

ANNUAL AUDIT REPORT FOR THE YEAR 2023

MUNICIPAL COURT OF Township of Ocean COUNTY OF Ocean
MUNICIPAL COURT STATUS: SINGLE X JOINT SHARED

COURT ADDRESS: 50 Railroad Avenue
Waretown, NJ 08758

PHONE: (609) 693-3332

JUDGE: Phillip M. Miller

COURT DIRECTOR:

COURT ADMINISTRATOR: Steven Millette

AUDITOR'S INFORMATION RMA #: 581 DATE: June 25, 2024

NAME: Jerry W. Conaty

SIGNATURE: _____

ADDRESS: 1985 Cedar Bridge Ave., Suite 3, Lakewood, NJ 08701

JUDICIARYS CONTACT INFORMATION

MUNICIPAL DIVISION MANAGER: Joseph Sclama

ADDRESS: 213 Washington Street, Suite/Room 303

CITY, STATE, ZIP: Toms River, NJ, 08753

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RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS FOR YEAR 2023

	Balance December 31, 2022	Receipts Allocated To	Disbursements Allocated To	Transfers	Balance December 31, 2023
<u>State of New Jersey:</u>	5,352.07	71,630.96	73,226.76	-	3,756.27
<u>Bail Account:</u>	4,802.00	6,005.00	8,457.00	-	2,350.00
<u>County:</u>	1,681.50	23,180.00	23,511.00		1,350.50
<u>Municipality:</u>					
Costs	4,173.29	57,322.65	58,038.63	-	3,457.31
Local Parking	-	-	-	-	-
Public Defender	250.00	3,145.00	3,195.00	-	200.00
Local Park Commission	-	-	-	-	-
Forests & Parks	-	-	-	-	-
SPCA	-	-	-	-	-
Filing Fees	-	-	-	-	-
<u>Other:</u>					
Fish & Game	-	900.00	200.00	-	700.00
Restitution	100.00	804.46	754.46	-	150.00
Weights & Measures	-	3,246.00	3,246.00	-	-
Interest - Due To Current	-	355.42	355.42		-
Totals	\$ 16,358.86	166,589.49	170,984.27	-	11,964.08

Was the ending balance disbursed by the 15th of the next month: YES NO
 If not, explain _____

GENERAL MUNICIPAL COURT INFORMATION

1. LIST ALL STAFF MEMBERS WHO ARE BONDED AMOUNT OF BOND
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|---------------------|---------------------------------|----------------------------|
| Judge | <u>Phillip M. Miller</u> | <u>1,000,000.00</u> |
| Court Administrator | <u>Steven Millette</u> | <u>1,000,000.00</u> |
| Deputy Court Adm. | <u>Alexa Eppolito</u> | <u>1,000,000.00</u> |
2. ARE STAFF INDIVIDUALLY BONDED OR UNDER A JIF BOND IND JIF
- If bonded individually are amounts in conformance with NJAC 5:30-8.4? YES NO
- Minimum _____ Recommended _____
3. Is the court administrator certified pursuant to statute? YES NO
 Is the court administrator's certification in good standing? YES NO
- If not, provide current status? _____
4. When does the Judge's term expire? **December 31st, 2027**
5. If a joint court, has the Judge received a Governor's appt? YES NO

BUDGETARY INFORMATION

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| 1. Amount paid or charged in 2023 for salary of Judge in S & W | <u>\$36,538.32</u> | |
| 2. Amount paid for all other staff salaries in S & W | <u>\$95,326.24</u> | |
| 3. Amount charged for Other Expenses | <u>\$8,820.80</u> | |
| 4. Was the budget submitted and approved by Assignment Judge? | | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO |
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OFFICE CONTROL

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| 1. Is an approved statewide Violations Bureau Schedule prominently posted? | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO |
| 2. Does the court have an approved Local Violations Bureau Schedule? | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO |
| 2. a. If so, is it properly posted? | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO |
| 3. Are uniform traffic tickets serially numbered, properly controlled and accounted for? | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO |
| 4. Does the court void tickets or complaints in accordance with Directive 02-08?
If not, provide details _____ | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO |
| 5. Are complaints eligible for destruction disposed of in a timely and proper manner? | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO |
| 6. Is the auditor's approval received for all financial records approved for destruction?
If not, provide details _____ | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO |
| 7. Are manual receipts serially numbered, properly controlled and accounted for?
If not, provide details _____ | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO |
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DAILY FINANCIAL PROCEDURES

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| 1. Are separate lockable, cash boxes used by each employee that receipts money? | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO |
| 2. Who is responsible for completing the Daily Bank Deposit? | <u>Court Administrator</u> |
| 3. Are the un-validated and validated bank deposit slips attached to the daily journal? | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO |
| 4. Who is responsible for transporting the Daily Deposit to the bank? | <u>Armed Officer</u> |
| 5. What security procedures are followed when transporting the money to the bank? | <u>Armed Officer</u> |
| 6. Are deposits made within 48 hours pursuant to statute?
If not, provide details with dates _____ | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO |
| 7. Do the deposit slips match the totals provided by the Daily Journals?
If not, provide details with dates _____ | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO |
| 8. Do the deposit slips match the individual cash/check amounts provided
by the Daily Journals?
If not, provide details with dates _____ | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO |

9. Are overages /shortages or help desk calls documented with the daily journals? YES NO
If not, provide details with dates _____
10. As of what date or dates was cash counted, reconciliation made and bank balance confirmed?
Reconciled and Confirmed by Bank 12/31/2023, Surprise Count: 2/08/2024
11. Change fund amount \$400.00
Does this amount conform with municipal records? YES NO
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MONTHLY FINANCIAL PROCEDURES

1. Are separate general and bail accounts maintained? YES NO
2. Is the court utilizing the monthly cashbook? YES NO
3. Who is responsible for the financial procedures?
 DIRECTOR MCA DCA OTHER _____
4. Does the monthly disbursements checks equal account totals on Part V of
the Monthly Cashbook? YES NO
5. Are monthly disbursements made before the 15th of each month? YES NO
If not, provide details _____
6. Does the general account accrue interest? YES NO Bail Account? YES NO
Is the interest disbursed each month? YES NO
7. Are the overpayment checks written on a monthly basis? YES NO
8. Are restitution checks promptly written? YES NO
9. Are the outstanding public defender fees turned over to the municipality
for collection on cases that have been adjudicated? YES NO
10. Are the reconciliations completed within 10 days of receipt of the bank statements? YES NO
If not, provide details _____
11. Are fiscal records kept secured in the court office? YES NO
If not, provide details _____
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BAIL PROCEDURES

1. Is bail collected by the police properly and promptly turned over to the court
If not, provide details _____ YES NO
2. Are bail refunds done in a timely manner? YES NO
3. Are refund checks made out to the surety? YES NO
4. Are bail forfeitures done in a timely manner? YES NO
5. Are judgments filed timely and in accordance with procedures? YES NO

6. Are the cash balances on the Monthly Bail on Account Report equal to the account balance in the bail account?

YES NO

FUNDS

1. Does the town have the following dedicated funds?

Public Defender (N.J.S.A. 2B:24-17(b))

YES NO

POAA (N.J.S.A. 39:4-139-9)

YES NO

DWI (N.J.S.A.26:2B-35(b) (3))

YES NO

2. Does the DWI and POAA funds balance for the town match the court's record?

YES NO

If not, provide details _____

3. Does the town's balance and expenditures of the DWI and/or POAA funds match the approved DWI/POAA expenditure requests utilized by the court?

YES NO

If no, POAA town balance \$_____ Court Balance \$ _____

If no, DWI Fund town balance \$_____ Court Balance \$ _____

4. Does the court follow approval process for use of DWI/POAA funds?

YES NO

If not, provide details _____

5. Did the Judge, Municipal Court Director or Administrator provide all authorizations for approved use of DWI/POAA funds?

YES NO

If not, provide details _____

COMMENTS

None.

RECOMMENDATIONS

None.