

**South Elgin and Countryside Fire Protection District**

**(Located within the State of Illinois)**

**Comprehensive Annual Financial Report**

**For the Fiscal Year Ended May 31, 2020**

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## Independent Auditor's Report

To the Board of Trustees of  
South Elgin and Countryside Fire Protection District  
South Elgin, Illinois

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the South Elgin and Countryside Fire Protection District, as of and for the year ended May 31, 2020, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the District's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

### **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.

### **Auditor's Responsibility**

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

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, 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 statements 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 statements.

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

Independent Auditor's Report (continued)

**Opinions**

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the South Elgin and Countryside Fire Protection District as of May 31, 2020, and the respective changes in financial position and for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

**Other Matters**

*Required Supplementary Information*

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the management's discussion and analysis and required supplementary information, as listed in the table of contents, be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information, 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 basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. We do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide us with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance.

*Ligke Gross : On, PC*

Elgin, Illinois  
December 21, 2020

**South Elgin and Countryside Fire Protection District  
Management's Discussion and Analysis  
For the Fiscal Year Ended May 31, 2020**

Our discussion and analysis of the South Elgin and Countryside Fire Protect District's (the "District") financial performance provides an overview of the District's financial activities for the fiscal year ended May 31, 2020. Please review it in conjunction with the District's basic financial statements, which begin on page 10.

**Financial Highlights**

- The change in net position was a decrease of \$495,601 which represents a 44.2 percent decrease from May 31, 2019 for the year. This is primarily due to the pension expense resulting from the changes in the District's pension plan.
- General revenues accounted for \$7,964,304 in revenues, or 91.3 percent of all revenues.
- The District had \$9,219,848 in expenditures related to general governmental activities. Operating grants and contributions of \$21,406 and charges for services of \$738,537 were used to pay expenditures. The excess expenses were paid by general revenues.

**Overview of the Financial Statements**

The basic financial statements are comprised of three components: (1) government-wide financial statements, (2) fund financial statements, and (3) notes to the financial statements. In addition to the basic financial statements, this report also contains required supplementary information.

**Government-Wide Financial Statements (pages 10-11):**

The District's comprehensive annual financial report includes two government-wide financial statements. These statements provide both long-term and short-term information about the District's overall status. Financial reporting at this level uses a perspective similar to that found in the private sector.

The Statement of Net Position – This is the District-wide statement of financial position presenting information that includes all of the District's assets and liabilities, with the difference 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 as a whole is improving or deteriorating. Evaluation of the overall economic health of the District would extend to other non-financial factors. Diversification of the taxpayer base or the condition of the District infrastructure should be considered in addition to the financial information provided in the report.

The Statement of Activities – This statement reports how the District's net position changed during the current fiscal year. All current year revenue and expenses are included regardless of when the cash is received or paid. An important purpose of the design of the statement of activities is to show the financial reliance of the District's activities or functions on revenues provided by the District's taxpayers.

Both government-wide financial statements distinctively report governmental activities of the District that are principally supported by taxes and other intergovernmental revenues. Business-type activities recover all or a significant portion of their costs through user fees and charges. The District does not have this type of activity.

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Government-Wide Financial Statements (continued):

Fiduciary activities such as employee pension plans are not included in the government-wide statements, since these assets are not available to fund District needs. The statements for the Pension Funds are in the Fund Financial Statements.

The District's financial reporting entity includes the funds of the District (primary government). There are no organizations for which the District is accountable (component units).

Fund Financial Statements (pages 12-17):

A fund is an accountability unit used to maintain control over resources segregated for specific activities or objectives. The District uses funds to ensure and demonstrate compliance with finance-related laws and regulation. Within the basic financial statements, fund financial statements focus on the District's most significant funds rather than the District as a whole.

The District has two kinds of funds: Governmental Funds and Fiduciary Funds.

Governmental Funds are reported in the fund financial statements and encompass essentially the same functions reported as governmental activities in the government-wide financial statements. However, the focus is very different with fund statements providing a distinctive view of the District's governmental funds. These statements report short-term fiscal accountability focusing on the use of spendable resources during the year and balances of spendable resources available at the end of the year. They are useful in evaluating annual financing requirements of governmental programs and the commitment of spendable resources for the near-term.

Since the government-wide focus includes the long-term view, comparisons between these two perspectives may provide insight into the long-term impact of short-term financing decisions. Both the government fund balance sheet and the governmental fund statement of revenues, expenditures, and changes in fund balances provide a reconciliation to the government-wide statements to assist in understanding the differences between these two perspectives.

A budgetary comparison statement is included in the required supplementary information for the general fund and capital projects bond fund. This statement demonstrates compliance with the District's adopted and final revised budget.

Fiduciary funds such as the employee pension plan are reported in the fiduciary fund financial statements but are excluded from the government-wide reporting. Fiduciary fund financial statements report resources that are not available to fund the District's programs. Fiduciary fund financial statements report similarly to proprietary funds.

Notes to the Financial Statements (pages 18-31):

Notes to the financial statements provide additional information that is essential to a full understanding of the data provided in the governmental-wide and fund financial statements.

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Required Supplementary Information (pages 32-36):

In addition to the basic financial statements and accompanying notes, this report also presents certain *Required Supplementary Information* including a budgetary comparison statements and the District's progress in funding its obligation to provide pension benefits to its employees.

**Using this Annual Report**

The Statement of Net Position and the Statement of Activities (on pages 10 and 11) provide information about the activities of the District as a whole and present a longer-term view of the District's finances. Fund financial statements (on pages 12 and 14) show how services were financed in the short term as well as what remains for future spending. Fund financial statements report the District's operations in more detail than the government-wide statements by providing information about the District's most financially significant fund.

**Reporting the District as a Whole**

One of the most important questions asked about the District's finances is, "Is the District as a whole better off or worse off as a result of the year's activities?" The Statement of Net Position and Statement of Activities report information about the District as a whole and about its activities to help answer this question. These statements include all assets and liabilities using the accrual basis of accounting. The current year's revenues and expenses are taken into account regardless of when cash is received or paid. These two statements report the District's net position and changes in them. You can think of the District's net position (the difference between assets-what the District owns, and liabilities-what the District owes), as one way to measure the District's financial health or financial position. Over time, increases or decreases in the District's net position are one indicator of whether its financial health is improving or deteriorating. You will need to consider other non-financial factors, however, such as changes in the District's jurisdiction, the availability of capital projects, and continuing local government support to assess the overall health of the District.

**Reporting the District's Most Significant Fund**

The District's services are reported in a governmental fund which focuses on how money flows into and out of the fund and the balances left at year-end that are available for spending. This fund is reported using an accounting method called modified accrual accounting, which measures cash and all other financial assets that can readily be converted to cash.

The governmental fund statements provide a detailed short-term view of the District's operations and the services it provides. Governmental fund information helps you determine whether there are more or fewer financial resources that can be spent in the near future to finance the District's programs.

**The District as a Whole**

The District's total net position changed from last year, decreasing from \$1,122,088 to \$626,487. Our analysis below focuses on the net position (Table 1) of the District's governmental activities.

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**The District as a Whole (continued)**

Net position of the District's activities decreased 44.2 percent or \$495,601. Unrestricted net position, the part of net position that can be used to finance day-to-day operations without constraints established by debt covenants, enabling legislation, or other legal requirements, decreased \$902,624 during the year. This shows a decrease in the overall financial position of the District.

Table 1  
Condensed Statement of Net Position (in thousands)

		2020		2019
Current and other assets	\$	6,314.1	\$	14,579.1
Capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation		12,889.8		4,370.3
Deferred outflows of resources		2,023.5		2,626.7
Total Assets and Deferred Outflows of Resources	\$	21,227.4	\$	21,576.1
Current liabilities	\$	1,053.6	\$	1,058.0
Other liabilities		18,706.4		18,664.5
Deferred inflows of resources		840.9		731.5
Total Liabilities and Deferred Inflows of Resources	\$	20,600.9	\$	20,454.0
Net investment in capital assets	\$	4,150.7	\$	3,743.7
Unrestricted		(3,524.2)		(2,621.6)
Temporarily restricted		-		-
Total Net Position	\$	626.5	\$	1,122.1

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**The District as a Whole (continued)**

Table 2  
Condensed Statement of Activities (in thousands)

	For the Year Ended		% Change
	May 31, 2020	May 31, 2019	
<b>General Revenues:</b>			
Property taxes	\$ 7,457.6	\$ 5,754.2	29.60%
Replacement tax	22.8	20.8	9.62%
Impact fees	11.1	2.8	296.43%
Foreign fire insurance tax	40.8	34.3	18.95%
Developer donations	-	76.5	-100.00%
Interest income	112.1	99.6	12.55%
Investment earnings (loss), net	186.8	117.6	58.84%
Sale of equipment	23.6	18.4	28.26%
Other	109.5	176.1	-37.82%
Total General Revenues	7,964.3	6,300.3	26.41%
<b>Program Revenues:</b>			
Ambulance	738.5	954.6	-22.64%
Grant income	21.4	20.5	4.39%
Total Program Revenues	759.9	975.1	-22.07%
Total Revenues	8,724.2	7,275.4	19.91%
<b>General Expenses:</b>			
General government activities	9,219.8	7,918.7	16.43%
Total General Expenses	9,219.8	7,918.7	16.43%
Change in Net Position	(495.6)	(643.3)	-22.96%
Net Position - Beginning of Year	1,122.1	1,765.4	-36.44%
End of Year	\$ 626.5	\$ 1,122.1	-44.17%

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**The District's Funds**

Table 3 presents the fund balance of the major funds and single non-major fund, and an analysis of significant changes in the fund balances.

Table 3  
Fund Balance  
(in thousands)

	2020	2019	% Change
General	\$ 3,962.6	\$ 4,304.1	-7.9%
Capital Projects Debt Fund	880.7	9,324.4	-90.6%
Foreign Fire Insurance	72.9	58.7	24.2%
Total Governmental Balances	\$ <u>4,916.2</u>	\$ <u>13,687.2</u>	<u>-74.3%</u>

In the General Fund, the 7.9 percent decrease was due to an excess of expenditures of \$8,916,041 over revenues of \$8,571,046 for the year ended May 31, 2020. While overall revenues did increase, the specific events that contributed to the decrease in fund balance are an increase in equipment, supplies, maintenance and fuel of \$598,286 and increase in personnel service expenditures of \$303,062, from fiscal year end 2019. These increases are related to the completion of Station 21 during the year.

In the Capital Projects Debt Fund, the District used the funds from the bond issued in the prior year to facilitate the construction of two new stations. This resulted in an overall fund decrease of 90.6%.

In the Foreign Fire Insurance Fund, the 24.2% increase was due to a larger allocation of Foreign Fire Insurance Tax during the year. The fund had an excess of revenues \$41,648 over expenditures of \$24,011 during the year.

Following is a comparison of the actual and budgeted items for the general fund.

Table 4  
Original/Final Budget versus Actual Results  
General Fund  
(in thousands)

	Original/ Final Budget	Actual	Positive/ (Negative)
<b>Revenues:</b>			
Property tax	\$ 7,481.5	\$ 7,457.6	\$ (23.9)
Replacement tax	22.0	22.8	0.8
Impact fee income	-	11.1	11.1
Ambulance income	850.0	738.5	(111.5)
Interest income	20.0	0.5	(19.5)
Investment earnings, net	-	186.8	186.8
Grant income	-	21.4	21.4
Miscellaneous income	-	132.3	132.3
<b>Expenditures:</b>			
Total general government	\$ 14,127.2	\$ 8,916.1	\$ 5,211.1

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**General Fund Budgetary Highlights**

The adopted budget was not amended during the year.

The general fund is reported as a major fund and accounts for the fire and ambulance operations of the District.

Revenues in the general fund were \$8,571,046 which exceeded budget by \$197,596 or 2.4%. The variance was mainly due to the investment earnings during the year of \$186,767. The general fund expenditures were \$5,211,146 under budget, due to lower actual spending in most expenditures with significantly lower actual spending in general and administrative expenditures. This function had a positive variance of actual to final budget of \$3,096,459. The overall net budget variance in the General Fund was a favorable \$5,412,238.

The general fund's deficiency of revenues over expenditures was \$344,995. The fund decreased to \$3,962,567 at the end of the fiscal year from \$4,304,066 the prior year.

**Capital Assets**

The District's net investment in capital assets, as of May 31, 2020 amounted to \$4,150,700. The investment in capital assets included land, buildings, leasehold improvements, vehicles, furniture, and equipment, less the debt used to finance the purchase of new assets. Capital assets increased by \$8,519,502 during the fiscal year due to additions in excess of depreciation, including the completion of Station 21, further construction on Station 23, and new equipment purchased for each station.

Additional information on the capital assets can be found in the notes to the financial statements on pages 20 and 29.

**Request for Information**

This financial report is designed to provide a general overview of the District's finances for all those with an interest in the government's finances. Questions concerning any of the information provided in this report or a request for additional financial information should be addressed to South Elgin and Countryside Fire Protection District, 150 West State Street, South Elgin, Illinois 60177.

**South Elgin and Countryside Fire Protection District**  
**Statement of Net Position**  
**May 31, 2020**

**Assets and Deferred Outflow of Resources**

Current Assets:	
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 2,683,356
Investments, at current market value	3,288,309
Accounts receivable rescue billing, net of allowance for uncollectible of \$199,416	323,441
Impact fee receivable	2,868
Accrued interest receivable	16,124
Total Current Assets	<u>6,314,098</u>
Non-Current Assets:	
Land, buildings, and equipment, net of accumulated depreciation	12,889,850
Total Assets	<u>19,203,948</u>
Deferred Outflows of Resources	<u>2,023,494</u>
Total Assets and Deferred Outflow of Resources	<u>\$ 21,227,442</u>

**Liabilities and Deferred Inflows of Resources**

Current Liabilities:	
Accounts payable	\$ 17,970
Accrued payroll	87,383
Accrued interest payable	190,007
Accrued vacation and sick pay-current portion	441,253
Note payable - current portion	6,992
Bond payable - current portion	310,000
Total Current Liabilities	<u>1,053,605</u>
Noncurrent Liabilities:	
Accrued vacation and sick pay-long term portion	416,903
Bond payable net current portion, net premium of \$447,903	9,302,904
Net pension liability	8,986,663
Total Non-Current Liabilities	<u>18,706,470</u>
Total Liabilities	<u>19,760,075</u>
Deferred Inflows of Resources:	
Deferred revenue-property taxes	434,399
Pension related	406,481
Total Deferred Inflows of Resources	<u>840,880</u>
Total Liabilities and Deferred Inflows of Resources	<u>\$ 20,600,955</u>

**Net Position**

Net Position:	
Net investment in capital assets	\$ 4,150,700
Unrestricted	(3,524,213)
Restricted	-
Total Net Position	<u>\$ 626,487</u>

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

**South Elgin and Countryside Fire Protection District**  
**Statement of Activities**  
**For the Fiscal Year Ended May 31, 2020**

Functions/Programs	Expenses	Charges for Services	Operating Grants and Contributions	Capital Grants and Contributions	Net Revenue and Changes in Net Position
Primary Government:					
General government activities	\$ (9,219,848)	\$ 738,537	\$ 21,406	\$ -	\$ (8,459,905)
Total Primary Government	\$ (9,219,848)	\$ 738,537	\$ 21,406	\$ -	\$ (8,459,905)
General Revenues:					
Property taxes					7,457,572
Replacement taxes					22,776
Impact fee income					11,127
Foreign fire insurance tax					40,858
Interest income					112,142
Investment earnings, net					186,767
Sale of equipment					23,597
Miscellaneous					109,465
Total General Revenues					7,964,304
Change in Net Position					(495,601)
Net Position - Beginning of Year					1,122,088
Net Position - End of Year					\$ 626,487

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

**South Elgin and Countryside Fire Protection District**  
**Balance Sheet - Modified Accrual Basis -**  
**Governmental Funds**  
**May 31, 2020**

	<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Capital Projects Bond Fund</u>	<u>Non-Major Foreign Fire Insurance Fund</u>	<u>Total Governmental Funds</u>
<b>Assets</b>				
Assets:				
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 1,729,733	\$ 880,746	\$ 72,877	\$ 2,683,356
Accounts receivable rescue billing, net of allowance for uncollectible of \$199,416	323,441	-	-	323,441
Impact fee receivable	2,868	-	-	2,868
Accrued interest receivable	16,124	-	-	16,124
Investments, at current market value	3,288,309	-	-	3,288,309
Total Assets	\$ 5,360,475	\$ 880,746	\$ 72,877	\$ 6,314,098
<b>Liabilities, Deferred Inflow of Resources, and Fund Balance</b>				
Liabilities:				
Accounts payable	\$ 17,970	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 17,970
Accrued payroll	87,383	-	-	87,383
Accrued vacation and sick pay	858,156	-	-	858,156
Total Liabilities	963,509	-	-	963,509
Deferred Inflow of Resources:				
Deferred revenue - property taxes	434,399	-	-	434,399
Fund Balance:				
Non-spendable	-	-	-	-
Restricted	-	880,746	-	880,746
Committed	-	-	-	-
Assigned	-	-	72,877	72,877
Unassigned	3,962,567	-	-	3,962,567
Total Fund Balance	3,962,567	880,746	72,877	4,916,190
Total Liabilities, Deferred Inflow of Resources, and Fund Balance	\$ 5,360,475	\$ 880,746	\$ 72,877	\$ 6,314,098

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

**South Elgin and Countryside Fire Protection District  
Reconciliation of Total Governmental Fund Balance -  
Modified Accrual Basis - to Net Position of Governmental Activities  
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Total Governmental Fund Balance	\$ 4,916,190
Amounts reported in governmental activities in the statement of net position are different because:	
Capital assets used in governmental activities are not financial resources and therefore are not reported in the funds.	12,889,850
Long-term liabilities are not due and payable in the current period and therefore are not reported in the fund financial statements.	(6,992)
Bonds payable are not due and payable in the current period and therefore are not reported in the fund financial statements.	(9,612,904)
Interest payable on bonds is not recognized in the fund statements.	(190,007)
Net Pension Liability is not included on the governmental fund statements.	(8,986,663)
Deferred inflows of resources for pension are not recognized on the governmental fund statements.	(406,481)
Deferred outflows of resources for pension are not recognized on the governmental fund statements.	<u>2,023,494</u>
Net Position of Governmental Activities	<u><u>\$ 626,487</u></u>

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**South Elgin and Countryside Fire Protection District**  
**Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balance -**  
**Governmental Funds**  
**For the Fiscal Year Ended May 31, 2020**

	<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Capital Projects Bond Fund</u>	<u>Non-Major Foreign Fire Insurance Fund</u>	<u>Total Governmental Funds</u>
<b>Revenues:</b>				
Property taxes	\$ 7,457,572	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 7,457,572
Replacement tax	22,776	-	-	22,776
Impact fees	11,127	-	-	11,127
Foreign fire insurance tax	-	-	40,858	40,858
Ambulance income	738,537	-	-	738,537
Interest income	589	111,553	-	112,142
Investment earnings, net	186,767	-	-	186,767
Grant income	21,406	-	-	21,406
Sale of equipment	23,597	-	-	23,597
Miscellaneous	108,675	-	790	109,465
Total Revenues	<u>8,571,046</u>	<u>111,553</u>	<u>41,648</u>	<u>8,724,247</u>
<b>Expenditures:</b>				
Public safety:				
Personnel service	4,245,119	-	875	4,245,994
Retirement/Social Security	1,047,262	-	-	1,047,262
Insurance	1,234,701	-	-	1,234,701
Occupancy	109,224	-	-	109,224
General and administrative	455,700	-	23,136	478,836
Equipment supplies, maintenance, and fuel	933,133	-	-	933,133
Capital outlay	890,902	7,847,355	-	8,738,257
Bond expenditures	-	707,880	-	707,880
Total Expenditures	<u>8,916,041</u>	<u>8,555,235</u>	<u>24,011</u>	<u>17,495,287</u>
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues over (under) Expenditures	<u>(344,995)</u>	<u>(8,443,682)</u>	<u>17,637</u>	<u>(8,771,040)</u>
<b>Other Financing Sources/(Uses):</b>				
Transfers in	3,496	-	-	3,496
Transfers out	-	-	(3,496)	(3,496)
Total Other Financing Sources/(Uses)	<u>3,496</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(3,496)</u>	<u>-</u>
Net Change in Fund Balance	(341,499)	(8,443,682)	14,141	(8,771,040)
Fund Balance - Beginning of Year	<u>4,304,066</u>	<u>9,324,428</u>	<u>58,736</u>	<u>13,687,230</u>
Fund Balance - End of Year	<u>\$ 3,962,567</u>	<u>\$ 880,746</u>	<u>\$ 72,877</u>	<u>\$ 4,916,190</u>

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

**South Elgin and Countryside Fire Protection District  
Reconciliation of the Statement of Revenues, Expenditures,  
and Changes in Fund Balance - Modified Accrual Basis -  
of Governmental Funds to the Statement of Activities  
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Net Change in Governmental Fund Balance \$ (8,771,040)

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

Governmental funds report capital outlays as expenditures.

However, in the statement of activities, the cost of those assets  
are capitalized as land, building and equipment, the difference  
between capital outlay \$8,738,256 and the depreciation  
allocation (\$218,755). 8,519,501

Bond premium amortization income 24,210

Principal debt payments on a full accrual basis is a liability, but on the  
modified accrual basis principal debt payments are expenditures. 313,984

Accrued interest related to the bond payable is not an expense  
on the fund financial statements. (4,180)

Certain items reported in the statement of activities do not require  
use of current financial resources and are not reported as expenditures  
in the governmental funds. These items consist of:

Pension expense	(1,532,861)	
Employer contributions	954,785	(578,076)

Change in Net Position of Governmental Activities \$ (495,601)

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

**South Elgin and Countryside Fire Protection District  
Statement of Fiduciary Net Position -  
Fiduciary Funds  
May 31, 2020**

	Pension Trust Fund
<b>Assets</b>	
Current Assets:	
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 172,365
Total Current Assets	172,365
Non-Current Assets:	
Interest and dividend receivable	43,356
Prepaid expenses	464
Investments, at current market value:	
US Government and agency obligations	6,469,250
Mutual funds	9,624,584
Exchanged traded funds	476,135
Total Non-Current Assets	16,613,789
Total Assets	\$ 16,786,154
<b>Liabilities and Net Position</b>	
Current Liabilities:	
Accounts payable	\$ 11,043
Total Current Liabilities	11,043
Total Liabilities	11,043
Net Position:	
Assets held in trust for pension benefits	16,775,111
Total Liabilities and Net Position	\$ 16,786,154

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

**South Elgin and Countryside Fire Protection District**  
**Statement of Changes in Fiduciary Net Position -**  
**Fiduciary Funds**  
**For the Fiscal Year Ended May 31, 2020**

	<u>Pension Trust Fund</u>
Additions:	
Contributions:	
Employer contributions	\$ 954,785
Plan member contributions	283,408
Total Contributions	<u>1,238,193</u>
Investment Earnings:	
Interest and dividend income	449,989
Loss on securities	959,220
Total investment earnings	<u>1,409,209</u>
Less investment expense	<u>(63,002)</u>
Net Investment Earnings	<u>1,346,207</u>
Total Additions	<u>2,584,400</u>
Deductions:	
Benefits and refunds paid to plan members and beneficiaries	566,525
Administrative expenses	35,255
Total Deductions	<u>601,780</u>
Change in Net Position	1,982,620
Net Position Held In Trust for Pension Benefits:	
Beginning of Year	<u>14,792,491</u>
End of Year	<u>\$ 16,775,111</u>

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

**South Elgin and Countryside Fire Protection District**  
**Notes to Financial Statements**  
**For the Fiscal Year Ended May 31, 2020**

**Note 1 – Summary of Significant Accounting Policies**

The South Elgin and Countryside Fire Protection District (the “District”) provides public safety (fire protection) and rescue ambulance service to the residents of South Elgin, Illinois and the surrounding countryside. The financial statements of the District have been prepared in conformity with Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP) as applied to government units. The Government Accounting Standard Board (GASB) is the accepted standard-setting body for establishing governmental accounting and financial reporting principles. The significant policies of the District are described below.

**Financial Reporting Entity – Basis of Presentation**

**Primary Government:** The District is a unit of government that has a separately elected governing body, is legally separate, and is financially independent of other state and local governments. A special purpose government that meets all three criteria is a primary government. The financial statements of the District consist only of the governmental funds and related pension trust fund of the District.

**Component Unit:** A component unit is a governmental unit for which elected officials of a primary government are financially accountable. It is a unit of government formed exclusively for the benefit of the primary unit, or it has the same governing body as the primary unit. A unit is a component unit if a primary government has the ability to a) remove appointed member of the board; b) modify or approve budget or revenues; c) veto, overrule, or modify decisions of the board; or d) is legally responsible to assume financial deficits or provide financial assistance. A legally separate unit of government can still be a component unit if any of the previously mentioned conditions are met. The Foreign Fire Insurance Fund is a blended component unit within the District.

**Government-Wide and Fund Financial Statements**

The government-wide financial statements (the statements of net position and the statement of activities) report information on all of the nonfiduciary activities of the primary government.

The statement of activities demonstrates the degree to which the direct expenses of a given function or identifiable activity is offset by program revenues. Direct expenses are those that are clearly identifiable with a specific function or segment. Property tax and replacement taxes are reported as general revenue.

Separate financial statements are provided for governmental funds and fiduciary funds, although the latter are excluded from the government-wide financial statements.

**Fund Accounting**

The accounts of the District are organized into funds, each of which is considered to be a separate accounting entity. The major fund categories are:

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**Note 1 – Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)**

Governmental Fund Types

Governmental funds use the current financial resources measurement focus. Only current assets and current liabilities are generally included on their balance sheets. Their operating statements present sources and uses of available resources during a given period.

Fiduciary Fund Types

Fiduciary funds account for assets held by the District in a trustee capacity. Pension trust funds use the economic resources measurement focus in essentially the same manner as proprietary funds.

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, as are the fiduciary fund statements. Revenues are recorded when earned and expenditures 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. 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. Expenditures generally are recorded when a liability is incurred, as under accrual accounting.

Program Revenues

Amounts reported as program revenues include (1) charges for goods or services provided, (2) operating grants and contributions, and (3) capital grants and contributions. Internally dedicated resources are reported as general revenues rather than as program revenues. Likewise, general revenues include all taxes.

Assets, Liabilities, and Net Position or Fund Balance

Deposits and Investments

Cash and cash equivalents include cash on hand, demand deposits, and short-term investments with an original maturity of three months or less when acquired.

Investments are reported at fair value which is the amount at which financial instruments could be exchanged in a current transaction between willing parties. The domestic equity, international equity, and REIT portfolios, as well as the short-term investment fund, are valued based on the underlying assets in the funds. Equity securities and high-yield bonds are valued based on the last reported sales price. The remaining fixed-income bonds (those which are not high-yield) are valued either by comparing them to prices of similar investments or by computing the net present value of their cash flows discounted at a rate commensurate with the risk involved. Security transactions and any resulting gains or losses are accounted for by the specific identification method on a trade-date basis.

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**Note 1 – Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)**

Receivables and Deferred Revenue

Trade receivables are reported when revenue is earned and include amounts due from ambulance services to the public. Receivables are reported net of an allowance for uncollectible accounts. For the year ended May 31, 2020, the allowance for uncollectible accounts was \$199,416.

Property tax revenues are recognized when there is an enforceable legal claim. As of May 31, 2020 there is no a property tax receivable.

Deferred revenue represents the monies collected on the next year's property tax lien. These monies are expected to finance the expenses of the next fiscal year.

Capital Assets

Capital assets, which include land, buildings, improvements, vehicles, and equipment, are reported in the government-wide fund statements. Capital assets are defined by the District as assets with an individual cost of more than \$5,000 and a useful life in excess of 2 years. Fixed assets, to the extent the information is available, are reflected at historical cost. There is no evidence to determine the cost of assets acquired by the District in the early years of operation. Therefore, these assets are reflected at an estimated value of \$210,000.

The capital asset acquisitions for the year ended May 31, 2020 are reflected as an expenditure in the Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balance. Capital assets are depreciated using the straight-line method with useful lives of 3 to 50 years.

Compensated Absences

Vested or accumulated vacation and sick leave are reported as an expenditure and a fund liability of the governmental fund that will pay out once retirement or separation has occurred. Vested or accumulated vacation and sick leave of governmental activities are recorded as an expense and liability as the benefits accrue to employees.

Budgets and Budgetary Accounting

The District Board of Trustees appoints a committee to prepare the operating budget for the District's primary government fund and fiduciary pension funds. The proposed budget is then reviewed by the Trustees and approved. The budget is legally adopted and an ordinance drafted, submitted, and approved.

Accounting Estimates

Management used estimates and assumptions in preparing financial statements. Those estimates and assumptions affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities, the disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities, and the reported revenues and expenditures. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

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**Note 1 – Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)**

Prepaid Items/Expenses

Payments made to vendors for services that will benefit periods beyond the date of this report are recorded as prepaid items/expenses.

Fund Balance

In the fund financial statements, governmental funds report fund classifications that comprise a hierarchy based primarily on the extent to which the District is bound to honor constraints on the specific purposes for which amounts in those funds can be spent. Nonspendable fund balances include amounts that cannot be spent because they are either (a) not in spendable form or (b) legally or contractually required to be maintained intact. Amounts that are restricted to specific purposes, either by (a) constraints placed on the use of resources by creditors, grantors, contributors, or laws or regulations of other governments or (b) imposed by law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation, are classified as restricted fund balances. Amounts that can only be used for specific purposes pursuant to constraints imposed by the Board of Trustees through a resolution are classified as committed fund balances. Amounts that are constrained by the Board of Trustees' intent to be used for specific purposes through a resolution, but are neither restricted nor committed, are classified as assigned fund balances. Negative fund balance in governmental funds, after determining the fund balance classification described above, is reported as unassigned fund balance.

The District's flow of funds assumption prescribes that the funds with the highest level of constraint are expended first. If restricted or unrestricted funds are available for spending, the restricted funds are spent first. Additionally, if different levels of unrestricted funds are available for spending, the District considers committed funds to be expended first, followed by assigned, and then unassigned funds.

Implementation of GASB 88 and 90

For the year ended May 31, 2020, the District implemented the provisions of GASB No. 88, *Certain Disclosures Related to Debt, including Direct Borrowings and Direct Placements*; and GASB No. 90, *Majority Equity Interest – an amendment of GASB Statements No. 14 and No. 61*. GASB Statement No. 88 improves information that is disclosed in notes to government financial statements related to debt, including direct borrowings and direct placements. It also clarifies which liabilities governments should include when disclosing information related to debt. There has been no effect to current or prior periods with this implementation. GASB Statement No. 90 improves the consistency and comparability of reporting a governments' majority equity interest in a legally separate organization and to improve the relevance of financial statement information for certain component units. There has been no effect to current or prior periods with this implementation.

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**Note 2 – Property Taxes**

The District's property tax is levied each year on all taxable real property located in the District on or before the last Tuesday in December. The taxes attach as an enforceable lien on property on January 1. The owner of real property on January 1 in any year is liable for taxes of that year. The District has a statutory tax rate limit in various operating funds subject to change only by approval of the voters of the District. Also, the District is subject to the Property Tax Extension Limitation Act, which, in general, limits that amount of taxes to be extended to the lesser of 5% or the percentage increase in the consumer price index for the year preceding the levy. Certain bond issue levies and referendum increases are exempt from this limitation.

The District is located within Kane County. Taxes levied in one year become due and payable in the following year in two installments on June 1 and September 1. Property tax revenue received in the fiscal year ended May 31, 2020 was levied for calendar year 2018. Property taxes are received by the county treasurer who remits to the District its share of collections.

**Note 3 – Pension Plan**

**Plan Description**

The District maintains a defined-benefit, single employer pension plan for all full-time firefighters. A separate board of trustees administers the pension plan and a local bank holds assets in custody. An actuarial valuation for the plan is performed annually. All full time firefighters are covered by the Firemen's Pension Plan, which is a defined benefit, single-employer pension plan. Although it is a single-employer pension plan, the defined benefits as well as the employee and employer contribution levels are mandated by Illinois State Statutes (Chapter 108 1\2 – Pension – Article 4) and may be amended only by the Illinois legislature.

**Benefits Provided**

For Employees hired before January 1, 2011 and attaining the age of 50 or more with 20 or more years of creditable service are entitled to receive an annual retirement benefit of one-half of the salary attached to the rank held on the last day of service. The pension shall be increased by 1/12 of 2.5% of such monthly salary for each additional month of service over 20 years up to 30 years, to a maximum of 75% of such monthly salary. Surviving spouses receive 100% of final salary for fatalities resulting from an act of duty, or otherwise the greater of 54% of final salary or the monthly retirement pension that the deceased firefighter was receiving at the time of death. Surviving children receive 12% of final salary. The maximum family survivor benefit is 75% of final salary.

Employees with at least 10 years but less than 20 years of credited service may retire at or after age 60 and receive a reduced benefit ranging from 15% of final salary for 10 years of service to 45.6% for 19 years of service.

Employees disabled in the line of duty receive 65% of final salary.

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**Note 3 – Pension Plan (continued)**

For Employees hired after January 1, 2011, the annual retirement benefit is 2.5% of final average salary for each year of service up to 30 years, to a maximum of 75% of such salary, the Normal Retirement age is attainment of age 55 and completion of 10 years of service; Early Retirement age is attainment of age 50, completion of 10 years of service and the Early Retirement Factor is 6% per year; the Employee's Accrued Benefit is based on the Employee's final 8-year average salary not to exceed \$106,800 (as indexed); Cost-of-living adjustments are simple increased (not compounded) of the lesser of 3% or 50% of CPI beginning the later of the anniversary date and age 60; the surviving spouse's benefits are 66 2/3% of the Employee's benefit at the time of death.

The monthly pension of a covered employee who retired with 20 or more years of service after January 1, 1977, shall be increased annually, following the first anniversary date of retirement and be paid upon reaching the age of at least 55 years by 3% of the amount of the pension payable at the time of the increase.

Employees Covered by Benefit Terms

As of May 31, 2020, the following employees were covered by the benefit terms:

Inactive plan members or beneficiaries currently receiving benefits	7
Inactive plan members entitled to but not yet receiving benefits	4
Active members	<u>30</u>
Total	<u>41</u>

Contributions

As set by statute, the District's employees are required to contribute 9.455% of their base salary to the Firefighters' Pension Plan. If an employee leaves covered employment with less than twenty (20) years of service, accumulated employee contributions may be refunded without accumulated interest. The statute requires employers to contribute the amount necessary, in addition to member contributions, to finance the retirement coverage of its own employees. The District's contribution rate for fiscal year 2020 was 34.68%. For the fiscal year ended May 31, 2020, the District contributed \$954,785 to the plan.

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**Note 3 – Pension Plan (continued)**

Pension Expense, Deferred Outflows of Resources, and Deferred Inflows of Resources Related to Pensions

For the year ended May 31, 2020, the District recognized pension expense of \$1,532,861. At May 31, 2020, the District reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions from the following sources:

	<u>Deferred Outflows of Resources</u>	<u>Deferred Inflows of Resources</u>	<u>Net Outflows (Inflows) of Resources</u>
Differences between expected and actual experience	\$ 245,763	\$ 294,658	\$ (48,895)
Change in assumptions	1,693,764	111,823	1,581,941
Net difference between projected and actual earnings on pension plan investments	<u>83,967</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>83,967</u>
Total Deferred Amounts Related To Pensions	\$ <u>2,023,494</u>	\$ <u>406,481</u>	\$ <u>1,617,013</u>

Amounts reported as deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions will be recognized in pension expense in future periods as follows:

<u>Year Ending May 31</u>	<u>Net Deferred Outflows (Inflows) of Resources</u>
2020	\$ 212,099
2021	278,619
2022	294,883
2023	146,822
2024	212,114
Thereafter	<u>472,476</u>
Total	\$ <u>1,617,013</u>

Net Pension Liabilities

At May 31, 2020, the District reported a liability of \$8,986,663 for the net pension liability. The net pension liability was measured as of May 31, 2020, and the total pension liability used to calculate the net pension liability was determined by an actuarial valuation as of that date. The District's net pension liability was based on a projection of the District's long-term share of contributions to the pension plan relative to the projected contributions of all participating entities, actuarially determined.

**South Elgin and Countryside Fire Protection District**  
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**Note 3 – Pension Plan (continued)**

Actuarial Assumptions

The following are the methods and assumptions used to determine total pension liability at May 31, 2020:

Valuation date	June 1, 2019
Asset Valuation Method	Market Value
Investment Rate of Return	6.75% net of investment expenses
Discount used for the Total Pension Liability	6.75%
Expected rate of Return on Investments	6.75%
High Quality 20 Year Tax-Exempt G.O. Bond Rate	2.16%
Projected Individual Pay Increases	3.75% - 11.73%
Projected Total Payroll Increases	3.25%
Consumer Price Index (Urban)	3.25%
Inflation Rate	2.25%
Mortality Rates	Pub-2010 Adjusted for Plan Status, Demographics, and Illinois Public Pension Data, as Described.
Retirement Rates	100% of L&A 2020 Illinois Firefighters Retirement Rates Capped at Age 65
Termination Rates	100% of L&A 2020 Illinois Firefighters Termination Rates
Disability Rates	100% of L&A 2020 Illinois Firefighters Disability Rates
Percent Married	80%

The long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments was determined using a building-block method in which best-estimate ranges of expected future real rates of return (expected returns, net of inflation) are developed for each major asset class. These ranges are combined to produce the long-term rate of return by weighting the expected future real rates of return to the target asset allocation percentage and adding expected inflation. The target allocation and best estimates of geometric real rates for each major asset class are summarized in the following table:

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**Note 3 – Pension Plan (continued)**

<u>Asset Class</u>	<u>Portfolio Target Percentage</u>	<u>Long-Term Expected Real Rate of Return</u>
Large Cap Domestic Equity	42%	6.50%
Small Cap Domestic Equity	12%	8.30%
International Equity	6%	6.30%
Fixed Income	40%	1.50%
	<u>100%</u>	

**Discount Rate**

The discount rate used to measure the total pension liability was 6.75%. The projection of cash flows used to determine the discount rate assumed that employee contributions will be made at the current contribution rate and that contributions from employers will be made at contractually required rates, actuarially determined. Based on those assumptions, the Plan's fiduciary net position was projected to be available to make all projected future benefit payments of current active and inactive employees. Therefore, the long-term expected rate of return on Plan investments was applied to all periods of projected benefit payments to determine the total pension liability.

**Sensitivity of the District's Net Pension Liability to Changes in the Discount Rate**

The following presents the District's net pension liability calculated using the discount rate of 6.75%, as well as what the District's net pension liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is 1-percentage-point lower (5.75%) or 1-percentage-point higher (7.75%) than the current rate:

	<u>1% Lower (5.75%)</u>	<u>Current Discount (6.75%)</u>	<u>1% Higher (7.75%)</u>
Net Pension Liability	\$ 13,688,401	\$ 8,986,663	\$ 5,249,355

**Note 4 – Deposits and Investments**

**Deposits**

It is the District's policy for deposits to be fully secured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation. The District does not have pooled deposits, and non-pooled deposits are categorized to give an indication of the level of risk assumed by the District at May 31, 2020.

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**Note 4 – Deposits and Investments (continued)**

Custodial Credit Risk

Custodial credit risk is the risk that in the event of a bank failure, the District's deposits may not be returned to it. The District's investment policy requires pledging of collateral of bank balances in excess of federal deposit insurance with the collateral held by a 3<sup>rd</sup> party in the District's name. As of May 31, 2020, all of the District's deposits were fully collateralized.

Interest Rate Risk

As a means of limiting its exposure to interest rate risk, the District diversifies its investments by security type and institution, and limits holdings in any one type of investment with any one issuer. In accordance with investment policy, the District manages its exposure to declines in fair values by maintaining the maturity of its investment portfolio to approximately 5 years and will range from 2 to 7 years.

Investment Type	Fair Value	Investment Maturities (in Years)			
		Less than 1	1 - 5	5 - 10	Thereafter
U.S. Treasuries	\$ 822,616	\$ 75,078	\$ 568,830	\$ 178,708	\$ -
Agency Securities	4,566,753	100,940	1,273,644	2,976,610	215,559
Corporate Bonds	911,322	-	423,981	487,341	-
Municipal Bonds	897,603	160,771	518,354	218,478	-
Mortgage Pools	16,553	-	4,360	7,068	5,125
Exchanged Traded Funds	476,135	476,135	-	-	-
Mutual Fund	9,624,584	9,624,584	-	-	-
CDs and Banks	2,542,712	356,053	2,186,659	-	-
Total	\$ <u>19,858,278</u>	\$ <u>10,793,561</u>	\$ <u>4,975,828</u>	\$ <u>3,868,205</u>	\$ <u>220,684</u>

Credit Risk

The District limits its exposure to credit risk, the risk that the issuer of a debt security will not pay its par value upon maturity, by primarily investing in obligations guaranteed by the United States Government or securities issued by agencies of the United States Government that are explicitly or implicitly guaranteed by the United States Government.

The allocation guidelines, by asset class, for fixed income investments are as follows:

	<u>Normal Allocation</u>	<u>Range of Allocation</u>
U.S. Treasury Bills/Notes/Bonds:	30%	0-100%
U.S. Government Agency Securities (Non-MBS):	35%	0-70%
U.S. Government Agency Securities - Callable:	20%	0-30%
U.S. Government Agency Securities (MBS):	5%	0-10%
Taxable Municipal Securities:	10%	0-20%
Certificates of Deposit:	0%	0-20%
Investment Grade Corporate Bonds:	0%	0-30%

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**Note 4 – Deposits and Investments (continued)**

Normal asset allocation range for equity portfolio allocation weightings are as follows:

	<u>Normal Allocation</u>	<u>Range of Allocation</u>
U.S. Large Company Stocks	70% +/-	30%
U.S. Small Company Stocks	20% +/-	20%
International Stocks	10% +/-	10%

The Pension Fund asset allocation is rebalanced at least annually when the allocation rises above the maximum allowable as a percentage of assets as defined by Illinois State Statute.

**Investments**

The investment of pension funds is the responsibility of the Board of Trustees of the South Elgin/Countryside FPD Firefighters Fund (Pension Board). The purpose of the investment policy is to indicate a conscious, formal effort by the Pension Board to develop, implement and monitor the investment of pension funds.

The Pension Fund may invest in any type of investment instrument permitted by Illinois law, as described in Chapter 40 of the Illinois Compiled Statutes, 40 ILCS 5/1-113.2 through 113.4a. If the Pension Fund has net assets of at least \$2,500,000 but less than \$10,000,000, the Pension Fund's investment in equity investments shall not exceed 45% of the market value of the Pension Fund's net present assets stated in its most recent annual report on file with the Illinois Department of Insurance. If the Pension Fund has net assets of at least \$10,000,000, the Pension Fund's total investment in equity investments shall not exceed 55% effective July 1, 2012 of the market value of the Pension Fund's net present assets stated in its most recent annual report on file with the Illinois Department of Insurance.

Pension Fund assets may be invested in savings accounts or certificates of deposit of a national or state bank, even if fund assets on deposit in such institution will exceed federal deposit insurance or guarantee limits for invested principal and accrued interest, but only if the amount by which the fund's investment exceeds such insurance or guarantee limits is collateralized by the fund which shall be maintained and credited to the fund on the records of the custodial bank.

The financial statements reflect the adoption of Accounting Standards Codification (ASC) 820, *Fair Value Measurements and Disclosures*. ASC 820 is effective for financial statements issued for fiscal years beginning after November 15, 2007. ASC 820 established a single authoritative definition of fair value, sets a framework for measuring fair value, and requires additional disclosures about fair value measurement.

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**Note 4 – Deposits and Investments (continued)**

In accordance with ASC 820, the District classifies its investments into Level 1, which refers to securities traded in an active market; Level 2, which refers to securities not traded on an active market but for which observable market inputs are readily available or Level 1 securities where there is a contractual restriction; and Level 3, which refers to securities not traded in an active market and for which no significant observable market inputs are available. As required by ASC 820, at May 31, 2020, the District's portfolio investments were classified as follows, based on fair values:

	<u>Fair Value</u>
Level 1	\$ 19,858,278
Level 2	-
Level 3	-
Total	<u>\$ 19,858,278</u>

**Note 5 – Capital Assets**

A summary of the changes in capital assets for the year follows. Total depreciation expense for governmental activities for the year was \$218,755:

	<u>Capital Assets</u>			<u>Capital Assets</u>
	<u>June 1, 2019</u>	<u>Additions</u>	<u>Deletions</u>	<u>May 31, 2020</u>
Assets not subject to depreciation:				
Land	\$ 674,200	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 674,200
Construction in progress	1,029,845	8,658,540	(5,855,858)	3,832,527
	<u>1,704,045</u>	<u>8,658,540</u>	<u>(5,855,858)</u>	<u>4,506,727</u>
Assets subject to depreciation:				
Buildings and improvements	2,695,794	5,760,906	-	8,456,700
Vehicles and equipment	7,397,916	174,669	-	7,572,585
	<u>10,093,710</u>	<u>5,935,575</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>16,029,285</u>
Less accumulated depreciation:				
Buildings and improvements	1,395,765	60,015	-	1,455,780
Vehicles and equipment	6,031,642	158,740	-	6,190,382
	<u>7,427,407</u>	<u>218,755</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>7,646,162</u>
Total Net Capital Assets	<u>\$ 4,370,348</u>	<u>\$ 14,375,360</u>	<u>\$ (5,855,858)</u>	<u>\$ 12,889,850</u>

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**Note 6 – 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 employees; employees' health; and natural disasters for which the District carries commercial insurance to limit exposure to significant loss. There have been no significant reductions in insurance coverage. Settlement amounts, if any, have not exceeded insurance coverage for the current year or the three prior years.

**Note 7 – Long-Term Liabilities**

The compensated absences currently outstanding are as follows:

	Fund Debt Retired by	Balance June 1, 2019	Additions	Reductions	Balance May 31, 2020	Due Within One Year
Compensated absences	General	\$ 715,647	\$ 663,509	\$ (521,000)	\$ 858,156	\$ 441,253
Bonds payable, net of premium	Capital Project Bond Fund	9,937,115	-	(324,211)	9,612,904	310,000
Note Payable	General	13,984	-	(6,992)	6,992	6,992
Pension Fund	General	8,772,637	2,196,645	(1,982,619)	8,986,663	-
Total		<u>\$ 19,439,383</u>	<u>\$ 2,860,154</u>	<u>\$ (2,834,822)</u>	<u>\$ 19,464,715</u>	<u>\$ 758,245</u>

During the year ended May 31, 2018, the District financed the purchase of a new CPR machine using a long-term note. The note had a principal balance of \$27,968 to be paid back over 4 years with 0% interest. The District decided to split the loan payments equally between the General Fund and the Foreign Fire Insurance Fund. The balance of the loan at May 31, 2020 was \$6,992. Future minimum loan payments are as follows:

2021	<u>\$ 6,992</u>
Total	<u>\$ 6,992</u>

**Note 8 – Deferred Compensation Plan**

The District offers its employees a deferred compensation plan created in accordance with Internal Revenue Code Section 457. The plan, available to all District employees, permits them to defer a portion of their salary until future years. The deferred compensation is not available to employees until termination of employment, retirement, or death. The District funds all amounts of compensation deferred under the Plan, at the direction of the covered employee, through investments in mutual funds. The District has no liability for losses under the plan but has the duty of due care that would be required of an ordinary prudent investor. The cost of the deferred compensation plan for the year was \$34,822.

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**For the Fiscal Year Ended May 31, 2020**

**Note 9 – Bond Payable**

During the year, the District issued a \$9,465,000 Series 2018 Bond for the purpose of building a new fire station. The interest rate on the 2018 Bond ranges from 5.0 percent in the first 9 years ending at 4.0 percent at maturity with final payment commencing in December 2038. The bond was issued at a premium of \$484,220 to be amortized over 20 years. The amount of premium amortized during the year, \$24,211 is reported as part of interest income on the accompanying financial statements. The unamortized premium at May 31, 2020 is \$447,904. The Series 2018 bond bears interest and matures as follows:

		Principal		Interest
6/15/2020	\$	-	\$	198,150
12/15/2020		310,000		198,150
6/15/2021		-		190,400
12/15/2021		325,000		190,400
6/15/2022		-		182,275
12/15/2022		345,000		182,275
6/15/2023		-		173,650
12/15/2023		360,000		173,650
Thereafter		7,825,000		2,783,950
Total	\$	9,165,000	\$	4,272,900

**Note 10 – Subsequent Event**

The District evaluated its May 31, 2020 financial statements for subsequent events through the date the financial statements were issued. As a result of the spread of the COVID-19 coronavirus, economic uncertainties have arisen which are likely to negatively impact revenue. Other financial impact could occur, though such potential impact is unknown at this time.

In July of 2020, the District sold one of its buildings for \$350,000.

**Note 11 – Date of Management’s Review**

Subsequent events have been evaluated through the date of this report. It was concluded that beside the events mentioned in Note 10, there are no other subsequent events required to be disclosed.

**Required Supplementary Information**

**South Elgin and Countryside Fire Protection District**  
**Schedule of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balance -**  
**Budget and Actual - Modified Accrual Basis - General Fund**  
**For the Fiscal Year Ended May 31, 2020**

	<u>Original Budget</u>	<u>Final Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Positive/ (Negative)</u>
<b>Revenues:</b>				
Property taxes	\$ 7,481,450	\$ 7,481,450	\$ 7,457,572	\$ (23,878)
Replacement tax	22,000	22,000	22,776	776
Impact fee income	-	-	11,127	11,127
Ambulance income	850,000	850,000	738,537	(111,463)
Interest income	20,000	20,000	589	(19,411)
Investment earnings, net	-	-	186,767	186,767
Grant income	-	-	21,406	21,406
Sale of equipment	-	-	23,597	23,597
Miscellaneous	-	-	108,675	108,675
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<u>8,373,450</u>	<u>8,373,450</u>	<u>8,571,046</u>	<u>197,596</u>
<b>Expenditures:</b>				
<b>Public safety:</b>				
Payroll	5,306,835	5,306,835	5,292,381	14,454
Insurance	1,598,548	1,598,548	1,234,701	363,847
Capital outlay	1,832,879	1,832,879	890,902	941,977
Equipment supplies and maintenance	1,353,848	1,353,848	875,345	478,503
Fire prevention	26,043	26,043	11,247	14,796
Building maintenance and utilities	168,332	168,332	109,224	59,108
EMS expenses	48,455	48,455	23,947	24,508
Logistics	221,342	221,342	33,841	187,501
Training	41,658	41,658	11,665	29,993
General and administrative	3,529,247	3,529,247	432,788	3,096,459
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<u>14,127,187</u>	<u>14,127,187</u>	<u>8,916,041</u>	<u>5,211,146</u>
<b>Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over Expenditures</b>	<u>(5,753,737)</u>	<u>(5,753,737)</u>	(344,995)	<u>5,408,742</u>
<b>Other Financing Sources:</b>				
Transfer in	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3,496</u>	<u>3,496</u>
<b>Net Change in Fund Balance</b>	<u>\$ (5,753,737)</u>	<u>\$ (5,753,737)</u>	(341,499)	<u>\$ 5,412,238</u>
<b>Fund Balance - Beginning of Year</b>			<u>4,304,066</u>	
<b>Fund Balance - End of Year</b>			<u>\$ 3,962,567</u>	

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

**South Elgin and Countryside Fire Protection District**  
**Schedule of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balance -**  
**Budget and Actual - Modified Accrual Basis - Capital Projects Bond Fund**  
**For the Fiscal Year Ended May 31, 2020**

	<u>Original Budget</u>	<u>Final Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Positive/ (Negative)</u>
Revenues:				
Interest income	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 111,553	\$ 111,553
Total Revenues	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>111,553</u>	<u>111,553</u>
Expenditures:				
Capital outlay	9,000,538	9,000,538	7,847,355	1,153,183
Bond expenditures	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>707,880</u>	<u>(707,880)</u>
Total Expenditures	<u>9,000,538</u>	<u>9,000,538</u>	<u>8,555,235</u>	<u>445,303</u>
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over Expenditures	<u>(9,000,538)</u>	<u>(9,000,538)</u>	(8,443,682)	<u>556,856</u>
Other Financing Sources:				
Proceeds from bond issuance	-	-	-	-
Proceeds from bond premium	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Total Other Financing Sources/(Uses)	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Net Change in Fund Balance	<u>\$ (9,000,538)</u>	<u>\$ (9,000,538)</u>	(8,443,682)	<u>\$ 556,856</u>
Fund Balance - Beginning of Year			9,324,428	
Fund Balance - End of Year			<u>\$ 880,746</u>	

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**South Elgin and Countryside Fire Protection  
Multiyear Schedule of Contributions  
May 31, 2020  
Last 10 Fiscal Years  
(schedule to be built prospectively from 2015)**

	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011
Actuarially Determined Contribution	\$ 954,220	\$ 816,172	\$ 699,226	\$ 586,953	\$ 586,180	\$ 559,385				
Contributions in Relation to the Actuarially Determined Contribution	<u>954,785</u>	<u>817,525</u>	<u>700,558</u>	<u>651,428</u>	<u>620,416</u>	<u>590,367</u>				
Contribution Deficiency/(Excess)	<u>\$ (565)</u>	<u>\$ (1,353)</u>	<u>\$ (1,332)</u>	<u>\$ (64,475)</u>	<u>\$ (34,236)</u>	<u>\$ (30,982)</u>				
Covered-Employee Payroll	\$ 2,753,099	\$ 2,773,487	\$ 2,661,271	\$ 2,577,502	\$ 2,499,897	\$ 2,427,473				
Contributions as a Percentage of Covered-Employee Payroll	34.68%	29.48%	26.32%	25.27%	24.82%	24.32%				

**Note to Schedule of Contributions**

In the fiscal year ended May 31, 2016, there was a transition plan between the District and Pension Board. The Proposed transition contribution for the fiscal year ended May 31, 2020 was \$954,220. The actuarially Determined Contribution shown for the current year is from the June 1, 2018 Actuarial Report completed by Lauterbach & Amen, LLP for the tax levy recommendation for the December 2018 tax levy. The methods and assumptions shown below are based on the same Actuarial Valuation. For more detail on the age-based and service-based rates disclosed below, please see the Actuarial Valuation.

Actuarial Cost Method	Entry Age Normal
Amortization Method	Level % Pay (Closed)
Amortization Target	100% Funded Over 18 Years
Asset Valuation Method	5-Year Smoothed Market Value
Inflation (CPI-U)	2.50%
Total Payroll Increases	3.25%
Individual Pay Increases	4.00% - 11.98%
Expected Rate of Return on Investments	6.75%
Mortality Rates	RP-2014 Adjusted for Plan Status, Collar, and Illinois Public Pension Data, as Appropriate
Retirement Rates	100% of L&A 2016 Illinois Firefighters Retirement Rates Capped at age 65
Termination Rates	100% of L&A 2016 Illinois Firefighters Termination Rates
Disability Rates	100% of L&A 2016 Illinois Firefighters Disability Rates

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

**South Elgin and Countryside Fire Protection  
Multiyear Schedule of Changes in Net Pension Liability  
and Related Ratios  
May 31, 2020**

Last 10 Fiscal Years  
(schedule to be built prospectively from 2015)

Fiscal year ending May 31,	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011
<b>Total Pension Liability</b>										
Service cost	\$ 769,211	\$ 778,687	\$ 723,364	\$ 677,624	\$ 604,306	\$ 593,391	-	-	-	-
Interest	1,571,526	1,438,100	1,328,828	1,250,122	1,001,848	1,010,528	-	-	-	-
Changes of Benefit Terms	125,162	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Difference Between Expected and Actual Experience	20,109	277,508	(35,318)	(277,196)	(159,177)	(360,194)	-	-	-	-
Changes in Assumptions	277,162	-	-	(174,387)	2,522,101	394,917	-	-	-	-
Benefit Payments and Refunds	<u>(566,525)</u>	<u>(468,711)</u>	<u>(327,325)</u>	<u>(292,983)</u>	<u>(288,921)</u>	<u>(251,389)</u>	-	-	-	-
Net Change in Total Pension Liability	2,196,645	2,025,584	1,689,549	1,183,180	3,680,157	1,387,253	-	-	-	-
Total Pension Liability - Beginning	<u>23,565,129</u>	<u>21,539,545</u>	<u>19,849,996</u>	<u>18,666,816</u>	<u>14,986,659</u>	<u>13,599,406</u>	-	-	-	-
Total Pension Liability - Ending (a)	<u>\$ 25,761,774</u>	<u>\$ 23,565,129</u>	<u>\$ 21,539,545</u>	<u>\$ 19,849,996</u>	<u>\$ 18,666,816</u>	<u>\$ 14,986,659</u>	-	-	-	-
<b>Plan Fiduciary Net Position</b>										
Contributions - Employer	\$ 954,785	\$ 817,525	\$ 700,558	\$ 651,428	\$ 620,416	\$ 590,366	-	-	-	-
Contributions - Members	283,182	256,651	261,538	241,311	234,175	232,642	-	-	-	-
Contributions - Other	-	-	-	-	7,098	-	-	-	-	-
Net Investment Income	1,346,432	224,473	943,696	1,082,542	92,528	556,993	-	-	-	-
Benefit Payments and Refunds	(566,525)	(468,711)	(327,325)	(292,983)	(288,921)	(251,389)	-	-	-	-
Administrative Expense	<u>(35,255)</u>	<u>(56,207)</u>	<u>(35,919)</u>	<u>(32,798)</u>	<u>(31,993)</u>	<u>(50,700)</u>	-	-	-	-
Net Change in Plan Fiduciary Net Position	1,982,619	773,731	1,542,548	1,649,500	633,303	1,077,912	-	-	-	-
Plan Fiduciary Net Position - Beginning	<u>14,792,492</u>	<u>14,018,761</u>	<u>12,476,213</u>	<u>10,826,713</u>	<u>10,193,410</u>	<u>\$ 9,115,498</u>	-	-	-	-
Plan Fiduciary Net Position - Ending (b)	<u>\$ 16,775,111</u>	<u>\$ 14,792,492</u>	<u>\$ 14,018,761</u>	<u>\$ 12,476,213</u>	<u>\$ 10,826,713</u>	<u>\$ 10,193,410</u>	-	-	-	-
Net Pension Liability/(Asset) - Ending (a) - (b)	<u>8,986,663</u>	<u>8,772,637</u>	<u>7,520,784</u>	<u>7,373,783</u>	<u>7,840,103</u>	<u>4,793,249</u>	-	-	-	-
<b>Plan Fiduciary Net Position as a Percentage</b>										
of Total Pension Liability	65.12%	62.77%	65.08%	62.85%	58.00%	68.02%	-	-	-	-
Covered Valuation Payroll	\$ 2,753,099	\$ 2,773,487	\$ 2,661,271	\$ 2,577,502	\$ 2,499,897	\$ 2,427,473	-	-	-	-
Net Pension Liability as a Percentage										
of Covered Valuation Payroll	326.42%	316.30%	282.60%	286.08%	313.62%	197.46%	-	-	-	-

The current year information was developed in the completion of this report.

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

**South Elgin and Countryside Fire Protection District**  
**Note to Required Supplementary Information**  
**For the Fiscal Year Ended May 31, 2020**

**Note 1 – Summary of Significant Accounting Policies**

Budgets

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

1. The Board of Trustees appoints a committee to prepare the operating budget for the District's primary government fund and pension funds.
2. The proposed budget is then reviewed by the Trustees and approved. The budget is legally adopted and an ordinance drafted, submitted and approved.

Budget figures are based on the modified accrual basis of accounting. Appropriated reserves are not included on the budgetary comparison schedule.