

**Nancy E. Heffner, Tax Collector
for the Borough of Tipton**

**Financial Statement and
Supplementary Information**

December 31, 2019



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Nancy E. Heffner, Tax Collector for the Borough of Tipton

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Independent Auditor's Report

To the Honorable Mayor and Members of Council
Borough of Tipton
Tipton, Pennsylvania

Report on the Financial Statement

We have audited the accompanying statement of cash receipts and disbursements of Nancy E. Heffner, Tax Collector for the Borough of Tipton, for the year ended December 31, 2019, and the related notes to the financial statement.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statement

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statement in accordance with the cash basis of accounting as described in Note 2. This includes determining that the cash basis of accounting is an acceptable basis for the preparation of the financial statement in the circumstances. Management is also responsible for the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statement that is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the financial statement based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statement is free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statement. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statement, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statement 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 entity's internal control. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statement.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

Opinion

In our opinion, the financial statement referred to above presents fairly, in all material respects, the receipts and disbursements of Nancy E. Heffner, Tax Collector for the Borough of Topton, for the year ended December 31, 2019, in accordance with the cash basis of accounting as described in Note 2.

Report on Supplementary Information

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the financial statement for the year ended December 31, 2019. The supplementary information presented in the table of contents under the heading Supplementary Information is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the financial statement. Such information is the responsibility of management and was derived from, and relates directly to, the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statement. The information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statement and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statement, or to the financial statement itself, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the information is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the financial statement on the basis of accounting as described in Note 2.

Basis of Accounting

We draw attention to Note 2 of the financial statement, which describes the basis of accounting. The financial statement is prepared on the cash basis of accounting, which is a basis of accounting other than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. Our opinion is not modified with respect to this matter.

Handwritten signature of RKL LLP in black ink.

January 26, 2021
Wyomissing, Pennsylvania

Nancy E. Heffner, Tax Collector for the Borough of Topton

Statement of Cash Receipts and Disbursements

Year Ended December 31, 2019

	<u>Real Estate Taxes</u>	<u>Per Capita Taxes</u>	<u>Total</u>
Undistributed Receipts, Beginning	\$ 4,325	\$ 391	\$ 4,716
Receipts			
2018 levy	-	630	630
2019 levy	494,218	4,864	499,082
Penalties	1,347	160	1,507
	<u>495,565</u>	<u>5,654</u>	<u>501,219</u>
Total Available	<u>499,890</u>	<u>6,045</u>	<u>505,935</u>
Disbursements			
2018 levy	3,932	985	4,917
2019 levy	487,371	4,544	491,915
Penalties	1,055	164	1,219
	<u>492,358</u>	<u>5,693</u>	<u>498,051</u>
Undistributed Receipts, Ending	<u><u>\$ 7,532</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 352</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 7,884</u></u>

Nancy E. Heffner, Tax Collector for the Borough of Topton

Notes to Financial Statement

December 31, 2019

Note 1 - Nature of Activity

Nancy E. Heffner, Tax Collector for the Borough of Topton (the Tax Collector) collects all taxes levied by the Borough of Topton (the Borough) in accordance with the provisions of the Local Tax Collection Law, Act of 1945, P. L. 1050, No. 394, as amended.

Note 2 - Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

The accompanying financial statement conforms to the cash basis method of accounting. The following is a summary of the more significant accounting policies used by the Tax Collector.

The Financial Reporting Entity

The Tax Collector is an elected official and the financial statement only includes the activities of the Tax Collector.

County and school district taxes are not a part of this financial statement. The financial statement includes only the receipts and disbursements for real estate taxes, interims and changes, and per capita taxes and changes levied by the Borough.

Description of Fund Accounting and Funds

The ongoing activities of the Tax Collector utilize the Agency Fund, which is a fiduciary fund type. Agency funds are used to account for assets held on behalf of outside parties, including other governments.

Basis of Accounting

The Tax Collector's accounts are maintained on a cash basis and the statement of cash receipts and disbursements reflects only cash received and disbursed. Therefore, tax receivables and payables, which may be material in amount, are not reflected in the accompanying financial statement, which is not intended to present the financial position, results of operations, or cash flows in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Cash Receipts and Disbursements Policy Disclosures

Real Estate Taxes

Real estate taxes are recognized on the cash basis. Real estate taxes attach an enforceable lien on property when levied on March 1. A discount of two percent is applied to payments made prior to April 30. A penalty of ten percent is added to the face amount of taxes paid after June 30. The County of Berks Tax Claim Bureau collects delinquent real estate taxes on behalf of itself and other taxing authorities. Return of unpaid real estate taxes to the County of Berks Tax Claim Bureau is made by January 15 of the subsequent year.

Note 2 - Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

Cash Receipts and Disbursements Policy Disclosures (continued)

Real Estate Taxes (continued)

Interim tax duplicates are issued on a quarterly basis. Tax changes are billed on a monthly basis. The taxpayer is given two months from the date the duplicate is issued to pay the discount amount. The face period expires within the next two months, after which time the item must be paid at the penalty amount. For 2019, all unpaid interims and unpaid tax changes will be delinquent on September 30, 2020.

Per Capita Taxes

Per capita taxes are recognized on the cash basis.

Tax Distributions

All tax distributions are recognized when paid.

Note 3 - Subsequent Events

The Tax Collector has evaluated subsequent events through January 26, 2021. This date is the date the financial statement was available to be issued. The following material event subsequent to December 31, 2019 was noted:

On January 30, 2020, the World Health Organization declared the coronavirus outbreak a "Public Health Emergency of International Concern" and on March 10, 2020, declared it to be a pandemic. The actions taken to mitigate it have had, and are expected to continue to have, an adverse impact on the economy, financial markets, and the geographical area in which the Borough operates. It is unknown how long these conditions will last and what the complete financial effect will be to the Borough.

Additionally, it is reasonably possible that estimates made in the financial statements have been, or will be, materially and adversely impacted in the near term as a result of these conditions.

No other material events subsequent to December 31, 2019 were noted.

Nancy E. Heffner, Tax Collector for the Borough of Tipton

2019 Real Estate Tax Collections at Levied Amount

Year Ended December 31, 2019

	<u>Duplicate</u>	<u>Interims</u>	<u>Total</u>
Real Estate Taxes Levied			
Duplicate	\$ 513,230	\$ -	\$ 513,230
Interims	-	394	394
Increases/additions	-	-	-
Reductions/exonerations	-	-	-
	<u>513,230</u>	<u>394</u>	<u>513,624</u>
Total Due	513,230	394	513,624
Real Estate Taxes Collected at Levied Amount			
Face, net of discounts and penalties	495,251	314	495,565
Discounts	9,357	3	9,360
Penalties	(1,332)	(15)	(1,347)
	<u>503,276</u>	<u>302</u>	<u>503,578</u>
Total Collected at Levied Amount	503,276	302	503,578
Balance Not Collected	\$ 9,954	\$ 92	\$ 10,046

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2019 Per Capita Tax Collections at Levied Amount

Year Ended December 31, 2019

Per Capita Taxes Levied

Duplicate	\$ 6,520
Increases/additions	5
Reductions/exonerations	<u>(430)</u>
Total Due	<u>6,095</u>

Per Capita Taxes Collected at Levied Amount

Face, net of discounts and penalties	4,913
Discounts	81
Penalties	<u>(49)</u>
Total Collected at Levied Amount	<u>4,945</u>
Balance Not Collected	<u><u>\$ 1,150</u></u>