50,000 due June 2023 with no interest. Collateralized by equipment. | \$129,985 |
| Lease payable to bank. Four annual payments of \$12,797 beginning July 2023, including interest at 3.48%. Collateralized by equipment. | 35,689 |
| Lease payable to bank. Ten annual payments of \$34,694 beginning July 2023, including interest at 3.4%. Collateralized by equipment. | <u>265,346</u> |
| | <u>\$431,020</u> |

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NOTE 5 –LEASES PAYABLE (continued)

Future lease obligations are as follows:

| | |
|------------|------------------|
| 2023 | \$65,113 |
| 2024 | 65,113 |
| 2025 | 65,113 |
| 2026 | 52,316 |
| 2027 | 52,316 |
| Thereafter | <u>131,049</u> |
| | <u>\$431,020</u> |

NOTE 6 – PENSION PLAN

The District has a defined benefit pension plan administered by a third party covering retiring employees with 20 years of service who have reached the age of 50. The required contribution paid by the District for the year ended December 31, 2022 was \$16,878.

Plan funding summary;

Active participants 17

Retired participants 1

Actuarial accrued liability \$321,277

Actuarial value of assets \$411,283

Investment return assumption 3.00%

NOTE 7 – RISK MANAGEMENT

The District is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts; theft of, damage to, and destruction of assets; errors and omissions; injuries to directors and subcontractors; and natural disasters. The District purchases commercial insurance for most risks of loss. See note #8.

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NOTE 8 – SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

Events subsequent to December 31, 2023, have been evaluated through July 29, 2024, the date these statements were available to be issued, to determine whether they should be disclosed to keep the financial statements from being misleading. Management found two subsequent event to be disclosed. Covid funds received in 2022 will need to be returned. Any associated interest or penalties is unknown.

In 2024 there was a fire at a station. An \$850,000 loss on equipment was incurred which is covered by insurance except for a \$2,000 deductible. Approximate \$400,000 loss on contents. Insurance payout not yet calculated. Building loss approximately \$900,000 and insurance payout is being negotiated.

REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

HANOVER FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
GENERAL FUND
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES - BUDGET AND ACTUAL
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023

| | Original and Final Budget | Actual | Variance with Final Budget |
|--|------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------------------|
| Revenues | | | |
| Taxes | | | |
| Property tax | \$ 686,177 | \$ 631,865 | \$ (54,312) |
| Specific ownership tax | - | 69,483 | 69,483 |
| Contract services | - | 182,842 | 182,842 |
| Grants and donations | 85,364 | - | (85,364) |
| Investment earnings | 3,000 | 698 | (2,302) |
| Covid proceeds to be refunded | - | - | - |
| Other | 17,200 | 61,951 | 44,751 |
| | <u>791,741</u> | <u>946,839</u> | <u>155,098</u> |
| Total revenues | 791,741 | 946,839 | 155,098 |
| | | | |
| Expenditures | | | |
| Current | | | |
| General government | | | |
| Administration | 42,250 | 48,166 | (5,916) |
| Public safety | | | |
| Fire fighting expenses | 36,200 | 20,416 | 15,784 |
| Wages | 461,062 | 483,182 | (22,120) |
| Training expenses | 36,200 | 20,416 | 15,784 |
| Communications expenses | 38,800 | 9,732 | 29,068 |
| Equipment repairs | 133,500 | 130,812 | 2,688 |
| Stations & buildings maintenance | 139,550 | 19,600 | 119,950 |
| Other | 200 | 131,065 | (130,865) |
| Capital outlay | 101,500 | 157,323 | (55,823) |
| Debt service | - | | |
| Principal | 48,200 | 86,465 | (38,265) |
| Interest | - | 11,026 | (11,026) |
| Contingency | 40,796 | - | 40,796 |
| | <u>1,078,258</u> | <u>1,118,203</u> | <u>(39,945)</u> |
| Total expenditures | 1,078,258 | 1,118,203 | (39,945) |
| | | | |
| Excess (deficiency) of revenues over (under) expenditures | <u>(286,517)</u> | <u>(171,364)</u> | <u>115,153</u> |
| | | | |
| Other financing sources | | | |
| Capital leases | - | - | - |
| | <u>-</u> | <u>-</u> | <u>-</u> |
| Total other financing sources | - | - | - |
| | | | |
| Net change in fund balances | <u>\$ (286,517)</u> | <u>(171,364)</u> | <u>\$ 115,153</u> |
| | | | |
| Fund balances, beginning of year | | <u>447,672</u> | |
| | | | |
| Fund balances, end of year | | <u>\$ 276,308</u> | |

See notes to required supplementary information.

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NOTE 1 – BUDGETARY INFORMATION

Revenues and expenditures are controlled by budgetary accounting systems in accordance with various legal requirements. The budgeted revenues and expenditures represent the original adopted budget as subsequently adjusted by the Board of the Hanover Fire Protection District in accordance with Colorado Budget Laws. Budgets are prepared on the same basis as that used for accounting purposes. Budget appropriations lapse at the end of each year.

The District Board follows these procedures in establishing the budgetary data reflected in the financial statements:

1. Prior to September 20th, the Hanover Fire Protection District directors begin preparing an operation budget for the fiscal year commencing the following January 1st. The operating budget includes proposed expenditures.
2. A public hearing is conducted at the Fire Hall to obtain taxpayers comments.
3. Prior to January 1st, the budget is legally enacted through passage of a resolution.
4. Budgets for the General and Capital Improvements Funds are adopted on a basis consistent with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP).