

REPORT OF AUDIT

INDEPENDENCE MUNICIPAL UTILITIES AUTHORITY

(A COMPONENT UNIT OF THE TOWNSHIP OF INDEPENDENCE)

COUNTY OF WARREN

FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED FEBRUARY 29, 2012

INDEPENDENCE MUNICIPAL UTILITIES AUTHORITY  
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INDEPENDENCE MUNICIPAL UTILITIES AUTHORITY  
(A COMPONENT UNIT OF THE TOWNSHIP OF INDEPENDENCE)  
PART I  
REPORT ON EXAMINATION OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
AND REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION  
YEAR ENDED FEBRUARY 29, 2012

INDEPENDENCE MUNICIPAL UTILITIES AUTHORITY  
 ROSTER OF OFFICIALS  
 YEAR ENDED FEBRUARY 29, 2012

| <u>Members of the Authority</u> | <u>Title</u>  |
|---------------------------------|---------------|
| Benjamin Dyer                   | Chairman      |
| Angelo Bolcato                  | Vice Chairman |
| Kim Best                        |               |
| Neil Stern                      |               |
| Janice Swack                    |               |

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| <u>Administration</u> | <u>Title</u>        | <u>Amount<br/>of Bond</u> | <u>Name of Surety<br/>Company</u> |
|-----------------------|---------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Bernice Billings      | Secretary/Treasurer | \$ 13,000                 | Western Surety Co                 |
| Michael Lavery        | General Counsel     |                           |                                   |

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April 27, 2012

Honorable Chairman and Members  
of the Independence  
Municipal Utilities Authority  
Township of Independence, New Jersey

We have audited the accompanying balance sheets of the Independence Municipal Utilities Authority, (a component unit of the Township of Independence) as of February 29, 2012 and February 28, 2011 and the related statements of revenues, expenses and changes in net assets for the years then ended. These financial statements are the responsibility of the management of the Independence Municipal Utilities Authority. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audits.

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, audit requirements prescribed by the Division of Local Government Services, Department of Community Affairs, State of New Jersey, (the "Division") and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in Government Auditing Standards, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. 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 audits provide 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 Independence Municipal Utilities Authority at February 29, 2012 and February 28, 2011 and the results of its operations and cash flows for the years then ended, in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America

In accordance with Government Auditing Standards, we have also issued a report dated April 27, 2012 on our consideration of the Independence Municipal Authority's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with Government Auditing Standards and should be considered in assessing the results of our audit.

The management's discussion and analysis on page six is not a required part of the basic financial statements, but is supplementary information required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board. We have applied certain limited procedures, which consisted primarily of inquiries of management regarding the methods of measurement and presentation of the required supplementary information. However, we did not audit this information and express no opinion thereon.

Our audits were made for the purpose of forming an opinion on the financial statements taken as a whole. The accompanying supplementary information listed in the foregoing table of contents is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the financial statements. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the examination of the financial statements and in our opinion, is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the financial statements taken as a whole.



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William M. Colantano, Jr.  
Registered Municipal Accountant  
No. 68

## REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

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**INDEPENDENCE MUNICIPAL UTILITIES AUTHORITY  
FINANCIAL REPORT –  
YEAR ENDED FEBRUARY 29, 2012 (GASB)**

## **INTRODUCTION**

The Independence Municipal Utilities Authority, hereafter referred to as "IMUA", hereby presents its Annual Financial Report developed in compliance with Statement of Governmental Accounting Standard No. 34, entitled "Basic Financial Statements – and Management's Discussion and Analysis – for State and Local Governments", hereafter referred to as "GASB" (Government Accounting Standards Board), and related standards.

### MISSION

The mission of the IMUA is to protect the public health and the environment by providing environmentally sound and affordable water treatment for the residents of Independence Township.

### RESPONSIBILITY AND CONTROLS

The IMUA has prepared and is responsible for the financial statements and related information included in this report. The Management feels that the cost of the system should not exceed its benefits and due diligence has been taken to maintain the cost of running the system at reasonable rates and with good accounting practices.

The IMUA is made up of five appointed Members.

The IMUA meets on a monthly basis at an open public meeting. Individual members also periodically meet with the Auditor and General Counsel to review and gain input and guidance on the financial practices of the IMUA.

Based on its present and past practices the IMUA is proud to present a stable and responsible financial accounting. Its operations are conducted within a high standard of business ethics.

### SUMMARY OF ORGANIZATION

The IMUA was created in accordance with the State Municipal Utilities Authorities Law (PL 1957, Ch 183) by ordinance of the Township of Independence in 1975 to acquire, construct, maintain, operate and improve facilities for the collection, treatment, purification and for the accumulation, supply and distribution of water.

The five members are appointed by the Governing Body of the Township of Independence for five-year terms.



## INTRODUCTION (Continued)

### AUDIT CONTROL

The audit is conducted by an independent auditor William M. Colantano, Jr., CPA and is included in this report. The audits reflect the sound financial practices the IMUA has maintained since the beginning of its operation.

## MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS (MD&A)

This section of the Independence Municipal Utilities Authority's annual financial report presents our discussion and analysis of the IMUA's financial performance during the fiscal year ending February 29, 2012. Please read it in conjunction with the IMUA's financial statements (Exhibits A), which follow this section.

### FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

1. The IMUA's total net assets decreased .70% over the course of this year's operations.
2. During the year, the IMUA'S operating revenues decreased 10.72%. This is due to a decrease in water usage by Authority Consumers
3. Operating expenses decreased by 1.59% due to the following:
  - a. Decrease in energy costs
  - b. Decrease in operating supplies and chemicals
  - c. Increase in testing
  - d. Decrease in repairs and maintenance
  - e. Increase in salaries and wages

### OVERVIEW OF ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT

The financial statements report information about the IMUA using full accrual accounting methods as utilized by similar business activities in the private sector. However, rate-regulated accounting principles applicable to private sector utilities are not used by government utilities. The financial statements include a balance sheet; a statement of revenues, expenses and changes in net assets; a statement of cash flows; and notes to the financial statements.

The balance sheet presents the financial position of the Authority on a full accrual historical cost basis. The balance sheet presents information on all of the IMUA's assets and liabilities, with the difference reported as net assets. Over time, increases and decreases in net assets are one indicator of whether the financial position of the IMUA is improving or deteriorating.

The statement of revenues, expenses and changes in net assets presents the results of the IMUA's activities over the course of the fiscal year and information as to how the net assets changed during the year.

The statement of cash flow presents changes in cash and cash equivalents resulting from operational, financing and investing activities. This statement presents cash receipts and cash disbursement information, without consideration of the earnings event, when an obligation arises, or depreciation of capital assets.

**MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS**  
**(MD&A)**  
(Continued)

OVERVIEW OF ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT (Cont'd)

The notes to the financial statements provide disclosures and other information that is essential to a full understanding of material data provided in the statements. Supplementary information comparing the budget to actual revenues and expenses as well as changes in restricted accounts is provided.

The system requires constant maintenance and inspection. As the water system ages more repair work is involved.

FINANCIAL ANALYSIS

The attached comparative condensed financial statements serve as the key financial data and indicators for management, monitoring and planning.

AVAILABILITY OF FINANCIAL REPORT

This report is prepared in compliance with State mandates and will be made available to residents, taxpayers and any interested person or entity upon request at the IMUA office located at 286-B Route 46, Great Meadows, NJ 07838.

Independence Municipal Utilities Authority

## CONDENSED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

### Condensed Balance Sheet

|                            |                   | February          |                   |
|----------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
|                            | 2012              | 2011              | 2010              |
| Current Assets             | \$ 25,225         | \$ 37,690         | \$ 48,813         |
| Restricted Assets          | 120,767           | 115,787           | 106,371           |
| Capital Assets, Net        | 174,987           | 174,987           | 169,870           |
| Total Assets               | <u>\$ 320,979</u> | <u>\$ 328,464</u> | <u>\$ 325,054</u> |
| Current Liabilities:       |                   |                   |                   |
| Unrestricted               | \$ 5,199          | \$ 7,404          | \$ 4,700          |
| Restricted                 | 68,410            | 67,990            | 67,128            |
| Total Current Liabilities  | <u>73,609</u>     | <u>75,394</u>     | <u>71,828</u>     |
| Long Term Liabilities:     |                   |                   |                   |
| Unrestricted               | 62,348            | 66,744            | 70,930            |
| Total Liabilities          | <u>\$ 135,957</u> | <u>\$ 142,138</u> | <u>\$ 142,758</u> |
| Net Assets:                |                   |                   |                   |
| Invested in Capital Assets | \$ 108,243        | \$ 104,057        | \$ 94,939         |
| Restricted                 | 52,357            | 47,797            | 39,243            |
| Unrestricted               | 24,422            | 34,472            | 48,114            |
| Total Net Assets           | <u>\$ 185,022</u> | <u>\$ 186,326</u> | <u>\$ 182,296</u> |

### Condensed Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Net Assets

|   |                   | February          |                   |
|---|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
|   | 2012              | 2011              | 2010              |
| Operating Revenues  | \$ 52,326         | \$ 58,607         | \$ 53,192         |
| Operating Expenses  | 50,421            | 51,237            | 48,080            |
| Operating Income (Loss)   | 1,905             | 7,370             | 5,112             |
| Non-Operating Revenues (Expenses) and<br>Other Financing Sources (Uses) | <u>(3,209)</u>    | <u>(3,340)</u>    | <u>(3,542)</u>    |
| Increase (Decrease) in Net Assets                                       | (1,304)           | 4,030             | 1,570             |
| Net Assets @ Beginning of Year  | 186,326           | 182,296           | 180,726           |
| Net Assets @ End of Year  | <u>\$ 185,022</u> | <u>\$ 186,326</u> | <u>\$ 182,296</u> |

## CONDENSED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

### Condensed Statement of Capital Assets

|  | February   |            |            |
|--|------------|------------|------------|
|  | 2012       | 2011       | 2010       |
| Capital Assets not Being Depreciated:      |            |            |            |
| Construction in Progress                   | \$ 15,780  | \$ 10,480  | \$ -       |
| Capital Assets Being Depreciated:          |            |            |            |
| Buildings and Building Improvements        | 162,828    | 162,828    | 162,828    |
| Office Equipment                           | 1,614      | 1,614      | 1,614      |
| Operating Equipment                        | 57,411     | 57,411     | 57,411     |
| Total                                      | 221,853    | 221,853    | 221,853    |
| Accumulated Depreciation:                  |            |            |            |
| Buildings and Building Improvements        | 12,318     | 9,003      | 5,688      |
| Office Equipment                           | 1,607      | 1,607      | 1,607      |
| Operating Equipment                        | 48,721     | 46,736     | 44,688     |
| Total                                      | 62,646     | 57,346     | 51,983     |
| Total Capital Asset Being Depreciated, Net | 159,207    | 164,507    | 169,870    |
| Total Capital Assets                       | \$ 174,987 | \$ 174,987 | \$ 169,870 |

### Condensed Statement of Long Term Debt

|                    | February  |           |           |
|--------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
|                    | 2012      | 2011      | 2010      |
| 2008 Mortgage Note | \$ 66,744 | \$ 70,930 | \$ 74,931 |

**INDEPENDENCE MUNICIPAL UTILITIES AUTHORITY**  
**(A COMPONENT UNIT OF THE TOWNSHIP OF INDEPENDENCE)**

**PART II**

**FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**AND SUPPLEMENTARY DATA**

**FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED FEBRUARY 29, 2012**

## FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

INDEPENDENCE MUNICIPAL UTILITIES AUTHORITY  
(A COMPONENT UNIT OF THE TOWNSHIP OF INDEPENDENCE)  
COMPARATIVE BALANCE SHEETS

|                                      | Balance<br>Feb 29,<br>2012 | Balance<br>Feb 28,<br>2011 |
|--------------------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|
| ASSETS                               |                            |                            |
| Unrestricted Assets:                 |                            |                            |
| Cash and Investments                 | \$ 18,227                  | \$ 26,073                  |
| Accounts Receivable                  | 3,454                      | 8,357                      |
| Prepaid Expenses                     | 3,544                      | 3,260                      |
| Total Unrestricted Assets            | <u>25,225</u>              | <u>37,690</u>              |
| Restricted Assets:                   |                            |                            |
| Customer Deposits:                   |                            |                            |
| Cash                                 | 68,410                     | 67,990                     |
| Trust Fund:                          |                            |                            |
| Cash                                 | 994                        | 934                        |
| Other:                               |                            |                            |
| Cash                                 | 51,363                     | 46,863                     |
| Total Restricted Assets              | <u>120,767</u>             | <u>115,787</u>             |
| Capital Assets:                      |                            |                            |
| Capital Assets not Being Depreciated | 15,780                     | 10,480                     |
| Capital Assets Being Depreciated     | 221,853                    | 221,853                    |
| Less: Accumulated Depreciation       | 62,646                     | 57,346                     |
| Net Capital Assets                   | <u>174,987</u>             | <u>174,987</u>             |
| TOTAL ASSETS                         | <u>\$ 320,979</u>          | <u>\$ 328,464</u>          |

SEE ACCOMPANYING NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

INDEPENDENCE MUNICIPAL UTILITIES AUTHORITY  
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COMPARATIVE BALANCE SHEETS  
(Continued)

|   | Balance<br>Feb 29,<br>2012 | Balance<br>Feb 28,<br>2011 |
|---|----------------------------|----------------------------|
| LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS                              |                            |                            |
| Current Liabilities (Payable from Unrestricted Assets): |                            |                            |
| Accounts Payable  |                            | \$ 2,365                   |
| Payroll Deductions Payable                              | \$ 803                     | 853                        |
| Current Portion of Mortgage Note Payable                | 4,396                      | 4,186                      |
|   | <u>5,199</u>               | <u>7,404</u>               |
| Current Liabilities (Payable from Restricted Assets):   |                            |                            |
| Customer Deposits:                                      |                            |                            |
| Reserve for Improvements                                | 68,410                     | 67,990                     |
| Total Current Liabilities                               | <u>73,609</u>              | <u>75,394</u>              |
| Long Term Liabilities:                                  |                            |                            |
| Long Term Portion of Mortgage Note Payable              | 62,348                     | 66,744                     |
| Total Liabilities                                       | <u>135,957</u>             | <u>142,138</u>             |
| Net Assets:   |                            |                            |
| Invested in Capital Assets, Net of Related Debt         | 108,243                    | 104,057                    |
| Restricted  | 52,357                     | 47,797                     |
| Unrestricted  | 24,422                     | 34,472                     |
| Total Net Assets  | <u>185,022</u>             | <u>186,326</u>             |
| TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS                        | <u>\$ 320,979</u>          | <u>\$ 328,464</u>          |

SEE ACCOMPANYING NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS



INDEPENDENCE MUNICIPAL UTILITIES AUTHORITY  
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COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENSES AND  
CHANGES IN NET ASSETS

|  | Year Ended        |                   |
|--|-------------------|-------------------|
|  | Feb 29,<br>2012   | Feb 28,<br>2011   |
| Operating Revenues:                    |                   |                   |
| Water Charges                          | \$ 51,607         | \$ 57,625         |
| Interest on Delinquent Accounts        | 508               | 411               |
| Miscellaneous                          | 211               | 571               |
| Total Operating Revenues               | <u>52,326</u>     | <u>58,607</u>     |
| Operating Expenses:                    |                   |                   |
| Salaries and Wages                     | 19,486            | 18,425            |
| Electricity                            | 6,588             | 7,233             |
| Repairs and Maintenance                | 3,868             | 4,065             |
| Operating Supplies                     | 956               | 2,317             |
| Water Testing                          | 1,992             | 1,119             |
| Payroll Taxes                          | 1,499             | 1,410             |
| Worker's Compensation Insurance        | 1,341             | 1,197             |
| General Insurance                      | 2,741             | 2,617             |
| Office Expense                         | 1,180             | 3,036             |
| Miscellaneous                          | 1,470             | 555               |
| Professional Fees                      | 4,000             | 3,900             |
| Depreciation                           | 5,300             | 5,363             |
| Total Operating Expenses               | <u>50,421</u>     | <u>51,237</u>     |
| Operating Income (Loss)                | <u>1,905</u>      | <u>7,370</u>      |
| Nonoperating Revenues (Expenses):      |                   |                   |
| Interest Income                        | 55                | 108               |
| Interest Expense                       | (3,264)           | (3,448)           |
| Total Nonoperating Revenues (Expenses) | <u>(3,209)</u>    | <u>(3,340)</u>    |
| Increase (Decrease) in Net Assets      | (1,304)           | 4,030             |
| Net Assets at Beginning of Year        | <u>186,326</u>    | <u>182,296</u>    |
| Net Assets at End of Year              | <u>\$ 185,022</u> | <u>\$ 186,326</u> |

SEE ACCOMPANYING NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

INDEPENDENCE MUNICIPAL UTILITIES AUTHORITY  
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COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

|  | Year Ended      |                 |
|--|-----------------|-----------------|
|  | Feb 29,<br>2012 | Feb 28,<br>2011 |
| Cash Flows from Operating Activities:                              |                 |                 |
| Cash Received from Customers                                       | \$ 57,139       | \$ 53,610       |
| Other Operating Cash Receipts                                      | 90              | 511             |
| Cash Payments to Suppliers for Goods or Services                   | (31,836)        | (30,759)        |
| Cash Payments to Employees for Services                            | (15,984)        | (14,951)        |
| Net Cash Provided (Used) by Operating Activities                   | 9,409           | 8,411           |
| Cash Flows from Investing Activities:                              |                 |                 |
| Interest on Cash and Investments                                   | 55              | 108             |
| Reserve for Improvement Interest Received                          | 420             | 862             |
| Net Cash Provided (Used) by Investing Activities                   | 475             | 970             |
| Cash Flow from Capital and Related Financing Activities:           |                 |                 |
| Payment of Debt Principal  | (4,186)         | (4,001)         |
| Payment of Debt Interest   | (3,264)         | (3,448)         |
| Purchase of Capital Assets   | (5,300)         | (8,238)         |
| Net Cash Provided (Used) by Capital & Related Financing Activities | (12,750)        | (15,687)        |
| Net Increase (Decrease) in Cash and Investments                    | (2,866)         | (6,306)         |
| Cash and Cash Equivalents at Beginning of Year                     | 141,860         | 148,166         |
| Cash and Cash Equivalents at End of Year                           | \$ 138,994      | \$ 141,860      |

SEE ACCOMPANYING NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

INDEPENDENCE MUNICIPAL UTILITIES AUTHORITY  
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COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS  
(Continued)

|   | Year Ended      |                 |
|---|-----------------|-----------------|
|   | Feb 29,<br>2012 | Feb 28,<br>2011 |
| Reconciliation of Income from Operations to Net Cash<br>Provided (Used) by Operating Activities:        |                 |                 |
| Income (Loss) from Operations   | \$ 1,905        | \$ 7,370        |
| Adjustments to Reconcile Income from Operations to<br>Net Cash Provided (Used) by Operating Activities: |                 |                 |
| Depreciation  | 5,300           | 5,363           |
| Change in Assets and Liabilities:   |                 |                 |
| (Increase) Decrease in Accounts Receivable  | 4,903           | (4,486)         |
| Increase (Decrease) in Prepaid Expenses   | (284)           | (113)           |
| Increase (Decrease) in Accounts Payable   | (2,365)         | 122             |
| Increase (Decrease) in Payroll Deductions Payable   | (50)            | 155             |
| Net Cash Provided (Used) in Operating Activities  | <u>\$ 9,409</u> | <u>\$ 8,411</u> |

SEE ACCOMPANYING NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

## NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

INDEPENDENCE MUNICIPAL UTILITIES AUTHORITY  
(A COMPONENT UNIT OF THE TOWNSHIP OF INDEPENDENCE)  
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
YEAR ENDED FEBRUARY 29, 2012

**NOTE 1: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

The financial statements of the Independence Municipal Utilities Authority (Authority) have been prepared in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP) as applied to governmental units. The Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) is the accepted standard-setting body for establishing governmental accounting and financial reporting principles. The more significant of the Authority's accounting policies are described below.

**A. Reporting Entity**

The Authority (a component unit of the Township of Independence) was created in accordance with the State Municipal Utilities Authorities Law (P.L. 1957, Chapter 183) by ordinance of the Township of Independence in 1975 to acquire, construct, maintain, operate and improve facilities for the collection, treatment, purification and disposal of sewage and other waste, and for the accumulation, supply and distribution of water and to exercise such other power as may heretofore and hereafter be granted to the municipal authority under the laws of the State of New Jersey.

The Authority consists of five appointed officials and is responsible for the fiscal control of the operations of the utilities system. Since the Authority issues its own financial statements its financial activity is not included in the financial statements of the Township of Independence.

As a public body, under existing statute, the Authority is exempt from both federal and state income taxes.

**B. Basis of Presentation - Fund Accounting**

The operations of the Authority are recorded in a proprietary fund type. Proprietary funds are used to account for activities that are financed and operated in a manner similar to business enterprises and the intention is that costs (expenses, including depreciation) of providing services to the general public on a continuing basis are to be financed or recovered primarily through user charges.

**C. Basis of Accounting**

The Authority's financial statements are presented on the full accrual basis in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. The Authority has adopted GASB statement 34 and subsequent Statements and Interpretations required certain changes in terminology format and content, as well as inclusion of the management's discussion and analysis as required supplementary information.

The accounting and financial reporting treatment applied to the Authority is determined by its measurement focus. The transactions of the Authority are accounted for on a flow of economic resources measurement focus. With this measurement focus, all assets and all liabilities associated with the operations are included on the balance sheet. Net assets (i.e. total assets net of total liabilities) are segregated into "invested in capital assets", "restricted" and "unrestricted" components.

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of American requires management to make certain estimates and assumptions that effect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent net assets and liabilities at the balance sheet date, and reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Estimates are used to determine depreciation expense, among other accounts. Actual results may differ from those estimates.

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**NOTE 1: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Cont'd)**

C. Basis of Accounting (cont'd)

The accrual basis of accounting is used for measuring financial position and operating results of proprietary fund types. Under this method of accounting, revenues are recorded in the accounting period in which they are earned and expenses are recorded as incurred.

D. Property, Plant and Equipment

Property, plant and equipment is stated at cost, which includes direct construction costs and other expenditures related to construction.

Depreciation is determined on a straight-line basis for all plant and equipment. Depreciation is provided over the following estimated useful lives:

|                              |          |
|------------------------------|----------|
| Building and Improvements    | 40 Years |
| Water Mains and Interceptors | 40 Years |
| Other Equipment              | 15 Years |
| Vehicles                     | 5 Years  |
| Office Equipment             | 5 Years  |

Depreciation on assets acquired with grants-in-aid is recorded as a reduction of contributed capital.

E. Donated Facilities

On April 12, 1979, the Authority had entered into an agreement with Highland Properties, Inc. whereby, Highland Properties, Inc. were to construct a water supply system, consisting of wells, storage facilities, mains, laterals and other appurtenant facilities (the "Water System") for the supply of potable water to the homes in the Highland Development on Russling Road in Independence Township.

Highland Properties, Inc. conveyed the water system upon its completion, to the Authority who agreed to operate and maintain the water system in accordance with the provisions of the ordinance creating the Authority.

In 1977, the Authority entered into a similar agreement with First Morris Construction Company to acquire the Rockefeller Estates Water Supply System.

A valuation on the donated facilities has not been determined and the assets are therefore not reflected in these statements.

F. Restricted Accounts

The Authority has restricted the below summarized accounts which may only be utilized for the purposes indicated:

| Account             | Use for Which Restricted   |
|---------------------|--|
| Customer's Deposits | Monies required by the Authority to assure payment or performance.                                     |
| Trust Fund          | Required employee and employer contribution to State Unemployment Insurance Fund-Reimbursement Method. |
| Other               | Renewals and replacements funded by budget appropriations.   |

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G. Budgets and Budgetary Control

The Authority follows the following procedures in establishing the budgetary data as reflected in these financial statements.

At least 60 days prior to the Authority's year end (February 29), the Authority must file its operating budget with the Director of the Division of Local Government Services for approval. Within 45 days after receipt of the Authority's budget the Director shall either approve or notify the Authority of the reasons for non-approval of the budget and to state the conditions upon which the approval will be granted. After approval, the Authority will formally adopt the budget. The budget is prepared based on the accounting principles and practices as prescribed by the Division of Local Government Services.

**NOTE 2: AUTHORITY REVENUES**

Water charges are charged on a rate as approved annually by the governing body. Bills are payable in quarterly installments and delinquent accounts may be included as part of the Township of Independence's annual tax sale.

**NOTE 3: CASH AND INVESTMENTS**

Cash and cash equivalents include petty cash, change funds, cash in banks and all highly liquid investments with a maturity of three months or less at the time of purchase and are stated at cost plus accrued interest. US Treasury and agency obligations and certificates of deposit with maturities of one year or less when purchased are stated at amortized cost. All other investments are stated at fair value.

New Jersey authorities are limited as to the types of investments and types of financial institutions they may invest in. New Jersey statutes provide a list of permissible investments that may be purchased by New Jersey authorities.

Additionally, the Authority has adopted a cash management plan that requires it to deposit public funds in public depositories protected from loss under the provisions of the Governmental Unit Deposit Protection Act ("GUDPA"). GUDPA was enacted in 1970 to protect Governmental Units from a loss of funds on deposit with a failed banking institution in New Jersey.

NJSA 17:9-41 et seq establishes the requirements for the security of deposits of governmental units. The statute requires that no governmental unit shall deposit public funds in a public depository unless such funds are secured in accordance with the Act. Public depositories include Savings and Loan institutions, banks (both state and national banks) and saving banks the deposits of which are federally insured. All public depositories must pledge collateral, having a market value at least equal to five percent of the average daily balance of collected public funds, to secure the deposits of Governmental Units. If a public depository fails, the collateral it has pledged, plus the collateral of all other public depositories, is available to pay the full amount of their deposits to the Governmental Units.

Cash and cash equivalents includes amounts in deposits, and short-term investments with original maturities of three months or less. The carrying (balance sheet) amounts were \$138,994 and \$141,860 for February 29, 2012 and February 28, 2011, respectively. The bank balances were \$141,925 and \$143,476 for February 29, 2012 and February 28, 2011, respectively.

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**NOTE 3: CASH AND INVESTMENTS (Cont'd)**

Deposit and Investment Risk

GASB Statement No. 40 "Deposit and Investment Risk Disclosures" requires state and local governments to communicate key information about deposit and investment risks. Required disclosures are as follows:

1. Custodial credit risk disclosures for investments defined as category 3 assets under GASB Statement No. 3. Since all of the deposits and investments of the authority are category 1 assets, these disclosures are not required.
2. Credit quality ratings for investments in debt securities, external investment pools, money market funds, bond mutual funds, and other pooled investments of fixed-income securities. As the authority has no such investments, this disclosure is not applicable.
3. Disclosure of investments by amount and issuer for any issuer that represents five percent of more of total investments. This requirement does not apply to investments issued or explicitly guaranteed by the US government and investments in mutual funds or pools. This disclosure is reported below under Concentration of Credit Risk.
4. Interest rate risk disclosures are required for all debt investments and non-money market like pools. As the authority has no such investments, this disclosure is not applicable.
5. Investments that are exposed to foreign currency risk should be disclosed. As the authority has no such investments this disclosure is not applicable.

Concentration of Credit Risk

The State of New Jersey does not place any limit on the amount that the authority may invest with any one issuer. As of February 29, 2012, the Authority had no investments.

**NOTE 4: PENSION PLAN**

Employees, who are eligible for a pension plan, are enrolled in the Public Employees' Retirement System, which is administered by the Division of Pensions, Treasury Department of the State of New Jersey. The plan is considered a cost sharing multiple-employer plan.

The Public Employees' Retirement System was established in January, 1955 under the provisions of NJSA 43:15A to provide coverage including post-retirement health care to substantially all full time employees of the State or any county, municipality, school district or public agency provided the employee is not a member of another State-administered retirement system. Membership is mandatory for such employees and vesting occurs after 8 to 10 years of service and 25 years for health care coverage. Members are eligible for retirement at age 55 with an annual benefit generally determined to be 1/55th of the average annual compensation for the highest three fiscal years' compensation for each year of membership during years of creditable service. Early retirement is available to those under age 55 with 25 or more years of credited service. Anyone who retires early and is under age 55 receives retirement benefits as calculated in the above mentioned formula but at a reduced rate (one quarter of one percent for each month the member lacks of attaining age 55).



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**NOTE 4: PENSION**

The State of New Jersey, Department of the Treasury, Division of Pensions and Benefits, issues publicly available financial reports that include the financial statement and required supplementary information for PERS. The financial reports may be obtained by writing to the State of New Jersey, Department of the Treasury, Division of Pensions and Benefits, PO Box 295, Trenton, New Jersey 08625-0295.

The contribution policy is set by New Jersey State Statutes and contributions are required by active members and contributing employers. Plan member and employer contributions may be amended by State of New Jersey legislation.

Significant legislation which became effective October 1, 2011 under Chapter 78, P.L. 2011 will gradually increase the employee contribution rate for PERS members from 5.5% to 7.5% of annual compensation by July 2018. Effective October 1, 2011, the rate will increase to 6.5%. After that, the rate will increase each July 1<sup>st</sup> over the seven year phase in until 7.5% effective July 1, 2018. Funding by the authority is determined by the annual actuarial valuation. For the years ended February 29, 2012 and February 28, 2011, the Authority has elected not to participate in the retirement system.

**NOTE 5: CAPITAL ASSETS**

Capital asset activity during the year was as follows:

|                             | Balance<br>Feb 28, 2011 | Additions     | Disposals     | Balance<br>Feb 29, 2012 |
|-----------------------------|-------------------------|---------------|---------------|-------------------------|
| Capital Assets not Being    |                         |               |               |                         |
| Depreciated:                |                         |               |               |                         |
| Construction in Progress \$ | 10,480                  | \$ 5,300      |               | \$ 15,780               |
| Capital Assets Being        |                         |               |               |                         |
| Depreciated:                |                         |               |               |                         |
| Bldg & Bldg Improvements    | 162,828                 |               |               | 162,828                 |
| Office Equipment            | 1,614                   |               |               | 1,614                   |
| Operating Equipment         | 57,411                  |               |               | 57,411                  |
| Total Capital Assets        | 232,333                 | 5,300         | \$ -0-        | 237,633                 |
| Less: Accum Depreciation    | 57,346                  | 5,300         |               | 62,646                  |
| Net Capital Assets          | <u>\$ 174,987</u>       | <u>\$ -0-</u> | <u>\$ -0-</u> | <u>\$ 174,987</u>       |

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**NOTE 6: MORTGAGE NOTE PAYABLE**

A mortgage note dated October 31, 2008 was issued to the Authority for a total amount of \$80,000. Proceeds from the mortgage note were used for rehabilitation of a water storage tank belonging to the Authority.

Total debt service requirements for the mortgage note payable as of February 29, 2012 are as follows:

| Year Ending | Principal        | Interest         | Total            |
|-------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|
| 2013        | \$ 4,396         | \$ 3,054         | \$ 7,450         |
| 2014        | 4,608            | 2,842            | 7,450            |
| 2015        | 4,830            | 2,620            | 7,450            |
| 2016        | 5,056            | 2,394            | 7,450            |
| 2017        | 5,306            | 2,144            | 7,450            |
| Thereafter  | 42,548           | 7,130            | 49,678           |
|             | <u>\$ 66,744</u> | <u>\$ 20,184</u> | <u>\$ 86,928</u> |

**NOTE 7: COMPENSATED ABSENCES**

The Authority does not have a policy which allows employees to accrue unused vacation and sick pay.

**NOTE 8: CONTINGENT LIABILITIES**

In the opinion of the Authority's management there are no matters pending that will have a material adverse effect on the financial position of the Authority.

**NOTE 9: RISK MANAGEMENT**

The Authority is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts; theft of, damage to, and destruction of assets; errors and omissions; injuries to employees; and natural disasters.

Property and Liability Insurance - The Authority maintains commercial insurance coverage for property, liability and surety bonds. Significant losses are covered by commercial insurance and there have been no significant reductions in insurance coverage. Settlement amounts have not exceeded insurance coverage for the current or prior three years.

New Jersey Unemployment Compensation Insurance - The Authority has elected to fund its NJ Unemployment Compensation Insurance under the "Benefit Reimbursement Method." Under this plan, the Authority is required to reimburse the NJ Unemployment Trust Fund for benefits paid to its former employees and charged to its account with the State. The Authority is billed quarterly for amounts due to the State. The following is a summary of Authority contributions, and interest earnings, employee contributions, reimbursements to the State for benefits paid and the ending balance of the Authority's unemployment trust fund for the current and previous two years:

| Fiscal Year | Authority<br>Contrib | Interest<br>Earnings | Employee<br>Contrib | Amount<br>Reimbursed | Ending<br>Balance |
|-------------|----------------------|----------------------|---------------------|----------------------|-------------------|
| 2012        | \$ -0-               | \$ 1                 | \$ 59               | \$ -0-               | \$ 994            |
| 2011        | -0-                  | 1                    | 53                  | -0-                  | 934               |
| 2010        | -0-                  | 1                    | 47                  | -0-                  | 880               |

## SUPPLEMENTARY SCHEDULES

INDEPENDENCE MUNICIPAL UTILITIES AUTHORITY  
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 SCHEDULE OF CHANGES IN RESTRICTED ACCOUNTS  
 YEAR ENDED FEBRUARY 29, 2012

|                              | Reserve for Improvements |                  |                 | Net Assets                     |                            |                     | Total             |
|------------------------------|--------------------------|------------------|-----------------|--------------------------------|----------------------------|---------------------|-------------------|
|                              | Highlands<br>Improve     | Pump<br>Station  | Forest<br>Ridge | State<br>Unemploy-<br>ment Ins | Renewals &<br>Replacements | Total<br>Net Assets |                   |
| Balance at Beginning of Year | \$ 16,401                | \$ 44,013        | \$ 7,576        | \$ 934                         | \$ 46,863                  | \$ 47,797           | \$ 115,787        |
| Additions:                   |                          |                  |                 |                                |                            |                     |                   |
| Deposits Received            |                          | 801              |                 | 59                             | 4,500                      | 4,559               | 5,360             |
| Interest Income              |                          | 390              | 30              | 1                              |                            | 1                   | 421               |
| Total Additions              | -                        | 1,191            | 30              | 60                             | 4,500                      | 4,560               | 5,781             |
| Deductions:                  |                          |                  |                 |                                |                            |                     |                   |
| Disbursements                | 801                      | -                | -               | -                              | -                          | -                   | 801               |
| Balance at End of Year       | <u>\$ 15,600</u>         | <u>\$ 45,204</u> | <u>\$ 7,606</u> | <u>\$ 994</u>                  | <u>\$ 51,363</u>           | <u>\$ 52,357</u>    | <u>\$ 120,767</u> |

INDEPENDENCE MUNICIPAL UTILITIES AUTHORITY  
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SCHEDULE OF OPERATING REVENUE AND COSTS FUNDED BY  
OPERATING REVENUES COMPARED TO BUDGET  
YEARS ENDING FEBRUARY 29, 2012 AND FEBRUARY 28, 2011

|                                     | 2012             |                  | 2011             |                  |
|-------------------------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|
|                                     | Budget           | Actual           | Budget           | Actual           |
| Revenues:                           |                  |                  |                  |                  |
| Retained Earnings Appropriated      | \$ 4,230         | \$ 4,230         | \$ 2,130         | \$ 2,130         |
| User Charges & Fees                 | 56,000           | 51,607           | 56,000           | 57,625           |
| Delinquent Penalties                | 200              | 508              | 520              | 411              |
| Interest on Investments & Deposits  | 900              | 55               | 1,500            | 108              |
| Miscellaneous                       |                  | 211              |                  | 571              |
|                                     | <u>\$ 61,330</u> | <u>\$ 56,611</u> | <u>\$ 60,150</u> | <u>\$ 60,845</u> |
| Expenses:                           |                  |                  |                  |                  |
| Personnel:                          |                  |                  |                  |                  |
| Salaries & Wages                    | \$ 21,000        | \$ 19,486        | \$ 15,800        | \$ 18,425        |
| Employee Benefits                   | 1,680            | 2,840            | 1,250            | 2,607            |
| Administration & General Expenses:  |                  |                  |                  |                  |
| Office Expenses                     | 1,800            | 1,180            | 3,600            | 3,036            |
| Miscellaneous                       | 600              | 1,470            | 450              | 555              |
| Insurance                           | 3,900            | 2,741            | 3,900            | 2,617            |
| Professional Fees                   | 4,300            | 4,000            | 4,000            | 3,900            |
| Operating & Maintenance Costs:      |                  |                  |                  |                  |
| Utilities                           | 7,000            | 6,588            | 7,500            | 7,233            |
| Water Testing                       | 2,000            | 1,992            | 1,500            | 1,119            |
| Repairs and Maintenance             | 4,500            | 3,868            | 4,000            | 4,065            |
| Operating Supplies                  | 2,600            | 956              | 2,200            | 2,317            |
| Debt Service:                       |                  |                  |                  |                  |
| Principal on Mortgage Notes Payable | 4,186            | 4,186            | 4,001            | 4,001            |
| Interest on Mortgage Notes Payable  | 3,264            | 3,264            | 3,449            | 3,448            |
| Capital:                            |                  |                  |                  |                  |
| Renewals & Replacements             | 4,500            | 4,500            | 8,500            | 8,500            |
|                                     | <u>\$ 61,330</u> | <u>\$ 57,071</u> | <u>\$ 60,150</u> | <u>\$ 61,823</u> |

INDEPENDENCE MUNICIPAL UTILITIES AUTHORITY  
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SCHEDULE OF INSURANCE  
YEAR ENDED FEBRUARY 29, 2012

|  | <u>Coverage</u> | <u>Deductible</u> |
|--|-----------------|-------------------|
| Authority Package Policy-Selective Insurance:    |                 |                   |
| Commercial Property Coverage:                    |                 |                   |
| Buildings Policy Limit                           | \$ 511,604      | \$ 500            |
| Commercial Liability-General Aggregate Limit     | 2,000,000       |                   |
| Business Automobile Limit                        | 500,000         |                   |
| Public Officials Liability Insurance             | 1,000,000       | 2,500             |
| Workers Compensation Policy-Selective Insurance: |                 |                   |
| Injury from Accident                             | 500,000         |                   |
| Injury from Disease                              | 500,000         |                   |
| Disease Policy Limit                             | 500,000         |                   |
| Public Employees Faithful Performance-Western:   |                 |                   |
| Surety Company:                                  |                 |                   |
| Treasurers Bond                                  | 13,000          |                   |

Adequacy of Insurance Coverage is the Responsibility of the Authority

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PART III

REPORT ON COMPLIANCE AND ON INTERNAL  
CONTROL OVER FINANCIAL REPORTING

GENERAL COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS  
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED FEBRUARY 29, 2012

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER  
FINANCIAL REPORTING AND ON COMPLIANCE AND OTHER MATTERS  
BASED ON AN AUDIT OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS PERFORMED IN  
ACCORDANCE WITH GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS

April 27, 2012

Honorable Chairman and  
Members of the Independence  
Municipal Utilities Authority  
Independence Township, New Jersey

We have audited the financial statements of the Independence Municipal Utilities Authority as of and for the year ended February 29, 2012, and have issued our report thereon dated April 27, 2012. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in Government Auditing Standards, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit, we considered the Authority's internal control over financial reporting as a basis for designing our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Authority's internal control over financial reporting. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the Authority's internal control over financial reporting.

Our consideration of internal control over financial reporting was for the limited purpose described in the preceding paragraph and would not necessarily identify all deficiencies in internal control over financial reporting that might be significant deficiencies or material weaknesses. However, as stated in the General Comments and Recommendations section of this report, we identified certain deficiencies in internal control over financial reporting that we consider to be significant deficiencies.

A control deficiency exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent or detect misstatements on a timely basis. A significant deficiency is a control deficiency, or combination of control deficiencies, that adversely affects the entity's ability to initiate, authorize, record, process, or report financial data reliably in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles such that there is more than a remote likelihood that a misstatement of the entity's financial statements that is more than inconsequential will not be prevented or detected by the entity's internal control.



A material weakness is a significant deficiency, or combination of significant deficiencies, that results in more than a remote likelihood that a material misstatement of the financial statements will not be prevented or detected by the entity's internal control.

Our consideration of internal control over financial reporting was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and would not necessarily identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be significant deficiencies and, accordingly, would not necessarily disclose all significant deficiencies that are also considered to be material weaknesses. However, we believe that none of the significant deficiencies described in the General Comments and Recommendations section of this report is a material weakness.

#### Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the Authority's financial statements are free of material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the determination of financial statement amounts. However, providing an opinion on compliance with these provisions was not an objective of our audit, and accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed no instances of non-compliance that are required to be reported under Government Auditing Standards.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of management of the Authority, state audit agencies and federal awarding agencies and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.



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GENERAL COMMENTS

**CONTROL DEFICIENCIES**

Segregation of Duties-The Authority does not maintain an adequate segregation of duties with respect to the recording and treasury functions. Segregation of duties refers to separating those functions that place too much control over a transaction or class of transactions that would enable a person to perpetuate errors and prevent detection within a reasonable period of time. This is due to the limited number of personnel of the Authority. Accordingly, management of the Authority should be aware of this situation and realize that the concentration of duties and responsibilities in a limited number of individuals is not desirable from a control point of view.

A material weakness is a significant deficiency, or combination of significant deficiencies, that results in more than a remote likelihood that a material misstatement of the financial statements will not be prevented or detected by the organization's internal control. We do not believe that the significant deficiencies described above are to be considered material weaknesses.

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## RECOMMENDATIONS

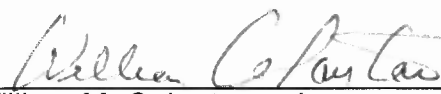
No recommendations have developed as a result of this audit.

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The foregoing conditions were considered in determining the nature, timing and extent of the audit tests to be applied in our examination of the financial statements and this report of such conditions does not modify our report dated April 27, 2012.

We would be pleased to confer on questions that might arise with respect to any matters in this report.

We wish to express our appreciation for the assistance and courtesies rendered by the Authority officials and employees during the course of the examination.

  
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