

**TOWNSHIP OF OCEAN  
COUNTY OF OCEAN, NEW JERSEY**

**AUDIT REPORT FOR THE  
YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023**



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COUNTY OF OCEAN, NEW JERSEY  
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**TOWNSHIP OF OCEAN  
COUNTY OF OCEAN**

**PART I**

**INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORTS  
AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023**

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## INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

Honorable Mayor and Members  
of the Township Committee  
County of Ocean  
Waretown, New Jersey

### **Report on the Audit of the Financial Statements**

#### *Opinions*

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the various funds and account group of the Township of Ocean, which comprise the statements of assets, liabilities, reserves and fund balance – regulatory basis as of December 31, 2023 and 2022, and the related statements of operations and changes in fund balance – regulatory basis for the years then ended and the statements of revenues – regulatory basis and statement of expenditures – regulatory basis for the year ended December 31, 2023, and the related notes to the financial statements.

#### *Unmodified Opinion on Regulatory Basis of Accounting*

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the assets, liabilities, reserves and fund balance – regulatory basis of the Township of Ocean, as of December 31, 2023 and 2022, and the results of its operations and changes in fund balance – regulatory basis for the years then ended and the statements of revenues – regulatory basis, statements of expenditures – regulatory basis for the year ended December 31, 2023, in accordance with the financial reporting provisions of the Division of Local Government Services, Department of Community Affairs, State of New Jersey as described in Note 1.

#### *Adverse Opinion on U.S. Generally Accepted Accounting Principles*

In our opinion, because of the significance of the matter discussed in the Basis for Adverse Opinion on U.S. Generally Accepted Accounting Principles section of our report, the financial statements referred to above do not present fairly, in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, the financial position of the Township of Ocean, as of December 31, 2023 and 2022, or the results of its operations and changes in fund balance for the years then ended.

#### *Basis for Opinions*

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States; and in compliance with audit requirements prescribed by the Division of Local Government Services, Department of Community Affairs, State of New Jersey. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are required to be independent of the Township of Ocean and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audit. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinions.

### ***Basis for Adverse Opinion on U.S. Generally Accepted Accounting Principles***

As described in Note 1, the financial statements are prepared by the Township of Ocean, on the basis of the financial reporting provisions of the Division of Local Government Services, Department of Community Affairs, State of New Jersey, which is a basis of accounting other than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, to meet the requirements of the Division of Local Government Services, Department of Community Affairs, State of New Jersey. The effects on the financial statements of the variances between the regulatory basis of accounting described in Note 1 and accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, although not reasonably determinable, are presumed to be material and pervasive.

### ***Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements***

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with the financial reporting provisions of the Division of Local Government Services, Department of Community Affairs, State of New Jersey. Management is also responsible for 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 Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements***

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

In performing an audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards, *Government Auditing Standards*, and audit requirements prescribed by the Division of Local Government Services, Department of Community Affairs, State of New Jersey, we:

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

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

### ***Supplementary Information***

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the Township of Ocean's basic financial statements. The accompanying supplemental schedules presented for the various funds and letter of comments and recommendations section are presented for purposes of additional analysis as required by the Division of Local Government Services, Department of Community Affairs, State of New Jersey and are not a required part of the basic financial statements. 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 basic financial statements. The information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements or to the basic financial statements themselves, 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 statements of each of the respective individual funds and account group taken as a whole.

### ***Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards***

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated June 25, 2024, on our consideration of the Township of Ocean's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the Township of Ocean's internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the Township of Ocean's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

Respectfully submitted,

**HOLMAN FRENIA ALLISON, P.C.**

Jerry W. Conaty  
Certified Public Accountant  
Registered Municipal Accountant  
RMA No. 581

Lakewood, New Jersey  
June 25, 2024

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

Honorable Mayor and Members  
of the Township Committee  
County of Ocean  
Waretown, New Jersey

We have audited, in accordance with the auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States and audit requirements as prescribed by the Division of Local Government Services, Department of Community Affairs, State of New Jersey, the financial statements - regulatory basis of the Township of Ocean, as of and for the year ended December 31, 2023, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Township of Ocean's basic financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated June 25, 2024. Our report indicated that the Township of Ocean's financial statements were not prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America but rather prepared in accordance with the regulatory basis of accounting prescribed by the Division of Local Government Services, Department of Community Affairs, State of New Jersey.

**Report on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting**

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered the Township of Ocean's internal control over financial reporting (internal control) as a basis for designing audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing our opinions on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Township of Ocean's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the Township of Ocean's internal control.

A *deficiency in internal control* exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and correct, misstatements on a timely basis. A *material weakness* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control, such that there is a reasonable possibility that a material misstatement of the entity's financial statements will not be prevented, or detected and corrected on a timely basis. A *significant deficiency* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control that is less severe than a material weakness, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance.

Our consideration of internal control was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies. Given these limitations, during our audit we did not identify any deficiencies in internal control that we consider to be material weaknesses. However, material weaknesses or significant deficiencies may exist that have not been identified.

## **Report on Compliance and Other Matters**

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the Township of Ocean's financial statements are free from material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the determination of financial statement amounts. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit, and accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance or other matters that are required to be reported under Government Auditing Standards and audit requirements as prescribed by the Division of Local Government Services, Department of Community Affairs, State of New Jersey.

### **Purpose of this Report**

The purpose of this report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the Township of Ocean's internal control or on compliance. This report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* and audit requirements as prescribed by the Division of Local Government Services, Department of Community Affairs, State of New Jersey in considering the Township of Ocean's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose.

Respectfully Submitted,

**HOLMAN FRENIA ALLISON, P.C.**

Jerry W. Conaty  
Certified Public Accountant  
Registered Municipal Accountant  
RMA No. 581

Lakewood, New Jersey  
June 25, 2024

**BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

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**TOWNSHIP OF OCEAN - COUNTY OF OCEAN**

**CURRENT FUND**

Exhibit A

**STATEMENTS OF ASSETS, LIABILITIES,**

Sheet 1 of 2

**RESERVES AND FUND BALANCE - REGULATORY BASIS**

**DECEMBER 31, 2023 AND 2022**

<b><u>Assets</u></b>	<b><u>Ref.</u></b>	<b><u>2023</u></b>	<b><u>2022</u></b>
Cash	A-4	\$ 6,293,066.31	\$ 4,026,106.34
Cash - Change Fund	A-4	975.00	875.00
		<u>6,294,041.31</u>	<u>4,026,981.34</u>
COVID Refund Receivable		4,870.15	4,870.15
		<u>6,298,911.46</u>	<u>4,031,851.49</u>
Receivables and Other Assets with Full Reserves:			
Delinquent Property Taxes Receivable	A-5	1,452,475.60	1,427,608.71
Tax Title Liens Receivable	A-6	536,297.22	492,296.07
Prepaid School Tax Levy	A-11	-	1,042,267.10
Property Acquired for Taxes		2,155,800.00	2,155,800.00
Revenue Accounts Receivable	A-7	3,657.31	4,173.29
Interfunds:			
Animal Control Trust	A-13	503.17	233.67
Water-Sewer Utility Operating Fund	A-13	-	128,602.02
Trust Other	A-13	102,050.64	44,516.61
		<u>4,250,783.94</u>	<u>5,295,497.47</u>
Deferred Charges:			
Special Emergency Authorizations (40A:4-55)	A-18	200,000.00	-
		<u>200,000.00</u>	<u>-</u>
		<u>10,749,695.40</u>	<u>9,327,348.96</u>
<b><u>Grant Fund</u></b>			
Interfund - Current Fund	A-14	368,475.77	442,583.84
Grants Receivable	A-15	108,717.85	422,612.79
		<u>477,193.62</u>	<u>865,196.63</u>
		<u>\$ 11,226,889.02</u>	<u>\$ 10,192,545.59</u>

The accompanying Notes to Financial Statements are an integral part of this statement.

**TOWNSHIP OF OCEAN - COUNTY OF OCEAN**

**CURRENT FUND**

Exhibit A

**STATEMENTS OF ASSETS, LIABILITIES,**

Sheet 2 of 2

**RESERVES AND FUND BALANCE - REGULATORY BASIS**

**DECEMBER 31, 2023 AND 2022**

<b><u>Liabilities, Reserves and Fund Balance</u></b>	<b><u>Ref.</u></b>	<b><u>2023</u></b>	<b><u>2022</u></b>
Appropriation Reserves	A-3,8	\$ 539,610.80	\$ 337,533.28
Reserve for Encumbrances	A-3,8	146,299.83	233,105.12
Accounts Payable	A-12	2,437.50	41,541.50
Tax Overpayments	A-4,5	48,767.53	50,443.32
Prepaid Taxes	A-4,5	322,827.92	435,561.07
Due State of New Jersey:			
Senior and Veteran Deductions (P.L. 1971, Ch. 20)	A-4	6,521.99	7,077.47
Other Fees		5,792.00	7,385.00
County Taxes Payable	A-9	54,021.31	47,560.37
Local School Taxes Payable	A-11	1,058,471.90	-
Various Reserves:			
Superstorm Sandy	A-12	-	133,376.67
Revaluation	A-12	139,969.62	12,019.00
Pinelands Stabilization	A-12	24,522.00	24,522.00
Fire Code Violations	A-12	250.00	250.00
Southern Ocean Landfill	A-12	-	84,297.49
Municipal Relief Fund	A-12	62,219.81	31,116.38
O.C. CARES	A-12	-	39,526.62
Interfunds:			
Open Space Trust Fund	A-13	406,201.23	653,424.27
Other Trust Fund	A-13	58,536.45	180,644.51
Grant Fund	A-14	368,475.77	442,583.84
General Capital Fund	A-13	1,072,443.57	341,440.58
		<u>4,317,369.23</u>	<u>3,103,408.49</u>
Reserve for Receivables and Other Assets		4,250,783.94	5,295,497.47
Fund Balance	A-1	2,181,542.23	928,443.00
		<u>10,749,695.40</u>	<u>9,327,348.96</u>
<b><u>Grant Fund</u></b>			
Appropriated Reserves	A-16	273,890.47	463,973.90
Unappropriated Reserves	A-17	44,678.47	49,188.16
Reserve for Encumbrances	A-16	158,624.68	352,034.57
		<u>477,193.62</u>	<u>865,196.63</u>
		<u>\$ 11,226,889.02</u>	<u>\$ 10,192,545.59</u>

There were deferred school taxes on December 31, 2023 and 2022 of \$5,967,567.00 and \$5,967,567.00, respectively (Exhibit A-11).

The accompanying Notes to Financial Statements are an integral part of this statement.

**TOWNSHIP OF OCEAN - COUNTY OF OCEAN**

**CURRENT FUND**

**Exhibit A-1**

**STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS AND**

**CHANGE IN FUND BALANCE - REGULATORY BASIS**

**FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023 AND 2022**

	<b><u>Ref.</u></b>	<b><u>2023</u></b>	<b><u>2022</u></b>
<b><u>Revenue and Other Income Realized</u></b>			
Fund Balance Utilized	A-2	\$ 1,600,000.00	\$ 1,200,000.00
Miscellaneous Revenue Anticipated	A-2	3,467,015.19	3,446,700.33
Receipts from Delinquent Taxes	A-2	520,764.63	692,765.07
Receipts from Current Taxes	A-2	31,053,426.14	28,734,539.00
Non-Budget Revenues	A-2	410,566.57	205,026.70
Other Credits to Income:			
Unexpended Balance of Appropriation Reserves	A-8	272,511.16	288,617.99
Prepaid Local District School Tax Levy Liquidated		1,042,267.10	-
Grant Fund Cancellations		-	4,503.02
Interfunds Returned		94,613.23	-
Total Income		<u>38,461,164.02</u>	<u>34,572,152.11</u>
<b><u>Expenditures</u></b>			
Budget Appropriations within Caps:			
Operations:			
Salaries and Wages		4,919,000.00	4,828,250.00
Other Expenses		5,276,950.00	4,686,300.00
Deferred Charges and Statutory Expenditures		1,576,961.00	1,412,869.00
Budget Appropriations excluded from Caps:			
Operations:			
Salaries and Wages		185,000.00	175,000.00
Other Expenses		972,581.63	1,065,004.94
Capital Improvements		25,000.00	200,000.00
Municipal Debt Service		1,349,407.87	1,193,695.11
Deferred Charges		50,000.00	-
	A-3	<u>14,354,900.50</u>	<u>13,561,119.05</u>
Grant Fund Cancellations		308,156.84	-
Interfund Advance		-	228,434.70
County Taxes	A-9	6,740,342.22	6,150,076.10
Local Open Space Tax	A-10	406,201.23	401,937.96
Local District School Taxes	A-11	14,048,464.00	12,741,407.00
Advance on Local District School Tax Levy		-	1,042,267.10
Total Expenditures		<u>35,858,064.79</u>	<u>34,125,241.91</u>

The accompanying Notes to Financial Statements are an integral part of this statement.

**TOWNSHIP OF OCEAN - COUNTY OF OCEAN**

**CURRENT FUND**

Exhibit A-1

**STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS AND**

Sheet 2 of 2

**CHANGE IN FUND BALANCE - REGULATORY BASIS**

**FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023 AND 2022**

	<u>Ref.</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
Excess/(Deficit) in Revenue		2,603,099.23	446,910.20
Adjustments to Income Before Fund Balance:			
Expenditures Included Above Which are by Statute Deferred Charges to Budget of Succeeding Year	A-3	<u>250,000.00</u>	<u>-</u>
Statutory Excess to Fund Balance		2,853,099.23	-
Fund Balance January 1	A	928,443.00	1,681,532.80
Decreased by:			
Fund Balance Anticipated	A-1	<u>1,600,000.00</u>	<u>1,200,000.00</u>
Fund Balance December 31	A	<u>\$ 2,181,542.23</u>	<u>\$ 928,443.00</u>

The accompanying Notes to Financial Statements are an integral part of this statement.

**TOWNSHIP OF OCEAN - COUNTY OF OCEAN**

**CURRENT FUND**

**Exhibit A-2**

**STATEMENT OF REVENUES - REGULATORY BASIS**

**Sheet 1 of 3**

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023**

	<b>Anticipated Budget</b>	<b>Special N.J.S. 40A:4-87</b>	<b>Realized</b>	<b>Excess or (Deficit)</b>
	\$ 1,600,000.00	\$ -	\$ 1,600,000.00	\$ -
Fund Balance Anticipated				
<b><u>Miscellaneous Revenues</u></b>				
Fees and Permits	90,000.00	-	76,216.33	(13,783.67)
Fines and Costs				
Municipal Court	50,000.00	-	58,038.63	8,038.63
Interest and Costs on Taxes	85,000.00	-	87,221.80	2,221.80
Cellular Tower Fees	80,000.00	-	264,356.20	184,356.20
State Aid:				
Energy Receipts Tax	600,635.00	-	600,635.32	0.32
Garden State Preservation Trust Fund	10,289.00	-	12,670.00	2,381.00
Municipal Relief Fund	31,116.38	-	31,116.38	-
Uniform Construction Code Fees	200,000.00	-	238,826.60	38,826.60
Special Items of Revenue:				
Federal and State Revenues Off-Set with Appropriations:				
Clean Communities	-	26,948.13	26,948.13	-
Municipal Alliance	13,338.86	-	13,338.86	-
Bulletproof Vest Program	-	4,670.00	4,670.00	-
Emergency Mgmt Agency Assistance Grant	10,000.00	-	10,000.00	-
Recycling Tonnage Grant	17,808.26	-	17,808.26	-
Drunk Driving Enforcement Fund	-	13,479.86	13,479.86	-
State Body Armor Replacement	1,681.78	-	1,681.78	-

The accompanying Notes to Financial Statements are an integral part of this statement.

TOWNSHIP OF OCEAN - COUNTY OF OCEAN

CURRENT FUND

STATEMENT OF REVENUES - REGULATORY BASIS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023

Exhibit A-2

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	<u>Anticipated Budget</u>	<u>Special N.J.S. 40A:4-87</u>	<u>Realized</u>	<u>Excess or (Deficit)</u>
Special Items of Revenue (Continued):				
Federal and State Revenues Off-Set with Appropriations:				
NJDOT Municipal Aid	418,500.00	-	418,500.00	-
Alcohol Educ. and Rehabilitation Fund	-	1,427.74	1,427.74	-
American Rescue Plan - Firefighter	-	31,000.00	31,000.00	-
Stormwater Assistance	-	25,000.00	25,000.00	-
Title III Older Americans Act	107,845.00	-	107,845.00	-
ARP - Title III Older Americans Act	-	47,882.00	47,882.00	-
Other Special Items:				
Township of Barnegat - Recreation	50,000.00	-	69,077.78	19,077.78
Township of Barnegat - Construction Office	50,000.00	-	15,402.88	(34,597.12)
Township of Toms River - Municipal Clerk	9,500.00	-	60,000.00	50,500.00
Reserve for FEMA Proceeds	133,376.67	-	133,376.67	-
Reserve for Southern Ocean Landfill	84,297.49	-	84,297.49	-
Payment in Lieu of Taxes	200,000.00	-	376,670.86	176,670.86
Anticipated Utility Operating Surplus	600,000.00	-	600,000.00	-
Cares Act - Ocean County	39,526.62	-	39,526.62	-
Total Miscellaneous Revenues	<u>2,882,915.06</u>	<u>150,407.73</u>	<u>3,467,015.19</u>	<u>433,692.40</u>
Receipts from Delinquent Taxes	650,000.00	-	520,764.63	(129,235.37)
Subtotal General Revenues	<u>5,132,915.06</u>	<u>150,407.73</u>	<u>5,587,779.82</u>	<u>304,457.03</u>
Amount to be Raised by Taxes for Support of Municipal Budget	10,300,949.46	-	11,330,110.31	1,029,160.85
Total General Revenues	<u>15,433,864.52</u>	<u>150,407.73</u>	<u>16,917,890.13</u>	<u>1,333,617.88</u>
Non-Budget Revenues	-	-	410,566.57	410,566.57
	<u>\$ 15,433,864.52</u>	<u>\$ 150,407.73</u>	<u>\$ 17,328,456.70</u>	<u>\$ 1,744,184.45</u>

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**FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023**

**Analysis of Realized Revenues**

Allocation of Current Tax Collections:

Revenue from Collections	\$ 31,053,426.14
Allocated to:	
School, County Taxes and Municipal Open Space	<u>21,195,007.45</u>
Balance for Support of Municipal Budget	
Appropriations	9,858,418.69
Add: Appropriation "Reserve for Uncollected Taxes"	<u>1,471,691.62</u>

Amount for Support of Municipal Budget  
Appropriations

\$ 11,330,110.31

Receipts from Delinquent Taxes:

Delinquent Tax Collections	\$ <u>520,764.63</u>
	\$ <u><u>520,764.63</u></u>

**Analysis of Non-Budget Revenue**

Miscellaneous Revenue not Anticipated:

Reimbursements	\$ 34,819.91
Municipal Right of Way Fee	42,086.05
Auction Proceeds	34,326.70
Police	16,232.24
Outside Employment Admin Fees	1,500.00
Clerk's Office	36,980.17
Interest on Deposits	182,084.86
Tax Collector	42,600.00
Miscellaneous Other	<u>19,936.64</u>
	\$ <u><u>410,566.57</u></u>

Cash

\$ 370,818.40

Interfunds

39,748.17

\$ 410,566.57

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**TOWNSHIP OF OCEAN - COUNTY OF OCEAN**

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**STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURES - REGULATORY BASIS**

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023**

	Appropriated		Expended		Unexpended Balance Cancelled
	Budget	Budget After Modification	Paid or Charged	Reserved	
<b><u>OPERATIONS WITHIN CAPS</u></b>					
<b><u>General Government Functions</u></b>					
General Administration					
Salaries and Wages	\$ 40,000.00	\$ 40,000.00	\$ 39,999.96	\$ 0.04	-
Other Expenses	93,000.00	101,000.00	99,857.69	1,142.31	-
Mayor and Committee					
Salaries and Wages	20,000.00	20,000.00	19,606.20	393.80	-
Other Expenses	1,200.00	1,200.00	710.90	489.10	-
Municipal Clerk's Office					
Salaries and Wages	205,000.00	195,000.00	177,285.53	17,714.47	-
Other Expenses	42,300.00	47,300.00	47,174.07	125.93	-
Financial Administration					
Salaries and Wages	145,000.00	115,000.00	109,577.14	5,422.86	-
Other Expenses	61,000.00	61,000.00	53,791.64	7,208.36	-
Audit Services	25,000.00	25,000.00	20,000.00	5,000.00	-
Collection of Taxes					
Salaries and Wages	58,000.00	73,000.00	71,791.35	1,208.65	-
Other Expenses	22,500.00	23,000.00	22,842.25	157.75	-
Assessment of Taxes					
Salaries and Wages	65,000.00	80,000.00	78,610.41	1,389.59	-
Other Expenses	7,500.00	257,500.00	5,495.91	252,004.09	-
Legal Services and Costs					
Other Expenses	125,000.00	127,000.00	126,027.09	972.91	-
Engineering Services					
Other Expenses	50,000.00	62,500.00	56,374.24	6,125.76	-
Historical Society	5,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00	-	-

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**STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURES - REGULATORY BASIS**

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023**

	<u>Appropriated</u>		<u>Expended</u>		<u>Unexpended Balance Cancelled</u>
	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Budget After Modification</u>	<u>Paid or Charged</u>	<u>Reserved</u>	
<b><u>Land Use Administration</u></b>					
Planning Board					
Salaries and Wages	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 1,485.00	\$ 515.00	\$ -
Other Expenses	5,000.00	5,000.00	4,618.55	381.45	-
Zoning Board					
Salaries and Wages	21,000.00	21,000.00	20,232.26	767.74	-
Other Expenses	5,750.00	5,750.00	3,869.28	1,880.72	-
Board of Adjustment					
Salaries and Wages	22,000.00	22,000.00	21,717.29	282.71	-
Other Expenses	500.00	500.00	-	500.00	-
<b><u>Code Enforcement and Administration</u></b>					
Other Code Enforcement Functions					
Salaries and Wages	35,000.00	35,000.00	34,932.07	67.93	-
Other Expenses	500.00	500.00	-	500.00	-
Municipal Housing Liaison					
Salaries and Wages	6,500.00	6,500.00	-	6,500.00	-
Other Expenses	500.00	500.00	-	500.00	-
Construction Official					
Salaries and Wages	131,000.00	136,000.00	134,964.42	1,035.58	-
Other Expenses	41,000.00	51,000.00	50,928.90	71.10	-
<b><u>Insurance</u></b>					
Unemployment Insurance	40,000.00	35,000.00	32,928.62	2,071.38	-
General Liability Insurance	117,650.00	117,650.00	117,650.00	-	-
Workers Compensation Insurance	140,000.00	130,000.00	129,375.00	625.00	-
Employee Group Health Insurance	1,770,000.00	1,740,000.00	1,702,200.49	37,799.51	-
Health Benefits Waiver	150,000.00	150,000.00	149,072.78	927.22	-

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**FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023**

	Appropriated		Expended		Unexpended Balance Cancelled
	Budget	Budget After Modification	Paid or Charged	Reserved	
<b><u>Public Safety Functions</u></b>					
Police Department					
Salaries and Wages	\$ 2,970,000.00	\$ 2,904,500.00	\$ 2,890,153.98	\$ 14,346.02	\$ -
Other Expenses	262,300.00	262,300.00	258,663.45	3,636.55	-
Police Dispatch					
Salaries and Wages	275,000.00	298,000.00	297,035.48	964.52	-
Other Expenses	500.00	500.00	486.32	13.68	-
Office of Emergency Management					
Other Expenses	3,000.00	3,000.00	2,800.00	200.00	-
Aid to Volunteer Fire Companies	60,000.00	60,000.00	54,687.77	5,312.23	-
First Aid Contribution	25,000.00	25,000.00	24,990.16	9.84	-
Municipal Prosecutor					
Other Expenses	18,000.00	18,000.00	18,000.00	-	-
<b><u>Public Works Functions</u></b>					
Streets and Roads Maintenance					
Salaries and Wages	402,000.00	463,000.00	462,076.45	923.55	-
Other Expenses	48,500.00	48,500.00	41,556.86	6,943.14	-
County Schedule "C" Program	15,000.00	15,000.00	3,138.67	11,861.33	-
Solid Waste Collection					
Other Expenses	610,000.00	610,000.00	607,245.12	2,754.88	-
Buildings and Grounds					
Salaries and Wages	285,000.00	269,000.00	268,539.74	460.26	-
Other Expenses	95,000.00	95,000.00	94,292.05	707.95	-
Vehicle Maintenance					
Salaries and Wages	66,000.00	66,000.00	63,799.50	2,200.50	-
Other Expenses	71,000.00	74,500.00	73,722.97	777.03	-

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**FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023**

	Appropriated		Expended		Unexpended Balance Cancelled
	Budget	Budget After Modification	Paid or Charged	Reserved	
<b><u>Health and Human Services</u></b>					
Public Health Services					
Salaries and Wages	\$ 4,800.00	\$ 4,800.00	\$ -	\$ 4,800.00	-
Other Expenses	500.00	500.00	72.76	427.24	-
Environmental Health Services					
Salaries and Wages	1,200.00	1,200.00	-	1,200.00	-
Other Expenses	500.00	500.00	431.20	68.80	-
Animal Control Services					
Other Expenses	19,500.00	19,500.00	19,500.00	-	-
Vital Statistics					
Salaries and Wages	4,000.00	4,000.00	-	4,000.00	-
Other Expenses	4,000.00	4,000.00	362.50	3,637.50	-
<b><u>Park and Recreation Functions</u></b>					
Recreation					
Salaries and Wages	20,000.00	15,000.00	5,903.32	9,096.68	-
Other Expenses	3,000.00	3,000.00	2,837.96	162.04	-
Beach and Boardwalk Operations					
Other Expenses	100.00	100.00	87.01	12.99	-
Park Maintenance					
Other Expenses	14,050.00	14,050.00	14,018.67	31.33	-
Celebration of Public Events					
Other Expenses	3,000.00	3,000.00	1,704.97	1,295.03	-
Municipal Court					
Salaries and Wages	134,000.00	134,000.00	131,864.56	2,135.44	-
Other Expenses	9,000.00	9,000.00	8,820.80	179.20	-
Public Defender					
Other Expenses	15,000.00	15,000.00	13,600.00	1,400.00	-

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	Appropriated		Expended		Unexpended Balance Cancelled
	Budget	Budget After Modification	Paid or Charged	Reserved	
<b>Unclassified</b>					
Utilities:					
Electricity	\$ 36,000.00	\$ 47,000.00	\$ 46,582.42	\$ 417.58	\$ -
Street Lighting	95,000.00	92,000.00	90,522.27	1,477.73	-
Telephone	72,000.00	62,000.00	57,544.42	4,455.58	-
Gas (Natural and Propane)	14,000.00	14,000.00	9,704.14	4,295.86	-
Gas and Oil	130,000.00	110,000.00	94,728.74	15,271.26	-
Telecommunications Costs	34,000.00	34,000.00	32,666.96	1,333.04	-
Landfill Disposal Costs	300,000.00	300,000.00	298,853.37	1,146.63	-
Accumulated Leave Compensations	100.00	100.00	-	100.00	-
New Jersey Municipal Services Act					
N.J.S.A 40:67-23.2	405,000.00	405,000.00	358,341.34	46,658.66	-
Total Operations within Caps	<u>9,978,950.00</u>	<u>10,195,950.00</u>	<u>9,687,454.97</u>	<u>508,495.03</u>	<u>-</u>
Total Operations within Caps including Contingent	<u>9,978,950.00</u>	<u>10,195,950.00</u>	<u>9,687,454.97</u>	<u>508,495.03</u>	<u>-</u>
Detail:					
Salaries and Wages	4,781,500.00	4,919,000.00	4,843,683.02	75,316.98	-
Other Expenses	5,197,450.00	5,276,950.00	4,843,771.95	433,178.05	-
<b>Statutory Expenditures</b>					
Contribution to:					
Public Employee Retirement System	300,000.00	300,000.00	300,000.00	-	-
Social Security System	365,000.00	395,000.00	388,767.88	6,232.12	-
Police and Firemen's Retirement System of NJ	880,961.00	880,961.00	880,961.00	-	-
Defined Contribution Benefit Plan (DCRP)	1,000.00	1,000.00	944.79	55.21	-
Total Statutory Expenditures within Caps	<u>1,546,961.00</u>	<u>1,576,961.00</u>	<u>1,570,673.67</u>	<u>6,287.33</u>	<u>-</u>
Total Appropriations within Caps	<u>11,525,911.00</u>	<u>11,772,911.00</u>	<u>11,258,128.64</u>	<u>514,782.36</u>	<u>-</u>

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**FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023**

	Appropriated		Expended		Unexpended Balance Cancelled
	Budget	Budget After Modification	Paid or Charged	Reserved	
<b><u>OPERATIONS EXCLUDED FROM CAPS</u></b>					
Recycling Tax	\$ 12,000.00	\$ 12,000.00	\$ -	\$ 12,000.00	\$ -
Interlocal Agreements	189,500.00	192,500.00	182,062.28	10,437.72	-
Police Dispatchers					
Salaries and Wages	185,000.00	185,000.00	185,000.00	-	-
Other Expenses	5,500.00	5,500.00	5,356.56	143.44	-
LOSAP	43,000.00	43,000.00	40,752.72	2,247.28	-
<b><u>Public and Private Programs Offset by Revenues</u></b>					
Clean Communities	26,948.13	26,948.13	26,948.13	-	-
NJ DEP STORMWATER ASSISTANCE GRAN	25,000.00	25,000.00	25,000.00	-	-
Drunk Driving Enforcement Fund	13,479.86	13,479.86	13,479.86	-	-
Emergency Management Agency Assistance	10,000.00	10,000.00	10,000.00	-	-
NJ DOT Municipal Aid	418,500.00	418,500.00	418,500.00	-	-
Municipal Alliance	13,338.86	13,338.86	13,338.86	-	-
Alcohol Education and Rehabilitation Fund	1,427.74	1,427.74	1,427.74	-	-
Bullet Proof Vest Program	4,670.00	4,670.00	4,670.00	-	-
Recycling Tonnage Grant	17,808.26	17,808.26	17,808.26	-	-
Body Armor Replacement Fund	1,681.78	1,681.78	1,681.78	-	-
ARP FIREFIGHTER GRANT	31,000.00	31,000.00	31,000.00	-	-
Senior Citizen ARP Grant	47,882.00	47,882.00	47,882.00	-	-
Senior Citizen Grant	107,845.00	107,845.00	107,845.00	-	-
Total Operations excluded from Caps	<u>1,154,581.63</u>	<u>1,157,581.63</u>	<u>1,132,753.19</u>	<u>24,828.44</u>	<u>-</u>
Detail:					
Salaries and Wages	185,000.00	185,000.00	185,000.00	-	-
Other Expenses	969,581.63	972,581.63	947,753.19	24,828.44	-

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**STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURES - REGULATORY BASIS**

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023**

	<u>Appropriated</u>		<u>Expended</u>		<u>Unexpended</u>
	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Budget After Modification</u>	<u>Paid or Charged</u>	<u>Reserved</u>	<u>Balance Cancelled</u>
<b><u>CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS EXCLUDED</u></b>					
<b><u>FROM CAPS</u></b>					
Capital Improvement Fund	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 25,000.00	\$ -	\$ -
Total Capital Improvements excluded from Caps	<u>25,000.00</u>	<u>25,000.00</u>	<u>25,000.00</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
<b><u>MUNICIPAL DEBT SERVICE EXCLUDED</u></b>					
<b><u>FROM CAPS</u></b>					
Payment of Bond Principal	934,763.00	934,763.00	931,687.50	-	3,075.50
Payment of Bond Anticipation Note and Capital T	75,000.00	75,000.00	74,500.00	-	500.00
Interest on Bonds	227,325.00	227,325.00	227,143.71	-	181.29
Interest on Notes	120,000.00	120,000.00	116,076.66	-	3,923.34
Total Municipal Debt Service excluded from Caps	<u>1,357,088.00</u>	<u>1,357,088.00</u>	<u>1,349,407.87</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>7,680.13</u>
<b><u>DEFERRED CHARGES EXCLUDED FROM CAPS</u></b>					
Special Emergency Authorizations - 5 Years (N.J.S. 40A:4-55)	50,000.00	50,000.00	50,000.00	-	-
Total Deferred Charges excluded from Caps	<u>50,000.00</u>	<u>50,000.00</u>	<u>50,000.00</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Total General Appropriations excluded from Caps	<u>2,586,669.63</u>	<u>2,589,669.63</u>	<u>2,557,161.06</u>	<u>24,828.44</u>	<u>7,680.13</u>
Subtotal General Appropriations	14,112,580.63	14,362,580.63	13,815,289.70	539,610.80	7,680.13
Reserve for Uncollected Taxes	1,471,691.62	1,471,691.62	1,471,691.62	-	-
Total General Appropriations	\$ <u>15,584,272.25</u>	\$ <u>15,834,272.25</u>	\$ <u>15,286,981.32</u>	\$ <u>539,610.80</u>	\$ <u>7,680.13</u>

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**FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023**

	<b><u>Ref.</u></b>	<b><u>Budget After Modification</u></b>
Budget	A-2	\$ 15,433,864.52
Special Emergency Appropriations	A	250,000.00
Appropriation by 40A:4-87	A-2	<u>150,407.73</u>
	A-3	<u>\$ 15,834,272.25</u>
	<b><u>Ref.</u></b>	<b><u>Paid or Charged</u></b>
Reserve for:		
Encumbrances	A	\$ 146,299.83
Uncollected Taxes	A-2	1,471,691.62
Revaluation	A-12	250,000.00
Disbursements	A-4	12,588,813.86
Deferred Charges - Special Emergency	A	50,000.00
Interfunds - Other		60,594.38
Interfund - Grant Fund	A-15	<u>719,581.63</u>
	A-3	<u>\$ 15,286,981.32</u>

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**TOWNSHIP OF OCEAN - COUNTY OF OCEAN**

**TRUST FUNDS**

**Exhibit B**

**STATEMENTS OF ASSETS, LIABILITIES,  
RESERVES AND FUND BALANCE - REGULATORY BASIS**

**DECEMBER 31, 2023 AND 2022**

	<b><u>Ref.</u></b>	<b><u>2023</u></b>	<b><u>2022</u></b>
<b><u>Assets</u></b>			
<b><u>Animal Control Trust Fund</u></b>			
Cash	B-1	\$ 10,611.95	\$ 5,001.75
Change Fund		50.00	50.00
		<u>10,661.95</u>	<u>5,051.75</u>
<b><u>Open Space</u></b>			
Cash	B-1	203,093.14	193,495.08
Interfund:			
Current Fund	B-4	406,201.23	653,424.27
		<u>609,294.37</u>	<u>846,919.35</u>
<b><u>Other Trust</u></b>			
Cash	B-1	2,410,148.35	2,660,401.85
Interfund - Current Fund	B-6	-	136,347.23
		<u>2,410,148.35</u>	<u>2,796,749.08</u>
<b><u>Length of Service Awards Program Fund (LOSAP)</u></b>			
Funds Held by Trustee	B-8	817,515.28	688,523.82
		<u>\$ 3,847,619.95</u>	<u>\$ 4,337,244.00</u>
<b><u>Liabilities and Reserves</u></b>			
<b><u>Animal Control Trust Fund</u></b>			
Interfund - Current Fund	B-1	\$ 503.17	\$ 233.67
Due State of New Jersey	B-2	1.20	-
Reserve for Animal Control Fund Expenditures	B-3	10,157.58	4,818.08
		<u>10,661.95</u>	<u>5,051.75</u>
<b><u>Open Space</u></b>			
Interfund:			
General Capital Fund	B-4	10,000.00	10,000.00
Utility Capital Fund	B-4	-	25,000.00
Reserve for Open Space	B-5	599,294.37	811,919.35
		<u>609,294.37</u>	<u>846,919.35</u>
<b><u>Other Trust</u></b>			
Miscellaneous Reserves	B-7	2,365,486.03	2,795,600.95
Interfund:			
Current Fund	B-6	43,514.19	-
Utility Operating Fund	B	1,148.13	1,148.13
		<u>2,410,148.35</u>	<u>2,796,749.08</u>
<b><u>Length of Service Awards Program Fund (LOSAP)</u></b>			
Reserve for Length of Service Awards Program (LOSAP)	B-7	817,515.28	688,523.82
		<u>\$ 3,847,619.95</u>	<u>\$ 4,337,244.00</u>

The accompanying Notes to Financial Statements are an integral part of this statement



**TOWNSHIP OF OCEAN - COUNTY OF OCEAN**

**GENERAL CAPITAL FUND**

**Exhibit C**

**STATEMENTS OF ASSETS, LIABILITIES,**

**RESERVES AND FUND BALANCE - REGULATORY BASIS**

**DECEMBER 31, 2023 AND 2022**

<b><u>Assets</u></b>	<b><u>Ref.</u></b>	<b><u>2023</u></b>	<b><u>2022</u></b>
Cash	C-2	\$ 676,521.66	\$ 1,376,326.46
Deferred Charges to Future Taxation:			
Funded	C-4	5,677,588.17	6,631,661.44
Unfunded	C-5	5,475,990.73	4,063,990.73
Grants Receivable	C-3	156,595.00	318,000.00
Interfunds:			
Current Fund	C-10	1,072,443.57	341,440.58
Water-Sewer Utility Operating Fund	C-10	203,552.02	74,266.08
Water-Sewer Utility Capital Fund	C-10	251.04	-
Open Space Trust	C-10	10,000.00	10,000.00
		<u>\$ 13,272,942.19</u>	<u>\$ 12,815,685.29</u>
 <b><u>Liabilities, Reserves and Fund Balance</u></b>			
Capital Improvement Fund	C-3	\$ 63,577.55	\$ 52,077.55
Improvement Authorizations:			
Funded	C-6	232,461.32	339,950.44
Unfunded	C-6	710,427.04	1,367,754.72
Serial Bonds	C-7	5,561,462.50	6,491,225.00
Green Trust Loan Payable	C-8	116,125.67	140,436.44
Bond Anticipation Notes	C-9	4,516,000.00	3,104,000.00
Interfunds:			
Water-Sewer Utility Capital Fund	C-10	-	322,142.70
Reserve for:			
Reserve for Encumbrances	C-6	1,016,489.89	397,991.01
Developer Contribution	C-3	63,497.00	63,497.00
Debt Service	C-3	637,846.54	57,941.54
Preliminary Expenses	C-3	24,686.70	24,686.70
Grants Receivable		156,595.00	318,000.00
Fund Balance	C-1	<u>173,772.98</u>	<u>135,982.19</u>
		<u>\$ 13,272,942.19</u>	<u>\$ 12,815,685.29</u>

There were bonds and notes authorized but not issued on December 31, 2023 of \$1,394,214.30. (Exhibit C-11).

The accompanying Notes to Financial statements are an integral part of this statement.

**TOWNSHIP OF OCEAN - COUNTY OF OCEAN**

**GENERAL CAPITAL FUND**

**STATEMENT OF FUND BALANCE - REGULATORY BASIS**

**Exhibit C-1**

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023**

	<b><u>Ref.</u></b>	
Balance December 31, 2022	C	\$ 135,982.19
Increased by:		
Premium on Bond Sale		<u>37,790.79</u>
Balance December 31, 2023	C	<u>\$ 173,772.98</u>

The accompanying Notes to Financial statements are an integral part of this statement.

**TOWNSHIP OF OCEAN - COUNTY OF OCEAN**

**WATER-SEWER UTILITY FUND**

**Exhibit D**

**STATEMENTS OF ASSETS, LIABILITIES,**

**Sheet 1 of 2**

**RESERVES AND FUND BALANCE - REGULATORY BASIS**

**DECEMBER 31, 2023 AND 2022**

	<b><u>Ref.</u></b>	<b><u>2023</u></b>	<b><u>2022</u></b>
<b><u>Assets</u></b>			
Operating Fund:			
Cash	D-5	\$ 2,404,006.89	\$ 1,527,280.66
Cash - Change Fund		600.00	600.00
Interfunds:			
Water-Sewer Utility Capital Fund	D-10	3,184.32	319,326.72
Trust Fund	D-10	1,148.13	1,148.13
		<u>2,408,939.34</u>	<u>1,848,355.51</u>
Receivables with Full Reserves:			
Consumer Accounts Receivable	D-7	1,256,685.94	1,233,988.24
Consumer Liens	D-13	699.88	-
		<u>1,257,385.82</u>	<u>1,233,988.24</u>
Total Operating Fund		<u>3,666,325.16</u>	<u>3,082,343.75</u>
Capital Fund:			
Cash	D-5	975,833.62	1,618,302.25
Fixed Capital	D-8	35,886,476.91	35,886,476.91
Fixed Capital Authorized and Uncompleted		17,054,004.59	17,054,004.59
Loans Receivable	D-9	180,353.00	180,353.00
Interfund:			
General Capital Fund	D-14	-	322,142.70
Open Space Trust	D-14	-	25,000.00
Total Capital Fund		<u>54,096,668.12</u>	<u>55,086,279.45</u>
		<u>\$ 57,762,993.28</u>	<u>\$ 58,168,623.20</u>
<b><u>Liabilities, Reserves and Fund Balance</u></b>			
Operating Fund:			
Appropriation Reserves	D-4,11	\$ 153,573.81	\$ 135,926.18
Accounts Payable		10,012.25	137,636.78
Reserve for:			
Encumbrances	D-4,11	42,514.50	135,241.85
Utility Overpayments		21,008.21	19,389.28
Interfunds:			
Current Fund	D-10	-	128,602.02
General Capital Fund	D-10	203,552.02	74,266.08
Accrued Interest on Bonds, Loans and Notes	D-12	94,383.96	89,181.38
		<u>525,044.75</u>	<u>720,243.57</u>
Reserve for Receivables	D	1,257,385.82	1,233,988.24
Operating Fund Balance	D-1	1,883,894.59	1,128,111.94
Total Operating Fund		<u>3,666,325.16</u>	<u>3,082,343.75</u>

The accompanying Notes to Financial Statements are an integral part of this statement.

**WATER-SEWER UTILITY FUND**

**STATEMENTS OF ASSETS, LIABILITIES,**

**Exhibit D**

**RESERVES AND FUND BALANCE - REGULATORY BASIS**

**Sheet 2 of 2**

**DECEMBER 31, 2023 AND 2022**

<b><u>Liabilities, Reserves and Fund Balance (Continued)</u></b>	<b><u>Ref.</u></b>	<b><u>2023</u></b>	<b><u>2022</u></b>
Capital Fund:			
Interfunds:			
Water-Sewer Utility Operating Fund	D-14	\$ 3,184.32	\$ 319,326.72
General Capital Fund	D-14	251.04	-
Improvement Authorizations:			
Funded	D-15	70,780.12	366,610.85
Unfunded	D-15	1,169,901.09	1,134,901.09
Reserve for Encumbrances	D-15	342,102.70	326,958.47
Reserve for Amortization	D-16	33,635,071.12	32,749,063.27
Reserve for Deferred Amortization	D-17	4,803,030.53	4,803,030.53
Serial Bonds	D-18	2,253,537.50	2,398,775.00
Bond Anticipation Notes	D-20	2,625,000.00	2,655,000.00
NJ Environmental Infrastructure Trust Loan	D-19	7,794,678.40	8,505,448.75
Capital Improvement Fund	D-6	621,350.03	621,350.03
Reserve for Payment of Notes	D-6	61,913.13	39,946.60
Reserve for Preliminary Expenditures	D-6	95,809.44	95,809.44
Fund Balance	D-2	620,058.70	1,070,058.70
Total Capital Fund		<u>54,096,668.12</u>	<u>55,086,279.45</u>
		<u>\$ 57,762,993.28</u>	<u>\$ 58,168,623.20</u>

There were bonds and notes authorized but not issued on December 31, 2023 of \$1,829,163.75.  
(Exhibit D-21).

The accompanying Notes to Financial Statements are an integral part of this statement.

**TOWNSHIP OF OCEAN - COUNTY OF OCEAN**

**WATER-SEWER UTILITY OPERATING FUND**

**Exhibit D-1**

**STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS AND**

**CHANGE IN FUND BALANCE - REGULATORY BASIS**

**FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023 AND 2022**

	<u>Ref.</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
<b><u>Revenue and Other Income Realized</u></b>			
Fund Balance Utilized	D-3	\$ 650,000.00	\$ 650,000.00
Water-Sewer Rents	D-3	4,067,479.24	3,814,821.04
Miscellaneous Revenue Anticipated	D-3	1,583,646.61	699,583.24
Miscellaneous Revenue Not Anticipated		39,270.80	70,611.12
Other Credits to Income:			
Unexpended Balance of Appropriation Reserves		107,309.11	192,983.41
Cancellation of Accounts Payable		1,565.82	-
Total Income		<u>6,449,271.58</u>	<u>5,427,998.81</u>
<b><u>Expenditures</u></b>			
Operating	D-4	3,008,060.00	2,932,500.00
Capital Improvements	D-4	50,000.00	450,000.00
Debt Service	D-4	1,228,446.93	1,099,670.95
Deferred Charges and Statutory Expenditures	D-4	156,982.00	135,000.00
Surplus General Budget		600,000.00	200,000.00
Total Expenditures		<u>5,043,488.93</u>	<u>4,817,170.95</u>
Excess in Revenue		1,405,782.65	610,827.86
Fund Balance January 1	D	<u>1,128,111.94</u>	<u>1,167,284.08</u>
		<u>2,533,894.59</u>	<u>1,778,111.94</u>
Decreased by:			
Utilization by Utility Operating Budget	D-1	<u>650,000.00</u>	<u>650,000.00</u>
Fund Balance December 31	D	<u>\$ 1,883,894.59</u>	<u>\$ 1,128,111.94</u>

**STATEMENT OF WATER-SEWER UTILITY CAPITAL FUND BALANCE**

**REGULATORY BASIS**

**Exhibit D-2**

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023**

	<u>Ref.</u>	
Balance December 31, 2022	D	\$ 1,070,058.70
Decreased by:		
Utilized as 2023 Operating Fund Revenue	D-3	<u>450,000.00</u>
Balance December 31, 2023	D	<u>\$ 620,058.70</u>

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**TOWNSHIP OF OCEAN - COUNTY OF OCEAN**

**WATER-SEWER UTILITY OPERATING FUND**

**Exhibit D-3**

**STATEMENT OF REVENUES - REGULATORY BASIS**

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023**

	<u>Ref.</u>	<u>Anticipated Budget</u>	<u>Realized</u>	<u>Excess or (Deficit)</u>
Fund Balance Anticipated		\$ 650,000.00	\$ 650,000.00	\$ -
Other Anticipated Revenues:				
Rents	D-5	\$ 3,693,492.00	\$ 4,067,479.24	\$ 373,987.24
Miscellaneous		250,000.00	1,133,646.61	883,646.61
Utility Capital Fund Balance	D-10	450,000.00	450,000.00	-
Miscellaneous		-	39,270.80	39,270.80
		<u>4,393,492.00</u>	<u>5,690,396.65</u>	<u>1,296,904.65</u>
		<u>\$ 5,043,492.00</u>	<u>\$ 6,340,396.65</u>	<u>\$ 1,296,904.65</u>

**Analysis of Other Anticipated Revenues**

Deposits	D-5	\$ 1,110,574.60
Interfunds	D-10	<u>473,072.01</u>
	D-1	<u>\$ 1,583,646.61</u>

**Analysis of Miscellaneous Revenues**

Interfunds	D-10	<u>\$ 39,270.80</u>
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The accompanying Notes to Financial Statements are an integral part of this statement.

**TOWNSHIP OF OCEAN - COUNTY OF OCEAN**  
**WATER-SEWER OPERATING UTILITY FUND**  
**STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURES - REGULATORY BASIS**

Exhibit D-4

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023**

	<u>Appropriated</u>	<u>Budget After</u>	<u>Expended</u>	<u>Unexpended</u>
	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Modification</u>	<u>Paid or</u> <u>Charged</u>	<u>Balance</u> <u>Cancelled</u>
			<u>Reserved</u>	
Operating:				
Salaries and Wages	\$ 680,000.00	\$ 678,160.00	\$ 614,810.76	\$ 63,349.24
Other Expenses	1,180,000.00	1,239,900.00	1,218,664.82	21,235.18
Ocean County Utilities Authority	1,150,000.00	1,090,000.00	1,044,469.24	45,530.76
Capital Improvements				
Capital Outlay	50,000.00	50,000.00	35,741.85	14,258.15
Debt Service:				
Payment of Bond Principal	146,000.00	143,313.00	143,312.50	0.50
Payment of Bond Anticipation and Capital Notes	30,000.00	30,000.00	30,000.00	-
Interest on Bonds	117,510.00	116,690.00	116,689.07	0.93
Interest on Notes	100,000.00	110,096.00	110,095.66	0.34
NJEIT Principal	711,000.00	711,064.00	711,063.35	0.65
NJEIT Interest	122,000.00	117,287.00	117,286.35	0.65
Statutory Expenditures:				
Contribution to:				
Public Employees' Retirement System	100,982.00	100,982.00	100,982.00	-
Social Security System	50,000.00	50,000.00	43,481.41	6,518.59
Unemployment Compensation Insurance	6,000.00	6,000.00	3,318.11	2,681.89
Surplus (General Budget)	600,000.00	600,000.00	600,000.00	-
	<u>\$ 5,043,492.00</u>	<u>\$ 5,043,492.00</u>	<u>\$ 4,889,915.12</u>	<u>\$ 153,573.81</u>
		D-1,3	D	D-1

**Ref.**

Reserve for Encumbrances	\$ 42,514.50	
Disbursements	3,775,033.34	
Interfunds	728,296.20	
Accrued Interest Adjustment	344,071.08	
	<u>\$ 4,889,915.12</u>	

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**TOWNSHIP OF OCEAN - COUNTY OF OCEAN**

**EXHIBIT E**

**GENERAL FIXED ASSETS ACCOUNT GROUP**

**STATEMENTS OF FIXED ASSETS**

**AND FUND BALANCE - REGULATORY BASIS**

**DECEMBER 31, 2023 AND 2022**

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
<b><u>Assets</u></b>		
Land and Land Improvements	\$ 10,602,674.00	\$ 10,602,674.00
Buildings and Improvements	1,357,105.30	1,357,105.30
Furniture, Fixtures and Equipment	<u>8,348,737.21</u>	<u>7,716,864.52</u>
	<u>\$ 20,308,516.51</u>	<u>\$ 19,676,643.82</u>
 <b><u>Liabilities</u></b>		
Investment in General Fixed Assets	<u>\$ 20,308,516.51</u>	<u>\$ 19,676,643.82</u>

The accompanying Notes to Financial Statements are an integral part of this statement.



**TOWNSHIP OF OCEAN  
COUNTY OF OCEAN, NEW JERSEY**

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023**

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**TOWNSHIP OF OCEAN - COUNTY OF OCEAN**  
**NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023**

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

**A. Reporting Entity**

The financial statements of the Township of Ocean, County of Ocean, New Jersey (the “Township”), include every board, body, office or commission supported and maintained wholly or in part by funds appropriated by the Township as required by N.J.S. 40A:5-5. The financial statements of the Township do not include the operations of the Board of Education, first aid organization or volunteer fire companies which are subject to separate audits.

GASB Statement 14, as amended by GASB Statements 39, 61, 80, 90 and 97, establishes criteria to be used in determining the component units, which should be included in the financial statements of a primary government. The financial statements of the Township are not presented in accordance with GAAP (as discussed below). Therefore, the Township had no component units as defined by GASB Statement No. 14, as amended by GASB Statements 39, 61, 80, 90 and 97.

**B. Descriptions of Funds**

The GASB is the recognized standard-setting body for establishing governmental generally accepted accounting and financial reporting principles.

The accounting policies of the Township conform to the accounting principles applicable to municipalities which have been prescribed by the Division. Such principles and practices are designed primarily for determining compliance with legal provisions and budgetary restrictions and as a means of reporting on the stewardship of public officials with respect to public funds. Under this method of accounting, the Township accounts for its financial transactions through the following separate funds which differs from the fund structure required by generally accepted accounting principles (“GAAP”):

**Current Fund** - revenues and expenditures for governmental operations of a general nature, including federal and state grant funds.

**Animal Control Trust Fund** - animal control license revenues and expenditures.

**Other Trust Fund** - sundry deposits held for satisfactory completion of specific work; receipts and disbursements for dedicated purposes.

**General Capital Fund** - resources, including Federal and State Grants in aid of construction, and expenditures for the acquisition of general capital facilities, other than those acquired through the Current Fund, including the status of bonds and notes authorized for said purposes.

**TOWNSHIP OF OCEAN - COUNTY OF OCEAN**  
**NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023**

**NOTE 1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)**

**B. Description of Funds (Continued)**

**Water-Sewer Utility Operating Fund** - revenues and expenditures necessary to operate a municipally-owned water supply and sewer collection systems from user fees.

**Water-Sewer Utility Capital Fund** - resources, including Federal and State Grants in aid of construction, and expenditures for the acquisition of water and sewer capital facilities, other than those acquired through the Water-Sewer Utility Operating Fund, including the status of bonds and notes authorized for said purposes.

**General Fixed Assets Account Group** - used to account for fixed assets used in general government operations.

**C. Basis of Accounting**

The accounting principles and practices prescribed for municipalities by the Division of Local Government Services differ in certain respects from GAAP applicable to local government units. A modified accrual basis of accounting is followed by the Township. Modifications from the accrual basis follow:

**Cash and Cash Equivalents** - Cash and cash equivalents include petty cash, change funds, and cash on deposit with public depositories. All certificates of deposit are recorded as cash regardless of the date of maturity. Investments are stated at cost. Consequently, unrealized gain or loss on investments has not been recorded in accordance with Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement No. 31.

New Jersey municipal units are required by N.J.S.A. 40A:5-14 to deposit public funds in a bank or trust company having its place of business in the State of New Jersey and organized under the laws of the United States or of the State of New Jersey or in the New Jersey Cash Management Fund. *N.J.S.A. 40A:5-15.1* provides a list of investments which may be purchased by New Jersey municipal units. In addition, other State statutes permit investments in obligations issued by local authorities and other state agencies.

*N.J.S.A. 17:9-41* et seq. establishes the requirements for the security of deposits of governmental units. The statute requires that no governmental unit shall deposit public funds in a public depository unless such funds are secured in accordance with the Governmental Unit Deposit Protection Act ("GUDPA"), a multiple financial institutional collateral pool, which was enacted in 1970 to protect governmental units from a loss of funds on deposit with a failed banking institution in New Jersey. Public depositories include State or federally chartered banks, savings banks or associations located in or having a branch office in the State of New Jersey, the deposits of which are federally insured. All public depositories must pledge collateral, having a market value at least equal to five percent of the average daily balance of collected public funds, to secure the deposits of governmental units. If a public depository fails, the collateral it has pledged, plus the collateral of all other public depositories, is available to pay the amount of their deposits to the governmental units.

The cash management plan adopted by the Township requires it to deposit funds in public depositories protected from loss under the provisions of the Act.

**TOWNSHIP OF OCEAN - COUNTY OF OCEAN**  
**NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023**

**NOTE 1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)**

**C. Basis of Accounting (Continued)**

**Property Acquired for Taxes** - Foreclosed property is recorded in the current fund at the assessed valuation when such property was acquired and is fully reserved. Ordinarily it is the intention of the Township to resell foreclosed property in order to recover all or a portion of the delinquent taxes or assessments and to return the property to a taxpaying basis. For this reason the value of foreclosed property has not been included in the general fixed assets account group. If such property is converted to a municipal use, it will be recorded in the general fixed assets account group.

**Deferred Charges** - The recognition of certain expenditures is deferred to future periods. These expenditures, or deferred charges, are generally over-expenditures of legally adopted budget appropriations or emergency appropriations made in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:4-46 et seq. Deferred charges are subsequently raised as items of appropriation in budgets of succeeding years.

**Deferred Charges Unfunded and Funded** - Upon authorization of capital projects, the Township establishes deferred charges for the cost of the capital projects to be raised by future taxation. Funded deferred charges relate to permanent debt issued, whereas unfunded deferred charges relate to temporary or non-funding of the authorized cost of capital projects. According to New Jersey Statute 40A:2-4, the Township may levy taxes on all taxable property within its jurisdiction to repay its debt. The Township raises the debt requirements for its debt in its current budget as funds are raised; the deferred charges are reduced.

**General Fixed Assets** - Accounting for governmental fixed assets, as required by N.J.A.C.5:30-5.6, differs in certain respects from accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. In accordance with the regulations, all local units, including municipalities, must maintain a general fixed assets reporting system that establishes and maintains a physical inventory of nonexpendable, tangible property as defined and limited by the U.S. Office of Management and Budget Circular A-87 (Attachment B, Section 19), except that the useful life of such property is at least five years. The Township has adopted a capitalization threshold of \$5,000.00, the maximum amount allowed by the Circular. Generally, assets are valued at historical cost; however, assets acquired prior to December 31, 1985 are valued at actual historical cost or estimated historical cost. In some instances, assets are valued at the assessed valuation of the property at the time of acquisition, which approximates fair value. No depreciation of general fixed assets is recorded. Donated general fixed assets are recorded at their estimated fair market value on the acquisition date. Interest costs relative to the acquisition of general fixed assets are recorded as expenditures when paid. Public domain ("infrastructure") general fixed assets consisting of certain improvements such as roads, bridges, curbs and gutters, streets and sidewalks and drainage systems are not capitalized. Expenditures for construction in progress are recorded in the capital funds until such time as the construction is completed and put into operation.

The Township is required to maintain a subsidiary ledger detailing fixed assets records to control additions, retirements, and transfers of fixed assets. In addition, a statement of general fixed assets, reflecting the activity for the year, must be included in the Township's basic financial statements.

The regulations require that general fixed assets, whether constructed or acquired through purchase, grant or gift be included in the aforementioned inventory. In addition, property management standards must be maintained that includes accurate records indicating asset description, source, ownership, acquisition cost and date, the percentage of federal participation (if any), and the location, use, and condition of the asset. Periodically, physical inventories must be taken and reconciled with these records. Lastly, all fixed assets must be adequately controlled to safeguard against loss, damage, or theft.

**TOWNSHIP OF OCEAN - COUNTY OF OCEAN**  
**NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023**

**NOTE 1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)**

**C. Basis of Accounting (Continued)**

**Interfunds** - Interfund receivables and payables that arise from transactions between funds are recorded by all funds affected by such transactions in the period in which the transaction is executed. Interfund receivables in the current fund are recorded with offsetting reserves which are created by charges to operations. Income is recognized in the year the receivables are liquidated. Interfund receivables in the other funds are not offset by reserves.

**Leases Receivable** - The Township's leases receivable are measured at the value of lease payments expected to be received during the lease term. Lease payments are recorded as revenue in the period in which they are received. The leases receivable are not recorded on the various statements of assets, liabilities, reserves and net position in accordance with the regulatory basis of accounting.

**Appropriation Reserves** - Appropriation reserves covering unexpended appropriation balances are automatically created at year-end and recorded as liabilities, except for amounts which may be canceled by the governing body. Appropriation reserves are available, until lapsed at the close of the succeeding year, to meet specific claims, commitments, or contracts incurred during the preceding fiscal year. Lapsed appropriation reserves are recorded as income.

**Encumbrances** - Contractual orders at December 31, 2023 are reported as expenditures through the establishment of a reserve for encumbrances. Encumbrances do not constitute expenditures under GAAP.

**Long-Term Debt** - Long-term debt, relative to the acquisition of capital assets, is recorded as a liability in the general capital and utility capital funds. Where an improvement is a "local Improvement", i.e. assessable upon completion, long-term debt associated with that portion of the cost of the improvement to be funded by assessments is transferred to the trust fund upon the confirmation of the assessments or when the improvement is fully and permanently funded.

**Compensated Absences and Postemployment Benefits** - Compensated absences for vacation, sick leave and other compensated absences are recorded and provided for in the annual budget in the year in which they are paid, on a pay-as-you-go basis. Likewise, no accrual is made for postemployment benefits, if any, which are also funded on a pay-as-you-go basis.

**Fund Balance** - Fund balances included in the Current Fund represent amounts available for anticipation as revenue in future years' budgets, with certain restrictions.

**Property Tax Revenues** - Property tax revenues are collected in quarterly installments due February 1, May 1, August 1, and November 1. The amount of tax levied includes not only the amount required in support of the Township's annual budget, but also the amounts required in support of the budgets of the County of Ocean, and the Ocean Township School District. Unpaid property taxes are subject to tax sale in accordance with the statutes.

**Grant Revenues** - Federal and State grants, entitlement or shared revenues received for purposes normally financed through the Current Fund are recognized when anticipated in the Township's budget. Federal and State grant revenues received for purposes of capital projects financed by capital ordinances are recognized when received. GAAP requires such revenues to be recognized in the accounting period when they become susceptible to accrual.

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**NOTE 1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)**

**C. Basis of Accounting (Continued)**

**Sale of Municipal Assets** - Cash proceeds from the sale of Township owned property may be reserved until utilized as an item of anticipated revenue in a subsequent year budget. Year end balances of such proceeds are reported as a cash liability in the Current Fund. GAAP requires that revenue be recognized in the accounting period that the terms of sales contracts become legally enforceable.

**Expenditures** - Expenditures are recorded on the "budgetary" basis of accounting. Generally, expenditures are recorded when paid; however, for charges to amounts appropriated for "other expenses", an amount is encumbered through the issuance of a numerically controlled purchase order or when a contract is executed in accordance with *N.J.A.C.5:30-5.2*. When encumbered charges are paid, the amount encumbered is simultaneously liquidated in its original amount. Encumbrances are offset by an account entitled reserve for encumbrances. The reserve is classified as a cash liability under New Jersey municipal accounting. At December 31, this reserve represents the portion of appropriation reserves that has been encumbered and is subject to the same statutory provisions as appropriation reserves. Appropriations for principal payments on outstanding general capital and utility bonds and notes are provided on the cash basis; interest on general capital indebtedness is on the cash basis; whereas interest on utility indebtedness is on the accrual basis.

**School Taxes** - The Township is responsible for levying, collecting, and remitting school taxes for the Ocean Township School District. Operations are charged for the full amount required to be raised from taxation to operate the local school district and for the regional school district the Township's share of the amount required to be raised by taxation for the period from July 1 to June 30, increased by the amount deferred at December 31, 2022 and decreased by the amount deferred at December 31, 2023.

**County Taxes** - The Township is responsible for levying, collecting, and remitting county taxes for the County of Ocean. Operations is charged for the amount due the County for the year, based upon the ratables required to be certified to the County Board of Taxation by January 10 of the current year. In addition, operations is charged for the County share of Added and Omitted Taxes certified to the County Board of Taxation by October 10 of the current year and due to be paid to the County by February 15 of the following year.

**Reserve for Uncollected Taxes** - The inclusion of the "reserve for uncollected taxes" appropriation in the Township's annual budget protects the Township from taxes not paid currently. The reserve, the minimum amount of which is determined on the percentage of collections experienced in the immediate preceding year, with certain exceptions, is required to provide assurance that cash collected in the current year will provide sufficient cash flow to meet expected obligations.

**Inventories of Supplies** - The costs of inventories of supplies for all funds are recorded as expenditures at the time individual items are purchased. The costs of inventories are not included on the various balance sheets. GAAP requires that the cost of inventories be reflected on the balance sheet until utilized and expended.

**General Fixed Assets** - In accordance with the New Jersey Administrative Code, which differs in certain respects from GAAP, the Township has developed a fixed assets accounting and reporting system.

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**NOTE 1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)**

**C. Basis of Accounting (Continued)**

Fixed assets used in governmental operations (general fixed assets) are required to be accounted for in the General Fixed Assets Account Group. Public domain (“infrastructure”) general fixed assets consisting of certain improvements other than buildings, such as roads, bridges, curbs and gutters, streets and sidewalks and drainage systems are not capitalized.

GAAP does not require utilization of a general fixed asset account group.

All fixed assets are valued at historical cost or estimated historical cost if actual historical cost is not available.

Depreciation is not recorded in the General Fixed Assets Account Group.

Expenditures for construction in progress are required to be recorded in the Capital Funds until such time as the construction is completed and put into operation.

Fixed assets acquired through grants in aid or contributed capital have not been accounted for separately.

**Water-Sewer Utility Fixed Assets**

Accounting for water-sewer utility fund “fixed capital” remains unchanged. Property and equipment purchased by the Water-Sewer Utility Fund are recorded in the capital account at cost and are adjusted for disposition and abandonment. The amounts shown do not purport to represent reproduction costs or current value. Contributions in aid of construction are not capitalized. The balance in the Reserve for Amortization and Deferred Reserve for Amortization accounts in the utility capital fund represent charges to operations for the costs of acquisitions of property, equipment and improvements.

Property and equipment of the Water-Sewer Utility Fund are not depreciated. Principal payments for Water-Sewer Utility debt are recorded as expenditures in the Water-Sewer Utility Statement of Operations.

During 2023 and 2022 the following changes occurred in the fixed assets of the Township:

	<u>Balance</u> <u>Jan. 1, 2023</u>	<u>Additions</u>	<u>Deletions</u>	<u>Balance</u> <u>Dec. 31, 2023</u>
General Fixed Assets Account Group:				
Land and Buildings	\$ 11,959,779.30	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 11,959,779.30
Machinery and Equipment	7,716,864.52	652,520.39	20,647.70	8,348,737.21
Water-Sewer Utility Fund:				
Fixed Capital	35,886,476.91	-	-	35,886,476.91
Fixed Capital Authorized and Uncompleted	17,054,004.59	-	-	17,054,004.59
	<u>\$ 72,617,125.32</u>	<u>\$ 652,520.39</u>	<u>\$ 20,647.70</u>	<u>\$ 73,248,998.01</u>



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**NOTE 1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)**

**C. Basis of Accounting (Continued)**

	<u>Balance</u> <u>Jan. 1, 2022</u>	<u>Additions</u>	<u>Deletions</u>	<u>Balance</u> <u>Dec. 31, 2022</u>
General Fixed Assets Account Group:				
Land and Buildings	\$ 11,959,779.30	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 11,959,779.30
Machinery and Equipment	6,447,094.33	1,285,075.19	15,305.00	7,716,864.52
Water-Sewer Utility Fund:				
Fixed Capital	35,886,476.91	-	-	35,886,476.91
Fixed Capital Authorized and Uncompleted	16,754,004.59	300,000.00	-	17,054,004.59
	<u>\$ 71,047,355.13</u>	<u>\$ 1,585,075.19</u>	<u>\$ 15,305.00</u>	<u>\$ 72,617,125.32</u>

**D. Financial Statements**

The GASB Codification requires the financial statements of a governmental unit to be presented in accordance with GAAP. The Township presents its financial statements in accordance with another comprehensive basis of accounting as promulgated by the Division which differs from the financial statements required by GAAP. In addition, the Division requires the financial statements to be referenced to the supplementary schedules. This practice differs from GAAP.

**E. Budgets and Budgetary Accounting**

The Township must adopt an annual budget for its current fund in accordance with N.J.S.A.40A:4 et seq. N.J.S.A.40A:4-5 requires the governing body to introduce and approve the annual municipal budget no later than March 13 of each year. At introduction, the governing body shall fix the time and place for a public hearing on the budget and must advertise the time and place at least ten days prior to the hearing in a newspaper published and circulating in the Township. The public hearing must not be held less than twenty-eight days after the date the budget was introduced. After the hearing has been held, the governing body may, by majority vote, adopt the budget or may amend the budget in accordance with N.J.S.A.40AA-9. Amendments to adopted budgets, if any, are detailed in the statements of revenues and expenditures.

An extension of the statutory dates for introduction, approval, and adoption of the budget may be granted by the Director of the Division of Local Government Services, with the permission of the Local Finance Board.

Budgets are adopted on the basis of accounting utilized to prepare the Township's financial statements.

**F. Impact of Recently Issued Accounting Principles**

The Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) is the accepted standard-setting body for establishing governmental accounting and financial reporting principles. GASB adopts accounting statements to be used by governmental units when reporting financial position and results of operations in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP). The municipalities in the State of New Jersey do not prepare their financial statements in accordance with GAAP and thus do not comply with all of the GASB pronouncements.

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**NOTE 1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)**

**F. Impact of Recently Issued Accounting Principles**

Accounting Pronouncements Adopted in Current Year

The following GASB Statements became effective for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2023:

- Statement No. 96, *Subscription-Based Information Technology Arrangements*. The requirements of this Statement are effective for fiscal years beginning after June 15, 2022.
- Statement No. 99, *Omnibus 2022*. The requirements of this Statement are effective for fiscal years beginning after June 15, 2022.

Management has determined that the implementation of these Statements did not have a significant impact on the Township's financial statements.

Accounting Pronouncements Effective in Future Reporting Periods

The following accounting pronouncements will become effective in future reporting periods:

- Statement No. 100, *Accounting Changes and Error Corrections – an amendment of GASB Statement No. 62*. The requirements of this Statement are effective for fiscal years beginning after June 15, 2023.
- Statement No. 101, *Compensated Absences*. The requirements of this Statement are effective for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2023.
- Statement No. 102, *Certain Risk Disclosures*. The requirements of this Statement are effective for fiscal years beginning after June 15, 2024.

Management has not yet determined the potential impact these Statements will have on the Township's financial statements.

**NOTE 2. DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS**

The Township is governed by the deposit and investment limitations of New Jersey state law.

**Deposits**

**Custodial Credit Risk Related to Deposits** - Custodial credit risk is the risk that, in the event of a bank failure, the Township's deposits may not be returned. Although the Township does not have a formal policy regarding custodial credit risk, NJSA 17:9-41 et seq. requires that the governmental units shall deposit public funds in public depositories protected from loss under the provisions of the Governmental Unit Deposit Protection Act (GUDPA). GUDPA is a supplemental insurance program set forth by the New Jersey Legislature to protect the deposits of local governmental agencies. The program is administered by the Commissioner of the New Jersey Department of Banking and Insurance. Under the Act, the first \$250,000 of governmental deposits in each insured depository is protected by FDIC. Public funds owned by the Township in excess of FDIC insured amounts are protected by GUDPA. However, GUDPA does not protect intermingled trust funds such as salary withholdings, bail funds or funds that may pass to the Township relative to the happening of a future condition. Such funds are shown as Uninsured and Uncollateralized in the schedule below.

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**NOTE 2. DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS (CONTINUED)**

As of December 31, 2023, the Township’s bank balance of \$13,250,485.43 was insured or collateralized as follows:

Insured under FDIC and GUDPA	\$	10,501,676.82
Uninsured and Uncollateralized		2,748,808.61
Total	\$	13,250,485.43

**Investments**

Under the regulatory basis of accounting, investments are measured at cost in the Township’s financial statements. However, had the financial statements been prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP), investments would be reported at fair value (except for fully benefit-responsive investment contracts, which would be reported at contract value). Contract value is the relevant measure for the portion of the Length of Service Awards Program (LOSAP) Plan attributable to fully benefit-responsive investment contracts because contract value is the amount participants normally would receive if they were to initiate permitted transactions under the terms of the LOSAP Plan.

Fair Value Measurement – The fair value measurements of investments are required to be reported based on the hierarchy established by GAAP. Under GAAP, investments are required to be categorized based on the fair value of inputs of Levels 1, 2 and 3. Under Level 1 inputs, investments are required to be categorized based on quoted market prices in active markets for identical investments. Level 2 inputs are based primarily on using observable measurement criteria, including quoted market prices of similar investments in active and inactive markets and other observable corroborated factors. Level 3 inputs are assets measured at fair value on a recurring basis using significant unobservable measurement criteria based on the best information available. As of December 31, 2023, the Township had no investments held at Level 2 or 3.

Following is a description of the valuation methodologies used for investments measured at fair value.

Bond Anticipation Notes: Valued at the market value of the Notes held by the Township at year-end.

Money Market Funds: Valued at the quoted NAV of shares held by the Township at year-end.

Mutual Funds: Valued at quoted market prices which represent the net asset value (“NAV”) shares held by the Township at year-end.

The Township’s fair value, hierarchy level and maturities of its investments at December 31, 2023 was as follows:

<u>Investment Type</u>	<u>Carrying Value</u>	<u>Fair Value as of December 31, 2023</u>	
		<u>Level 1</u>	<u>Total</u>
Mutual Funds	\$ 687,735.19	\$ 687,735.19	\$ 687,735.19
	\$ 687,735.19	\$ 687,735.19	\$ 687,735.19
<u>Fund</u>			
Trust Fund - LOSAP	687,735.19	687,735.19	687,735.19
	\$ 687,735.19	\$ 687,735.19	\$ 687,735.19

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**NOTE 2. DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS (CONTINUED)**

Investments at Contract Value - The Township held a fully benefit-responsive investment contract with the Lincoln Financial Group (Lincoln) totaling \$129,780.09 as of December 31, 2023. Lincoln maintains the contributions in the group fixed annuity contract (fixed account). The account is credited with earnings on the underlying investments and charged for participant withdrawals and administrative expenses. The traditional investment contract held by the Township is a guaranteed investment contract. The contract issuer is contractually obligated to repay the principal and interest at a specified interest rate that is guaranteed to the LOSAP Plan. The Township's ability to receive amounts due in accordance with the fully benefit-responsive investment contract is dependent on the contract issuer's ability to meet its financial obligations. The fixed account continues in-force until they are terminated by Lincoln or the LOSAP Plan and do not define a maturity date.

No events are probable of occurring that might limit the ability of the LOSAP Plan to transact at contract value with the contract issuer and also limit the ability of the LOSAP Plan to transact at contract value with participants. This contract meets the fully benefit-responsive investment contract criteria and therefore is reported at contract value.

The total Trust Fund LOSAP value held by the Township at December 31, 2023 was as follows:

Trust Fund - LOSAP (Fair Value)	\$ 687,735.19
Trust Fund - LOSAP (Contract Value)	129,780.09
Total Trust Fund - LOSAP	\$ 817,515.28

Custodial credit risk related to Investments - This is the risk that in the event of the failure of the counterparty (e.g., broker-dealer) to a transaction, the Township will not be able to recover the value of its investment or collateral securities that are in the possession of another party. Other than the rules and regulations promulgated by N.J.S.A. 40A:5-15.1, the Township has no investment policy to limit exposure to custodial credit risk.

Interest rate risk - This is the risk that changes in interest rates will adversely affect the fair value of an investment. Generally, the longer the maturity of an investment, the greater the sensitivity of its fair value to changes in market interest rates. Other than the rules and regulations promulgated by N.J.S.A. 40A:5-15.1, the Township does not have a formal investment policy that limits investment maturities as a means of managing its exposure to fair value losses arising from increasing interest rates.

Credit risk - Credit risk is the risk that an issuer to an investment will not fulfill its obligation to the holder of the investment. This is measured by assignment of a rating by a nationally recognized rating organization. U.S. Government securities or obligations explicitly guaranteed by the U.S. government are not considered to have credit risk exposure.

Concentration of Credit Risk - Concentration of credit risk is the risk of loss attributed to the magnitude of a government's investment in a single issuer. Other than the rules and regulations promulgated by N.J.S.A. 40A:5-15.1, the Township's investment policies place no limit in the amount the Township may invest in any one issuer. More than 94% of the Township's investments are in bond anticipation notes and these investments represent 94% of the Township's total investments.

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**NOTE 3. DEBT**

The Local Bond Law governs the issuance of bonds and notes to finance general municipal capital expenditures. Bonds are retired in serial installments within the statutory period of usefulness. Bonds issued by the Township are general obligation bonds, backed by the full faith and credit of the Township. Bond anticipation notes are issued to temporarily finance capital projects, prior to the issuance of serial bonds. The term of the notes cannot exceed one year but the notes may be renewed from time to time for a period not exceeding one year. All such notes must be paid no later than the tenth anniversary of the date of the original note. The State of New Jersey also prescribes that on or before the third anniversary date of the original note a payment of at least equal to the first legally payable installment of the bonds in anticipation of which such notes were issued be paid. A second legal installment must be paid if the notes are to be renewed beyond the fourth anniversary date of the original issuance and so on. Tax anticipation notes are issued if the cash on hand is not sufficient to carry on normal operations of the municipality at any time during the year. Such notes are authorized by a resolution adopted by the governing body.

**A. Long-Term Debt (Continued)**

The Township's long-term debt is summarized as follows:

**General Capital Fund**

2.00% to 4.00% General Improvement Refunding Bonds issued for \$2,805,000 on October 4, 2017, installment maturities to January 1, 2026	\$ 701,462.50
2.00% to 3.375% General Improvement Refunding Bonds issued for \$4,280,000 on August 13, 2010, installment maturities to December 1, 2025	655,000.00
3.00% to 5.00% General Obligation Bonds issued for \$5,550,000 on October 25, 2018, installment maturities to June 15, 2032	<u>4,205,000.00</u>
	<u>\$ 5,561,462.50</u>

The bonds mature serially in installments to the year 2032. Debt service requirements during the next five fiscal years and thereafter are as follows:

Year	Principal	Interest
2024	\$ 959,175.00	\$ 186,124.36
2025	982,287.50	146,883.45
2026	515,000.00	110,550.00
2027	515,000.00	89,950.00
2028	515,000.00	71,925.00
2029-2032	2,075,000.00	130,900.00
	\$ 5,561,462.50	\$ 736,332.81

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**NOTE 3. DEBT (CONTINUED)**

**Green Trust Loan Programs**

The Township has low interest loans (2%) from the State Department of Environmental Protection and Energy under the provisions of the New Jersey Green Acres Bond Act of 1983 and the Green Acres Bond Act of 1978 as follows:

2% \$148,000 Loan for Recreation Area Development Phase I finalized June 2010. Loan payments are due March and September until March 2025	\$ 17,364.95
2% \$184,679 Loan for Recreation Area Development finalized April 2016. Loan payments are due January and July until July 2030.	<u>98,760.72</u>
	<u>\$ 116,125.67</u>

Debt service requirements during the next five fiscal years and thereafter are as follows:

Year	Principal	Interest
2024	\$ 24,799.44	\$ 2,199.14
2025	19,393.43	1,700.68
2026	13,819.74	1,369.90
2027	14,097.52	1,092.12
2028	14,380.87	808.77
2029-2030	29,634.67	744.61
	\$ 116,125.67	\$ 7,915.22

**Water-Sewer Utility Capital Fund**

2.00% to 3.375% Utility Bonds issued for \$570,000 on August 13, 2010, installment maturities to August 1, 2025	\$ 95,537.50
3.00% to 5.00% Utility Bonds issued for \$2,620,000 on October 25, 2018, installment maturities to June 15, 2038	<u>2,160,000.00</u>
	<u>\$ 2,253,537.50</u>

The bonds mature serially in installments to the year 2038. Debt service requirements during the next five fiscal years and thereafter are as follows:

Year	Principal	Interest
2024	\$ 145,825.00	\$ 111,156.89
2025	147,712.50	104,610.30
2026	135,000.00	78,400.00
2027	135,000.00	73,000.00
2028	135,000.00	50,700.00
2029-2033	750,000.00	196,800.00
2034-2038	805,000.00	86,137.50
	\$ 2,253,537.50	\$ 700,804.69

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**NOTE 3.      DEBT (CONTINUED)**

**Loans**

**New Jersey Environmental Infrastructure Trust**

On December 2, 2010 the Township received two 2010 NJ Environmental Infrastructure Trust Loans. The first loan consists of two agreements to be repaid over twenty years, a trust agreement of \$160,000 at a fixed interest rate of 5% and an interest free fund agreement of \$167,500. The second loan consists of two agreements to be repaid over twenty years, a trust agreement of \$555,000 at a fixed interest rate of 5% and an interest free fund agreement of \$298,323. The loan proceeds were to be utilized for various clean and drinking water infrastructure projects.

On May 3, 2012 the Township received a 2012 NJ Environmental Infrastructure Trust Loan. The loan consists of two agreements to be repaid over twenty years, a trust agreement of \$310,000 at interest rates ranging from 2.00% to 5.00% and an interest free fund agreement of \$337,375. The loan proceeds were to be utilized for various clean water infrastructure projects.

On May 17, 2012 the Township received two 2012 NJ Environmental Infrastructure Trust Loans. The first loan consists of two agreements to be repaid over twenty years, a trust agreement of \$153,224 at interest rates ranging from 0.22% to 3.19% and an interest free fund agreement of \$150,220. The second loan consists of two agreements to be repaid over twenty years, a trust agreement of \$255,234 at interest rates ranging from 0.22% to 3.19% and an interest free fund agreement of \$736,249. The loan proceeds were to be utilized for various clean and drinking water infrastructure projects.

On May 22, 2014 the Township received two 2014 NJ Environmental Infrastructure Trust Loans. The first loan consists of two agreements to be repaid over twenty years, a trust agreement of \$240,000 at interest rates ranging from 3.00% to 5.00% and an interest free fund agreement of \$740,000. The second loan consists of two agreements to be repaid over twenty years, a trust agreement of \$285,000 at interest rates ranging from 3.00% to 5.00% and an interest free fund agreement of \$300,928. The loan proceeds were to be utilized for various clean and drinking water infrastructure projects.

On May 21, 2015 the Township received two 2015 NJ Environmental Infrastructure Trust Loans. The first loan consists of two agreements to be repaid over twenty years, a trust agreement of \$95,000 at interest rates ranging from 3.00% to 5.00% and an interest free fund agreement of \$292,386. The second loan consists of two agreements to be repaid over twenty years, a trust agreement of \$145,000 at interest rates ranging from 3.00% to 5.00% and an interest free fund agreement of \$433,143. The loan proceeds were to be utilized for various clean and drinking water infrastructure projects.

On May 21, 2015 the Township received a 2015 NJ Environmental Infrastructure Trust Loan. The loan consists of two agreements to be repaid over twenty years, a trust agreement of \$90,000 at interest rates ranging from 3.00% to 5.00% and an interest free fund agreement of \$91,545. The loan proceeds were to be utilized for various clean water infrastructure projects.

On May 28, 2015 the Township received two 2014 NJ Environmental Infrastructure Trust Loans. The first loan consists of two agreements to be repaid over twenty years, a trust agreement of \$540,000 at interest rates ranging from 3.00% to 5.00% and an interest free fund agreement of \$1,744,862.

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**NOTE 3. DEBT (CONTINUED)**

On May 28, 2015 the Township received two 2015 NJ Environmental Infrastructure Trust Loans. The first loan consists of two agreements to be repaid over twenty years, a trust agreement of \$1, 089786 at interest rates ranging from 3.00% to 5.00% and an interest free fund agreement of \$970,000.

On May 28, 2015 the Township received a 2015 NJ Environmental Infrastructure Trust Loan. The loan consists of two agreements to be repaid over twenty years, a trust agreement of \$135,000 at interest rates ranging from 3.00% to 5.00% and an interest free fund agreement of \$316,006. The loan proceeds were to be utilized for various clean water infrastructure projects.

On November 21, 2017 the Township received two 2017 NJ Environmental Infrastructure Trust Loans. The first loan consists of two agreements to be repaid over twenty years, a trust agreement of \$660,000 at interest rates ranging from 2.125% and 5.000% and an interest free fund agreement of \$2,004,950. The loan proceeds were to be utilized for various clean water infrastructure projects.

On November 21, 2017 the Township received two 2017 NJ Environmental Infrastructure Trust Loans. The first loan consists of two agreements to be repaid over twenty years, a trust agreement of \$235,000 at interest rates ranging from 2.125% and 5.000% and an interest free fund agreement of \$708,644. The loan proceeds were to be utilized for various drinking water infrastructure projects.

Schedule of annual debt service for principal and interest for the New Jersey Environmental Trust Loan during the next five years and thereafter are as follows:

<u>Year</u>	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Interest</u>	<u>Total</u>
2024	\$ 725,756.35	\$ 110,972.38	\$ 836,728.73
2025	736,064.35	99,432.30	835,496.65
2026	746,402.48	88,361.96	834,764.44
2027	757,768.35	76,764.16	834,532.51
2028	766,446.35	67,153.90	833,600.25
2029-2033	3,264,242.36	185,129.28	3,449,371.64
2034-2037	797,998.16	22,781.26	820,779.42
Total	<u>\$ 7,794,678.40</u>	<u>\$ 650,595.24</u>	<u>\$ 8,445,273.64</u>

**B. Short-Term Debt**

On December 31, 2023, the Township had bond anticipation notes of \$4,516,000 in the General Capital Fund and \$2,625,000 in the Water Utility Capital fund.



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**NOTE 3. DEBT (CONTINUED)**

**C. Bonds and Notes Authorized but not Issued**

At December 31 the Township had authorized but not issued bonds and notes as follows:

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
General Capital Fund	\$ 1,394,214.30	\$ 1,394,214.30
Water-Sewer Utility Capital Fund	1,829,163.75	1,829,163.75

**D. Borrowing Power**

New Jersey statutes limit the debt of a municipality to 3.5% of the average of the last three preceding years equalized valuations of the taxable real estate and improvements. The Township's statutory net debt at December 31, 2023 was .629%. The Township's remaining borrowing power is 2.871%.

**Borrowing Power Under 40A:2-6:**

3 1/2% of Equalized Valuation Bases (Municipal)	\$ 64,474,809.90	
Net Debt	<u>11,587,803.00</u>	
Remaining Borrowing Power	<u><u>\$ 52,887,006.90</u></u>	

**E. Summary of Outstanding Debt**

During 2023 the following changes occurred in the outstanding debt of the Township:

	December 31, 2022	Accrued/ Increases	Retired/ Decreases	December 31, 2023	Due Within One Year
<b>General Capital Fund:</b>					
General Serial Bonds	\$ 6,491,225.00	\$ -	\$ (929,762.50)	\$ 5,561,462.50	\$ 959,175.00
Green Trust Loans Payable	140,436.44	-	(24,310.77)	116,125.67	24,799.44
Bond Anticipation Notes	3,104,000.00	4,516,000.00	(3,104,000.00)	4,516,000.00	4,516,000.00
<b>Water-Sewer Utility Fund:</b>					
Serial Bonds	2,398,775.00	-	(145,237.50)	2,253,537.50	145,825.00
Loans Payable	8,505,448.75	-	(710,770.35)	7,794,678.40	725,756.35
Bond Anticipation Notes	2,655,000.00	2,625,000.00	(2,655,000.00)	2,625,000.00	2,625,000.00
	<u>\$ 23,294,885.19</u>	<u>\$ 7,141,000.00</u>	<u>\$ (7,569,081.12)</u>	<u>\$ 22,866,804.07</u>	<u>\$ 8,996,555.79</u>

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**NOTE 4. ACCRUED SICK AND VACATION BENEFITS**

As discussed in Note 1 and in accordance with accounting principles prescribed by the State of New Jersey, the cash basis of accounting is followed for recording the Township's liability related to unused vacation and sick pay. The Township permits certain employees within limits to accumulate unused vacation and sick pay, which may be taken as time off or paid at a later date at an agreed upon rate. The estimated current cost of such unpaid compensation approximates \$678,000.29 and \$887,297.74 at December 31, 2023 and 2022, respectively. In accordance with New Jersey accounting principles, this amount is not reported as an expenditure or liability in the accompanying financial statements.

**NOTE 5. FUND BALANCES APPROPRIATED**

The fund balances at December 31 which have been appropriated and included as anticipated revenue in the municipal budget for the year ending December 31 of the succeeding years are as follows:

YEAR	BALANCE DECEMBER 31,	UTILIZED IN BUDGET OF SUCCEEDING YEAR	PERCENTAGE OF FUND BALANCE USED
<b>CURRENT FUND:</b>			
2023	\$ 2,181,542.23	\$ 1,200,000.00	55.01%
2022	928,443.00	1,600,000.00	172.33%
2021	1,681,532.80	1,200,000.00	71.36%
<b>WATER-SEWER OPERATING:</b>			
2023	\$ 1,883,894.59	\$ 800,000.00	42.47%
2022	1,128,111.94	650,000.00	57.62%
2021	1,167,284.08	650,000.00	55.68%

**NOTE 6. TAXES COLLECTED IN ADVANCE**

Taxes collected in advance set forth as cash liabilities in the financial statements, are as follows:

	<b><u>Balance December 31</u></b>	
	<b><u>2023</u></b>	<b><u>2022</u></b>
Prepaid Taxes	\$ 322,827.92	\$ 435,561.07

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**NOTE 7. ASSESSMENT AND COLLECTION OF PROPERTY TAXES**

**Comparison of Tax Rate Information**

	2023	2022	2021
Total Tax Rate	<u>\$2.323</u>	<u>\$2.173</u>	<u>\$2.137</u>
Apportionment of Tax Rate:			
Municipal	0.761	0.736	0.712
Municipal Open Space	0.030	0.030	0.030
County	0.477	0.442	0.436
Local School District	1.038	0.951	0.945
County Open Space	0.017	0.014	0.014

**Net Valuation Taxable:**

2023	<u>\$ 1,354,004,100.00</u>			
2022		<u>\$ 1,339,793,200.00</u>		
2021			<u>\$ 1,322,942,000.00</u>	

**Comparison of Tax Levies and Collection Currently**

A study of this tabulation could indicate a possible trend in future tax levies. A decrease in the percentage of current collection could be an indication of a probable increase in future levies.

**Comparison of Tax Levies and Collection Currently**

			PERCENTAGE OF
YEAR	TAX LEVY	CASH COLLECTIONS	COLLECTION
2023	\$ 31,709,737.23	\$ 31,053,426.14	97.93%
2022	30,176,504.86	28,734,539.00	95.22%
2021	28,448,506.96	27,848,787.96	97.89%

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**NOTE 7. ASSESSMENT AND COLLECTION OF PROPERTY TAXES (CONTINUED)**

**Delinquent Taxes and Tax Title Liens**

YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31	AMOUNT OF TAX TITLE LIENS	AMOUNT OF DELINQUENT TAXES	TOTAL DELINQUENT	PERCENTAGE OF TAX LEVY
2023	\$ 536,297	\$ 1,452,476	1,988,773	6.27%
2022	492,296	1,427,609	1,919,905	6.36%
2021	653,915	555,086	1,209,001	4.25%

New Jersey statutes require that taxable valuation of real property be prepared by the Township Tax Assessor as of October 1 in each year and filed with the County Board of Taxation (the “Board”) by January 10 of the following year. Upon the filing of certified adopted budgets by the Township, Regional School District and County, the tax rate is struck by the Board based on the certified amounts in each of the taxing districts for collection to fund the budgets. Pursuant to statute, this process is to be completed on or before May 3, with a completed duplicate of the tax rolls to be delivered to the Township Tax Collector (the “Collector”) on or before May 13th.

Tax bills are prepared then mailed by the Collector of the Township annually and set forth the final tax for the tax year. The bill contains a credit for preliminary amounts billed previously with the balance payable in equal installments on August 1st and November 1st of the tax year. In addition, the property owner receives a preliminary bill for the succeeding year based on one half of the prior year's tax. The preliminary payments are due and payable on February 1st and May 1st. The N.J. Statutes allow a grace period of 10 days for each payment period and the Township granted this option to taxpayers. Taxes become delinquent if not paid on the installment dates and become subject to interest penalties of 8% or 18% of the amount delinquent. If taxes are delinquent on or after April 1st of the succeeding year, the delinquent amount is subject to “Tax Sale” which places a tax lien on the property allowing the holder to enforce the tax lien by collection or foreclosure. New Jersey property tax laws establish a tax lien on real estate as of January 1st of the current tax year even though the amount due is not known.

**NOTE 8. DEFERRED CHARGES TO FUTURE TAXATION FUNDED AND UNFUNDED**

Upon the authorization of capital projects, the Township establishes deferred charges for the cost of the capital projects to be raised by future taxation. Funded deferred charges relate to permanent debt issued, whereas unfunded deferred charges relate to temporary or non-funding of the authorized cost of capital projects. According to the New Jersey Statutes Annotated 40A:2-4, the Township may levy taxes on all taxable property within the local unit to repay the debt. Annually, the Township raises the debt requirements for the particular year in the current budget. As funds are raised, the deferred charges are reduced.

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**NOTE 9. DEFERRED CHARGES TO BE RAISED IN SUCCEEDING BUDGETS**

As noted in Note 1, certain expenditures are required to be deferred to budgets of succeeding years. At December 31, 2023 the following deferred charges are shown on the statement of assets, liabilities, reserves and fund balances of the following funds:

<u>Description</u>	<u>Balance</u> December 31, <u>2023</u>	<u>2024 Budget</u> <u>Appropriation</u>	<u>Balance to</u> Succeeding <u>Budgets</u>
<b>Current Fund:</b>			
Special Emergency Authorizations (40A:4-55)	\$ 200,000.00	\$ 50,000.00	\$ 150,000.00

**NOTE 10. RISK MANAGEMENT**

The Township is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts; theft of, damage to and destruction of assets; errors and omissions; injuries to employees; and natural disasters. The Township is a member of the Ocean County Municipal Joint Insurance Fund, and the Municipal Excess Liability Fund, public entity risk pools currently operating as a common risk management and insurance programs for municipalities within the state. The Township pays an actuarially determined annual assessment to Ocean County Municipal Joint Insurance Fund for its insurance coverage and that of the Municipal Excess Liability Fund. Supplemental assessments may be levied to supplement the funds. The Township has not been notified on any supplemental assessments. Settled claims resulting from these risks have not exceeded insurance coverage in any of the past three years.

**NOTE 11. CONTINGENT LIABILITIES**

**State and Federal Financial Assistance**

The Township receives financial assistance from the State of New Jersey and the U.S. government in the form of grants. Entitlement to the funds is generally conditional upon compliance with terms and conditions of the financial assistance agreements and applicable regulations, including the expenditure of the funds for eligible purposes. Substantially all grants, entitlements and cost reimbursements are subject to financial and compliance audits by grantors. As a result of these audits, costs previously reimbursed could be disallowed and require repayment to the grantor agency. As of December 31, 2023, the Township estimates that no material liabilities will result from such audits.

**Major Tax Assessments**

There were no taxpayers in 2023 with assessments in excess of 1% of the total assessed valuation.

**Pending Litigation**

There are actions which have been instituted against the Township which are either in the discovery stage or whose final outcome cannot be determined at the present time. In the opinion of the administration, the amount of ultimate liability with respect to these actions will not materially affect the financial position of the Township. It is the opinion of the Township officials that there is no litigation threatened or pending that would materially affect the financial position of the Township or adversely affect the Township's ability to levy, collect and enforce the collection of taxes or other revenue for the payment of its bonds or other obligations. The Township officials believe that negligence and other types of liability suits, of which the Township is aware, appear to be within the stated policy limits and would be deferred by the respective carriers.

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**NOTE 12. INTERFUND BALANCES AND TRANSFERS**

The following interfund balances remained on the balance sheets at December 31, 2023:

<b>Fund</b>	<b>Receivables</b>	<b>Payables</b>
Current Fund	\$ 102,553.81	\$ 1,905,657.02
State and Federal Grant Fund	368,475.77	-
Animal Control Trust	-	503.17
Trust Other Fund	-	44,662.32
Open Space Trust	406,201.23	10,000.00
General Capital Fund	1,286,246.63	-
Water-Sewer Utility Operating Fund	4,332.45	203,552.02
Water-Sewer Utility Capital Fund	-	3,435.36
	<u>\$ 2,167,809.89</u>	<u>\$ 2,167,809.89</u>

Interfund balances remaining at year-end were primarily caused by the Grant Fund not having a separate bank account and temporary short-term advances between funds.

The summary of interfunds transfers were as follows:

<b>Fund</b>	<b>Transfers In</b>	<b>Transfers Out</b>
Current Fund	\$ 2,525,926.55	\$ 2,500,940.41
State and Federal Grant Fund	637,763.14	255,498.23
Animal Control Trust	269.50	-
Trust Other Fund	398,871.09	219,009.67
Open Space Trust	653,424.27	431,201.23
General Capital Fund	86,445.20	1,244,127.87
Water-Sewer Utility Operating Fund	1,680,832.88	1,364,006.56
Water-Sewer Utility Capital Fund	858,631.07	827,379.73
	<u>\$ 6,842,163.70</u>	<u>\$ 6,842,163.70</u>

Transfers are used to (1) move revenues from the fund that statute or budget requires to collect them to the fund that statute or budget requires to expend them (i.e. interest earning), (2) provide cash flow to other funds to temporary finance expenditures that are on a reimbursable basis (i.e. grants), (3) when no bank account exists for a fund, and (4) utilizing surplus or fund balance from one fund as budgeted revenue in another.

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**NOTE 13. ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE**

Accounts receivable at December 31, 2023 consisted of intergovernmental grants, taxes, utility rents and other accounts receivable. All receivables are considered collectible in full due to the stable condition of state programs and the current fiscal year guarantee of federal funds. Accounts receivable as of fiscal year end for the Township's individual major and fiduciary funds, in the aggregate, are as follows:

	<b>Current Fund</b>	<b>State &amp; Federal Grant Fund</b>	<b>General Capital Fund</b>	<b>Utility Operating Fund</b>	<b>Utility Capital Fund</b>	<b>Total</b>
State & Federal Aid	\$ 4,870.15	\$ 108,717.85	\$ 156,595.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 270,183.00
Taxes	1,988,772.82	-	-	-	-	1,988,772.82
Utility Rents	-	-	-	1,257,385.82	-	1,257,385.82
Other	3,657.31	-	-	-	180,353.00	184,010.31
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 1,997,300.28</b>	<b>\$ 108,717.85</b>	<b>\$ 156,595.00</b>	<b>\$ 1,257,385.82</b>	<b>\$ 180,353.00</b>	<b>\$ 3,700,351.95</b>

**NOTE 14. LENGTH OF SERVICE AWARD PROGRAM ("LOSAP")**

The Township has established a Volunteer Length of Service Award Plan ("LOSAP") ("Plan") to ensure retention of the Township's volunteer firefighters and volunteer members of emergency service squads. The Plan shall be construed under the laws of the State of New Jersey and is established with the intent that it meets the requirements of a length of service award plan under Section 457(e)11 of the Internal Revenue Code".

**Annual Contributions** - The annual contribution to be made by the Township for each active volunteer member shall be \$1,698.03 per year of active emergency service, commencing with the year 2002.

**Appropriations** - Appropriations for the purpose of funding the Township's LOSAP shall be included as a separate line item in the Township's budget, commencing with the year 2002.

**Periodic Increases** - Notwithstanding the provisions above, the annual contribution to be made by the Township for each active volunteer member shall be subject to periodic increases based upon the "consumer price index factor" pursuant to subsection f. of section 3 of P.L. 1997, c. 388 (N.J.S.A. 40A:14-185).

**Criteria for Eligibility; Contributions; Points** - Any active volunteer member shall be eligible to participate in the LOSAP Plan immediately upon commencement of the member's performance of active voluntary services in the emergency service organization. Annual contributions shall only be made by the Township, however, for those active volunteer members who have earned the minimum number of points for performing certain volunteer services on a yearly basis.

**Determination as to Eligibility** - Each emergency service organization shall provide to the Township Administrator, acting as the Plan Administrator of LOSAP Plan, a certified list as to the active volunteer members who are initially eligible to participate in the Plan and those who are eligible to participate as each January 1 thereafter. The Plan Administrator shall forward said certified list to the Township Committee for approval, in accordance with the provision of N.J.A.C. 5:30-14.10. The decision of the Township Committee as to such active member's eligibility shall be binding upon the Plan Administrator, participants, beneficiaries and any and all other persons having an interest hereunder, subject to appropriate judicial review.

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**NOTE 14. LENGTH OF SERVICE AWARD PROGRAM (“LOSAP”) (CONTINUED)**

**Terms of Participation** - The Plan Administrator shall have the right to require any active volunteer member at the time of his or her becoming a participant to agree, in writing, to be bound by the terms, covenants and conditions of the LOSAP and accompanying trust. Each participant shall furnish to the Plan Administrator all pertinent information required for the administration of the LOSAP. The Plan Administrator shall rely upon all such information furnished.

**Vesting** - The active volunteer member shall not be permitted to receive a distribution of the fund in his or her LOSAP account until the completion of a five-year vesting period.

**Termination of Service** - Any participant who terminates service as an active volunteer member shall cease to participate hereunder. A former participant may resume participation immediately upon returning to the service of the emergency service organization as an active volunteer member. Any active volunteer member who terminates service with the emergency service organization, subsequently returns to service and again becomes a participant shall be treated as a new participant for purposes of eligibility unless said participant was fully vested prior to his or her termination from service.

**Reporting Requirements** - N.J.A.C. 5:30-14.49 requires that the Township perform a separate review report of the Plan in accordance with the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants Statements for Accounting and Auditing Review Services.

**NOTE 15. TAX ABATEMENTS**

The Township authorized Ordinance 2000-13 to enter into property tax abatement agreements for the purpose of attracting private sector investment. Tax abatement agreements exempt certain projects from taxation but also require a payment in lieu of taxes (PILOT).

New Jersey State Statute requires that projects which receive such abatements be approved by the State Department of Community Affairs and be consistent with the Township's approved redevelopment plan.

For the year ended December 31, 2023, property taxes abated by the Township totaled \$760,303.96 and calculated PILOT payments totaled \$242,435.58 as follows:

<u>Business</u>	<u>Authorization</u>	<u>Purpose</u>	<u>Percent Abated</u>	<u>Amount Abated</u>	<u>2023 PILOT</u>
Costal Redevelopment Partners LP	Ord. 2005-36	Economic Redevelopment	100%	\$ 396,201.59	\$ 185,234.58
Waretown Family Apartments	Res. 2017-142	Affordable Housing	100%	171,871.80	34,081.00
Waretown Senior Housing LLC	Res. 2013-306	Affordable Housing	100%	<u>192,230.57</u>	<u>23,120.00</u>
				<u>\$ 760,303.96</u>	<u>\$ 242,435.58</u>

Ordinance 2005-36 also authorized the Township to guarantee the issuance of a Redevelopment Area bond by Costal Redevelopment Partners in an amount not to exceed \$1,500,000.



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**NOTE 16. PENSION OBLIGATIONS**

**A. Public Employees' Retirement System (PERS)**

**Plan Description** - The State of New Jersey, Public Employees' Retirement System (PERS) is a cost-sharing multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan administered by the State of New Jersey, Division of Pensions and Benefits (the Division). For additional information about PERS, please refer to Division's Annual Comprehensive Financial Report (ACFR) which can be found at [www.state.nj.us/treasury/pensions/annrprts.shtml](http://www.state.nj.us/treasury/pensions/annrprts.shtml).

The vesting and benefit provisions are set by *N.J.S.A. 43:15A*. PERS provides retirement, death and disability benefits. All benefits vest after ten years of service, except for medical benefits, which vest after 25 years of service or under the disability provisions of PERS.

The following represents the membership tiers for PERS:

<b><u>Tier</u></b>	<b><u>Definition</u></b>
1	Members who were enrolled prior to July 1, 2007
2	Members who were eligible to enroll on or after July 1, 2007 and prior to November 2, 2008
3	Members who were eligible to enroll on or after November 2, 2008 and prior to May 22, 2010
4	Members who were eligible to enroll on or after May 22, 2010 and prior to June 28, 2011
5	Members who were eligible to enroll on or after June 28, 2011

Service retirement benefits of 1/55<sup>th</sup> of final average salary for each year of service credit is available to tiers 1 and 2 members upon reaching age 60 and to tier 3 members upon reaching age 62. Service retirement benefits of 1/60<sup>th</sup> of final average salary for each year of service credit is available to tier 4 members upon reaching age 62 and tier 5 members upon reaching age 65. Early retirement benefits are available to tiers 1 and 2 members before reaching age 60, tiers 3 and 4 with 25 or more years of service credit before age 62 and tier 5 with 30 or more years of service credit before age 65. Benefits are reduced by a fraction of a percent for each month that a member retires prior to the age at which a member can receive full early retirement benefits in accordance with their respective tier. Tier 1 members can receive an unreduced benefit from age 55 to age 60 if they have at least 25 years of service. Deferred retirement is available to members who have at least 10 years of service credit and have not reached the service retirement age for the respective tier.

**Basis of Presentation** - The schedules of employer allocations and the schedules of pension amounts by employer (collectively, the Schedules) present amounts that are considered elements of the financial statements of PERS or its participating employers. Accordingly, they do not purport to be a complete presentation of the financial position or changes in financial position of PERS or the participating employers. The accompanying Schedules were prepared in accordance with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles. Such preparation requires management of PERS to make a number of estimates and assumptions relating to the reported amounts. Due to the inherent nature of these estimates, actual results could differ from those estimates.

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**NOTE 16. PENSION OBLIGATIONS (CONTINUED)**

**A. Public Employees' Retirement System (PERS) (Continued)**

**Contributions** - The contribution policy for PERS is set by *N.J.S.A. 43:15A* and requires contributions by active members and contributing employers. State legislation has modified the amount that is contributed by the State. The State's pension contribution is based on an actuarially determined amount, which includes the employer portion of the normal cost and an amortization of the unfunded accrued liability. Funding for noncontributory group insurance benefits is based on actual claims paid. For the fiscal year 2019, the State's pension contribution was less than the actuarial determined amount. The local employers' contribution amounts are based on an actuarially determined rate, which includes the normal cost and unfunded accrued liability. Chapter 19, P.L. 2009 provided an option for local employers of PERS to contribute 50% of the normal and accrued liability contribution amounts certified for payments due in State fiscal year 2009. Such employers will be credited with the full payment and any such amounts will not be included in their unfunded liability. The actuaries will determine the unfunded liability of those retirement systems, by employer, for the reduced normal and accrued liability contributions provided under this law. This unfunded liability will be paid by the employer in level annual payments over a period of 15 years beginning with the payments due in the fiscal year ended June 30, 2012 and will be adjusted by the rate of return on the actuarial value of assets. For the year ended December 31, 2022, The Township's contractually required contribution to PERS plan was \$397,523.

**Net Pension Liability and Pension Expense** - At December 31, 2022, the Township's proportionate share of the PERS net pension liability is valued to be \$4,757,289. The net pension liability was measured as of June 30, 2022. The total pension liability used to calculate the net pension liability was determined using update procedures to roll forward the total pension liability from an actuarial valuation as of June 30, 2021, to the measurement date of June 30, 2022. The Township's proportion of the net pension liability was based on the Township's actual contributions to the plan relative to the total of all participating employers' contributions for the year ended June 30, 2022. The Township's proportion measured as of June 30, 2022, was 0.0315232246%, which was an increase of 0.0029598768% from its proportion measured as of June 30, 2021.

**Balances at December 31, 2022 and December 31, 2021**

	<u>12/31/2022</u>	<u>12/30/2021</u>
Actuarial valuation date (including roll forward)	June 30, 2022	June 30, 2021
Deferred Outflows of Resources	\$ 1,043,604	\$ 577,668
Deferred Inflows of Resources	1,071,736	2,654,917
Net Pension Liability	4,757,289	3,383,757
Township's portion of the Plan's total Net Pension Liability	0.03152%	0.02856%

**Pension Expense/(Credit) and Deferred Outflows/Inflows of Resources** - At December 31, 2022, the Township's proportionate share of the PERS expense/(credit), calculated by the plan as of the June 30, 2022 measurement date is (\$278,061). This expense/(credit) is not recognized by the Township because of the regulatory basis of accounting as described in Note 1, but as previously mentioned the Township contributed \$397,523 to the plan in 2022.

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**NOTE 16. PENSION OBLIGATIONS (CONTINUED)**

**A. Public Employees' Retirement System (PERS) (Continued)**

**Pension Expense and Deferred Outflows/Inflows of Resources** - At December 31, 2022, the Township reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to PERS from the following sources:

	<b><u>Deferred Outflows of Resources</u></b>	<b><u>Deferred Inflows of Resources</u></b>
Differences between Expected and Actual Experience	\$ 34,336	\$ 30,279
Changes of Assumptions	14,740	712,354
Net Difference between Projected and Actual Earnings on Pension Plan Investments	196,900	-
Changes in Proportion and Differences between Township Contributions and Proportionate Share of Contributions	<u>797,628</u>	<u>329,103</u>
	<b><u>\$ 1,043,604</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 1,071,736</u></b>

The following is a summary of the deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to PERS that will be recognized in future periods:

<b><u>Year Ending December 31,</u></b>	<b><u>Amount</u></b>
2023	\$ (314,370)
2024	(114,196)
2025	(7,684)
2026	314,898
2027	<u>93,220</u>
	<b><u>\$ (28,132)</u></b>

**Special Funding Situation** – Under N.J.S.A. 43:15A-15, local participating employers are responsible for their own contributions based on actuarially determined amounts, except where legislation was passed which legally obligated the State if certain circumstances occurred. The legislation which legally obligates the State, are Chapter 366, P.L. 2001 and Chapter 133, P.L. 2001.

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**NOTE 16. PENSION OBLIGATIONS (CONTINUED)**

**A. Public Employees' Retirement System (PERS) (Continued)**

The amounts contributed on behalf of the local participating employers under this legislation is considered to be a special funding situation as defined by GASB Statement No. 68 and the State is treated as a non-employer contributing entity. Since the local participating employers do not contribute under this legislation directly to the plan (except for employer specific financed amounts), there is no net pension liability to report in the financial statements of the local participating employers related to this legislation. At December 31, 2022, the State's proportionate share of the PERS expense, associated with the Township, calculated by the plan as of the June 30, 2022 measurement date was \$10,010.

**Actuarial Assumptions** - The total pension asset/(liability) as of the measurement date was determined by using an actuarial valuation as noted in the table below, with update procedures used to roll forward the total pension liability to the measurement date. The actuarial valuations used the following actuarial assumptions:

Inflation:

Price	2.75%
Wage	3.25%

Salary Increases:

2.75 - 6.55%
Based on Years of Service

Investment Rate of Return	7.00%
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Mortality Rate Table

PERS	Pub-2010 General Below-Median Income Employee mortality table with fully generational mortality improvement projections from the central year using Scale MP-2021
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Period of Actuarial Experience

Study upon which Actuarial Assumptions were Based	July 1, 2018 - June 30, 2021
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Pre-retirement mortality rates were based on the Pub-2010 General Below-Median Income Employee Mortality Table with an 82.2% adjustment for males and 101.4% adjustment for females, and with future improvement from the base year of 2010 on a generational basis. Post-retirement mortality rates were based on the Pub-2010 General Below-Median Income Healthy Retiree mortality table with a 91.4% adjustment for males and 99.7% adjustment for females, and with future improvement from the base year of 2010 on a generational basis. Disability retirement rates used to value disabled retirees were based on the Pub-2010 Non-Safety Disabled Retiree mortality table with a 127.7% adjustment for males and 117.2% adjustment for females, and with future improvement from the base year of 2010 on a generational basis. Mortality improvement is based on Scale MP-2021.

The actuarial assumptions used in the July 1, 2021 valuation were based on the results of an actuarial experience study for the period July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2021.

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**NOTE 16. PENSION OBLIGATIONS (CONTINUED)**

**A. Public Employees' Retirement System (PERS) (Continued)**

**Long-Term Expected Rate of Return** - In accordance with State statute, the long-term expected rate of return on plan investments (7.00% at June 30, 2022) is determined by the State Treasurer, after consultation with the Directors of the Division of Investments and Division of Pensions and Benefits, the board of trustees and the actuaries. The long-term expected rate of return was determined using a building block method in which best-estimate ranges of expected future real rates of return (expected returns, net of pension plan investment expense and inflation) are developed for each major asset class. These ranges are combined to produce the long-term expected rate of return by weighting the expected future real rates of return by the target asset allocation percentage and by adding expected inflation. Best estimates of arithmetic rates of return for each major asset class included in PERS's target asset allocation as of June 30, 2022 are summarized in the following table:

<u>Asset Class</u>	<u>Target Allocation</u>	<u>Long-Term Expected Real Rate of Return</u>
U.S. Equity	27.00%	8.12%
Non-U.S. Developed Markets Equity	13.50%	8.38%
Emerging Markets Equity	5.50%	10.33%
Private Equity	13.00%	11.80%
Real Estate	8.00%	11.19%
Real Assets	3.00%	7.60%
High Yield	4.00%	4.95%
Private Credit	8.00%	8.10%
Investment Grade Credit	7.00%	3.38%
Cash Equivalents	4.00%	1.75%
U.S. Treasuries	4.00%	1.75%
Risk Mitigation Strategies	3.00%	4.91%
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	<u>100.00%</u>	

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**NOTE 16. PENSION OBLIGATIONS (CONTINUED)**

**A. Public Employees' Retirement System (PERS) (Continued)**

**Discount Rate** - The discount rate used to measure the total pension liability was 7.00% as of June 30, 2022. The projection of cash flows used to determine the discount rate assumed that contributions from plan members will be made at the current member contribution rates and that contributions from employers and the nonemployer contributing entity will be based on 100% of the actuarially determined contributions for the State employer and 100% of actuarially determined contributions for the local employers. Based on those assumptions, the plan's fiduciary net position was projected to be available to make projected future benefit payments of current plan members. Therefore, the long-term expected rate of return on plan investments was applied to all projected benefit payments to determine the total pension liability.

**Sensitivity of the Township's proportionate share of the Net Pension Liability to Changes in the Discount Rate** - The following presents the Township's proportionate share of the net pension liability calculated using the discount rate as disclosed above, as well as what the Township's proportionate share of the net pension liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is 1-percentage-point lower (6.00%) or 1-percentage-point higher (8.00%) than the current rate:

	<b>1% Decrease <u>(6.00%)</u></b>	<b>Current Discount Rate <u>(7.00%)</u></b>	<b>1% Increase <u>(8.00%)</u></b>
Township's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability	\$ 6,163,482	\$ 4,757,289	\$ 3,635,138

**B. Police and Firemen's Retirement System (PFRS)**

**Plan Description** - The State of New Jersey, Police and Firemen's Retirement System (PFRS) is a cost-sharing multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan administered by the State of New Jersey, Division of Pensions and Benefits (the Division). For additional information about PFRS, please refer to the Division's Annual Comprehensive Financial Report (ACFR) which can be found at [www.state.nj.us/treasury/pensions/annrprts.shtml](http://www.state.nj.us/treasury/pensions/annrprts.shtml).

The vesting and benefit provisions are set by N.J.S.A. 43:16A. PFRS provides retirement as well as death and disability benefits. All benefits vest after ten years of service, except disability benefits which vest after four years of service.

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**NOTE 16. PENSION OBLIGATIONS (CONTINUED)**

**B. Police and Firemen's Retirement System (PFRS) (Continued)**

The following represents the membership tiers for PFRS:

<b><u>Tier</u></b>	<b><u>Definition</u></b>
1	Members who were enrolled prior to May 22, 2010.
2	Members who were eligible to enroll on or after May 22, 2010 and prior to June 28, 2011
3	Members who were eligible to enroll on or after June 28, 2011

Service retirement benefits are available at age 55 and are generally determined to be 2% of final compensation for each year of creditable service, as defined, up to 30 years plus 1% for each year of service in excess of 30 years. Members may seek special retirement after achieving 25 years of creditable service, in which benefits would equal 65% (tiers 1 and 2 members) and 60% (tier 3 members) of final compensation plus 1 % for each year if creditable service over 25 years but not to exceed 30 years. Members may elect deferred retirement benefits after achieving ten years of service, in which case benefits would begin at age 55 equal to 2% of final compensation for each year of service.

**Basis of Presentation** - The schedules of employer allocations and the schedules of pension amounts by employer (collectively, the Schedules) present amounts that are considered elements of the financial statements of PFRS or its participating employers. Accordingly, they do not purport to be a complete presentation of the financial position or changes in financial position of PFRS or the participating employers. The accompanying Schedules were prepared in accordance with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles. Such preparation requires management of PFRS to make a number of estimates and assumptions relating to the reported amounts. Due to the inherent nature of these estimates, actual results could differ from those estimates.

**Contributions** - The contribution policy for PFRS is set by *N.J.S.A. 43:16A* and requires contributions by active members and contributing employers. State legislation has modified the amount that is contributed by the State. The State's contribution amount is based on an actuarially determined rate which includes the normal cost and unfunded accrued liability. For fiscal year 2022, the State contributed an amount less than the actuarially determined amount. The Local employers' contribution amounts are based on an actuarially determined rate which includes the normal cost and unfunded accrued liability. Chapter 19, P.L. 2009 provided an option for local employers of PFRS to contribute 50% of the normal and accrued liability contribution amounts certified for payments due in State fiscal year 2009. Such employers will be credited with the full payment and any such amounts will not be included in their unfunded liability. The actuaries will determine the unfunded liability of those retirement systems, by employer, for the reduced normal and accrued liability contributions provided under this law. This unfunded liability will be paid by the employer in level annual payments over a period of 15 years beginning with the payments due in the fiscal year ended June 30, 2012 and will be adjusted by the rate of return on the actuarial value of assets. For the year ended December 31, 2022, the Township's contractually required contributions to PFRS was \$880,961.

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**NOTE 16. PENSION OBLIGATIONS (CONTINUED)**

**B. Police and Firemen's Retirement System (PFRS) (Continued)**

**Net Pension Liability and Pension Expense** - At December 31, 2022, the Township's proportionate share of the PFRS net pension liability is valued to be \$7,753,464. The net pension liability was measured as of June 30, 2022. The total pension liability used to calculate the net pension liability was determined using update procedures to roll forward the total pension liability from an actuarial valuation as of June 30, 2021, to the measurement date of June 30, 2022. The Township's proportion of the net pension liability was based on the Township's actual contributions to the plan relative to the total of all participating employers' contributions for the year ended June 30, 2022. The Township's proportion measured as of June 30, 2022, was 0.0677374%, which was a decrease of 0.0003427626% from its proportion measured as of June 30, 2021.

**Balances at December 31, 2022 and December 31, 2021**

	<u>12/31/2022</u>	<u>12/30/2021</u>
	June 30, 2022	June 30, 2021
Actuarial valuation date (including roll forward)		
Deferred Outflows of Resources	\$ 2,099,926	\$ 1,545,515
Deferred Inflows of Resources	1,489,466	4,207,863
Net Pension Liability	7,753,464	4,976,083
Township's portion of the Plan's total net pension Liability	0.06774%	0.06808%

**Pension Expense/(Credit) and Deferred Outflows/Inflows of Resources** – At December 31, 2022, the Township's proportionate share of the PFRS expense/(credit), calculated by the plan as of the June 30, 2021 measurement date was \$385,697. This expense/(credit) is not recognized by the Township because of the regulatory basis of accounting as described in Note 1, but as previously mentioned the Township contributed \$880,961 to the plan in 2022.

**Pension Expense and Deferred Outflows/Inflows of Resources** - At December 31, 2022, the Township had deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to PFRS from the following sources:

	<u>Deferred Outflows of Resources</u>	<u>Deferred Inflows of Resources</u>
Differences between Expected and Actual Experience	\$ 350,943	\$ 475,005
Changes of Assumptions	21,249	976,008
Net Difference between Projected and Actual Earnings on Pension Plan Investments	709,989	-
Changes in Proportion and Differences between Township Contributions and Proportionate Share of Contributions	1,017,745	38,453
	<u>\$ 2,099,926</u>	<u>\$ 1,489,466</u>



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**NOTE 16. PENSION OBLIGATIONS (CONTINUED)**

**B. Police and Firemen’s Retirement System (PFRS) (Continued)**

**Pension Expense and Deferred Outflows/Inflows of Resources (Continued)**

The following is a summary of the deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to PFRS that will be recognized in future periods:

<b><u>Year Ending</u></b> <b><u>December 31,</u></b>	<b><u>Amount</u></b>
2023	\$ (191,939)
2024	(51,968)
2025	(40,224)
2026	688,997
2027	200,610
Thereafter	<u>4,984</u>
	<u>\$ 610,460</u>

**Special Funding Situation** - Under N.J.S.A. 43:16A-15, local participating employers are responsible for their own contributions based on actuarially determined amounts, except where legislation was passed which legally obligated the State if certain circumstances occurred. The legislation which legally obligates the state is as follows: Chapter 8, P.L. 2000, Chapter 318, P.L. 2001, Chapter 86, P.L. 2001, Chapter 511, P.L. 1991, Chapter 109, P.L. 1979, Chapter 247, P.L. 1993 and Chapter 201, P.L. 2001. The amounts contributed on behalf of the local participating employers under this legislation is considered to be a special funding situation as defined by GASB Statement No. 68 and the State is treated as a non-employer contributing entity. Since the local participating employers do not contribute under this legislation directly to the plan (except for employer specific financed amounts), there is no net pension liability to report in the financial statements of the local participating employers related to this legislation.

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**NOTE 16. PENSION OBLIGATIONS (CONTINUED)**

**B. Police and Firemen's Retirement System (PFRS) (Continued)**

**Special Funding Situation (Continued)**

Additionally, the State's proportionate share of the net pension liability attributable to the Township is \$1,379,889 as of December 31, 2022. The net pension liability was measured as of June 30, 2022. The total pension liability used to calculate the net pension liability was determined using update procedures to roll forward the total pension liability from an actuarial valuation as of June 30, 2021, to the measurement date of June 30, 2022. The State's proportion of the net pension liability associated with the Township was based on a projection of the Township's long-term share of contributions to the pension plan relative to the projected contributions of all participating members, actuarially determined. The State's proportion measured as of June 30, 2022 was 0.677374%, which was a decrease of 0.00037427626% from its proportion measured as of June 30, 2021, which is the same proportion as the Township's. At December 31, 2022, the Township's and the State of New Jersey's proportionate share of the PFRS net pension liability were as follows:

Township's Proportionate Share of Net Pension Liability	\$ 7,753,464
State of New Jersey's Proportionate Share of Net Pension Liability Associated with the Township	1,379,889
	\$ 9,133,353

At December 31, 2022, the State's proportionate share of the PFRS expense, associated with the Township calculated by the plan as of June 30, 2022 measurement date was \$159,203.

**Actuarial Assumptions** - The total pension asset/(liability) as of the measurement date was determined by using an actuarial valuation as noted in the table below, with update procedures used to roll forward the total pension liability to the measurement date. The actuarial valuations used the following actuarial assumptions:

Inflation	
Price	2.75%
Wage	3.25%
Salary Increases:	
Through	All future years 3.25 - 16.25%
	Based on Years of Service
Investment Rate of Return	7.00%
Mortality Rate Table	
PFRS	PubS-2010 amount-weighted mortality table using Scale MP-2021
Period of Actuarial Experience	
Study upon which Actuarial Assumptions were Based	July 1, 2018 - June 30, 2021

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**NOTE 16. PENSION OBLIGATIONS (CONTINUED)**

**B. Police and Firemen’s Retirement System (PFRS) (Continued)**

**Actuarial Assumptions (Continued)**

Employee mortality rates were based on the PubS-2010 amount-weighted mortality table with a 105.6% adjustment for males and 102.5% adjustment for females. For healthy annuitants, mortality rates were based on the PubS-2010 amount-weighted mortality table with a 96.7% adjustment for males and 96.0% adjustment for females. Disability rates were based on the PubS-2010 amount-weighted mortality table with a 152.0% adjustment for males and 109.3% adjustment for females. Mortality improvement is based on Scale MP-2021.

The actuarial assumptions used in the July 1, 2021 valuation were based on the results of an actuarial experience study for the period July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2021.

**Long-Term Expected Rate of Return** - In accordance with State statute, the long-term expected rate of return on plan investments (7.00% at June 30, 2022) is determined by the State Treasurer, after consultation with the Directors of the Division of Investments and Division of Pensions and Benefits, the board of trustees and the actuaries. The long-term expected rate of return was determined using a building block method in which best-estimate ranges of expected future real rates of return (expected returns, net of pension plan investment expense and inflation) are developed for each major asset class. These ranges are combined to produce the long-term expected rate of return by weighting the expected future real rates of return by the target asset allocation percentage and by adding expected inflation. Best estimates of arithmetic rates of return for each major asset class included in PFRS’s target asset allocation as of June 30, 2022 are summarized in the following table:

<u>Asset Class</u>	<u>Target Allocation</u>	<u>Long-Term Expected Real Rate of Return</u>
U.S. Equity	27.00%	8.12%
Non-U.S. Developed Markets Equity	13.50%	8.38%
Emerging Markets Equity	5.50%	10.33%
Private Equity	13.00%	11.80%
Real Estate	8.00%	11.19%
Real Assets	3.00%	7.60%
High Yield	4.00%	4.95%
Private Credit	8.00%	8.10%
Investment Grade Credit	7.00%	3.38%
Cash Equivalents	4.00%	1.75%
U.S. Treasuries	4.00%	1.75%
Risk Mitigation Strategies	3.00%	4.91%
	100.00%	

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**NOTE 16. PENSION OBLIGATIONS (CONTINUED)**

**B. Police and Firemen’s Retirement System (PFRS) (Continued)**

**Discount Rate** - The discount rate used to measure the total pension liability was 7.00% as of June 30, 2022. The projection of cash flows used to determine the discount rate assumed that contributions from plan members will be made at the current member contribution rates and that contributions from employers and the nonemployer contributing entity will be based on 100% of the actuarially determined contributions for the State employer and 100% of actuarially determined contributions for local employers. Based on those assumptions, the plan’s fiduciary net position was projected to be available to make all projected future benefit payments of current plan members. Therefore, the long-term expected rate of return on plan investments was applied to all projected benefit payments to determine the total pension liability.

**Sensitivity of the Township’s proportionate share of the Net Pension Liability to Changes in the Discount Rate** - The following presents the Township’s proportionate share of the net pension liability calculated using the discount rate as disclosed above, as well as what the Township’s proportionate share of the net pension liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is 1-percentage-point lower (6.00%) or 1-percentage-point higher (8.00%) than the current rate:

	<b><u>1%</u></b> <b><u>Decrease</u></b> <b><u>(6.00%)</u></b>	<b><u>Current</u></b> <b><u>Discount Rate</u></b> <b><u>(7.00%)</u></b>	<b><u>1%</u></b> <b><u>Increase</u></b> <b><u>(8.00%)</u></b>
Township's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability	\$ 10,638,590	\$ 7,753,464	\$ 5,351,583
State of New Jersey's Proportionate Share of Net Pension Liability associated with the Township	1,893,357	1,379,889	952,425
	\$ 12,531,947	\$ 9,133,353	\$ 6,304,008

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**NOTE 16. PENSION OBLIGATIONS (CONTINUED)**

**C. Defined Contribution Retirement Program**

The Defined Contribution Retirement Program (DCRP) is a cost-sharing multiple-employer defined contribution pension fund which was established in 2007, under the provisions of Chapter 92, P.L. 2007 and Chapter 103, P.L. 2007 (N.J.S.A. 43:15C-1 et. seq.) and expanded under the provisions of Chapter 89, P.L. 2008 and Chapter 1, P.L. 2010. The DCRP provides eligible members, and their beneficiaries, with a tax-sheltered, defined contribution retirement benefit, along with life insurance and disability coverage. Vesting and benefit provisions are established by *N.J.S.A.43:15C-1* et. seq.

The contribution requirements of plan members are determined by State statute. In accordance with Chapter 92, P.L. 2007 and Chapter 103, P.L. 2007, plan members are required to contribute 5.5% of their annual covered salary. In addition to the employee contributions, the Township's contribution amounts for each pay period are transmitted to Prudential Financial not later than the fifth business day after the date on which the employee is paid for that pay period.

**Related Party Investments** - The Division of Pensions and Benefits does not invest in securities issued by the Township.

**NOTE 17. OTHER POST-RETIREMENT BENEFITS – LOCAL PLAN**

**Plan Description**

The OPEB provided by the Township of Ocean (Township) is currently funded on a pay-as-you-go basis and includes healthcare, prescription drug, dental and vision coverage for retirees and their families.

**Eligibility**

Employees hired prior to July 1, 2018, the Township of Ocean provides the cost of insurance coverage for those employees and their spouse in the same manner for which such benefits are provided to regular full-time Township employees who retire after 25 years or more of service credit in the State Pension System and a period of at least 25 years of employment with the Township of Ocean or for those employees who have retired and reached the age of 65 years of age with 25 years or more of service credit in a state or local administered retired system and a period of 25 years with the employer at the time of retirement.

Employees hired subsequent to July 1, 2018, the Township of Ocean provides only the cost of insurance coverage for the individual employee, and not their spouse or dependents, who retires after 25 years or more of service credit in the State Pension System and a period of at least 25 years of employment with the Township of Ocean or for those employees who have retired and reached the age of 65 years of age with 25 years or more of service credit in a state or local administered retired system and a period of 25 years with the employer at the time of retirement.

Year of service are calculated based upon elapsed time.

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**NOTE 17. OTHER POST-RETIREMENT BENEFITS – LOCAL PLAN (CONTINUED)**

**Calculation of Actuarial Accrued Liability**

The plan's benefit obligations, currently, are in two parts:

1. the present value of the benefits yet to be paid for those who are currently covered as retirees; and
2. the present value of the benefits to be paid for those active participants once they become eligible for retiree benefits.

Included in each present value is a cost for administering the retiree claims.

The determination of the benefit obligation for those who are retired and covered involves estimating the survival and future claims for them and then discounting those future claims to the present time. With regard to the active group, a further estimate must be made regarding who will actually survive, in active employment, to retire and be covered after employment.

**Assumptions for Valuations**

1. MORTALITY. Mortality rates were based on the RP-2014 Mortality Table projected with Scale MP 18.

2. DISCOUNT RATE. We have discounted future costs at the rate of 4.31% compounded annually. The rate is based upon the S&P Municipal Bond 20 Year High Grade Rate Index consists of bonds in the S&P Municipal Bond Index with a maturity of 20 years as of December 2022. Eligible bonds are rated at least AA by Standard and Poor's Ratings Services, Aa2 by Moody's or AA by Fitch. If there are multiple ratings, the lowest rating was used.

3. We have assumed that terminations of employment other than for death or retirement will occur in the future in accordance with The State of New Jersey PERS Local Government turnover/withdrawal experience; some excerpts from the tables are:

Ultimate termination rates vary by age

<u>AGE</u>	<u>Ultimate</u>
30	6.1%
35	4.0%
40	2.9%
45	2.7%
50	2.0%
55	1.6%
60	1.5%

4. DISABILITY. We have assumed no terminations of employment due to disability. Retirees resulting from a disability were factored into our determination of age at retirement.

5. AGE AT RETIREMENT. We have assumed that the active participants, on average, will receive their benefits when eligible but no earlier than age 55.

6. SPOUSAL COVERAGE. We have assumed that married employees will remain married.

7. HEALTH CARE COST INFLATION. We have assumed that health care gross costs will increase an annual rate of 7.0% for Pre-Medicare medical benefits and 5% for Post-Medicare medical benefits.

8. ADMINISTRATION EXPENSES. We have assumed that the annual cost to administer the retiree claims, approximately 2%, is included in the annual health care costs.

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**NOTE 17. OTHER POST-RETIREMENT BENEFITS – LOCAL PLAN (CONTINUED)**

**Current Per Capita Claims Cost**

We have reviewed the 2022 healthcare rates for medical, prescription drugs, dental and vision for retirees. The annual average claims cost is approximately \$43,654 per current covered retiree and spouse coverage and \$20,198 for single coverage prior to age 65. For retirees age 65 and over the annual average claims cost is approximately \$26,073 per covered retiree for employee/spouse coverage and \$13,037 for single coverage.

**Annual Service Cost**

We have assumed that the actuarial accrued liability will be amortized over average service years of the active and inactive employees pursuant to the GASB 75 regulations.

**Actuarial Funding Method**

We have employed the "entry age normal" cost method in establishing the annual service contribution and actuarial accrued liability for the participants.

**Demographic Data Statistics**

- 23 retirees with an average age of 63
- 10 retirees receiving single benefit coverage
- 53 active employees with an average age of 44 and average accrued service of 12 years

**Benefit Obligation**

At 12/31/2022 we estimate the actuarial accrued liability of benefit obligations of the Township of Ocean for other post-employment benefits to be:

	12/31/2022
1. For covered retired employees	\$ 17,452,815.00
2. For active or terminated vested participants who have satisfied the requirements (except for actually retiring) for retiree coverage	\$ 393,107.00
3. For active participants	17,711,356.00
4. Total	35,557,278.00
5. Assets	-
6. Total OPEB Liability (4) - (5)	\$ 35,557,278.00

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**NOTE 17. OTHER POST-RETIREMENT BENEFITS – LOCAL PLAN (CONTINUED)**

**Annual Service Cost**

At 12/31/2022 we estimate the annual service cost of the plan for post-employment benefits to be:

	12/31/2022
1. Annual Service Cost for OPEB	\$ 1,163,965.00

**Benefit Payment Comparison**

At 12/31/2022, the OPEB was funded on a pay-as-you-go basis:

1. Pay-As-You-Go Retiree Medical Costs	\$ 735,593.00
2. Annual Service Cost	1,163,965.00
3. Net Change (2) - (1)	\$ 428,372.00

**Details of Change in Benefit Obligations**

Details of Change in Actuarial Present Value  
of Benefit Obligations from 12/31/2021 to 12/31/2022

1. Actuarial Present Value of Benefit Obligations on 12/31/2021	\$ 48,912,444.00
2. Increase Due to Service Cost (Beginning of Year)	1,964,027.00
3. Increase Due to Interest on Total OPEB Liability	1,092,255.00
4. Decrease Due to Benefits Paid	(735,593.00)
5. Difference Between Actual and Expected	112,136.00
6. Increase Due to Change in Assumptions	(15,787,991.00)
7. Actuarial Present Value of Benefit Obligations on 12/31/2022	\$ 35,557,278.00

Amortization of deferred outflows/inflows: We assumed the assumption change for 12/31/2022 will be amortized over the average service years (12) of the active and inactive employees consistent with the GASB 75 regulations.

Amounts recognized in the deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to OPEB will be recognized in the OPEB expense as follows:

Measurement Period ending December 31, 2022 through 2033 an amount of (\$1,315,666).



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**NOTE 17. OTHER POST-RETIREMENT BENEFITS – LOCAL PLAN (CONTINUED)**

**Sensitivity of Change**

If we increase the annual rates at which gross health care costs will inflate in the future by 1% over what we have assumed, the following benefit obligations would result as of 12/31/2022: \$43,741,924

If we decrease the annual rates at which gross health care costs will inflate in the future by 1% under what we have assumed, the following benefit obligations would result as of 12/31/2022: \$29,302,204

If we increase the annual discount in the future by 1% over what we have assumed, the following benefit obligations would result as of 12/31/2022: \$29,810,421

If we decrease the annual discount in the future by 1% under what we have assumed, the following benefit obligations would result as of 12/31/2022: \$42,972,530

**NOTE 18. OTHER POST-RETIREMENT BENEFITS – STATE PLAN**

As of the date of this report, the New Jersey Division of Pension and Benefits has not provided updated actuarial valuations for other postemployment benefit obligations for the year ended June 30, 2023. The New Jersey Division of Pension and Benefits will post these reports on their website as they are made available. The footnote below includes the most current information made publicly available which had a reporting date of June 30, 2022.

**A. General Information about the OPEB Plan**

The State Health Benefit Local Government Retired Employees Plan (the Plan) is a cost-sharing multiple-employer defined benefit other postemployment benefit (OPEB) plan with a special funding situation. It covers employees of local government employers that have adopted a resolution to participate in the Plan. For additional information about the Plan, please refer to the State of New Jersey (the State), Division of Pensions and Benefits' (the Division) Annual Comprehensive Financial Report (ACFR), which can be found at <https://www.state.nj.us/treasury/pensions/financial-reports.shtml>.

The Plan provides medical and prescription drug to retirees and their covered dependents of the participating employers. Under the provisions of Chapter 88, P.L. 1974 and Chapter 48, P.L. 1999, local government employers electing to provide postretirement medical coverage to their employees must file a resolution with the Division. Under Chapter 88, local employers elect to provide benefit coverage based on the eligibility rules and regulations promulgated by the State Health Benefits Commission. Chapter 48 allows local employers to establish their own age and service eligibility for employer paid health benefits coverage for retired employees. Under Chapter 48, the employer may assume the cost of postretirement medical coverage for employees and their dependents who: 1) retired on a disability pension; or 2) retired with 25 or more years of service credit in a State or locally administered retirement system and a period of service of up to 25 years with the employer at the time of retirement as established by the employer; or 3) retired and reached the age of 65 with 25 or more years of service credit in a State or locally administered retirement system and a period of service of up to 25 years with the employer at the time of retirement as established by the employer; or 4) retired and reached age 62 with at least 15 years of service with the employer. Further, the law provides that the employer paid obligations for retiree coverage may be determined by means of a collective negotiations agreement.

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**NOTE 18. OTHER POST-RETIREMENT BENEFITS – STATE PLAN (CONTINUED)**

In accordance with Chapter 330, P.L. 1997, which is codified in N.J.S.A 52:14-17.32i, the State provides medical and prescription coverage to local police officers and firefighters, who retire with 25 years of service or on a disability from an employer who does not provide postretirement medical coverage. Local employers were required to file a resolution with the Division in order for their employees to qualify for State-paid retiree health benefits coverage under Chapter 330. The State also provides funding for retiree health benefits to survivors of local police officers and firefighters who die in the line of duty under Chapter 271, P.L.1989.

Pursuant to Chapter 78, P.L. 2011, future retirees eligible for postretirement medical coverage who have less than 20 years of creditable service on June 28, 2011 will be required to pay a percentage of the cost of their health care coverage in retirement provided they retire with 25 or more years of pension service credit. The percentage of the premium for which the retiree will be responsible will be determined based on the retiree's annual retirement benefit and level of coverage.

**B. Basis of Presentation**

The schedule of employer and nonemployer allocations and the schedule of OPEB amounts by employer and nonemployer (collectively, the Schedules) present amounts that are considered elements of the financial statements of its participating employers or the State as a nonemployer contributing entity. Accordingly, they do not purport to be a complete presentation of the financial position or changes in financial position of the participating employers or the State. The accompanying Schedules were prepared in accordance with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles. Such preparation requires management of the Plan to make a number of estimates and assumptions relating to the reported amounts. Due to the inherent nature of these estimates, actual results could differ from those estimates.

**C. Allocation Methodology**

GASB Statement No. 75 requires participating employers in the Plan to recognize their proportionate share of the collective net OPEB liability, collective deferred outflows of resources, collective deferred inflows of resources, and collective OPEB (benefit) expense. The special funding situation's and nonspecial funding situation's net OPEB liability, deferred outflows of resources, deferred inflows of resources, and OPEB (benefit) expense are based on separately calculated total OPEB liabilities. For the special funding situation and the nonspecial funding situation, the total OPEB liabilities for the year ended June 30, 2022 were \$3,361,552,823.00 and \$12,729,372,321.00, respectively. The nonspecial funding situation's net OPEB liability, deferred outflows of resources, deferred inflows of resources, and OPEB (benefit) expense are further allocated to employers based on the ratio of the plan members of an individual employer to the total members of the Plan's nonspecial funding situation during the measurement period July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022. Employer and nonemployer allocation percentages have been rounded for presentation purposes; therefore, amounts presented in the schedule of OPEB amounts by employer and nonemployer may result in immaterial differences.

**D. Special Funding Situation**

Under Chapter 330, P.L. 1997, the State shall pay the premium or periodic charges for the qualified local police and firefighter retirees and dependents equal to 80 percent of the premium or periodic charge for the category of coverage elected by the qualified retiree under the State managed care plan or a health maintenance organization participating in the program providing the lowest premium or periodic charge. The State also provides funding for retiree health benefits to survivors of local police officers and firefighters who die in the line of duty under Chapter 271, P.L.1989.

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**NOTE 18. OTHER POST-RETIREMENT BENEFITS – STATE PLAN (CONTINUED)**

Therefore, these employers are considered to be in a special funding situation as defined by GASB Statement No. 75 and the State is treated as a nonemployer contributing entity. Since the local participating employers do not contribute under this legislation directly to the plan, there is no net OPEB liability, deferred outflows of resources or deferred inflows of resources to report in the financial statements of the local participating employers related to this legislation. However, the notes to the financial statements of the local participating employers must disclose the portion of the nonemployer contributing entities' total proportionate share of the collective net OPEB liability that is associated with the local participating employer. The participating employer is required to record in their financial statements, as an expense and corresponding revenue, their proportionate share of the OPEB expense allocated to the State of New Jersey under the special funding situation.

Additionally, the State's proportionate share of the OPEB liability attributable to the Township is \$4,104,408.00 as of December 31, 2022. The OPEB liability was measured as of June 30, 2022. The total OPEB liability used to calculate the OPEB liability was determined using update procedures to roll forward the total OPEB liability from an actuarial valuation as of July 1, 2021, to the measurement date of June 30, 2022. The State's proportion of the OPEB liability associated with the Township was based on a projection of the Township's long-term share of contributions to the OPEB plan relative to the projected contributions of all participating members, actuarially determined. The State's proportion measured as of June 30, 2022 was 0.1216549984%, which was a decrease of 0.00758399% from its proportion measured as of June 30, 2021, which is the same proportion as the Township's. At December 31, 2022, the Township's and the State of New Jersey's proportionate share of the OPEB liability were as follows:

State of New Jersey's	
Proportionate Share of OPEB Liability	
Associated with the Township	\$ 4,104,408.00

At December 31, 2022, the State's proportionate share of the OPEB (credit)/expense, associated with the Township, calculated by the plan as of the June 30, 2022 measurement date was (\$673,209.00).

**NOTE 19. LEASES RECEIVABLE**

As discussed in Note 1 and in accordance with accounting principles prescribed by the State of New Jersey, the cash basis of accounting is followed for recording the Township's assets related to leases receivable. In accordance with New Jersey accounting principles, future lease payments owed to the Township are not reported as an asset in the accompanying financial statements. At December 31, 2023 the Township had leases receivable as follows:

- On May 2, 2022 the Township entered into an agreement with a cellphone corporation to utilize ground space for the lessee's tower and ground equipment. Under the lease, the lessee will pay monthly payments in the amount of \$3,666.67 until May 2027 in exchange for utilizing ground space for the lessee's tower and ground equipment. The estimated lease receivable at December 31, 2023 totaled \$150,333.33. The Township recognized revenue during the year ended December 31, 2023 totaling \$44,000.00.
- On May 2, 2022 the Township entered into an agreement with a cellphone corporation to utilize ground space for the lessee's tower and ground equipment. Under the lease, the lessee will pay monthly payments in the amount of \$3,800.00 until May 2027 in exchange for utilizing ground space for the lessee's tower and ground equipment. The estimated lease receivable at December 31, 2023 totaled \$155,800.00. The Township recognized revenue during the year ended December 31, 2023 totaling \$45,600.00.

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**NOTE 19.     LEASES RECEIVABLE (Continued)**

- On February 28, 2007 the Township entered into an agreement with a cellphone corporation to utilize ground space for the lessee's tower and ground equipment. Under the lease, the lessee will pay monthly payments in the amount of \$3,865.28 until February 2027 in exchange for utilizing ground space for the lessee's tower and ground equipment. The estimated lease receivable at December 31, 2023 totaled \$147,534.54. The Township recognized revenue during the year ended December 31, 2023 totaling \$46,627.64.
- On August 7, 2022 the Township entered into an agreement with a cellphone corporation to utilize ground space for the lessee's tower and ground equipment. Under the lease, the lessee will pay monthly payments in the amount of \$8,307.08 until August 2028 in exchange for utilizing ground space for the lessee's tower and ground equipment. The estimated lease receivable at December 31, 2023 totaled \$465,196.48. The Township recognized revenue during the year ended December 31, 2023 totaling \$99,959.71.

**NOTE 20.     SUBSEQUENT EVENTS**

Management has reviewed and evaluated all events and transactions that occurred between December 31, 2023 and June 25, 2024, the date that the financial statements were available for issuance, for possible disclosure and recognition in the financial statements.

On May 21, 2024 the Township adopted an ordinance providing for various capital improvements and other related expenses, and appropriating \$930,000.00 therefor and providing for the issuance of \$922,500.00 in bonds or notes to finance the same.

On May 21, 2024 the Township adopted an ordinance providing for improvements to the Pebble Beach Water Treatment Plant, and appropriating \$9,762,500.00 therefor and providing for the issuance of \$9,762,500.00 in bonds or notes to finance the same.

On May 21, 2024 the Township adopted an ordinance providing for the improvements to the Dock Avenue Pump Station, and appropriating \$981,750.00 therefor and providing for the issuance of \$981,500.00 in bonds or notes to finance the same.

On May 21, 2024 the Township adopted an ordinance providing for Phase I of the Township-wide Lead Service Line Replacement Project, and appropriating \$3,000,000.00 therefor and providing for the issuance of \$3,000,000.00 in bonds or notes to finance the same.

**SUPPLEMENTARY SCHEDULES**

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**CURRENT FUND**

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SCHEDULE OF CASH - TREASURER

Balance December 31, 2022		\$	4,026,106.34
Increased by Receipts:			
Taxes Receivable	\$	31,006,959.15	
Revenue Accounts Receivable		1,836,044.39	
Miscellaneous Revenue not Anticipated		370,818.40	
Prepaid Taxes		322,827.92	
Tax Overpayments		39,804.78	
State of New Jersey-Miscellaneous Fees		12,968.00	
State of New Jersey (Ch. 20, P.L. 1971)		128,615.07	
Various Reserves		62,219.81	
Interfunds:			
Grant Fund		255,498.23	
Other Funds		1,864,227.09	
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			35,899,982.84
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			39,926,089.18
Decreased by Disbursements:			
Tax Overpayments Refunded			
Current Year Budget Appropriations		12,588,813.86	
Appropriation Reserves		295,689.74	
County Taxes Payable		6,733,881.28	
Local School District Tax		11,947,725.00	
State of New Jersey-Miscellaneous Fees		14,561.00	
Overpayments		52,468.87	
Change Fund		100.00	
Various Reserves		163,590.88	
Interfunds:			
Other Funds		1,198,429.10	
Grant Fund		637,763.14	
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			33,633,022.87
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Balance December 31, 2023		\$	<u><u>6,293,066.31</u></u>

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Exhibit A-5

SCHEDULE OF TAXES RECEIVABLE AND ANALYSIS OF PROPERTY TAX LEVY

Year	Balance Dec. 31, 2022	Levy	Collections		Due from State	Transferred to Tax Title Liens	Cancelled	Balance Dec. 31, 2023
			2023	2022				
2016 and prior	\$ 27,921.68	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 27,921.68
2017	6,990.97	-	-	-	-	-	-	6,990.97
2018	9,273.75	-	-	-	-	-	-	9,273.75
2019	6,208.15	-	-	-	-	-	-	6,208.15
2020	6,331.26	-	-	-	-	-	-	6,331.26
2021	4,485.90	1,932.01	-	-	-	-	-	6,417.91
2022	1,366,397.00	-	520,764.63	-	(2,500.00)	1,358.88	-	846,773.49
	1,427,608.71	1,932.01	520,764.63	-	(2,500.00)	1,358.88	-	909,917.21
2023	-	31,707,805.22	30,486,194.52	435,561.07	131,670.55	41,513.46	70,307.23	542,558.39
	\$ 1,427,608.71	\$ 31,709,737.23	\$ 31,006,959.15	\$ 435,561.07	\$ 129,170.55	\$ 42,872.34	\$ 70,307.23	\$ 1,452,475.60

Analysis of 2023 Property Tax Yield and Tax Levy

Tax Yield:	
General Purpose Tax	\$ 31,454,703.03
Added and Omitted Taxes	255,034.20
	<u>\$ 31,709,737.23</u>
Tax Levy:	
Local District School Tax (Abstract)	\$ 14,048,464.00
County Taxes:	
County Tax (Abstract)	\$ 5,622,017.91
County Library Tax (Abstract)	532,203.04
County Health Tax (Abstract)	308,719.21
County Open Space Tax (Abstract)	223,380.75
Due County for Added and Omitted Taxes	54,021.31
Total County Taxes	<u>6,740,342.22</u>
Local Open Space Tax	406,201.23
Local Tax for Municipal Purposes	9,421,339.54
Add: Additional Tax Levied	<u>1,093,390.24</u>
	<u>\$ 31,709,737.23</u>

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**SCHEDULE OF TAX TITLE LIENS**

Balance December 31, 2022		\$	492,296.07
Increased by:			
Transfers from Taxes Receivable	\$	42,872.34	
Interest and Costs Accrued at Tax Sale		<u>1,128.81</u>	
			<u>44,001.15</u>
Balance December 31, 2023		\$	<u><u>536,297.22</u></u>

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Exhibit A-7

SCHEDULE OF REVENUE ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE

	<u>Balance Dec. 31, 2022</u>	<u>Accrued in 2023</u>	<u>Collections</u>	<u>Balance Dec. 31, 2023</u>
Fees and Permits	\$ -	\$ 76,216.33	\$ 76,216.33	\$ -
Fines and Costs				
Municipal Court	4,173.29	57,522.65	58,038.63	3,657.31
Interest and Costs on Taxes	-	87,221.80	87,221.80	-
Cellular Tower Fees	-	264,356.20	264,356.20	-
State Aid:				
Energy Receipts Tax	-	600,635.32	600,635.32	-
Garden State Preservation Trust Fund	-	12,670.00	12,670.00	-
Municipal Relief Fund	-	31,116.38	31,116.38	-
Uniform Construction Code Fees	-	238,826.60	238,826.60	-
Other Special Items:				
Township of Barnegat - Recreation	-	69,077.78	69,077.78	-
Township of Barnegat - Construction Office	-	15,402.88	15,402.88	-
Township of Toms River - Municipal Clerk	-	60,000.00	60,000.00	-
Reserve for FEMA Proceeds	-	133,376.67	133,376.67	-
Reserve for Southern Ocean Landfill	-	84,297.49	84,297.49	-
Payment in Lieu of Taxes - Coastal Redevelopment	-	185,254.58	185,254.58	-
Payment in Lieu of Taxes - Debt Service	-	100,134.28	100,134.28	-
Payment in Lieu of Taxes - Affordable Housing	-	91,282.00	91,282.00	-
Anticipated Utility Operating Surplus	-	600,000.00	600,000.00	-
Cares Act - Ocean County	-	39,526.62	39,526.62	-
	<u>\$ 4,173.29</u>	<u>\$ 2,746,917.58</u>	<u>\$ 2,747,433.56</u>	<u>\$ 3,657.31</u>
Receipts				
Interfunds				
Various Reserves			1,836,044.39	
			623,072.01	
			288,317.16	
			<u>\$ 2,747,433.56</u>	

**TOWNSHIP OF OCEAN - COUNTY OF OCEAN**

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**SCHEDULE OF APPROPRIATION RESERVES**

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**OPERATIONS WITHIN CAPS**

	Balance Dec. 31, 2022	Reserve for Encumbrances	Balance After Transfers	Paid or Charged	Balance Lapsed
General Administration	\$ 161.46	\$ -	\$ 161.46	\$ 140.20	\$ 21.26
Other Expenses					
Mayor and Committee	165.00	-	165.00	-	165.00
Salaries and Wages	46.60	380.00	426.60	380.00	46.60
Other Expenses					
Municipal Clerk's Office	47.32	-	47.32	-	47.32
Salaries and Wages	4.51	100.00	104.51	-	104.51
Other Expenses					
Financial Administration	151.60	-	151.60	-	151.60
Salaries and Wages	534.60	432.30	966.90	452.30	514.60
Other Expenses					
Collection of Taxes	1,202.98	-	1,202.98	-	1,202.98
Salaries and Wages	2,079.09	2,145.00	4,224.09	2,210.00	2,014.09
Other Expenses					
Assessment of Taxes	416.02	-	416.02	-	416.02
Salaries and Wages	507.73	-	507.73	43.36	464.37
Other Expenses					
Legal Services and Costs	6,912.98	9,350.79	16,263.77	10,386.61	5,877.16
Other Expenses					
Engineering Services	4,778.25	5,950.00	10,728.25	4,612.50	6,115.75
Other Expenses					
Planning Board	515.00	-	515.00	-	515.00
Salaries and Wages	2,362.65	61.20	2,423.85	401.48	2,022.37
Other Expenses					

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SCHEDULE OF APPROPRIATION RESERVES

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	Balance Dec. 31, 2022	Reserve for Encumbrances	Balance After Transfers	Paid or Charged	Balance Lapsed
Zoning Board	\$ 266.58	\$ -	\$ 266.58	\$ -	\$ 266.58
Salaries and Wages	1,281.68	102.90	1,384.58	382.20	1,002.38
Other Expenses					
Board of Adjustment					
Salaries and Wages	781.59	-	781.59	-	781.59
Other Expenses	1,000.00	-	1,000.00	-	1,000.00
Other Code Enforcement Functions					
Salaries and Wages	844.59	-	844.59	-	844.59
Other Expenses	700.00	-	700.00	-	700.00
Municipal Housing Liaison					
Salaries and Wages	3,100.00	-	3,100.00	-	3,100.00
Other Expenses	500.00	-	500.00	-	500.00
Construction Official					
Salaries and Wages	1,148.94	-	1,148.94	-	1,148.94
Other Expenses	5,166.59	9,296.13	14,462.72	8,236.10	6,226.62
Unemployment Insurance	2,040.21	-	2,040.21	-	2,040.21
Employee Group Health Insurance	13,402.02	-	13,402.02	-	13,402.02
Health Benefits Waiver	2,192.95	-	2,192.95	-	2,192.95
Police Department					
Salaries and Wages	60,147.10	-	60,147.10	-	60,147.10
Other Expenses	778.70	14,356.98	15,135.68	13,272.60	1,863.08
Police Dispatch					
Salaries and Wages	2,131.36	-	2,131.36	-	2,131.36
Other Expenses	37.00	5,000.00	5,037.00	5,000.00	37.00
Office of Emergency Management					
Other Expenses	495.00	2,100.00	2,595.00	2,200.00	395.00
Aid to Volunteer Fire Companies	97.83	27,403.26	27,501.09	27,050.09	451.00
First Aid Contribution	2,334.77	1,414.84	3,749.61	2,030.13	1,719.48
Municipal Prosecutor					
Other Expenses	2,000.00	1,500.00	3,500.00	1,500.00	2,000.00

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**SCHEDULE OF APPROPRIATION RESERVES**

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	<b>Balance Dec. 31, 2022</b>	<b>Reserve for Encumbrances</b>	<b>Balance After Transfers</b>	<b>Paid or Charged</b>	<b>Balance Lapsed</b>
Streets and Roads Maintenance					
Salaries and Wages	\$ 91.21	\$ -	\$ 91.21	\$ -	\$ 91.21
Other Expenses	10,947.83	3.00	10,950.83	762.62	10,188.21
Solid Waste Collection					
Other Expenses	4,270.38	40,501.89	44,772.27	40,501.89	4,270.38
Buildings and Grounds					
Salaries and Wages	3,520.93	-	3,520.93	-	3,520.93
Other Expenses	1,856.86	3,958.25	5,815.11	5,656.54	158.57
Vehicle Maintenance					
Salaries and Wages	684.10	-	684.10	-	684.10
Other Expenses	22,970.21	1,334.32	24,304.53	22,014.66	2,289.87
Public Health Services					
Salaries and Wages	2,100.00	-	2,100.00	-	2,100.00
Other Expenses	624.50	54.50	679.00	54.80	624.20
Environmental Health Services					
Salaries and Wages	1,080.00	-	1,080.00	-	1,080.00
Other Expenses	400.08	-	400.08	-	400.08
Animal Control Services					
Other Expenses	-	1,625.00	1,625.00	1,625.00	-
Vital Statistics					
Salaries and Wages	2,000.00	-	2,000.00	-	2,000.00
Other Expenses	19.00	86.00	105.00	86.00	19.00
Recreation					
Salaries and Wages	2,665.40	-	2,665.40	-	2,665.40
Other Expenses	2,104.14	-	2,104.14	-	2,104.14
Beach and Boardwalk Operations					
Other Expenses	300.00	-	300.00	-	300.00
Park Maintenance					
Other Expenses	57.58	-	57.58	38.64	18.94
Celebration of Public Events					
Other Expenses	764.76	-	764.76	-	764.76

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**SCHEDULE OF APPROPRIATION RESERVES**

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	<u>Balance Dec. 31, 2022</u>	<u>Reserve for Encumbrances</u>	<u>Balance After Transfers</u>	<u>Paid or Charged</u>	<u>Balance Lapsed</u>
Municipal Court					
Salaries and Wages	\$ 3,238.15	\$ -	\$ 3,238.15	\$ -	\$ 3,238.15
Other Expenses	2,774.12	-	2,774.12	25.20	2,748.92
Public Defender					
Other Expenses	-	3,000.00	3,000.00	3,000.00	-
Utilities:					
Electricity	701.91	257.34	959.25	257.34	701.91
Street Lighting	1,978.00	-	1,978.00	1,829.88	148.12
Telephone	426.51	1,917.96	2,344.47	1,872.04	472.43
Gas (Natural and Propane)	1,008.99	1,400.00	2,408.99	2,256.59	152.40
Gas and Oil	2,668.01	10,592.14	13,260.15	6,092.14	7,168.01
Telecommunications Costs	109.04	-	109.04	-	109.04
Landfill Disposal Costs	13,118.44	17,801.22	30,919.66	17,801.22	13,118.44
Accumulated Leave Compensations	100.00	-	100.00	-	100.00
New Jersey Municipal Services Act	47,007.03	-	47,007.03	36,484.99	10,522.04
Total Operations within Caps	<u>249,919.88</u>	<u>162,125.02</u>	<u>412,044.90</u>	<u>218,657.12</u>	<u>193,387.78</u>

**STATUTORY EXPENDITURES WITHIN CAPS**

Contribution to:

Defined Contribution Benefit Plan (DCRP)	955.10	-	955.10	-	955.10
Social Security System	9,773.03	-	9,773.03	-	9,773.03
Total Statutory Expenditures within Caps	<u>10,728.13</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>10,728.13</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>10,728.13</u>
Total Appropriations within Caps	<u>260,648.01</u>	<u>162,125.02</u>	<u>422,773.03</u>	<u>218,657.12</u>	<u>204,115.91</u>



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**SCHEDULE OF APPROPRIATION RESERVES**

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**OPERATIONS EXCLUDED FROM CAPS**

	<u>Balance Dec. 31, 2022</u>	<u>Reserve for Encumbrances</u>	<u>Balance After Transfers</u>	<u>Paid or Charged</u>	<u>Balance Lapsed</u>
Recycling Tax	\$ 12,000.00	\$ -	\$ 12,000.00	\$ -	\$ 12,000.00
LOSAP	8,195.92	-	8,195.92	-	8,195.92
Shared Service Agreements: Barnegat Township					
Construction Office	3,915.98	-	3,915.98	1,501.43	2,414.55
Recreation-Revenue Off-Set	3,700.98	-	3,700.98	-	3,700.98
Construction Office-Revenue Off-Set	6,898.06	-	6,898.06	4,189.60	2,708.46
Clerks Tom River	12,569.33	-	12,569.33	-	12,569.33
Purchase of Police Vehicles-SUV	-	70,980.10	70,980.10	70,980.10	-
Improvements to Municipal Buildings and Grounds	29,605.00	-	29,605.00	2,798.99	26,806.01
Total Operations excluded from Caps	<u>76,885.27</u>	<u>70,980.10</u>	<u>147,865.37</u>	<u>79,470.12</u>	<u>68,395.25</u>
Total General Appropriations	\$ <u>337,533.28</u>	\$ <u>233,105.12</u>	\$ <u>570,638.40</u>	\$ <u>298,127.24</u>	\$ <u>272,511.16</u>

Disbursed  
Accounts Payable

\$ 295,689.74  
2,437.50  
\$ 298,127.24

**TOWNSHIP OF OCEAN - COUNTY OF OCEAN**

**CURRENT FUND**

**Exhibit A-9**

**SCHEDULE OF COUNTY TAXES PAYABLE**

Balance December 31, 2022		\$ 47,560.37
2023 Tax Levy:		
County Tax (Abstract)	\$ 5,622,017.91	
County Library Tax (Abstract)	532,203.04	
County Health Tax (Abstract)	308,719.21	
County Open Space Tax (Abstract)	223,380.75	
Due County for Added and Omitted Taxes	<u>54,021.31</u>	
		<u>6,740,342.22</u>
		6,787,902.59
Decreased by:		
Disbursements		<u>6,733,881.28</u>
Balance December 31, 2023		<u>\$ 54,021.31</u>

**SCHEDULE OF MUNICIPAL OPEN SPACE TAX**

**Exhibit A-10**

Balance December 31, 2022		\$ -
Increased by:		
Levy Calendar Year 2023		406,201.23
Decreased by:		
Interfunds		<u>406,201.23</u>
Balance December 31, 2023		<u>\$ -</u>

**TOWNSHIP OF OCEAN - COUNTY OF OCEAN**

**CURRENT FUND**

**Exhibit A-11**

**SCHEDULE OF LOCAL DISTRICT SCHOOL TAX**

Balance December 31, 2022			
School Tax Payable	\$	(1,042,267.10)	
School Tax Deferred		<u>5,967,567.00</u>	
			\$ 4,925,299.90
Increased by:			
Levy for School Year July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024			<u>14,048,464.00</u>
			<u>18,973,763.90</u>
Decreased by:			
Disbursements			<u>11,947,725.00</u>
Balance December 31, 2023			
School Tax Payable		1,058,471.90	
School Tax Deferred		<u>5,967,567.00</u>	
			\$ <u>7,026,038.90</u>
<b><u>2023 Liability for Local School District Tax</u></b>			
Levy for School Year July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024			\$ 14,048,464.00
Add:			
School Tax Deferred - December 31, 2022			<u>5,967,567.00</u>
			<u>20,016,031.00</u>
Less:			
School Tax Deferred - December 31, 2023			<u>5,967,567.00</u>
Amount Charged to 2023 Operations			\$ <u>14,048,464.00</u>

TOWNSHIP OF OCEAN - COUNTY OF OCEAN

Exhibit A-12

CURRENT FUND

SCHEDULE OF VARIOUS RESERVES

	Total (Memo Only)	Hurricane Sandy FEMA	Pinelands Stabilization	Revaluation	Municipal Relief Fund	S. Ocean Landfill	Accounts Payable	O. C. Cares	Fire Code Violations
Balance December 31, 2022	\$ 366,649.66	\$ 133,376.67	\$ 24,522.00	\$ 12,019.00	\$ 31,116.38	\$ 84,297.49	\$ 41,541.50	\$ 39,526.62	\$ 250.00
Increased by:									
Receipts	62,219.81	-	-	-	62,219.81	-	-	-	-
Special Emergency Appropriation	250,000.00	-	-	250,000.00	-	-	-	-	-
Appropriation Reserves	2,437.50	-	-	-	-	-	2,437.50	-	-
Total Increases	314,657.31	-	-	250,000.00	62,219.81	-	2,437.50	-	-
Total Increases and Balances	681,306.97	133,376.67	24,522.00	262,019.00	93,336.19	84,297.49	43,979.00	39,526.62	250.00
Decreased by:									
Disbursements	163,590.88	-	-	122,049.38	-	-	41,541.50	-	-
Anticipated Revenue	288,317.16	133,376.67	-	-	31,116.38	84,297.49	-	39,526.62	-
	451,908.04	133,376.67	-	122,049.38	31,116.38	84,297.49	41,541.50	39,526.62	-
Balance December 31, 2023	\$ 229,398.93	\$ -	\$ 24,522.00	\$ 139,969.62	\$ 62,219.81	\$ -	\$ 2,437.50	\$ -	\$ 250.00

TOWNSHIP OF OCEAN - COUNTY OF OCEAN

CURRENT FUND

Exhibit A-13

SCHEDULE OF INTERFUNDS

	Total (Memo Only)	Open Space Trust Fund	Other Trust Fund	General Capital Fund	Water-Sewer Utility Operating Fund	Animal Control Trust Fund
Balance December 31, 2022 - Due To (Due From)	\$ 1,002,376.39	\$ 653,424.27	\$ 136,347.23	\$ 341,440.58	\$ (128,602.02)	\$ (233.67)
Increased by:						
Receipts	1,841,155.08	-	219,009.67	770,481.66	851,663.75	-
Open Space Tax Levy Not Transferred	406,201.23	406,201.23	-	-	-	-
Settlements	23,072.01	-	-	-	23,072.01	-
Total Increases and Balances	<u>3,272,804.71</u>	<u>1,059,625.50</u>	<u>219,009.67</u>	<u>770,481.66</u>	<u>874,735.76</u>	<u>-</u>
			355,356.90	1,111,922.24	746,133.74	(233.67)
Decreased by:						
Disbursed	1,198,429.10	653,424.27	398,871.09	-	146,133.74	-
Miscellaneous Revenue Not Anticipated	39,748.17	-	-	39,478.67	-	269.50
Miscellaneous Revenue Anticipated	600,000.00	-	-	-	600,000.00	-
Budget Appropriations	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total Decreases	<u>1,838,177.27</u>	<u>653,424.27</u>	<u>398,871.09</u>	<u>39,478.67</u>	<u>746,133.74</u>	<u>269.50</u>
Balance December 31, 2023 - Due To (Due From)	\$ 1,434,627.44	\$ 406,201.23	\$ (43,514.19)	\$ 1,072,443.57	\$ -	\$ (503.17)

**TOWNSHIP OF OCEAN - COUNTY OF OCEAN**

**CURRENT FUND**

**Exhibit A-14**

**SCHEDULE OF INTERFUND**

**GRANT FUND**

Balance December 31, 2022 - Due To		\$ 442,583.84
Increased by:		
Receipts:		
Grant Fund Accounts Receivable Deposits	\$ 248,498.23	
Unappropriated Funds Received	7,000.00	
Canceled Grant Fund Receivables	<u>773,468.65</u>	
		<u>1,028,966.88</u>
		1,471,550.72
Decreased by:		
Grant Fund Disbursements	637,763.14	
Canceled Grant Fund Appropriated Reserves	<u>465,311.81</u>	
		<u>1,103,074.95</u>
Balance December 31, 2023 - Due To		<u>\$ 368,475.77</u>

TOWNSHIP OF OCEAN - COUNTY OF OCEAN

CURRENT FUND

Exhibit A-15

SCHEDULE OF FEDERAL AND STATE GRANTS RECEIVABLE

GRANT FUND

Grant	Balance	2023	Realized	Cancelled	Balance
	Dec. 31, 2022	Budget Revenue			
Municipal Alliance	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
2017	3,184.20	-	-	3,184.20	-
2028	12,053.69	-	-	12,053.69	-
2029	4,820.69	-	-	4,820.69	-
2020	7,937.93	-	-	7,937.93	-
2021	8,031.00	-	-	8,031.00	-
2022	10,616.00	-	-	-	10,616.00
2023	13,039.19	-	13,039.19	-	-
2024	-	13,338.86	-	-	13,338.86
OEM 966					
FY 2019	597.40	-	-	597.40	-
FY 2020	343.74	-	-	343.74	-
FY 2021	17,621.60	-	-	-	17,621.60
Emergency Mgmt Agency Assistance Grant	-	10,000.00	10,000.00	-	-
Clean Communities	-	26,948.13	26,948.13	-	-
Recycling Tonnage Grant	-	17,808.26	17,808.26	-	-
Alcohol Education and Rehabilitation Fund	2,526.92	1,427.74	1,427.74	-	2,526.92
Bulletproof Vest Program	2,265.62	4,670.00	4,670.00	-	2,265.62
Body Armor Replacement Grant	497.81	1,681.78	1,907.74	-	271.85
American Rescue Plan - Firefighter Grant	-	31,000.00	-	-	31,000.00
Drunk Driving Enforcement Fund	-	13,479.86	13,479.86	-	-
Click it or Ticket	6,000.00	-	-	-	6,000.00
Cops in Shops - Summer Initiative	110.00	-	-	-	110.00
Special Traffic Enforcement (STEP) Program	14,967.00	-	-	-	14,967.00
NJ DEP Stormwater Assistance Grant	-	25,000.00	15,000.00	-	10,000.00
NJ DOT Municipal Aid	208,000.00	-	-	208,000.00	-
NJ DOT Municipal Aid	-	418,500.00	-	418,500.00	-
NJ DCA Local Recreation Grant	75,000.00	-	-	75,000.00	-
CDBG	35,000.00	-	-	35,000.00	-
Congregate Nutrition - ARPA	-	47,882.00	47,882.00	-	-
Older Americans Act Title III Area Plan	-	107,845.00	107,845.00	-	-
	\$ 422,612.79	\$ 719,581.63	\$ 260,007.92	\$ 773,468.65	\$ 108,717.85

Cash Receipts

Grants Unappropriated

\$ 248,498.23

11,509.69

\$ 260,007.92

**TOWNSHIP OF OCEAN - COUNTY OF OCEAN**

Exhibit A-16

**CURRENT FUND**

**SCHEDULE OF APPROPRIATED RESERVES**

**GRANT FUND**

Grant	Balance Dec. 31, 2022	Transfer from 2023 Budget Appropriation	Reserve for Encumbrances	Expended	Cancelled	Balance Dec. 31, 2023
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Emergency Management Agency Assistance	228.95	-	-	-	-	228.95
Alcohol Educ. and Rehabilitation Fund	3,277.83	1,427.74	-	-	-	4,705.57
Emergency Management Agency Assistance	10,303.76	10,000.00	-	300.00	-	20,003.76
Emergency Performance Grant	10,000.00	-	-	-	-	10,000.00
National Priority Safety Program	5,500.00	-	-	-	-	5,500.00
NJ Forest Services	23,647.00	-	-	-	-	23,647.00
Clean Communities	20,873.27	26,948.13	2,899.00	25,240.69	-	25,479.71
NJ OEM - 966 Grant						
FY 2020	344.39	-	-	-	-	344.39
Recycling Tonnage Grant	-	17,808.26	-	-	-	17,808.26
Body Armor Replacement Grant	23.12	-	-	23.12	-	-
State Body Armor Replacement Fund	1,298.89	1,681.78	-	2,980.67	-	-
Municipal Alliance						
FY 2024	-	13,338.86	-	10,188.13	-	3,150.73
FY 2023	3,866.26	-	-	3,866.26	-	-
FY 2022	2,971.31	-	-	2,007.75	963.56	-
FY 2020	7,937.93	-	-	-	-	7,937.93
American Rescue Plan Act	142,571.91	-	239,348.32	366,553.58	-	15,366.65
American Rescue Plan - Firefighter Grant						
FY 2020	-	31,000.00	-	31,000.00	-	-
Cops in Shops	1,760.00	-	-	-	-	1,760.00
Cops in Shops - Summer Shore Initiative	110.00	-	-	-	-	110.00
Special Traffic Enforcement (STEP) Program	14,087.00	-	-	-	-	14,087.00
Drive Sober Get Pulled Over	6,000.00	-	-	-	-	6,000.00
Bulletproof Vest Grant	-	4,670.00	-	4,670.00	-	-
County of Ocean Tourism Grant	750.00	-	-	-	-	750.00
Drunk Driving Enforcement Fund	2,404.28	13,479.86	-	15,884.14	-	6,000.00
Click It or Ticket 2021	6,000.00	-	-	-	-	6,000.00
Districted Driving Crackdown	13,000.00	-	-	-	-	13,000.00
NJ DEP Stormwater Assistance Grant	-	25,000.00	-	-	-	25,000.00
NJ DOT Municipal Aid - Bayview & Marine	104,500.00	-	77,272.50	181,772.50	-	-
NJ DOT Municipal Aid	-	418,500.00	-	-	418,500.00	-
NJ DCA Local Recreation Grant	46,050.00	-	10,559.75	10,761.50	45,848.25	-
CDBG	6,250.00	-	21,955.00	28,205.00	-	-
Congregate Nutrition	218.00	-	-	5,089.70	-	218.00
Congregate Nutrition - ARPA	30,000.00	47,882.00	-	107,844.78	-	72,792.30
Title III Older Americans Act	-	107,845.00	-	-	-	0.22
	\$ 463,973.90	\$ 719,581.63	\$ 352,034.57	\$ 796,387.82	\$ 465,311.81	\$ 273,890.47

Interfund-Current Fund	637,763.14
Encumbrances Payable	158,624.68
	<u>796,387.82</u>
	\$



**TOWNSHIP OF OCEAN - COUNTY OF OCEAN**

**CURRENT FUND**

Exhibit A-17

**SCHEDULE OF UNAPPROPRIATED RESERVES**

**GRANT FUND**

<b><u>Grant</u></b>	<b><u>Balance Dec. 31, 2022</u></b>	<b><u>Received</u></b>	<b><u>Appropriated in 2023</u></b>	<b><u>Balance Dec. 31, 2023</u></b>
Clean Communities	\$ 21,284.47	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 21,284.47
Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over	-	7,000.00	-	7,000.00
Cops in Shops	1,120.00	-	-	1,120.00
Excelon Generating	2,000.00	-	-	2,000.00
Law & Public Safety	5,100.00	-	-	5,100.00
US Department of Interior	8,174.00	-	-	8,174.00
US Department of Justice Bulletproof Vest	4,670.00	-	4,670.00	-
Recycling Tonnage Grant	6,839.69	-	6,839.69	-
	<u>\$ 49,188.16</u>	<u>\$ 7,000.00</u>	<u>\$ 11,509.69</u>	<u>\$ 44,678.47</u>

TOWNSHIP OF OCEAN - COUNTY OF OCEAN

CURRENT FUND

Exhibit A-18

SCHEDULE OF DEFERRED CHARGES N.J.S. 40A:4-55

<u>Year Authorized</u>	<u>Improvement Description</u>	<u>Net Amount Authorized</u>	<u>1/5 of Net Amount Authorized</u>	<u>Balance Dec. 31, 2022</u>	<u>Increases</u>	<u>2023 Budget</u>	<u>Balance Dec. 31, 2023</u>
2023	Revaluation	\$ 250,000.00	\$ 50,000.00	\$ -	\$ 250,000.00	\$ (50,000.00)	\$ 200,000.00
				\$ -	\$ 250,000.00	\$ (50,000.00)	\$ 200,000.00

**TRUST FUND**

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TOWNSHIP OF OCEAN - COUNTY OF OCEAN

TRUST FUNDS

Exhibit B-1

SCHEDULE OF CASH - TREASURER

	<u>Animal Control Trust</u>	<u>Open Space Trust</u>	<u>Other Trust</u>
Balance December 31, 2022	\$ 5,001.75	\$ 193,495.08	\$ 2,660,401.85
Increased by Receipts:			
Due to State of New Jersey	\$ 1,139.80	\$ -	\$ -
Animal License Fees	7,001.20	-	-
Interfunds:			
Current Fund	269.50	653,424.27	398,871.09
Receipts	<u>-</u>	<u>241,869.69</u>	<u>9,557,945.41</u>
	<u>8,410.50</u>	<u>895,293.96</u>	<u>9,956,816.50</u>
	<u>13,412.25</u>	<u>1,088,789.04</u>	<u>12,617,218.35</u>
Decreased by Disbursements:			
Due to State of New Jersey	1,138.60	-	-
Reserve for Animal Control Fund Expenditures	1,661.70	-	-
Interfunds:			
Current Fund	-	-	219,009.67
Utility Capital Fund	-	25,000.00	-
Expenditures	<u>-</u>	<u>860,695.90</u>	<u>9,988,060.33</u>
	<u>2,800.30</u>	<u>885,695.90</u>	<u>10,207,070.00</u>
Balance December 31, 2023	\$ <u>10,611.95</u>	\$ <u>203,093.14</u>	\$ <u>2,410,148.35</u>

**TOWNSHIP OF OCEAN - COUNTY OF OCEAN**

**ANIMAL CONTROL TRUST FUND**

**Exhibit B-2**

**SCHEDULE OF DUE STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

Balance December 31, 2022	\$	-
Increased by:		
2023 Animal License Fees		<u>1,139.80</u>
		1,139.80
Decreased by:		
Fees Paid to State		<u>1,138.60</u>
		1,138.60
Balance December 31, 2023	\$	<u><u>1.20</u></u>

**SCHEDULE OF RESERVE FOR ANIMAL CONTROL**

**TRUST FUND EXPENDITURES**

**Exhibit B-3**

Balance December 31, 2022	\$	4,818.08
Increased by:		
Animal Control Fees		
Dog License Fees	\$	6,631.20
Late Fees		<u>370.00</u>
		7,001.20
		<u>11,819.28</u>
Decreased by:		
Expenditures Under R.S. 4:19-15.11		<u>1,661.70</u>
		1,661.70
Balance December 31, 2023	\$	<u><u>10,157.58</u></u>

**Animal License Fees Collected**

<u>Year</u>	<u>Amount</u>
2021	\$ <u>7,333.20</u>
2022	<u>7,429.60</u>
	\$ <u><u>14,762.80</u></u>

TOWNSHIP OF OCEAN - COUNTY OF OCEAN

OPEN SPACE TRUST FUND

Exhibit B-4

SCHEDULE OF INTERFUNDS

	Total (Memo Only)	Current Fund	General Capital Fund	Water-Sewer Utility Capital Fund
Balance December 31, 2022 - Due From (Due To)	\$ 618,424.27	\$ 653,424.27	\$ (10,000.00)	\$ (25,000.00)
Increased by:				
Receipts:				
Liquidate Interfunds	653,424.27	653,424.27	-	-
Decreased by:				
Open Space Levy Not Transferred	406,201.23	406,201.23	-	-
Disbursements - Liquidate Interfunds	25,000.00	-	-	25,000.00
	<u>431,201.23</u>	<u>406,201.23</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>25,000.00</u>
Balance December 31, 2023 - Due From (Due To)	\$ <u>396,201.23</u>	\$ <u>406,201.23</u>	\$ <u>(10,000.00)</u>	\$ <u>-</u>

**TOWNSHIP OF OCEAN - COUNTY OF OCEAN**

**OPEN SPACE TRUST FUND**

**Exhibit B-5**

**RESERVE FOR OPEN SPACE TRUST**

Balance December 31, 2022		\$	811,919.35
Increased by:			
Open Space Levy	\$	406,201.23	
Receipts		<u>241,869.69</u>	
			<u>648,070.92</u>
			<u>1,459,990.27</u>
Decreased by:			
Expenditures			<u>860,695.90</u>
Balance December 31, 2023		\$	<u><u>599,294.37</u></u>



**TOWNSHIP OF OCEAN - COUNTY OF OCEAN**

**OTHER TRUST FUND**

**Exhibit B-6**

**SCHEDULE OF INTERFUND - CURRENT FUND**

Balance December 31, 2022 - Due From		\$	136,347.23
Increased by:			
Disbursements	\$	<u>219,009.67</u>	
Total Increases			<u>219,009.67</u>
			<u>355,356.90</u>
Decreased by:			
Receipts		<u>398,871.09</u>	
Total Decreases			<u>398,871.09</u>
Balance December 31, 2023 - Due From		\$	<u><u>(43,514.19)</u></u>

**TOWNSHIP OF OCEAN - COUNTY OF OCEAN**

**OTHER TRUST FUND**

**Exhibit B-7**

**SCHEDULE OF MISCELLANEOUS RESERVES**

	<b>Balance</b>		<b>Increased</b>		<b>Decreased</b>		<b>Balance</b>
	<b>Dec. 31, 2022</b>						<b>Dec. 31, 2023</b>
Developer's Escrow	\$ 1,213,799.57		\$ 451,406.64		\$ 506,115.21		\$ 1,159,091.00
Utility Escrow	171,217.67		2,394.09		-		173,611.76
Founder's Day	20,677.89		19,041.00		20,167.67		19,551.22
Recreation	33,472.48		67,786.69		77,739.24		23,519.93
Municipal Alliance	4,016.89		835.00		1,875.14		2,976.75
Recycling	38,388.99		3,126.80		18,809.50		22,706.29
Disposal of Forfeited Property	10,163.89		1,886.97		-		12,050.86
Police Donations	5,020.73		10,760.00		9,068.38		6,712.35
Public Defender	884.89		3,195.00		800.00		3,279.89
Accumulated Leave	100,152.56		-		-		100,152.56
Snow Removal	1,725.33		-		-		1,725.33
Affordable Housing Element	299,678.10		115,054.25		2,203.50		412,528.85
Outside Police Employment	180,704.19		219,009.67		341,177.41		58,536.45
Tax Sale Premiums	572,503.80		250,698.20		533,879.68		289,322.32
Tax Title Liens	10,177.65		217,537.45		216,718.14		10,996.96
Payroll	133,016.32		8,195,213.65		8,259,506.46		68,723.51
	<b>\$ 2,795,600.95</b>		<b>\$ 9,557,945.41</b>		<b>\$ 9,988,060.33</b>		<b>\$ 2,365,486.03</b>
Deposits		\$ 9,557,945.41			\$ -		
Disbursed		-		9,988,060.33			
		\$ 9,557,945.41		\$ 9,988,060.33			

**TOWNSHIP OF OCEAN - COUNTY OF OCEAN**

**Exhibit B-8**

**SCHEDULE OF RESERVE FOR LENGTH OF**

**SERVICE AWARDS PROGRAM (LOSAP)**

Balance December 31, 2022		\$	688,523.82
Increased by:			
Township Contributions to Trustee	\$	40,752.72	
Appreciation		<u>121,398.25</u>	
			<u>162,150.97</u>
			850,674.79
Decreased by:			
Withdrawals and Other Reductions			<u>33,159.51</u>
Balance December 31, 2023		\$	<u><u>817,515.28</u></u>

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**GENERAL CAPITAL FUND**

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**TOWNSHIP OF OCEAN - COUNTY OF OCEAN**

**GENERAL CAPITAL FUND**

**Exhibit C-2**

**SCHEDULE OF CASH - TREASURER**

Balance December 31, 2022		\$	1,376,326.46
Increased by:			
BAN Proceeds	\$	4,516,000.00	
Interfunds		61,445.20	
Capital Improvement Fund		25,000.00	
Premium Received on BAN Proceeds		37,790.79	
			<u>4,640,235.99</u>
			6,016,562.45
Decreased by Disbursements:			
Improvement Authorizations		1,646,317.92	
BAN Paydown		3,029,500.00	
Interfunds		664,222.87	
			<u>5,340,040.79</u>
Balance December 31, 2023		\$	<u><u>676,521.66</u></u>

TOWNSHIP OF OCEAN - COUNTY OF OCEAN

GENERAL CAPITAL FUND

Exhibit C-3

ANALYSIS OF CAPITAL CASH

	Balance Dec. 31, 2022	Receipts		Disbursements		Transfers		Balance Dec. 31, 2023
		Budget Appropriations	Miscellaneous	Improvement Authorizations	Miscellaneous	From	To	
Fund Balance	\$ 135,982.19	\$ -	\$ 37,790.79	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 173,772.98
Capital Improvement Fund	\$ 52,077.55	\$ 25,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 13,500.00	\$ -	\$ 63,577.55
Grants Receivable	(318,000.00)	-	-	-	-	418,500.00	579,905.00	(156,595.00)
Reserve for Developer Contribution	63,497.00	-	-	-	-	-	-	63,497.00
Reserve for Debt Service	57,941.54	-	-	-	-	-	-	637,846.54
Reserve for Preliminary Expenses	24,686.70	-	-	-	-	-	-	24,686.70
Reserve for Grants Receivable	318,000.00	-	-	-	-	579,905.00	418,500.00	156,595.00
Interfunds:								
Current Fund	(341,440.58)	-	113,978.67	-	240,076.66	654,405.00	49,500.00	(1,072,443.57)
Utility Capital Fund	322,142.70	-	21,966.53	-	344,360.27	-	-	(251.04)
Utility Operating Fund	(74,266.08)	-	-	-	129,285.94	-	-	(203,552.02)
Open Space Trust	(10,000.00)	-	-	-	-	-	-	(10,000.00)
Reserve for Encumbrances	397,991.01	-	-	-	-	397,991.01	1,016,489.89	1,016,489.89
Excess Financing	-	-	-	-	-	-	434,223.57	434,223.57
Improvement Authorizations:								
Improvements to Volunteer Way	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.00	100.00
Construction of a Recreation Area	(47,505.07)	-	-	-	-	-	-	(47,505.07)
Dredging and Cleaning of Waretown Lake	1,380.00	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,380.00
Various Capital Improvements	196,743.19	-	-	-	-	-	-	196,743.19
Various Capital Improvements	164,977.25	-	-	107,589.12	-	23,150.00	-	34,238.13
Various Capital Improvements	527,265.53	-	-	27,943.34	-	411,073.57	-	88,248.62
Bulkhead Replacement	1,322.03	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,322.03
Various Capital Improvements	(579,275.37)	-	-	526,012.40	-	77,459.73	7,574.00	(1,175,173.50)
Various Capital Improvements	482,806.87	-	-	117,844.49	-	441,017.39	390,317.01	314,262.00
Various Capital Improvements	-	-	1,486,500.00	891,928.57	-	891,512.77	432,000.00	135,058.66
	\$ 1,376,326.46	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 1,660,235.99	\$ 1,671,317.92	\$ 713,722.87	\$ 3,908,514.47	\$ 3,908,514.47	\$ 676,521.66

Ordinance

Number	Improvement Description
06-27	Improvements to Volunteer Way
06-33	Construction of a Recreation Area
07-21	Dredging and Cleaning of Waretown Lake
15-11	Various Capital Improvements
18-03	Various Capital Improvements
20-10/12	Various Capital Improvements
20-13	Bulkhead Replacement
21-15	Various Capital Improvements
22-13	Various Capital Improvements
23-15	Various Capital Improvements



**TOWNSHIP OF OCEAN - COUNTY OF OCEAN**

**GENERAL CAPITAL FUND**

**Exhibit C-4**

**SCHEDULE OF DEFERRED CHARGES TO FUTURE**

**TAXATION - FUNDED**

Balance December 31, 2022		\$	6,631,661.44
Decreased by:			
2023 Budget Appropriations:			
Serial Bonds	\$	929,762.50	
Green Trust Loans		<u>24,310.77</u>	
			<u>954,073.27</u>
Balance December 31, 2023		\$	<u><u>5,677,588.17</u></u>

**TOWNSHIP OF OCEAN - COUNTY OF OCEAN**

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Exhibit C-5

**SCHEDULE OF DEFERRED CHARGES TO FUTURE TAXATION - UNFUNDED**

Ordinance Number	Improvement Description	Balance	2023 Budget	Balance	Bond	Excess Financing	Analysis of Balance	
		Dec. 31, 2022	Appropriation	Dec. 31, 2023	Anticipation Notes		Expended	Unexpended Balance
06-33	Construction of a Recreation Area	\$ 47,505.07	\$ -	\$ 47,505.07	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 47,505.07	\$ -
15-11	Various Capital Improvements	1,000.00	-	1,000.00	-	-	-	1,000.00
18-03	Various Capital Improvements	63,209.23	-	63,209.23	-	-	-	63,209.23
20-10/12	Various Capital Improvements	990,776.43	-	927,276.43	-	-	-	-
20-13	Bulkhead Replacement	304,000.00	63,500.00	293,000.00	1,361,500.00	(434,223.57)	-	-
21-15	Various Capital Improvements	1,282,500.00	11,000.00	1,282,500.00	293,000.00	-	-	-
22-13	Various Capital Improvements	1,375,000.00	-	1,375,000.00	-	-	1,175,173.50	107,326.50
23-15	Various Capital Improvements	-	-	1,486,500.00	1,375,000.00	-	-	-
				1,486,500.00	1,486,500.00	-	-	-
		\$ 4,063,990.73	\$ 74,500.00	\$ 5,475,990.73	\$ 4,516,000.00	\$ (434,223.57)	\$ 1,222,678.57	\$ 171,535.73

  

	Improvement Authorization- Unfunded	\$ 710,427.04
	Less: Unexpended Proceeds of	
	Bond Anticipation Notes- Issued	
	2020-10/12	88,248.62
	2020-13	1,322.03
	2022-13	314,262.00
	2023-15	135,058.66
		\$ 171,535.73

TOWNSHIP OF OCEAN - COUNTY OF OCEAN

GENERAL CAPITAL FUND

Exhibit C-6

SCHEDULE OF IMPROVEMENT AUTHORIZATIONS

Ordinance Number	Improvement Description	Date	Ordinance Amount		Balance Dec. 31, 2022		2023 Authorizations	Reserve for Encumbrances	Paid or Charged	Balance Dec. 31, 2023	
					Funded	Unfunded				Funded	Unfunded
06-27	Improvements to Volunteer Way From the Ocean County Fire Training Center to Wells Mills Road	8/10/06	\$ 2,250,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	100.00	-	\$ 100.00	\$ -	-
07-21	Dredging and Stream Cleaning of Waretown Lake	8/09/07	575,000.00	-	-	-	-	-	1,380.00	-	-
15-11	Various Capital Improvements	9/10/15	1,088,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	-	-	-	196,743.19	1,000.00	1,000.00
18-03	Various Capital Improvements	4/12/18	2,005,000.00	63,209.23	63,209.23	-	-	107,589.12	34,238.13	63,209.23	63,209.23
20-10/12	Various Capital Improvements	8/11/20	1,500,000.00	-	116,191.96	-	-	27,943.34	-	88,248.62	88,248.62
20-13	Bulkhead Replacement	10/13/20	320,000.00	-	1,322.03	-	-	-	-	1,322.03	1,322.03
21-15	Various Capital Improvements	9/21/21	1,350,000.00	-	703,224.63	-	7,574.00	603,472.13	-	107,326.50	107,326.50
22-13	Various Capital Improvements	8/02/22	1,375,000.00	-	482,806.87	-	390,317.01	558,861.88	-	314,262.00	314,262.00
23-15	Various Capital Improvements	7/18/23	1,500,000.00	-	-	1,500,000.00	-	1,364,941.34	-	135,058.66	135,058.66
					\$ 339,950.44	\$ 1,367,754.72	\$ 1,500,000.00	\$ 397,991.01	\$ 2,662,807.81	\$ 232,461.32	\$ 710,427.04
	Deferred Charges Unfunded					\$ 1,486,500.00					
	Capital Improvement Fund					13,500.00					
	Reserve for Encumbrances							\$ 1,016,489.89			
	Disbursements							1,646,317.92			
								\$ 2,662,807.81			

**TOWNSHIP OF OCEAN - COUNTY OF OCEAN**

**GENERAL CAPITAL FUND**

Exhibit C-7

**SCHEDULE OF GENERAL SERIAL BONDS**

Purpose	Date of Issue	Original Issue	Maturities of Bonds Outstanding Dec. 31, 2023		Interest Rate	Balance Dec. 31, 2022	Decreased	Balance Dec. 31, 2023
			Date	Amount				
General Improvements Refunding Bonds, Series 2017	10/04/2017	\$ 2,805,000.00	1/01/25	\$ 325,000.00	4.000%	970,000.00	\$ 315,000.00	\$ 655,000.00
			1/01/26	330,000.00	2.000%			
General Improvements	8/13/2010	4,280,000.00	8/01/24	344,175.00	3.375%	1,041,225.00	339,762.50	701,462.50
			8/01/25	357,287.50	3.375%			
General Obligation Bonds	10/25/2019	5,550,000.00	6/15/24	290,000.00	5.000%	4,480,000.00	275,000.00	4,205,000.00
			6/15/25	295,000.00	5.000%			
			6/15/2026-27	515,000.00	4.000%			
			6/15/2028-29	515,000.00	3.000%			
			6/15/30	520,000.00	3.000%			
			6/15/31	520,000.00	3.125%			
			6/15/32	520,000.00	3.250%			
						\$ 6,491,225.00	\$ 929,762.50	\$ 5,561,462.50

TOWNSHIP OF OCEAN - COUNTY OF OCEAN

GENERAL CAPITAL FUND

Exhibit C-8

SCHEDULE OF GREEN TRUST LOANS PAYABLE

<u>Purpose</u>	<u>Date of Issue</u>	<u>Original Issue</u>	<u>Maturities of Loans Outstanding Dec. 31, 2023</u>		<u>Interest Rate</u>	<u>Balance Dec. 31, 2022</u>	<u>Decreases</u>	<u>Balance Dec. 31, 2023</u>
			<u>Date</u>	<u>Amount</u>				
Recreation Area Development Phase I	6/22/2010	\$ 148,000.00	03/25/24	\$ 5,730.81	2.00%	\$ 28,656.91	\$ 11,291.96	\$ 17,364.95
			09/25/24	5,788.12	2.00%			
			03/25/25	5,846.02	2.00%			
Recreation Area Development Phase I	6/22/2010	184,678.91	See Notes		2.00%	111,779.53	13,018.81	98,760.72
						<u>\$ 140,436.44</u>	<u>\$ 24,310.77</u>	<u>\$ 116,125.67</u>

TOWNSHIP OF OCEAN - COUNTY OF OCEAN

GENERAL CAPITAL FUND

Exhibit C-9

SCHEDULE OF BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES

<u>Ordinance Number</u>	<u>Improvement Description</u>	<u>Date of Original Issue</u>	<u>Date of Maturity</u>	<u>Interest Rate</u>	<u>Balance Dec. 31, 2022</u>	<u>Increase</u>	<u>Decreases</u>	<u>Balance Dec. 31, 2023</u>
20-10/12	Various Capital Improvements	9/10/2020	5/30/2024	5.00%	\$ 1,425,000.00	\$ 1,361,500.00	\$ 1,425,000.00	\$ 1,361,500.00
20-13	Bulkhead Replacement	11/09/2020	5/30/2024	5.00%	304,000.00	293,000.00	304,000.00	293,000.00
22-13	Various Capital Improvements	9/07/2022	5/30/2024	5.00%	1,375,000.00	1,375,000.00	1,375,000.00	1,375,000.00
23-15	Various Capital Improvements	8/31/2023	5/30/2024	5.00%	-	1,486,500.00	-	1,486,500.00
					<u>\$ 3,104,000.00</u>	<u>\$ 4,516,000.00</u>	<u>\$ 3,104,000.00</u>	<u>\$ 4,516,000.00</u>
	Paid by Budget Appropriation					\$ -	\$ 74,500.00	
	Renewed					3,029,500.00	3,029,500.00	
	Issued for Cash					1,486,500.00	-	
						<u>\$ 4,516,000.00</u>	<u>\$ 3,104,000.00</u>	<u>\$ 4,516,000.00</u>

TOWNSHIP OF OCEAN - COUNTY OF OCEAN

Exhibit C-10

GENERAL CAPITAL FUND

SCHEDULE OF INTERFUNDS

	<u>Total (Memo Only)</u>	<u>Current Fund</u>	<u>Water-Sewer Utility Capital Fund</u>	<u>Open Space Trust Fund</u>	<u>Water-Sewer Utility Operating Fund</u>
Balance December 31, 2022 - Due To (Due From)	\$ (83,827.56)	\$ (341,440.58)	\$ 322,142.70	\$ (10,000.00)	\$ (74,266.08)
Increased by:					
Disbursements	664,222.87	190,576.66	344,360.27	-	129,285.94
Grants Received	579,905.00	579,905.00	-	-	-
	<u>1,244,127.87</u>	<u>770,481.66</u>	<u>344,360.27</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>129,285.94</u>
Decreased by:					
Receipts:					
Interest on Deposits	39,478.67	39,478.67	-	-	-
BAN Proceeds	21,966.53	-	21,966.53	-	-
	<u>61,445.20</u>	<u>39,478.67</u>	<u>21,966.53</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Balance December 31, 2023 - Due To (Due From)	<u>\$ (1,266,510.23)</u>	<u>\$ (1,072,443.57)</u>	<u>\$ (251.04)</u>	<u>\$ (10,000.00)</u>	<u>\$ (203,552.02)</u>

**TOWNSHIP OF OCEAN - COUNTY OF OCEAN**

**GENERAL CAPITAL FUND**

**Exhibit C-11**

**SCHEDULE OF BONDS AND NOTES AUTHORIZED**

**BUT NOT ISSUED**

<b><u>Ordinance Number</u></b>	<b><u>Improvement Description</u></b>	<b><u>Balance Dec. 31, 2023</u></b>
2006-33	Construction of a Recreation Area	\$ 47,505.07
2015-11	Various Capital Improvements	1,000.00
2018-03	Various Capital Improvements	63,209.23
2021-15	Various Capital Improvements	1,282,500.00
		<u>\$ 1,394,214.30</u>



**WATER-SEWER UTILITY FUND**

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WATER-SEWER UTILITY FUND

Exhibit D-5

SCHEDULE OF WATER-SEWER UTILITY CASH

	<u>Operating</u>	<u>Capital</u>
	\$	\$
Balance December 31, 2022	1,527,280.66	1,618,302.25
Increased by Receipts:		
Consumer Accounts Receivable	4,048,089.96	-
Miscellaneous Revenue	1,110,574.60	-
Consumer Overpayments	21,008.21	-
Interfunds	805,413.20	408,631.07
	<u>5,985,085.97</u>	<u>408,631.07</u>
	7,512,366.63	2,026,933.32
Decreased by Disbursements:		
Accounts Payable	3,775,033.34	-
Current Year Budget Appropriations	153,846.67	-
Appropriation Reserves	851,663.75	805,413.20
Interfunds	136,070.96	-
Accounts Payable	191,745.02	-
Accrued Interest Payable	-	-
Improvement Authorizations	-	245,686.50
	<u>5,108,359.74</u>	<u>1,051,099.70</u>
Balance December 31, 2023	\$ 2,404,006.89	\$ 975,833.62

TOWNSHIP OF OCEAN - COUNTY OF OCEAN

WATER-SEWER UTILITY CAPITAL FUND

Exhibit D-6

ANALYSIS OF CASH

	Receipts		Disbursements		Transfers		Balance Dec. 31, 2023
	Balance Dec. 31, 2022	Miscellaneous	Improvement Authorizations	Miscellaneous	From	To	
EIT Loan Proceeds Receivable	\$ (180,353.00)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	(180,353.00)
Capital Improvement Fund	621,350.03	-	-	-	-	-	621,350.03
Reserve for Encumbrances	326,958.47	-	-	-	326,958.47	342,102.70	342,102.70
Reserve for Payment of Notes	39,946.60	-	-	-	-	21,966.53	61,913.13
Reserve for Preliminary Expenditures	95,809.44	-	-	-	-	-	95,809.44
Fund Balance	1,070,058.70	-	-	-	450,000.00	-	620,058.70
Interfunds:							
Water-Sewer Utility Operating Func	319,326.72	39,270.80	-	805,413.20	-	450,000.00	3,184.32
General Capital Fund	(322,142.70)	344,360.27	-	-	21,966.53	-	251.04
Open Space Trust	(25,000.00)	25,000.00	-	-	-	-	-
Improvement Authorizations:							
<b>Ordinance Number</b>							
09-02,09-05, 10-07	(41,043.00)	-	-	-	-	-	(41,043.00)
10-13	(34,128.65)	-	-	-	-	-	(34,128.65)
12-04	(172,118.43)	-	-	-	-	-	(172,118.43)
16-09,14-11	1,680.08	-	-	-	-	-	1,680.08
15-12	340,635.91	-	163,261.73	-	132,569.00	-	44,805.18
16-11	24,294.86	-	-	-	-	-	24,294.86
19-08	(1,000,000.00)	-	-	-	-	-	(1,000,000.00)
20-09	267,913.09	-	-	-	6,000.00	6,000.00	267,913.09
20-14	278,534.13	-	20,002.00	-	7,536.47	27,538.47	278,534.13
22-14	6,580.00	-	62,422.77	-	195,997.23	293,420.00	41,580.00
	\$ 1,618,302.25	\$ 408,631.07	\$ 245,686.50	\$ 805,413.20	\$ 1,141,027.70	\$ 1,141,027.70	\$ 975,833.62

**TOWNSHIP OF OCEAN - COUNTY OF OCEAN**

**WATER-SEWER UTILITY OPERATING FUND**

**Exhibit D-7**

**SCHEDULE OF CONSUMER ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE**

Balance December 31, 2022		\$	1,233,988.24
Increased by:			
2023 Water-Sewer Rents			4,090,876.82
			<u>5,324,865.06</u>
Decreased by:			
Collections	\$	4,048,089.96	
Overpayments Applied		19,389.28	
Transfer to Liens		699.88	
			<u>4,068,179.12</u>
Balance December 31, 2023		\$	<u><u>1,256,685.94</u></u>

**WATER-SEWER UTILITY CAPITAL FUND**

**SCHEDULE OF FIXED CAPITAL**

**Exhibit D-8**

			<b>Balance Dec. 31, 2023</b>
Land and Easements		\$	88,766.50
Plant and Additions			2,542,618.78
Collection System			11,268,038.38
Water Tower and Fence			773,137.00
Wells and Retention Tank			2,223,987.65
Transmission Lines			14,449,340.94
Pumping Station			898,071.22
Equipment			463,641.06
Equipment - Sewer			26,589.60
Equipment - Water			92,150.07
Equipment - GIS Sewer			9,449.25
Equipment - GIS Water			9,449.25
Vehicles			801,203.54
Meters			757,489.75
Meters - Water			168,136.44
Administration/Utility Building			295,627.50
Administration Utility			1,252.50
Garage - Sewer			10,335.00
Garage - Water			10,335.00
Construction in Progress - Sewer			246,714.33
Construction in Progress - Water			750,143.15
		\$	<u><u>35,886,476.91</u></u>

**TOWNSHIP OF OCEAN - COUNTY OF OCEAN**

**WATER-SEWER UTILITY CAPITAL FUND**

**Exhibit D-9**

**SCHEDULE OF NJEIT LOAN PROCEEDS RECEIVABLE**

<b><u>Ordinance</u></b>	<b><u>Purpose</u></b>	<b><u>Balance</u></b>
		<b><u>Dec. 31, 2023 and 202</u></b>
15-12	2017 EIT Loans	\$ <u>180,353.00</u>
		\$ <u><u>180,353.00</u></u>

**TOWNSHIP OF OCEAN - COUNTY OF OCEAN**

**WATER-SEWER UTILITY OPERATING FUND**

**Exhibit D-10**

**SCHEDULE OF INTERFUNDS**

	<b>Totals (Memo Only)</b>	<b>Current Fund</b>	<b>General Capital Fund</b>	<b>Trust-Other Fund</b>	<b>Water-Sewer Capital Fund</b>
Balance December 31, 2022 - Due To (From)	\$ (117,606.75)	\$ 128,602.02	\$ 74,266.08	\$ (1,148.13)	\$ (319,326.72)
Increased by:					
Budget Appropriations	600,000.00	600,000.00	-	-	-
Budget Expenditures Paid in Other Funds	275,419.68	146,133.74	129,285.94	-	-
Deposits	805,413.20	-	-	-	805,413.20
	<u>1,680,832.88</u>	<u>746,133.74</u>	<u>129,285.94</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>805,413.20</u>
Total Increases and Balance	1,563,226.13	874,735.76	203,552.02	(1,148.13)	486,086.48
Decreased by:					
Disbursements	851,663.75	851,663.75	-	-	-
Anticipated Revenue:					
Rents - Cell Tower Lease	23,072.01	23,072.01	-	-	-
Capital Surplus	450,000.00	-	-	-	450,000.00
Miscellaneous	39,270.80	-	-	-	39,270.80
	<u>1,364,006.56</u>	<u>874,735.76</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>489,270.80</u>
Balance December 31, 2023 - Due To (From)	\$ 199,219.57	\$ -	\$ 203,552.02	\$ (1,148.13)	\$ (3,184.32)

**TOWNSHIP OF OCEAN - COUNTY OF OCEAN**

**WATER-SEWER UTILITY OPERATING FUND**

**Exhibit D-11**

**SCHEDULE OF WATER-SEWER UTILITY APPROPRIATION RESERVES**

	<u>Balance Dec. 31, 2022</u>	<u>Reserve for Encumbrances</u>	<u>Balance After Transfers</u>	<u>Paid or Charged</u>	<u>Balance Lapsed</u>
Operating:					
Salaries and Wages	\$ 7,048.26	\$ -	\$ 7,048.26	\$ -	\$ 7,048.26
Other Expenses	26,988.43	30,437.60	57,426.03	28,489.67	28,936.36
Ocean County Utilities Authority	68,962.21	-	68,962.21	-	68,962.21
Capital Improvements:					
Capital Outlay	30,565.01	104,804.25	135,369.26	135,369.25	0.01
Statutory Expenditures:					
Contributions to:					
Social Security System	343.88	-	343.88	-	343.88
Unemployment Compensation Insurance	2,018.39	-	2,018.39	-	2,018.39
	<u>\$ 135,926.18</u>	<u>\$ 135,241.85</u>	<u>\$ 271,168.03</u>	<u>\$ 163,858.92</u>	<u>\$ 107,309.11</u>
Disbursed					
Accounts Payable				153,846.67	
				<u>10,012.25</u>	
				<u>\$ 163,858.92</u>	



**TOWNSHIP OF OCEAN - COUNTY OF OCEAN**

**WATER-SEWER UTILITY OPERATING FUND**

**Exhibit D-12**

**SCHEDULE OF ACCRUED INTEREST ON**

**BONDS, NOTES AND LOANS**

Balance December 31, 2022		\$	89,181.38
Increased by:			
Budget Appropriations			<u>344,071.08</u>
			433,252.46
Decreased by:			
Disbursements	\$ 191,745.02		
Interfund - General Capital	99,285.94		
Interfund - Current Fund	<u>47,837.54</u>		<u>338,868.50</u>
Balance December 31, 2023		\$	<u><u>94,383.96</u></u>

**WATER-SEWER UTILITY OPERATING FUND**

**Exhibit D-13**

**SCHEDULE OF UTILITY LIENS**

Balance December 31, 2022		\$	-
Increased by:			
Transfers from Utility Rents			<u>699.88</u>
Balance December 31, 2023		\$	<u><u>699.88</u></u>

TOWNSHIP OF OCEAN - COUNTY OF OCEAN

WATER-SEWER UTILITY CAPITAL FUND

Exhibit D-14

SCHEDULE OF INTERFUNDS

	Totals (Memo Only)	General Capital Fund	Open Space Trust Fund	Water-Sewer Operating Fund
Balance December 31, 2023 - Due From	\$ (27,815.98)	\$ (322,142.70)	\$ (25,000.00)	\$ 319,326.72
Increased by:				
BAN Proceeds	21,966.53	21,966.53	-	-
Disbursements	805,413.20	-	-	805,413.20
	<u>827,379.73</u>	<u>21,966.53</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>805,413.20</u>
Total Increases and Balance	(855,195.71)	(344,109.23)	(25,000.00)	(486,086.48)
Decreased by:				
Budgeted Surplus	450,000.00	-	-	450,000.00
Receipts	408,631.07	344,360.27	25,000.00	39,270.80
	<u>858,631.07</u>	<u>344,360.27</u>	<u>25,000.00</u>	<u>489,270.80</u>
Balance December 31, 2023 - Due From	\$ 3,435.36	\$ 251.04	\$ -	\$ 3,184.32

TOWNSHIP OF OCEAN - COUNTY OF OCEAN

WATER-SEWER UTILITY CAPITAL FUND

Exhibit D-15

SCHEDULE OF IMPROVEMENT AUTHORIZATIONS

Ordinance Number	Improvement Description	Date	Ordinance Amount	Balance Dec. 31, 2022		2023 Authorizations	Prior Year Encumbrances	Paid or Charged	Balance Dec. 31, 2023	
				Funded	Unfunded				Funded	Unfunded
14-11, 16-09	Various Water and Sewer Utility Improvements and Related Expenses	12/11/2014	\$ 425,000.00							
15-12	Construction of Certain Clean Water and Drinking Water Projects	9/10/2015	500,000.00	\$ 1,680.08	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,680.08	\$ -
16-11	Sewer Utility Capital Improvements	10/13/2016	4,200,000.00	340,635.91	581,874.00	-	-	295,830.73	44,805.18	581,874.00
20-09	Water Tower Rehabilitation	7/09/2020	750,000.00	24,294.86	-	-	-	-	24,294.86	-
20-14	Water Sewer Capital Improvements	10/13/2020	1,210,000.00	-	267,913.09	-	6,000.00	6,000.00	-	267,913.09
22-14	Pebble Beach WTP Replacement Project	8/02/2022	1,145,000.00	-	278,534.00	-	27,538.47	27,538.47	-	278,534.00
			300,000.00	-	6,580.00	-	293,420.00	258,420.00	-	41,580.00
			\$ 366,610.85	\$ 1,134,901.09	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 326,958.47	\$ 587,789.20	\$ 70,780.12	\$ 1,169,901.09
	Disbursements							\$ 245,686.50		
	Reserve for Encumbrances							\$ 342,102.70		
								\$ 587,789.20		

**TOWNSHIP OF OCEAN - COUNTY OF OCEAN**

**WATER-SEWER UTILITY CAPITAL FUND**

**Exhibit D-16**

**SCHEDULE OF RESERVE FOR AMORTIZATION**

Balance December 31, 2022		\$	32,749,063.27
Increased by:			
Debt Paid by Operating Budget:			
Serial Bonds	\$	145,237.50	
BAN Pay Down		30,000.00	
Loans Payable		710,770.35	
			<u>886,007.85</u>
Balance December 31, 2023		\$	<u>33,635,071.12</u>

**SCHEDULE OF DEFERRED RESERVE FOR AMORTIZATION**

**Exhibit D-17**

	<b><u>Ordinance Number</u></b>	<b><u>Balance Dec. 31, 2023</u></b>
Improvement to Various Water Wells and Related Expenses	08-15	\$ 30,000.00
Construction of and Improvements to Well #7	08-16	217,400.00
Acquisition of Land and Related Expenses	08-25	725,954.43
Sewer Main Replacement Hornblower Drive and Bluebeard Drive	13-04	32,494.84
Construction of Certain Clean Water and Drinking Water Projects	13-06	49,567.76
Construction of Certain Clean Water and Drinking Water Projects	13-28	177,412.93
Construction of Certain Clean Water and Drinking Water Projects	14-03	2,597,518.37
Construction of Certain Clean Water and Drinking Water Projects	15-12	755,721.25
Various Water and Sewer Utility Improvements and Related Expenses	16-09,14-11	106,040.48
Sewer Utility Capital Improvements	16-11	<u>110,920.47</u>
		\$ <u>4,803,030.53</u>

TOWNSHIP OF OCEAN - COUNTY OF OCEAN

WATER-SEWER UTILITY CAPITAL FUND

Exhibit D-18

SCCHEDULE OF WATER UTILITY SERIAL BONDS

Purpose	Date of Issue	Amount of Original Issue	Maturities of Bonds Outstanding Dec. 31, 2023		Interest Rate	Balance Dec. 31, 2022	Decrease	Balance Dec. 31, 2023
			Date	Amount				
General Improvement	08/13/10	\$ 570,000.00	8/01/2024	\$ 45,825.00	3.375%	138,775.00	\$ 45,237.50	\$ 93,537.50
			8/01/2025	47,712.50	3.375%			
General Obligation Bonds	10/25/2019	2,620,000.00	6/15/2024	100,000.00	5.000%	2,260,000.00	100,000.00	2,160,000.00
			6/15/2025	100,000.00	5.000%			
			6/15/2026	135,000.00	4.000%			
			6/15/2027	135,000.00	4.000%			
			6/15/2028	135,000.00	3.000%			
			6/15/2029	145,000.00	3.000%			
			6/15/2030	150,000.00	3.000%			
			6/15/2031	150,000.00	3.125%			
			6/15/2032	150,000.00	3.250%			
			6/15/2033	155,000.00	3.375%			
			6/15/2034	155,000.00	3.500%			
			6/15/2035	155,000.00	3.500%			
			6/15/2036	160,000.00	3.500%			
6/15/2037	165,000.00	3.500%						
6/15/2038	170,000.00	3.625%						
						\$ 2,398,775.00	\$ 145,237.50	\$ 2,253,537.50

**TOWNSHIP OF OCEAN - COUNTY OF OCEAN**

**WATER-SEWER UTILITY CAPITAL FUND**

Exhibit D-19

**SCHEDULE OF NJ ENVIRONMENTAL INFRASTRUCTURE TRUST LOAN PAYABLE**

Purpose	Date of Issue	Original Issue	Maturities of Loans		Interest Rate	Balance		
			Outstanding Dec. 31, 2023	Date		Dec. 31, 2022	Dec. 31, 2023	
Clean Water Trust Loan	12/02/10	\$ 160,000.00		2015 to 2030	5.00%	\$ 78,000.00	\$ 9,000.00	\$ 69,000.00
Clean Water Fund Loan	12/02/10	167,500.00		2015 to 2030	0.00%	68,135.70	8,516.94	59,618.76
Drinking Water Trust Loan	12/02/10	555,000.00		2015 to 2030	5.00%	268,000.00	27,000.00	241,000.00
Drinking Water Fund Loan	12/02/10	298,323.00		2015 to 2030	0.00%	121,351.80	15,168.96	106,182.84
Clean Water Trust Loan	5/03/12	310,000.00		2015 to 2031	3.00% - 5.00%	170,358.00	14,707.00	155,651.00
Clean Water Fund Loan	5/03/12	337,374.00		2015 to 2031	0.00%	154,391.60	17,154.60	137,237.00
Drinking Water Trust Loan	5/07/12	153,224.00		2015 to 2031	0.22% - 3.19%	78,993.00	7,957.00	71,036.00
Drinking Water Fund Loan	5/07/12	150,220.00		2015 to 2031	0.00%	68,744.80	7,638.30	61,106.50
Drinking Water Trust Loan	5/17/12	255,234.00		2015 to 2031	0.22% - 3.19%	131,584.00	13,255.00	118,329.00
Drinking Water Fund Loan	5/17/12	736,249.00		2015 to 2031	0.00%	336,927.61	37,436.38	299,491.23
Clean Water Trust Loan	5/01/13	240,000.00		2015 to 2032	3.00% - 5.00%	150,000.00	15,000.00	135,000.00
Clean Water Fund Loan	5/01/13	740,000.00		2015 to 2032	0.00%	376,271.27	37,627.11	338,644.16
Drinking Water Trust Loan	4/03/13	285,000.00		2015 to 2032	3.00% - 5.00%	175,000.00	15,000.00	160,000.00
Drinking Water Fund Loan	4/03/13	300,928.00		2015 to 2032	0.00%	124,220.63	15,580.90	108,639.73
Drinking Water Trust Loan	5/21/14	145,000.00		2015 to 2032	3.00% - 5.00%	105,000.00	5,000.00	100,000.00
Drinking Water Fund Loan	5/21/14	433,143.00		2015 to 2032	0.00%	165,560.51	22,024.21	143,536.30
Clean Water Trust Loan	5/21/14	90,000.00		2015 to 2032	3.00% - 5.00%	55,000.00	5,000.00	50,000.00
Clean Water Fund Loan	5/21/14	91,545.00		2015 to 2032	0.00%	43,506.14	4,654.83	38,851.31
Clean Water Trust Loan	5/21/14	95,000.00		2015 to 2033	3.00% - 5.00%	55,000.00	5,000.00	50,000.00
Clean Water Fund Loan	5/21/14	292,386.00		2015 to 2033	0.00%	154,343.06	14,867.07	139,475.99
Drinking Water Trust Loan	5/28/15	540,000.00		2016 to 2034	4.00%-5.00%	390,000.00	25,000.00	365,000.00
Drinking Water Fund Loan	4/17/15	1,744,862.00		2016 to 2034	0.00%	927,999.61	88,721.79	839,277.82
Drinking Water Trust Loan	5/28/15	135,000.00		2016 to 2034	4.00%-5.00%	100,000.00	5,000.00	95,000.00
Drinking Water Fund Loan	5/28/15	316,006.00		2016 to 2034	0.00%	191,120.31	16,068.09	175,052.22
Clean Water Trust Loan	5/28/15	970,000.00		2016 to 2034	4.00%-5.00%	710,000.00	45,000.00	665,000.00
Clean Water Fund Loan	5/28/15	1,089,786.00		2016 to 2034	0.00%	616,515.30	55,412.83	561,102.47
Clean Water Trust Loan	11/21/17	660,000.00		2019 to 2037	2.125%-5.00%	560,000.00	30,000.00	530,000.00
Clean Water Fund Loan	11/21/17	2,004,950.00		2019 to 2037	0.00%	1,458,683.20	101,946.60	1,356,736.60
Drinking Water Trust Loan	11/21/17	235,000.00		2019 to 2037	2.125%-5.00%	195,000.00	10,000.00	185,000.00
Drinking Water Fund Loan	11/21/17	708,644.00		2019 to 2037	0.00%	475,742.21	36,032.74	439,709.47
						\$ 8,505,448.75	\$ 710,770.35	\$ 7,794,678.40

Budget Appropriation  
 NJEIT Principal Saving Credit Adjustments

\$ 711,063.35  
 (293.00)  
 \$ 710,770.35



**TOWNSHIP OF OCEAN - COUNTY OF OCEAN**

**WATER-SEWER UTILITY CAPITAL FUND**

**Exhibit D-21**

**SCHEDULE OF BONDS AND NOTES AUTHORIZED**

**BUT NOT ISSUED**

<b><u>Ordinance Number</u></b>	<b><u>Improvement Description</u></b>	<b><u>Balance Dec. 31, 2023</u></b>
9-02, 9-05,		
10-07	Construction of Certain Clean Water and Drinking Water Projects	\$ 41,043.00
10-13	Construction of and Improvements to Well #6	34,128.45
12-04	Construction of Certain Clean Water and Drinking Water Projects	172,118.30
15-12	Construction of Certain Clean Water and Drinking Water Projects	581,874.00
19-08	Water Sewer Utility Capital Improvements	<u>1,000,000.00</u>
		\$ <u><u>1,829,163.75</u></u>



**FIXED ASSETS**

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**TOWNSHIP OF OCEAN - COUNTY OF OCEAN**

**EXHIBIT E-1**

**GENERAL FIXED ASSETS ACCOUNT GROUP**

**SCHEDULE OF INVESTMENTS IN GENERAL FIXED ASSETS**

	<b><u>Balance</u></b> <b><u>Dec. 31, 2022</u></b>	<b><u>Increases</u></b>	<b><u>Decreases</u></b>	<b><u>Balance</u></b> <b><u>Dec. 31, 2023</u></b>
General Fixed Assets:				
Land and Land Improvements	\$ 10,602,674.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 10,602,674.00
Buildings and Improvements	1,357,105.30	-	-	1,357,105.30
Furniture, Fixtures and Equipment	<u>7,716,864.52</u>	<u>652,520.39</u>	<u>20,647.70</u>	<u>8,348,737.21</u>
Total	<u>\$ 19,676,643.82</u>	<u>\$ 652,520.39</u>	<u>\$ 20,647.70</u>	<u>\$ 20,308,516.51</u>

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**TOWNSHIP OF OCEAN**

**PART II**

**LETTER OF COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS – REGULATORY BASIS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023**

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## OFFICIALS IN OFFICE AND SURETY BONDS

The following officials were in office at December 31, 2023:

Kenneth Baulderstone	Mayor
Lydia Dodd	Deputy Mayor
Benjamin LoParo	Committeeman
Diane B. Ambrosio	Municipal Clerk
Casey Walford	Chief Financial Officer
Casey Walford	Acting Qualified Purchasing Agent
Crystal Brinson	Tax Collector
Phillip M. Miller	Magistrate
Steven Millette	Court Administrator
Christopher J. Dasti	Municipal Attorney

All employees are covered by a Blanket Bond of \$1,000,000, of which \$950,000 is provided as part of the Ocean County Joint Insurance Fund and \$50,000 through the Municipal Excess Liability Joint Insurance Fund.

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Honorable Mayor and Members  
of the Township Committee  
Township of Ocean  
Ocean, New Jersey

In accordance with requirements prescribed by the Division of Local Government Services, Department of Community Affairs, State of New Jersey, the following are the *General Comments* and *Recommendations* for the year ended December 31, 2023.

#### **GENERAL COMMENTS:**

##### **Contracts and Agreements required to be advertised by (N.J.S.A.40A:11-4)**

N.J.S.A.40A:11-4 states every contract or agreement, for the performance of any work or furnishing or hiring of any materials or supplies, the cost or the contract price whereof is to be paid with or out of public funds not included within the terms of Section 3 of this act, shall be made or awarded only by the Governing Body of the contracting unit after public advertising for bids and bidding therefore, except as is provided otherwise in this act or specifically by any other Law. No work, materials or supplies shall be undertaken, acquired or furnished for a sum exceeding in the aggregate the bid threshold, except by contract or agreement.

The bid threshold in accordance with *N.J.S.A. 40A:11-4* was \$44,000 for the year ended December 31, 2023.

It is pointed out that the governing body of the municipality has the responsibility of determining whether the expenditures in any category will exceed the statutory minimum within the fiscal year. Where question arises as to whether any contract or agreement might result in violation of the statute, the solicitor's opinion should be sought before a commitment is made.

Inasmuch as the system of records did not provide for an accumulation of payments for categories for the performance of any work or the furnishing or hiring of any materials or supplies, the results of such an accumulation could not reasonably be ascertained. Disbursements were reviewed, however, to determine whether any clear-cut violations existed.

Our examination of expenditures did not reveal any individual payments or contracts in excess of the bid threshold “for the performance of any work, or the furnishing of any materials, supplies or labor” other than those where bids had been previously sought by public advertisement or where a resolution had been previously adopted under the provisions of *N.J.S.A.40A:11-6*.

## **Collection of Interest on Delinquent Taxes and Assessments**

*N.J.S.54:4-67*, provides the method for authorizing interest and the maximum rates to be charged for the nonpayment of taxes or assessments on or before the date when they would become delinquent.

The governing body on January 2, 2023 adopted the following resolution authorizing interest to be charged on delinquent taxes:

*NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that if said taxes are deemed to be delinquent for non-payment of taxes, the Tax Collector shall charge eight (8%) percent per annum on the first \$1,500.00 of the delinquency, and eighteen (18%) percent per annum on any amount in excess of \$1,500.00; and*

*BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Ocean, that the Tax Collector shall allow that no interest will be charged on payments received and made by the tenth calendar day following the date upon which the same became payable; and*

*BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township, that the Tax Collector shall charge, in addition to the interest for delinquent taxes, as noted above, a penalty of six (6%) percent of the amount of the delinquency in taxes in excess of \$10,000.00 to a taxpayer who fails to pay the delinquency prior to the end of the calendar year.*

It appears from an examination of the Collector's record that interest was collected in accordance with the foregoing resolution.

### **OTHER COMMENTS (FINDINGS):**

**None.**

### **RECOMMENDATIONS:**

**None.**

## Appreciation

We express our appreciation for the assistance and courtesies extended to the members of the audit team.

Respectfully submitted,

HOLMAN FRENIA ALLISON, P. C.

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Certified Public Accountant  
Registered Municipal Accountant  
RMA No. 581

Lakewood, New Jersey  
June 25, 2024