

**CITY OF BRIGANTINE
REPORT OF AUDIT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED
DECEMBER 31, 2024**

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CITY OF BRIGANTINE
PART I
REPORT ON AUDIT OF
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - REGULATORY BASIS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED
DECEMBER 31, 2024



INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Honorable Mayor and
Members of City Council
City of Brigantine
County of Atlantic, New Jersey

Report on the Financial Statements

Opinions

We have audited the accompanying balance sheets - regulatory basis of the various funds and account group of the City of Brigantine, as of December 31, 2024 and 2023, the related statement of operations and changes in fund balance - regulatory basis for the years then ended, and the related statement of revenues - regulatory basis and statement of expenditures - regulatory basis of the various funds for the year ended December 31, 2024 and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the City's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

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" paragraph, 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 each fund of the City of Brigantine as of December 31, 2024, and 2023, or changes in financial position for the years then ended.

Opinion on Regulatory Basis of Accounting

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the regulatory basis balances sheets and account group as of December 31, 2024 and 2023, the regulatory basis statements of operations for the years then ended and the regulatory basis statements of revenues and expenditures for the year ended December 31, 2024 in accordance with the basis of financial reporting prescribed by the Division of Local Government Services, Department of Community Affairs, State of New Jersey as described in Note 1.

Basis for Opinions

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAS), the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States and the audit requirements prescribed by the Division of Local Government Services, Department of Community Affairs, State of New Jersey (the "Division"). Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of Financial Statements section of our report. We are required to be independent of the City of Brigantine 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 of the financial statements, the financial statements are prepared by the City of Brigantine on the basis of the financial reporting provisions prescribed by 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 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.

Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with the basis of accounting prescribed by 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 misstatements, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, management is required to evaluate whether there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the City of Brigantine's ability to continue as a going concern for twelve months beyond the financial statement date, including any currently known information that may raise substantial doubt shortly thereafter.

Auditor's Responsibility 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 opinions. 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 GAAS, *Government Auditing Standards* and audit requirements prescribed by the Division of Local Government Services 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 an 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 judgement made by a reasonable user based on the financial statements.

In performing an audit in accordance with GAAS, *Government Auditing Standards* and audit requirements prescribed by the Division of Local Government Services, we:

- exercise professional judgement 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 the internal control 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 City of Brigantine'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 judgement there are conditions or events considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the City of Brigantine's ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

We are required to communicate with those charge 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 City of Brigantine's basic financial statements. The supplementary information listed in the table of contents and the letter of comments and recommendations section are presented for purposes of additional analysis 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 supplemental information listed in the table of contents is fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the regulatory basis financial statements as a whole.

The letter of comments and recommendations section has not been subject to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements, and accordingly, we do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on it.

Other Reporting Required by *Government Auditing Standards*

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated June 13, 2025, on our consideration of the City of Brigantine's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of 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 City of Brigantine's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

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June 13, 2025

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EXHIBIT - A
CURRENT FUND

**CURRENT FUND
COMPARATIVE BALANCE SHEET - REGULATORY BASIS
AS OF DECEMBER 31,**

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
<u>ASSETS</u>		
Regular Fund:		
Cash:		
Cash Treasurer	\$ 14,946,874.86	15,559,762.92
Change and Petty Cash Funds	2,475.00	2,475.00
Total Cash	<u>14,949,349.86</u>	<u>15,562,237.92</u>
Receivables and Other Assets with Full Reserves:		
Delinquent Property Taxes Receivable	300,628.03	328,524.11
Tax Title and Other Liens	22,051.41	19,892.82
Property Acquired for Taxes - at Assessed Valuation	308,862.00	308,862.00
Revenue Accounts Receivable	6,049.74	4,127.46
Interfund Receivable:		
Due from Water Sewer Operating	21,033.11	871,560.61
Due from Animal Control	1,078.80	342.20
Total Receivables and Other Assets	<u>659,703.09</u>	<u>1,533,309.20</u>
Deferred Charges:		
Overexpenditure of Appropriation Reserves	5,469.03	-
Total Deferred Charges	<u>5,469.03</u>	<u>-</u>
Total Regular Fund	<u>15,614,521.98</u>	<u>17,095,547.12</u>
Federal and State Grant Fund:		
Cash	560,284.12	228,425.74
Federal and State Grants Receivable	739,591.02	1,002,046.48
Due from Current Fund	57,449.18	41,976.54
Total Federal and State Grant Fund	<u>1,357,324.32</u>	<u>1,272,448.76</u>
Total Current Fund	<u>\$ 16,971,846.30</u>	<u>18,367,995.88</u>

**CURRENT FUND
COMPARATIVE BALANCE SHEET - REGULATORY BASIS
AS OF DECEMBER 31,**

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
<u>LIABILITIES, RESERVES AND FUND BALANCE</u>		
Regular Fund:		
Liabilities:		
Appropriation Reserves	\$ 464,578.84	1,317,149.49
Reserve for Encumbrances	328,206.25	621,193.47
Accounts Payable	32,516.30	19,273.24
Prepaid Taxes	1,191,499.87	1,319,562.57
Overpaid Taxes	43,928.86	60,048.20
Payroll Taxes Payable	307,349.47	268,339.98
County Tax Payable	177,771.67	287,245.12
Tourism Commission	1,310.00	1,310.00
Due to State:		
Marriage Licenses	200.00	125.00
Senior Citizens & Vets	29,384.83	25,884.83
DCA Training Fees	6,450.00	5,158.00
Interfund Payable:		
Due General Capital Fund	144,601.47	1,364,896.11
Due Grant Fund	57,449.18	41,976.54
Due Trust Fund	-	1,778.86
Other:		
Tax Appeals	503,500.00	503,000.00
Tax Map and Property Revaluation	300,019.00	300,019.00
Master Plan	20,065.02	20,065.02
Reserve for Future Capital Projects	1,371,956.26	1,371,956.26
Reserve for Municipal Relief Fund	-	68,542.47
	<u>4,980,787.02</u>	<u>7,597,524.16</u>
Reserve for Receivables and Other Assets	659,703.09	1,533,309.20
Fund Balance	<u>9,974,031.87</u>	<u>7,964,713.76</u>
Total Regular Fund	<u>15,614,521.98</u>	<u>17,095,547.12</u>
Federal and State Grant Fund:		
Unappropriated Reserves	4,255.03	4,255.03
Appropriated Reserves	1,286,029.66	1,161,355.69
Encumbrances Payable	67,039.63	106,838.04
	<u>1,357,324.32</u>	<u>1,272,448.76</u>
Total Federal and State Grant Fund	<u>1,357,324.32</u>	<u>1,272,448.76</u>
Total Current Fund	<u>\$ 16,971,846.30</u>	<u>18,367,995.88</u>

**CURRENT FUND
COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS AND CHANGES
IN FUND BALANCE - REGULATORY BASIS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31,**

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
Revenue and Other Income Realized		
Fund Balance	\$ 3,425,000.00	3,000,000.00
Miscellaneous Revenue Anticipated	7,558,125.65	7,730,195.97
Receipts from Delinquent Taxes	328,884.51	314,311.62
Receipts from Current Taxes	65,857,226.40	63,880,559.06
Non Budget Revenue	342,355.52	486,588.70
Other Credits to Income:		
Unexpended Balance of Appropriation Reserves	1,304,215.60	1,686,935.06
Prior Accounts Payable	6,624.00	-
Reserves Liquidated:		
Interfunds Returned	850,527.50	1,158.60
Total Income	<u>79,672,959.18</u>	<u>77,099,749.01</u>
Expenditures		
Budget and Emergency Appropriations:		
Appropriations Within "CAPS"		
Operations:		
Salaries and Wages	13,631,961.92	13,459,510.00
Other Expenses	8,721,159.00	8,605,799.00
Deferred Charges & Statutory Expenditures		
Appropriations Within "CAPS"	4,255,193.08	4,179,448.81
Operations Excluded from "CAPS"		
Salaries and Wages	393,000.00	294,250.00
Other Expenses	397,996.75	681,994.62
Capital Improvements - Excluded from "CAPS"	860,000.00	566,000.00
Municipal Debt Service - Excluded from "CAPS"	4,208,847.73	3,783,247.43
Deferred Charges and Statutory Expenditures		
Municipal Excluded from "CAPS"	-	318,350.37
Transferred to Board of Education for Use of Local Schools	1,143,100.00	1,136,527.44
Local District School Tax	15,888,114.00	15,888,114.00
Senior Citizens' Deductions Disallowed by Collector -		
Prior Year Taxes	500.00	189.04
County Tax	24,560,260.32	23,119,705.57
County Share of Added Tax	177,771.67	287,245.12
Creation of Reserve for :		
Interfunds Created	736.60	871,902.81
Total Expenditures	<u>74,238,641.07</u>	<u>73,192,284.21</u>
Excess in Revenue	<u>5,434,318.11</u>	<u>3,907,464.80</u>

**CURRENT FUND
COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS AND CHANGES
IN FUND BALANCE - REGULATORY BASIS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31,**

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
Adjustments to Income before Fund Balance:		
Expenditures included above which are by Statute Deferred Charges to Budgets of Succeeding Year	-	-
Total Adjustments	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Statutory Excess to Fund Balance	<u>5,434,318.11</u>	<u>3,907,464.80</u>
Fund Balance January 1	<u>7,964,713.76</u>	<u>7,057,248.96</u>
	13,399,031.87	10,964,713.76
Decreased by:		
Utilization as Anticipated Revenue	<u>3,425,000.00</u>	<u>3,000,000.00</u>
Fund Balance December 31	<u>\$ 9,974,031.87</u>	<u>7,964,713.76</u>

CURRENT FUND
STATEMENT OF REVENUES - REGULATORY BASIS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024

	Budget	Anticipated N.J.S. 40A:4-87	Realized	Excess or (Deficit)
Fund Balance Anticipated	\$ 3,425,000.00		3,425,000.00	-
Total Fund Balance Anticipated	3,425,000.00	-	3,425,000.00	-
Miscellaneous Revenues:				
Section A: Local Revenues				
Licenses:				
Alcoholic Beverages	10,000.00		12,325.00	2,325.00
Other	7,100.00		9,579.00	2,479.00
Fees and Permits	130,000.00		173,053.72	43,053.72
Fines and Costs:				
Municipal Court	120,000.00		157,841.35	37,841.35
Interest and Costs on Taxes	100,000.00		126,667.33	26,667.33
Interest and Investments and Deposits	350,000.00		1,047,490.61	697,490.61
Beach Fees	890,000.00		884,444.43	(5,555.57)
Beach Vehicles Permits	850,000.00		860,350.00	10,350.00
Cable Franchise Fee	79,800.00		79,829.27	29.27
Emergency Medical Services	215,000.00		348,015.97	133,015.97
Leased City Property	220,000.00		210,549.78	(9,450.22)
County Share of Library Costs	50,000.00		50,000.00	-
Total Section A: Local Revenues	3,021,900.00	-	3,960,146.46	938,246.46
Section B: State Aid Without Offsetting Appropriations				
Energy Receipts Tax	664,966.00		664,965.56	(0.44)
Municipal Relief Aid	68,542.47		68,542.47	-
Type I School Debt Service	152,532.00		152,532.00	-
Garden State Trust Fund	19,173.00		19,173.00	-
Total Section B: State Aid Without Offsetting Appropriations	905,213.47	-	905,213.03	(0.44)
Section C: Uniform Construction Code Fees				
Uniform Construction Code Fees	440,000.00		566,923.00	126,923.00
Total Section C: Uniform Construction Code Fees	440,000.00	-	566,923.00	126,923.00

**CURRENT FUND
STATEMENT OF REVENUES - REGULATORY BASIS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024**

	Budget	Anticipated N.J.S. 40A:4-87	Realized	Excess or (Deficit)
Section D: Special Items of General Revenue Anticipated				
None	-		-	-
Total Section D: Special Items of General Revenue Anticipated	-	-	-	-
Section E: Special Items of General Revenue Anticipated With Prior Written Consent of Director of Local Government				
Services - Additional Revenues				
Fire Prevention Inspection Fees	324,000.00		544,452.28	220,452.28
Total Section E: Special Items of General Revenue Anticipated With Prior Written Consent of Director of Local Government	324,000.00	-	544,452.28	220,452.28
Section F: Special Items - Public and Private Programs				
Recycling Tonnage Grant		16,790.67	16,790.67	-
Clean Communities		56,739.16	56,739.16	-
NJ DCA - American Rescue Plan Firefighters Grant		75,000.00	75,000.00	-
Safe and Secure		22,575.00	22,575.00	-
Body Armor Replacement Grant		2,849.26	2,849.26	-
Bulletproof Vest Partnership Grant		601.71	601.71	-
Bulletproof Vest Partnership Grant		3,088.55	3,088.55	-
Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over-Year End Holiday		2,800.00	2,800.00	-
Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over-Labor Day		1,050.00	1,050.00	-
Atlantic County Area Agency on Aging		54,452.40	54,452.40	-
Click It or Ticket		2,800.00	2,800.00	-
Summer Shore Pedestrian Awareness		5,250.00	5,250.00	-
WaWa Foundation Life Saving Equipment Grant		1,000.00	1,000.00	-
Local Recreation Improvement Grant		64,000.00	64,000.00	-
Total Section F: Special Items - Public and Private Programs	-	308,996.75	308,996.75	-
Off-Set with Appropriations				

The Accompanying Notes to the Financial Statements are an Integral Part of this Statement

CURRENT FUND
STATEMENT OF REVENUES - REGULATORY BASIS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024

	Budget	Anticipated N.J.S. 40A:4-87	Realized	Excess or (Deficit)
Section G: Other Special Items				
Minature Golf Receipts	24,000.00		27,000.00	3,000.00
Golf Course Receipts	1,160,000.00		1,245,394.13	85,394.13
Total Section G: Other Special Items	1,184,000.00	-	1,272,394.13	88,394.13
Total Miscellaneous Revenues:	5,875,113.47	308,996.75	7,558,125.65	1,374,015.43
Receipts from Delinquent Taxes	215,812.00		328,884.51	113,072.51
Amount to be Raised by Taxes for Support of Municipal Budget				
Local Tax for Municipal Purposes	24,243,098.70		25,686,653.08	1,443,554.38
Addition to Local District School Tax	990,568.00		990,568.00	-
Total Amount to be Raised by Taxes for Support of Municipal Budget	25,233,666.70	-	26,677,221.08	1,443,554.38
Budget Totals	34,749,592.17	308,996.75	37,989,231.24	2,930,642.32
Non- Budget Revenues:				
Other Non- Budget Revenues:	-		342,355.52	342,355.52
	34,749,592.17	308,996.75	38,331,586.76	3,272,997.84

**CURRENT FUND
STATEMENT OF REVENUES - REGULATORY BASIS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024**

Analysis of Realized Revenues

Allocation of Current Tax Collections:	
Revenue from Collections	65,857,226.40
Less: Reserve for Tax Appeals Pending	<u>-</u>
Net Revenue from Collections	65,857,226.40
Allocated to:	
School, County and Other Taxes	<u>40,626,145.99</u>
Balance for Support of Municipal Budget Appropriations	25,231,080.41
Increased by:	
Appropriation "Reserved for Uncollected Taxes"	<u>1,446,140.67</u>
Amount for Support of Municipal Budget Appropriations	<u><u>26,677,221.08</u></u>

Receipts from Delinquent Taxes:	
Delinquent Tax Collection	328,828.47
Tax Title Lien Collections	<u>56.04</u>
Total Receipts from Delinquent Taxes	<u><u>328,884.51</u></u>

Analysis of Non-Budget Revenue:

Miscellaneous Revenue Not Anticipated:	
Tax Sale Costs	2,556.81
Administrative Fee - Senior Citizens and Veterans Deductions	1,315.00
Police Special Detail-City Portion	7,770.00
Trash Cans	6,600.00
Sale of Equipment - GovDeals	27,429.00
Restitution	1,100.00
Special Charges	1,874.43
Zoning Fees	11,600.00
Street Opening Permits	29,729.67
Special Events Permits	3,375.00
Dune Maintenance Permits	11,400.00
Dog Park Permits / Dog Statutory Excess	736.60
Horseback Riding Permits	750.00
Copy/Notary Fees	1,215.05
Bulkhead Permits	5,700.00
List of Owners	630.00
Ice Cream Proceeds	300.00
Community Center Lease	6,100.00
Foreclosed Property	4,800.00
NSF Fees	410.00
Sidewalk Permits	11,175.00
Metal Recycling	22,306.00
Triathlon 2024	22,857.91
Hotel Tax	141,778.41
FEMA Reimbursement	12,437.51
Rowing Club Lease	4,500.00
Miscellaneous Collector Receipts	195.00
Miscellaneous	<u>1,714.13</u>
Total Miscellaneous Revenue Not Anticipated:	<u><u>342,355.52</u></u>

CURRENT FUND
STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURES - REGULATORY BASIS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024

	Appropriations		Paid or Charged	Expended		(Over expended) Unexpended Balance Cancelled
	Budget	Budget After Modifications		Encumbered	Reserved	
OPERATIONS WITHIN "CAPS"						
GENERAL GOVERNMENT:						
General Administration						
Salaries & Wages	\$ 145,800.00	156,800.00	155,284.76		1,515.24	-
Other Expenses	83,300.00	63,940.00	59,767.69	250.00	3,922.31	-
Mayor and Council						
Salaries & Wages	50,000.00	50,000.00	49,200.58		799.42	-
Other Expenses	7,000.00	7,000.00	3,654.85		3,345.15	-
Municipal Clerk						
Salaries & Wages	101,000.00	105,500.00	104,023.27		1,476.73	-
Other Expenses	85,400.00	45,400.00	41,823.54	930.00	2,646.46	-
Financial Administration						
Salaries & Wages	195,000.00	200,121.92	191,235.90		8,886.02	-
Other Expenses	48,600.00	73,600.00	73,289.95	158.40	151.65	-
Audit Services						
Other Expenses	45,000.00	34,000.00	34,000.00		-	-
Revenue Administration (Tax Collector)						
Salaries & Wages	124,000.00	124,500.00	124,030.62		469.38	-
Other Expenses	36,200.00	34,200.00	33,377.91		822.09	-
Tax Assessment Administration						
Salaries & Wages	155,000.00	167,000.00	164,881.30		2,118.70	-
Other Expenses	34,400.00	13,399.00	11,397.35	1,495.33	506.32	-
Legal Services						
Other Expenses	410,000.00	396,000.00	373,454.76	12,154.10	10,391.14	-
Emergency Medical Billing						
Other Expenses	17,000.00	17,000.00	14,880.68		2,119.32	-
Engineering Services and Costs						
Other Expenses	147,000.00	131,000.00	113,131.27	12,542.50	5,326.23	-
Municipal Court						
Salaries & Wages	148,750.00	170,750.00	168,979.04		1,770.96	-
Other Expenses	16,000.00	16,026.01	6,973.40	119.29	8,933.32	-
Public Defender						
Other Expenses	15,200.00	12,200.00	9,598.00	238.00	2,364.00	-

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CURRENT FUND
STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURES - REGULATORY BASIS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024

	Appropriations		Paid or Charged	Expended		(Over expended) Unexpended Balance Cancelled
	Budget	Budget After Modifications		Encumbered	Reserved	
LAND USE ADMINISTRATION						
Planning Board						
Salaries & Wages	10,500.00	10,510.00	10,500.10		9.90	-
Other Expenses	40,500.00	24,542.83	22,087.59	20.24	2,435.00	-
INSURANCE						
General Liability	331,997.00	302,827.00	301,774.10	318.40	734.50	-
Workers Compensation Insurance	669,220.00	550,693.47	550,618.47		75.00	-
Employee Group Insurance	2,028,000.00	2,023,000.00	1,824,130.78	55.80	198,813.42	-
Health Benefits Waiver						
Salaries & Wages	200,000.00	196,500.00	196,021.36		478.64	-
PUBLIC SAFETY						
Fire Department						
Salaries & Wages	4,079,000.00	3,929,000.00	3,918,223.15		10,776.85	-
Other Expenses	267,050.00	266,050.00	177,462.99	77,892.95	10,694.06	-
Police Department						
Salaries & Wages	4,547,000.00	4,782,000.00	4,769,475.14		12,524.86	-
Other Expenses	266,150.00	264,150.00	194,732.11	49,666.24	19,751.65	-
Office of Emergency Management						
Salaries & Wages	9,000.00	10,000.00	9,884.48		115.52	-
Other Expenses	10,600.00	5,100.00	3,957.41		1,142.59	-
PUBLIC WORKS						
Streets and Roads Maintenance						
Salaries & Wages	485,000.00	405,000.00	400,771.81		4,228.19	-
Other Expenses	76,780.00	66,780.00	61,080.11	683.53	5,016.36	-
Demolition						
Other Expenses	75,000.00	19,650.00	18,940.00		710.00	-
Solid Waste Collection						
Other Expenses	1,470,000.00	1,440,000.00	1,324,959.95	49,212.45	65,827.60	-
Recycling Program						
Salaries & Wages	37,800.00	40,800.00	40,104.41		695.59	-
Other Expenses	14,500.00	11,500.00	10,713.81	147.47	638.72	-
Department of Public Works						
Salaries & Wages	187,000.00	198,200.00	196,311.17		1,888.83	-
Other Expenses	14,200.00	14,200.00	13,997.42		202.58	-
Storm Water Management-OE	45,000.00	45,000.00	45,000.00		-	-
Buildings and Grounds						
Salaries & Wages	785,000.00	866,000.00	865,878.51		121.49	-
Other Expenses	410,936.00	430,936.00	408,609.88	10,732.44	11,593.68	-

CURRENT FUND
STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURES - REGULATORY BASIS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024

	Appropriations		Paid or Charged	Expended		(Over expended) Unexpended Balance Cancelled
	Budget	Budget After Modifications		Encumbered	Reserved	
Golf Course Operations						
Other Expenses	960,000.00	963,811.00	963,811.00	-	-	-
Vehicle Maintenance						
Salaries & Wages	97,500.00	97,500.00	96,948.74		551.26	
Other Expenses	150,000.00	120,000.00	112,974.74	3,769.86	3,255.40	
HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES						
Dog Regulation						
Other Expenses	18,500.00	15,900.00	14,575.00	1,325.00	-	-
PARKS AND RECREATION						
Beach Patrol and Maintenance						
Salaries & Wages	1,030,000.00	1,039,600.00	1,039,570.79		29.21	-
Other Expenses	72,050.00	63,450.00	63,450.00		-	-
Beach Fee Program						
Salaries & Wages	200,000.00	248,500.00	247,985.33		514.67	-
Other Expenses	55,000.00	60,000.00	36,146.54	23,460.00	393.46	-
Parks and Playgrounds (Recreation)						
Salaries & Wages	315,000.00	319,000.00	317,209.74		1,790.26	-
Other Expenses	24,100.00	24,000.00	21,742.42		2,257.58	-
Cultural Arts						
Other Expenses	5,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00		-	-
Grant Coordinator						
Other Expenses	35,000.00	22,010.00	16,570.00		5,440.00	-
UNIFORM CONSTRUCTION CODE						
Construction Official						
Salaries & Wages	385,680.00	389,680.00	385,945.48		3,734.52	-
Other Expenses	41,800.00	31,582.69	31,183.93	87.98	310.78	-
UNCLASSIFIED						
Accumulated Leave Compensation	125,000.00	125,000.00	125,000.00		-	-
Maintenance Agreements - Contractual	140,000.00	171,000.00	105,184.54	63,712.66	2,102.80	-
Storm Reserve	50,000.00	50,000.00	50,000.00		-	-

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CURRENT FUND
STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURES - REGULATORY BASIS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024

	Appropriations		Expended		(Over expended) Unexpended Balance Cancelled
	Budget	Budget After Modifications	Paid or Charged	Encumbered	
UTILITY EXPENSES AND BULK PURCHASES					
Electric	260,000.00	255,000.00	254,990.34		9.66
Street Lighting	235,000.00	220,000.00	219,981.65		18.35
Telephone	138,000.00	174,000.00	167,040.81		6,959.19
Gas	70,000.00	50,800.00	43,886.35		6,913.65
Fuel	200,000.00	169,300.00	140,784.11	18,955.98	9,559.91
Cable	16,000.00	17,111.00	16,227.11		883.89
TOTAL OPERATIONS WITHIN "CAPS"	22,548,513.00	22,353,120.92	21,574,428.24	327,928.62	-
Contingent	500.00	-			-
TOTAL OPERATIONS INCLUDING CONTINGENT WITHIN "CAPS"	22,549,013.00	22,353,120.92	21,574,428.24	327,928.62	-
Detail:					
Salaries & Wages	13,413,030.00	13,631,961.92	13,577,465.68	-	54,496.24
Other Expenses	9,135,983.00	8,721,159.00	7,996,962.56	327,928.62	396,267.82
DEFERRED CHARGES AND STATUTORY EXPENDITURES:					
Deferred Charges:					
None	-	-			-
Statutory Expenditures:					
Contributions to:					
Public Employees' Retirement System	591,720.00	591,900.00	591,900.00		-
Social Security System (O.A.S.I.)	1,000,000.00	1,045,000.00	1,039,524.92		5,475.08
Police and Firemen's Retirement System	2,471,581.00	2,522,975.65	2,522,975.65		-
Unemployment Compensation Insurance	20,000.00	32,317.86	32,317.86		-
Lifeguard Pension	60,000.00	60,000.00	60,000.00		-
Defined Contribution Retirement Program	4,000.00	2,999.57	2,854.37		145.20
TOTAL DEFERRED CHARGES AND STATUTORY EXPENDITURES:	4,147,301.00	4,255,193.08	4,249,572.80	-	-
TOTAL GENERAL APPROPRIATIONS FOR MUNICIPAL PURPOSES WITHIN "CAPS"	26,696,314.00	26,608,314.00	25,824,001.04	327,928.62	-
OPERATIONS - EXCLUDED FROM "CAPS"					
(A) Operations - Excluded from "CAPS"					
Reserve for Tax Appeals	500.00	500.00	500.00		-
Employee Group Insurance	57,000.00	57,000.00	57,000.00		-
Fire Prevention Inspections					
Salaries & Wages	303,000.00	393,000.00	389,455.15	277.63	3,544.85
Other Expenses	21,000.00	19,000.00	14,072.72		4,649.65
TOTAL OPERATIONS EXCLUDED FROM "CAPS"	324,000.00	412,000.00	403,527.87	277.63	-

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CURRENT FUND
STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURES - REGULATORY BASIS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024

	Appropriations		Expended		(Over expended) Unexpended Balance Cancelled
	Budget	Budget After Modifications	Paid or Charged	Encumbered	
(A) Public and Private Programs Off-Set by Revenues					
Matching Funds for Grants	7,500.00	7,500.00	7,500.00	-	-
Recycling Tonnage Grant		16,790.67	16,790.67	-	-
Clean Communities		56,739.16	56,739.16	-	-
Click It or Ticket		2,800.00	2,800.00	-	-
Municipal Alliance on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse - Local	5,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00	-	-
NJ DCA - American Rescue Plan Firefighters Grant		75,000.00	75,000.00	-	-
Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over-Year End Holiday		2,800.00	2,800.00	-	-
Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over-Labor Day		1,050.00	1,050.00	-	-
Safe & Secure		22,575.00	22,575.00	-	-
Bulletproof Vest Partnership		601.71	601.71	-	-
Bulletproof Vest Partnership		3,088.55	3,088.55	-	-
Body Armor Replacement Grant		2,849.26	2,849.26	-	-
Summer Shore Pedestrian Awareness		5,250.00	5,250.00	-	-
WaWa Foundation Life Saving Equipment Grant		1,000.00	1,000.00	-	-
Local Recreational Improvement Grant		64,000.00	64,000.00	-	-
Atlantic County Area Agency on Aging		54,452.40	54,452.40	-	-
Total Public and Private Programs Off-Set by Revenues	12,500.00	321,496.75	321,496.75	-	-
Total Operations - Excluded from "CAPS"	394,000.00	790,996.75	782,524.62	277.63	8,194.50
Detail:					
Salaries & Wages	303,000.00	393,000.00	389,455.15	-	3,544.85
Other Expenses	91,000.00	397,996.75	393,069.47	277.63	4,649.65
(C) Capital Improvements					
Capital Improvement Fund	860,000.00	860,000.00	860,000.00	-	-
Total Capital Improvements	860,000.00	860,000.00	860,000.00	-	-
(D) Debt Service					
Payment of Bond Principal	3,100,000.00	3,100,000.00	3,100,000.00	-	-
Payment of Bond Anticipation Notes and Capital Notes	150,000.00	150,000.00	150,000.00	-	-
Interest on Bonds	489,537.50	489,537.82	489,537.82	-	-
Interest on Notes	432,500.00	432,499.68	432,000.00	-	499.68
Green Trust Loan Program:					
Loan Repayments for Principal & Interest	38,000.00	38,000.00	37,309.91	-	690.09
Total Debt Service	4,210,037.50	4,210,037.50	4,208,847.73	-	1,189.77

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CURRENT FUND
STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURES - REGULATORY BASIS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024

	Appropriations		Paid or Charged	Expended		(Over expended) Unexpended Balance Cancelled
	Budget	Budget After Modifications		Encumbered	Reserved	
(E) Deferred Charges - Municipal - Excluded from "CAPS"						
Deferred Charges to Future Taxation:						
None	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total Deferred Charges - Municipal - Excluded from "CAPS"	-	-	-	-	-	-
(I) Local School District Purposes - Excluded from "CAPS"						
Type I District School Debt Service						
Payment of Bond Principal	520,000.00	520,000.00	520,000.00	-	-	-
Payment of Bond Anticipation Notes	370,000.00	370,000.00	370,000.00	-	-	-
Interest on Bonds	15,600.00	15,600.00	15,600.00	-	-	-
Interest on Notes	237,500.00	237,500.00	237,500.00	-	-	-
(J) Deferred Charges and Statutory Expenditures - Excluded from "CAPS"						
Capital Project for Land, Building or Equipment	-	-	-	-	-	-
(K) TOTAL MUNICIPAL APPROPRIATIONS FOR LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT PURPOSES EXCLUDED FROM "CAPS"	<u>1,143,100.00</u>	<u>1,143,100.00</u>	<u>1,143,100.00</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
TOTAL GENERAL APPROPRIATIONS FOR MUNICIPAL PURPOSES EXCLUDED FROM "CAPS"	<u>6,607,137.50</u>	<u>7,004,134.25</u>	<u>6,994,472.35</u>	<u>277.63</u>	<u>8,194.50</u>	<u>1,189.77</u>
SUBTOTAL GENERAL APPROPRIATIONS	<u>33,303,451.50</u>	<u>33,612,448.25</u>	<u>32,818,473.39</u>	<u>328,206.25</u>	<u>464,578.84</u>	<u>1,189.77</u>
(M) Reserve for Uncollected Taxes	<u>1,446,140.67</u>	<u>1,446,140.67</u>	<u>1,446,140.67</u>		<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
TOTAL GENERAL APPROPRIATIONS	<u>\$ 34,749,592.17</u>	<u>35,058,588.92</u>	<u>34,264,614.06</u>	<u>328,206.25</u>	<u>464,578.84</u>	<u>1,189.77</u>
Budget		34,749,592.17			Cancelled	1,189.77
Appropriations by 40A:4-87		308,996.75			Overexpended	-
		<u>35,058,588.92</u>				<u>1,189.77</u>
Reserve for Uncollected Taxes		1,446,140.67				
Federal and State Grants		321,496.75				
Reserve for Tax Appeals		500.00				
Disbursements		32,496,476.64				
		<u>34,264,614.06</u>				

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EXHIBIT - B
TRUST FUND

TRUST FUND
COMPARATIVE BALANCE SHEET - REGULATORY BASIS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31,

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
<u>Assets</u>		
<u>Animal Control Fund</u>		
Cash and Investments	\$ 2,099.60	1,589.20
	<u>2,099.60</u>	<u>1,589.20</u>
<u>Other Funds</u>		
Cash and Investments	6,788,454.92	6,096,430.15
Due from Current Fund	-	1,778.86
	<u>6,788,454.92</u>	<u>6,098,209.01</u>
	<u>\$ 6,790,554.52</u>	<u>6,099,798.21</u>

TRUST FUND
COMPARATIVE BALANCE SHEET - REGULATORY BASIS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31,

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
<u>Liabilities, Reserves and Fund Balance</u>		
<u>Animal Control Fund</u>		
Reserve for Animal Control Expenditures	\$ 1,020.80	1,247.00
Due to Current Fund	1,078.80	342.20
	<u>2,099.60</u>	<u>1,589.20</u>
<u>Other Funds</u>		
Reserve for Accumulated Absences	790,426.61	900,099.57
Reserve for Special Law Enforcement	50,548.02	54,957.71
Reserve for Police Special Detail Escrow	68,512.50	67,602.50
Reserve for POAA	1,543.00	986.00
Reserve for Engineering Escrow	205,704.36	189,455.27
Reserve for Lifeguard Pension	641,361.72	596,711.05
Reserve for Recreation	40,026.60	91,279.30
Reserve for Recreation-Benches/Bike Racks	18,903.56	18,886.53
Reserve for Recreation Green Team	52,087.39	50,709.65
Reserve for Garden Club	15,494.30	10,428.02
Reserve for COAH	3,870,408.99	3,102,834.01
Reserve for Tax Title Lien Redemptions	17,893.91	15,051.63
Reserve for Tax Title Lien Premiums	168,600.00	219,100.00
Reserve for Due to Third Parties Eng Escrow	-	20,594.25
Reserve for Fire Prevention	4,554.00	4,705.00
Reserve for Storm Expenses	831,901.15	746,457.44
Reserve for Municipal Alliance Donations	10,488.81	8,351.08
	<u>6,788,454.92</u>	<u>6,098,209.01</u>
\$	<u><u>6,790,554.52</u></u>	<u><u>6,099,798.21</u></u>

EXHIBIT - C
GENERAL CAPITAL FUND

**GENERAL CAPITAL FUND
COMPARATIVE BALANCE SHEET - REGULATORY BASIS
AS OF DECEMBER 31,**

	2024	2023
<u>ASSETS</u>		
Cash	\$ 15,022,570.36	10,376,876.03
Grant Receivable - FEMA House Raising 2017	4,726,072.88	5,349,388.62
Due from Current Fund	144,601.47	1,364,896.11
Deferred Charges to Future Taxation -		
Funded	34,715,540.56	16,015,514.19
Unfunded	21,466,134.00	29,208,274.00
	<u>76,074,919.27</u>	<u>62,314,948.95</u>
<u>LIABILITIES, RESERVES AND FUND BALANCE</u>		
Serial Bonds Payable	27,560,000.00	15,370,000.00
School Type I Bonds Payable	7,065,000.00	520,000.00
Green Trust Loan Payable	90,540.56	125,514.19
Bond Anticipation Notes	-	13,650,000.00
Improvement Authorizations:		
Funded	13,441,920.00	6,677,073.93
Unfunded	18,286,084.03	17,395,941.38
Reserve for Encumbrances	8,585,192.27	7,896,140.32
Accounts Payable	65,292.06	82,553.13
Due to Water Sewer Capital	311,725.11	-
Reserve for Debt Service	220,839.24	148,460.00
Reserve for Future Capital Project	264,555.00	264,555.00
Capital Improvement Fund	5,364.00	6,304.00
Fund Balance	178,407.00	178,407.00
	<u>\$ 76,074,919.27</u>	<u>62,314,948.95</u>

There were bonds and notes authorized but not issued at December 31,

2023	15,558,274.00
2024	21,466,134.00

**GENERAL CAPITAL FUND
COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF FUND BALANCE -
REGULATORY BASIS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31,**

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
Beginning Balance January 1	\$ 178,407.00	178,407.00
Increased by:		
None	-	-
Decreased by:		
None	-	-
Ending Balance December 31	\$ <u>178,407.00</u>	<u>178,407.00</u>

EXHIBIT - D
WATER AND SEWER UTILITY FUND

**WATER AND SEWER UTILITY FUND
COMPARATIVE BALANCE SHEET - REGULATORY BASIS
AS OF DECEMBER 31,**

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
<u>ASSETS</u>		
Operating Fund:		
Cash	\$ 4,930,873.16	5,022,555.18
Interfunds and Receivables:		
Due from Water Sewer Capital	452,194.15	523,927.54
	<u>5,383,067.31</u>	<u>5,546,482.72</u>
Receivables and Other Assets with Full Reserves:		
Consumer Accounts Receivable	94,633.65	99,461.04
	<u>94,633.65</u>	<u>99,461.04</u>
Deferred Charges:		
Overexpenditure of Appropriation	41,362.50	-
	<u>41,362.50</u>	<u>-</u>
Total Operating Fund	<u>5,519,063.46</u>	<u>5,645,943.76</u>
Capital Fund:		
Cash	15,059,840.41	9,971,814.61
New Jersey EIT Receivable	24,227.00	24,227.00
Due from General Capital	311,725.11	-
Fixed Capital	39,841,830.02	39,841,830.02
Fixed Capital - Authorized and Uncompleted	35,455,469.59	26,495,469.59
Total Capital Fund	<u>90,693,092.13</u>	<u>76,333,341.22</u>
	<u>\$ 96,212,155.59</u>	<u>81,979,284.98</u>

**WATER AND SEWER UTILITY FUND
COMPARATIVE BALANCE SHEET - REGULATORY BASIS
AS OF DECEMBER 31,**

	2024	2023
<u>LIABILITIES, RESERVES AND FUND BALANCE</u>		
Operating Fund:		
Appropriation Reserves	\$ 313,402.42	557,365.15
Reserve for Encumbrances	333,590.58	279,406.35
Accounts Payable	1,621.67	1,621.67
Prepaid Rents	1,724,663.84	1,791,064.35
Overpaid Rents	41,833.92	44,097.98
Accrued Interest on Bonds and Notes	136,932.81	98,866.15
Reserve for Insurance Proceeds	5,500.00	5,500.00
Due to Current Fund	21,033.11	871,560.61
	<u>2,578,578.35</u>	<u>3,649,482.26</u>
Reserve for Receivables	94,633.65	99,461.04
Fund Balance	2,845,851.46	1,897,000.46
Total Operating Fund	<u>5,519,063.46</u>	<u>5,645,943.76</u>
Capital Fund:		
Encumbrances Payable	6,806,511.35	5,230,108.24
Serial Bonds Payable	17,450,000.00	11,920,000.00
NJEIT Bonds & Loans	2,034,896.37	2,429,750.60
Improvement Authorizations:		
Funded	8,114,831.95	6,015,648.87
Unfunded	10,897,000.00	7,162,827.00
Due to Water Sewer Operating	452,194.15	523,927.54
Reserve for Amortization	44,845,053.24	42,980,199.01
Reserve for Payment of Bonds	21,725.11	-
Reserve for American Recovery Plan	383.00	383.00
Deferred Reserve for Amortization	70,350.00	70,350.00
Fund Balance	146.96	146.96
Total Capital Fund	<u>90,693,092.13</u>	<u>76,333,341.22</u>
	<u>\$ 96,212,155.59</u>	<u>81,979,284.98</u>

There were bonds and notes authorized but not issued at December 31,

2023	8,937,000.00
2024	10,897,000.00

**WATER AND SEWER UTILITY FUND
COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS AND CHANGES
IN FUND BALANCE - REGULATORY BASIS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31,**

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
Revenue and Other Income Realized		
Fund Balance Utilized	\$ 1,459,846.73	1,433,258.00
Water and Sewer Rents	7,140,070.78	5,232,731.24
Miscellaneous	663,320.81	586,162.87
Other Credits to Income:		
Unexpended Balance of Appropriation Reserves	602,010.30	422,523.40
Total Income	<u>9,865,248.62</u>	<u>7,674,675.51</u>
Expenditures		
Operations:		
Salaries and Wages	1,335,000.00	1,250,000.00
Other Expenses	3,915,425.80	3,922,200.00
Debt Service	2,003,513.59	2,055,256.73
Deferred Charges and Statutory Expenditures	243,974.00	243,000.00
Total Expenditures	<u>7,497,913.39</u>	<u>7,470,456.73</u>
Excess in Revenue	<u>2,367,335.23</u>	<u>204,218.78</u>
Adjustments to Income before Fund Balance:		
Expenditures included above which are by		
Statute Deferred Charges to Budgets of		
Succeeding Year	41,362.50	-
Total Adjustments	<u>41,362.50</u>	<u>-</u>
Excess in Operations	<u>2,408,697.73</u>	<u>204,218.78</u>
Fund Balance January 1	<u>1,897,000.46</u>	<u>3,126,039.68</u>
	4,305,698.19	3,330,258.46
Decreased by:		
Utilization as Anticipated Revenue	<u>1,459,846.73</u>	<u>1,433,258.00</u>
Fund Balance December 31	<u>\$ 2,845,851.46</u>	<u>1,897,000.46</u>

**WATER AND SEWER UTILITY CAPITAL FUND
COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF FUND BALANCE -
REGULATORY BASIS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31,**

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
Beginning Balance January 1	\$ 146.96	-
Increased by:		
Close Improvement Authorizations	-	146.96
Decreased by:		
None	-	-
Ending Balance December 31	\$ <u>146.96</u>	<u>146.96</u>

**WATER AND SEWER UTILITY OPERATING FUND
STATEMENT OF REVENUES - REGULATORY BASIS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024**

	Anticipated Budget	Realized	Excess or (Deficit)
Anticipated Revenue:			
Surplus Anticipated	\$ 1,459,846.73	1,459,846.73	-
Water & Sewer Rents	5,700,000.00	7,140,070.78	1,440,070.78
Miscellaneous	300,000.00	663,320.81	363,320.81
	<u>\$ 7,459,846.73</u>	<u>9,263,238.32</u>	<u>1,803,391.59</u>
Analysis of Realized Revenue:			
Water and Sewer Rents			
Accounts Receivable	7,140,070.78		
Total Water & Sewer Rents		<u>7,140,070.78</u>	
Miscellaneous Revenue			
Penalties and Interest	50,258.48		
Interest on Investments	508,173.92		
Water Reading Fees	14,140.00		
Meter Parts/Set Up	90,748.41		
Total Miscellaneous		<u>663,320.81</u>	

WATER AND SEWER UTILITY FUND
STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURES - REGULATORY BASIS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024

	Appropriations		Expended		(Over expended) Unexpended Balance Cancelled
	Budget	Budget After Modifications	Paid or Charged	Encumbered	
Operations:					
Salaries and Wages	\$ 1,335,000.00	1,335,000.00	1,319,608.66	15,391.34	
Other Expenses	3,932,400.00	3,915,425.80	3,285,601.53	333,590.58	296,233.69
	<u>5,267,400.00</u>	<u>5,250,425.80</u>	<u>4,605,210.19</u>	<u>333,590.58</u>	<u>311,625.03</u>
					-
Debt Service:					
Payment of Bond Principal	1,574,854.23	1,180,000.00	1,180,000.00	-	-
Interest on Bonds	390,592.50	340,287.70	381,650.20	-	(41,362.50)
NJIB Principal		410,327.23	410,327.23	-	-
NJIB Interest		34,832.00	31,536.16	-	3,295.84
	<u>1,965,446.73</u>	<u>1,965,446.93</u>	<u>2,003,513.59</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(38,066.66)</u>
Deferred Charges and Statutory Expenditures:					
Contribution to: Public Employees Retirement System	145,000.00	147,974.00	147,974.00	-	-
Social Security System (O.A.S.I.)	82,000.00	96,000.00	94,222.61	1,777.39	
	<u>227,000.00</u>	<u>243,974.00</u>	<u>242,196.61</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,777.39</u>
					-
	<u>\$ 7,459,846.73</u>	<u>7,459,846.73</u>	<u>6,850,920.39</u>	<u>333,590.58</u>	<u>(38,066.66)</u>
		Cash Disbursed \$ 6,812,853.73		Cancelled	3,295.84
		Accrued Interest 38,066.66		Overexpended	(41,362.50)
		<u>6,850,920.39</u>			<u>(38,066.66)</u>

The Accompanying Notes to the Financial Statements are an Integral Part of this Statement

EXHIBIT - F
GENERAL FIXED ASSETS ACCOUNT GROUP

**CITY OF BRIGANTINE
GENERAL FIXED ASSETS ACCOUNT GROUP
COMPARATIVE BALANCE SHEET - REGULATORY BASIS
AS OF DECEMBER 31,**

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
General Fixed Assets:		
Land	\$ 145,770,900.00	145,770,900.00
Buildings and Improvements	17,813,300.00	17,813,300.00
Machinery and Equipment	<u>12,127,527.64</u>	<u>12,274,635.00</u>
Total General Fixed Assets	<u><u>175,711,727.64</u></u>	<u><u>175,858,835.00</u></u>
 Investment in General Fixed Assets	 \$ <u><u>175,711,727.64</u></u>	 <u><u>175,858,835.00</u></u>

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024 AND 2023

NOTE 1: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

A. Reporting Entity

The City of Brigantine is an island community in the County of Atlantic, State of New Jersey. The City comprises an area of approximately 6.39 square miles with a population according to the 2020 census of 7,716.

The City is incorporated and operates under a Mayor - Council form of government. The Mayor is the chief officer of the City. The Council exercises the legislative power. The Manager oversees the day-to-day operation of the City. The Mayor and Council members are elected by the voters and the Manager is appointed by the Mayor and Council.

Except as noted below, the financial statements of the City of Brigantine include every board, body, office or commission supported and maintained wholly or in part by funds appropriated by the City of Brigantine, as required by N.J.S. 40A:5-5.

Component units are legally separate organizations for which the City is financially accountable. The City is financially accountable for an organization if the City appoints a voting majority of the organization's governing board and (1) the City is able to significantly influence the programs or services performed or provided by the organization; or (2) the City is legally entitled to or can otherwise access the organization's resources; the City is legally obligated or has otherwise assumed the responsibility to finance the deficits of or provide financial support to the organization; or the City is obligated for the debt of the organization. Component units may also include organizations that are fiscally dependent on the City in that the City approves the budget, the issuance of debt or the levying of taxes. The City has no component units.

B. Description of Funds

The accounting policies of the City of Brigantine conform to the accounting principles applicable to municipalities which have been prescribed by the Division of Local Government Services, Department of Community Affairs, State of New Jersey. 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 the respect to public funds. Under this method of accounting, the City of Brigantine accounts for its financial transactions through the following separate funds:

Current Fund -- resources and expenditures for governmental operations of a general nature, including Federal and State grant funds.

Trust Funds -- receipts, custodianship and disbursement of funds in accordance with the purpose for which each reserve was created.

General Capital Fund -- receipt and disbursement of funds for the acquisition of general facilities, other than those acquired in the Current Fund.

Water and Sewer Operating and Capital Funds -- account for the operations of the water and sewer utility and acquisition of capital facilities of the municipally owned water and sewer utility.

General Fixed Assets Account Group -- All fixed assets used in governmental fund type operations (general fixed assets) are accounted for in the general fixed assets account group, rather than in governmental funds.

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C. Basis of Accounting

The accounting principles and practices prescribed for municipalities by the State of New Jersey differ in certain respects from generally accepted accounting principles applicable to local governmental units. The more significant policies in New Jersey follow.

A modified accrual basis of accounting is followed with minor exceptions.

Revenues -- are recorded as received in cash except for certain amounts, which are due from other governmental units. Receipts from Federal and State grants are realized as revenue when anticipated in the City budget. Receivables for property taxes are recorded with offsetting reserves on the balance sheet of the City's Current Fund, in addition the receivables for utility billings are recorded with offsetting reserves in the Utility Fund; accordingly, such amounts are not recorded as revenue until collected. Other amounts that are due to the City which are susceptible to accrual are also recorded as receivables with offsetting reserves and recorded as revenue when received.

Expenditures -- are recorded on the "budgetary" basis of accounting. Generally expenditures are recorded when an amount is encumbered for goods or services through the issuance of a purchase order in conjunction with the Encumbrance Accounting System. Outstanding encumbrances at December 31 are reported as a cash liability in the financial statements. Appropriation reserves covering unencumbered appropriation balances are automatically created at December 31st of each year 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. Appropriations for principal payments on outstanding general capital bonds and notes are provided on the cash basis; interest on general capital indebtedness is on the cash basis; interest on utility capital indebtedness is on the accrual basis. Compensated absences are treated on a pay as you go basis with no amount charged to operations in the year incurred.

Foreclosed Property -- Foreclosed property is recorded in the Current Fund at the assessed valuation when such property was acquired and is fully reserved.

Interfunds -- 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.

Inventories of Supplies - The cost of inventories of supplies for all funds are recorded as expenditures at the time individual items are purchased. The cost of inventories is not included on the various balance sheets.

General Fixed Assets -- The City has developed a fixed assets accounting and reporting system, as promulgated by the Division of Local Government Services, which differs in certain respects from generally accepted accounting principles.

As required by New Jersey Statutes, foreclosed property is reported in the current operating fund of the municipality.

Fixed assets used in governmental operations (general fixed assets) are 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.

All fixed assets are valued at historical cost or estimated historical cost if actual historical cost is not available except for land which is valued at estimated market value on the date of acquisition. Expenditures for long lived assets with an original cost in excess of \$5,000.00 are capitalized.

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No depreciation has been provided for in the financial statements.

Expenditures for construction in progress are 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.

Property and equipment purchased by a 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 represents charges to operations for the costs of acquisitions of property, equipment and improvements. The utility does not record depreciation on fixed assets.

Levy of Taxes -- The County Board of Taxation certifies the tax levy of the municipality each year. The tax levy is based on the assessed valuation of taxable property within the municipality. Taxes are payable on the first day of February, May, August, and November. Any taxes that have not been paid by 11th day of the 11th month in the fiscal year levied are subject to being included in the tax sale and the lien enforced by selling the property in accordance with NJSA 54:5 et. seq.

The municipality is responsible for remitting 100% of the City of Brigantine School District and the County of Atlantic taxes to the respective agency. The loss for delinquent or uncollectible accounts is borne by the municipality and not the school district or county.

Interest on Delinquent Taxes – It is the policy of the City of Brigantine to collect interest for the nonpayment of taxes or assessments on or before the date when they would become delinquent. The Tax Collector is authorized to charge eight percent (8%) per annum on the first \$1,500.00 of taxes becoming delinquent after due date and eighteen percent (18%) per annum on any amount of taxes in excess of \$1,500.00 becoming delinquent after due date and if a delinquency is in excess of \$10,000.00 and remains in arrears beyond December 31st, an additional penalty of six percent (6%) shall be charged against the delinquency. There is a ten-day grace period.

Levy of Utility Charges – The City operates a water and sewer utility fund. Rates are determined by ordinance and changed as necessary. Water and Sewer charges are based on flat fees and usage based on the type of City. Water charges are billed semi-annually and due June and December 1st. Sewer charges are billed semi-annually and due January and July 1st.

Interest on Delinquent Utility Charges – It is the policy of the City to collect interest for the nonpayment of utility charges on or before the date when they would become delinquent. The Utility Collector is authorized to charge eight percent (8%) per annum on the first \$1,500.00 of charges becoming delinquent after due date and eighteen percent (18%) per annum on any amount of charges in excess of \$1,500.00 becoming delinquent after due date.

Use of Estimates – The preparation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles or the statutory basis of accounting requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect certain reported amounts and disclosures. Accordingly, actual results could differ from those estimates.

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D. Required Financial Statements

The State of New Jersey requires the following financial statements to be presented for each fund on the regulatory basis of accounting: Balance Sheet, Statement of Operations and Changes in Fund Balance, Statement of Revenue and Statement of Expenditures. These statements differ from those presented under Generally Accepted Accounting Principles, which requires a Statement of Net Position and Statement of Activities in addition to the fund financial statements.

E. Comparative Data

Comparative total data for the prior year has been presented in the accompanying Balance Sheets and Statement of Operations in order to provide an understanding of changes in the City's financial position. However, comparative (i.e., presentation of prior year totals by fund type) data have not been presented in the Statement of Revenue-Regulatory Basis and Statement of Expenditures-Regulatory Basis since their inclusion would make the statements unduly complex and difficult to read.

F. Impact of Recently Issued Accounting Principles

Adopted Accounting Pronouncements

The following GASB Statements became effective for the year ended December 31, 2024:

In April 2022, the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) issued Statement No.99, "Omnibus 2022". This statement, and the requirements related to leases, PPP's and SBITAs which is effective for fiscal years beginning after June 15, 2022, and all reporting periods, thereafter, may have an effect on the City's financial statements. This statement, and the requirements related financial guarantees and the classification and reporting of derivative instruments which is effective for fiscal years beginning after June 15, 2023, and all reporting periods, thereafter. This standard did not have a significant effect on the City's financial reporting for the year ended December 31, 2024.

In June 2022, the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) issued Statement No. 100, "Accounting Changes and Error Corrections – an amendment of GASB Statement No. 62". This statement, which is effective for fiscal years beginning after June 15, 2023, and all reporting periods, thereafter. This standard did not have a significant effect on the City's financial reporting for the year ended December 31, 2024.

In June 2022, the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) issued Statement No. 101, "Compensated Absences". This statement, which is effective for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2023, and all reporting periods, thereafter. This standard did not have a significant effect on the City's financial reporting for the year ended December 31, 2024.

G. Recent Accounting Pronouncements Not Yet Effective

In December 2023, the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) issued Statement No. 102, "Certain Risk Disclosures". This statement, which is effective for fiscal years beginning after June 15, 2024, and all reporting periods, thereafter, will not have any significant effect on the City's financial reporting.

In April 2024, the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) issued Statement No. 103, "Financial Reporting Model Improvements". This statement, which is effective for fiscal years beginning after June 15, 2025, and all reporting periods, thereafter, will not have any significant effect on the City's financial reporting.

In September 2024, the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) issued Statement No. 104, "Disclosure of Certain Capital Assets". This statement, which is effective for fiscal years beginning after June 15, 2025, and all reporting periods, thereafter, will not have any significant effect on the City's financial reporting.

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NOTE 2: BUDGETARY INFORMATION

Under New Jersey State Statutes, the annual budget is required to be a balanced cash basis document. To accomplish this, the City is required to establish a reserve for uncollected taxes. The 2024 and 2023 statutory budgets included a reserve for uncollected taxes in the amount of \$1,446,140.67 and \$1,360,379.51. To balance the budget, the City is required to show a budgeted fund balance. The amount of fund balance budgeted to balance the 2024 and 2023 statutory budgets was \$3,425,000.00 and \$3,000,000.00. In addition, the City operates a self-liquidating water and sewer utility. Under New Jersey Statutes a separate budget for the utility must be adopted concurrently with the operating budget of the City. The utility budget must be a balanced cash basis budget with fund balance being used to balance the budget. The fund balance budgeted to balance the water and sewer utility budget in 2024 and 2023 was \$1,459,846.73 and \$1,433,258.00.

NJSA 40A:4-87 permits special items of revenue and appropriations to be inserted into the annual budget when the item has been made available by any public or private funding source and the item was not determined at the time of budget adoption. During 2024 and 2023, the following budget insertions were approved:

<u>Budget Category</u>	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
Clean Communities Program	\$ 56,739.16	49,954.06
Local Recreational Improvement Grant	64,000.00	63,000.00
Click it or Ticket	2,800.00	5,250.00
Safe and Secure Communities Program	22,575.00	
Recycling Tonnage Grant	16,790.67	17,559.78
Emergency Management - EMAA Grant		10,000.00
Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over	2,800.00	2,800.00
Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over-Holiday	1,050.00	5,250.00
Municipal Alliance		4,503.39
Stormwater Assistance Grant		15,000.00
Drunk Driving Enforcement Fund		5,989.62
American Rescue Plan Firfighters Grant	75,000.00	
Bulletproof Vest Partnership	601.71	6,890.00
Bulletproof Vest Partnership	3,088.55	
U Drive U Text U Pay		5,250.00
Automated License Plate Leader Initiative		31,842.00
Cops in Shops		1,440.00
Atlantic County Area Agency on Aging	54,452.40	44,928.00
Summer Shore Pedestrian Awareness	5,250.00	5,250.00
Body Armor Replacement Fund	2,849.26	
Wawa Foundation Life Saving Equipment	1,000.00	

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The Chief Financial Officer has the discretion of approving intra department budgetary transfers throughout the year. Inter department transfers are not permitted prior to November 1. After November 1 these transfers can be made in the form of a resolution and approved by City Council. The following more significant budget transfers were approved in the 2024 and 2023 calendar years:

<u>Budget Category</u>	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
<u>Current Fund:</u>		
Municipal Clerk		
Other Expenses	\$ (40,000.00)	
Financial Administration		
Other Expenses	25,000.00	
Insurance		
Worker's Compensation	(118,000.00)	
JIF General Liability/Property/Auto	(29,170.00)	
Employee Group Insurance	(55,000.00)	
Health Benefits Waiver Salaries & Wages		(40,000.00)
Police Department		
Salaries and Wages	235,000.00	
Fire Department		
Salaries and Wages	(150,000.00)	
Streets & Road Maintenance		
Salaries and Wages	(80,000.00)	
Buildings and Grounds		
Salaries and Wages	81,000.00	
Other Expenses	20,000.00	30,000.00
Demolition		
Other Expenses	(55,350.00)	(50,000.00)
Solid Waste Collection		
Other Expenses	(30,000.00)	
Golf Course Operations		
Other Expenses		57,000.00
Beach Fee Program		
Salaries and Wages	48,500.00	
Vehicle Maintenance		
Other Expenses	(30,000.00)	(25,000.00)
Maintenance Agreements - Contractual	31,000.00	
Utilities		
Telephone	36,000.00	
Fuel	(30,700.00)	(66,590.00)
Statutory Expenditures		
Social Security System (O.A.S.I.)	45,000.00	
Police and Firemen's Retirement System	51,394.65	
Operations - Excluded from "CAPS"		
Employee Group Insurance	50,000.00	
Fire Prevention Inspections		
Salaries and Wages	90,000.00	
<u>Water Sewer Utility Operating Fund:</u>		None
Bond Principal	(394,854.23)	
Bond Interest	(50,304.80)	
NJIB Principal	410,327.23	
NJIB Interest	34,832.00	

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The City may make emergency appropriations, after the adoption of the budget, for a purpose which was not foreseen at the time the budget was adopted or for which adequate provision was not made therein. This type of appropriation shall be made to meet a pressing need for public expenditure to protect or promote the public health, safety, morals or welfare or to provide temporary housing or public assistance prior to the next succeeding fiscal year. Emergency appropriations, except those classified as a special emergency, must be raised in the budgets of the succeeding year. Special emergency appropriations are permitted to be raised in the budgets of the succeeding three or five years. As of December 31, 2024, the City did not have any special emergency appropriations.

NOTE 3: INVESTMENTS

Interest Rate Risk. The City 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. However, New Jersey Statutes 40A:5-15.1(a) limits the length of time for most investments to 397 days.

Credit Risk. New Jersey Statutes 40A:5-15.1(a) limits municipal investments to those specified in the Statutes. The type of allowable investments are Bonds of the United States of America or of the local unit or school districts of which the local unit is a part of: obligations of federal agencies not exceeding 397 days; government money market mutual funds; the State of New Jersey Cash Management Plan; local government investment pools; or repurchase of fully collateralized securities.

Concentration of Credit Risk. The City places no limit on the amount that they can invest in any one issuer.

NOTE 4: CASH

Custodial Credit Risk – Deposits. Custodial credit risk is the risk that in the event of a bank failure, the government's deposits may not be returned to it. The City's policy is based on New Jersey Statutes requiring cash be deposited only in New Jersey based banking institutions that participate in the New Jersey Governmental Depository Protection Act (GUDPA) or in qualified investments established in New Jersey Statutes 40A:5-15.1(a) that are treated as cash equivalents. Under the act, all demand deposits are covered by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC). Public funds owned by the City 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 fund that may pass to the municipality relative to the happening of a future condition. As of December 31, 2024, \$331,276.35 of the City's bank balance of \$57,501,541.18 was exposed to custodial credit risk. As of December 31, 2023, \$296,076.36 of the City's bank balance of \$47,400,434.38 was exposed to custodial credit risk.

New Jersey Cash Management Fund – During the year, the City participated in the New Jersey Cash Management Fund. The Fund is governed by regulations of the State Investment Council, who prescribe standards designed to insure the quality of investments in order to minimize risk to the Funds participants. Deposits with the New Jersey Cash Management Funds are not subject to custodial credit risk as defined above. At December 31, 2024, the City's deposits with the New Jersey Cash Management Fund were \$16,350,147.90.

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NOTE 5: FIXED ASSETS

The following schedules are a summarization of the changes in general fixed assets for the calendar years ended December 31, 2024, and 2023:

	Balance 12/31/2022	** Adjustment	Deletions	Balance 12/31/2023
Land	\$ 42,218,550.00	103,552,350.00		145,770,900.00
Buildings and Improvements	41,788,725.26	(23,975,425.26)		17,813,300.00
Equipment and Machinery	10,365,908.02	1,908,726.98		12,274,635.00
	<u>94,373,183.28</u>	<u>81,485,651.72</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>175,858,835.00</u>

** Appraisal completed in 2023

	Balance 12/31/2023	Additions	Deletions	Balance 12/31/2024
Land	\$ 145,770,900.00			145,770,900.00
Buildings and Improvements	17,813,300.00			17,813,300.00
Equipment and Machinery	12,274,635.00	457,300.64	(604,408.00)	12,127,527.64
	<u>175,858,835.00</u>	<u>457,300.64</u>	<u>(604,408.00)</u>	<u>175,711,727.64</u>

NOTE 6: SHORT-TERM OBLIGATIONS

	Balance 12/31/22	Issued	Retired	Balance 12/31/23
Bond Anticipation Notes payable:				
General	\$ 185,000.00	13,650,000.00	185,000.00	13,650,000.00
	<u>\$ 185,000.00</u>	<u>13,650,000.00</u>	<u>185,000.00</u>	<u>13,650,000.00</u>
	Balance 12/31/23	Issued	Retired	Balance 12/31/24
Bond Anticipation Notes payable:				
General	\$ 13,650,000.00	-	13,650,000.00	-
	<u>\$ 13,650,000.00</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>13,650,000.00</u>	<u>-</u>

The Capital Bond Anticipation Note was paid in full on September 24, 2024. The note was permanently funded with General Improvement Bonds on September 24, 2024.

As of December 31, 2024, the city has authorized but not issued bonds in the amount of \$21,466,134.00 in the General Capital Fund.

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NOTE 7: LONG TERM DEBT

Long-term debt as of December 31, 2024, and 2023 consisted of the following:

	Balance 12/31/2022	Issued	Retired	Balance 12/31/2023	Amounts Due Within One Year
Bonds payable:					
General	\$ 19,370,000.00		3,480,000.00	15,890,000.00	3,620,000.00
Water Sewer Utility	13,160,000.00		1,240,000.00	11,920,000.00	1,180,000.00
Total	32,530,000.00	-	4,720,000.00	27,810,000.00	4,800,000.00
Other liabilities:					
Loans Payable:					
General	160,331.11		34,816.92	125,514.19	34,973.63
Water Sewer Utility	2,820,604.83		390,854.23	2,429,750.60	394,854.23
Compensated					
Absences Payable	4,123,289.18		1,964,376.44	2,158,912.74	
Total long-term liabilities	<u>\$ 39,634,225.12</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>7,110,047.59</u>	<u>32,524,177.53</u>	<u>5,229,827.86</u>
	Balance 12/31/2023	Issued	Retired	Balance 12/31/2024	Amounts Due Within One Year
Bonds payable:					
General	\$ 15,890,000.00	22,355,000.00	3,620,000.00	34,625,000.00	4,095,000.00
Water Sewer Utility	11,920,000.00	6,710,000.00	1,180,000.00	17,450,000.00	1,600,000.00
Total	27,810,000.00	29,065,000.00	4,800,000.00	52,075,000.00	5,695,000.00
Other liabilities:					
Loans Payable:					
General	125,514.19		34,973.63	90,540.56	35,676.60
Water Sewer Utility	2,429,750.60		394,854.23	2,034,896.37	403,854.23
Compensated					
Absences Payable	2,158,912.74	1,502,705.11		3,661,617.85	
Total long-term liabilities	<u>\$ 32,524,177.53</u>	<u>30,567,705.11</u>	<u>5,229,827.86</u>	<u>57,862,054.78</u>	<u>6,134,530.83</u>

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Outstanding bonds whose principal and interest are paid from the Current Fund Budget of the City:

\$9,000,000 General Obligation Bonds dated July 7, 2012 due in annual installments through July 15, 2024 bearing interest at various rates. There is no balance remaining as of December 31, 2024.

\$6,850,000 General Obligation Bonds dated December 1, 2015 due in annual installments through December 1, 2024 bearing interest at various rates. The balance remaining as of December 31, 2024, is \$800,000.00.

\$6,450,000 General Obligation Bonds dated October 15, 2017 due in annual installments through October 15, 2030 bearing interest at various rates. The balance remaining as of December 31, 2024, is \$3,460,000.00.

\$13,000,000 General Obligation Bonds dated September 18, 2019 due in annual installments through October 1, 2031 bearing interest at various rates. The balance remaining as of December 31, 2024, is \$8,010,000.00.

\$15,290,000 General Obligation Bonds dated September 24, 2024 due in annual installments through September 15, 2036 bearing interest at various rates. The balance remaining as of December 31, 2024, is \$15,290,000.00.

\$5,850,000 Type I School Bond dated July 7, 2012, due in annual installments through July 15, 2024, bearing interest at various rates. There is no balance remaining as of December 31, 2024.

\$7,065,000 Type I School Bond dated September 24, 2024, due in annual installments through September 15, 2031, bearing interest at various rates. The balance remaining as of December 31, 2024, is \$7,065,000.00.

\$600,000 Green Trust Loan dated 2007, due in annual installments through March 16, 2027, bearing an interest rate of 2.00%. The balance remaining as of December 31, 2024, is \$90,540.56.

Outstanding bonds whose principal and interest are paid from the Water and Sewer Utility Operating Fund of the City:

\$3,000,000 Water and Sewer Utility Bond dated October 15, 2017, due in annual installments through October 15, 2030, bearing interest at various rates. The balance remaining as of December 31, 2024, is \$1,670,000.00.

\$7,000,000 Water and Sewer Utility Bond dated September 18, 2019, due in annual installments through October 15, 2030, bearing interest at various rates. The balance remaining as of December 31, 2024, is \$4,175,000.00.

\$6,065,000 Water and Sewer Utility Bond dated October 19, 2021, due in annual installments through October 15, 2033, bearing interest at various rates. The balance remaining as of December 31, 2024, is \$4,895,000.00.

\$6,710,000 Water and Sewer Utility Bond dated September 24, 2024, due in annual installments through September 15, 2036, bearing interest at various rates. The balance remaining as of December 31, 2024, is \$6,710,000.00.

\$325,000 Water and Sewer Utility New Jersey Environmental Infrastructure Trust Bond dated March 10, 2010, due in annual installments through August 1, 2029, bearing interest at various rates. The balance remaining as of December 31, 2024, is \$110,000.00.

\$931,500 Water and Sewer Utility New Jersey Environmental Infrastructure Trust Loan dated March 10, 2010, due in annual installments through August 1, 2019, bearing no interest rate. The balance remaining as of December 31, 2024, is \$236,369.00.

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\$2,335,000 Water and Sewer Utility New Jersey Environmental Infrastructure Trust Bond dated February 2, 2010, due in annual installments through August 1, 2030, bearing interest at various rates. The balance remaining as of December 31, 2024, is \$560,000.00.

\$2,512,650 Water and Sewer Utility New Jersey Environmental Infrastructure Trust Loan dated February 2, 2011, due in annual installments through August 1, 2030, bearing no interest rate. The balance remaining as of December 31, 2024, is \$333,671.38.

\$435,000 Water and Sewer Utility New Jersey Environmental Infrastructure Trust Bond dated May 28, 2015, due in annual installments through August 1, 2034, bearing interest at various rates. The balance remaining as of December 31, 2024, is \$275,000.00.

\$1,049,067 Water and Sewer Utility New Jersey Environmental Infrastructure Trust Loan dated May 28, 2015, due in annual installments through August 1, 2034, bearing no interest rate. The balance remaining as of December 31, 2024, is \$519,855.99.

Schedule of Annual Debt Service for Principal and Interest for Serial Bonds and Green Trust Loans Issued and Outstanding

Year Ending December 31,	General Capital Bonds		Year Ending December 31,	General Capital Green Trust	
	Principal	Interest		Principal	Interest
2025	\$ 4,095,000.00	1,195,883.75	2025	\$ 35,676.60	1,633.32
2026	3,570,000.00	1,080,187.50	2026	36,393.70	916.22
2027	3,720,000.00	957,212.50	2027	18,470.25	184.70
2028	3,875,000.00	828,512.50			
2029	4,075,000.00	693,950.00			
2030-2034	12,155,000.00	1,567,400.00			
2035-2036	3,135,000.00	125,400.00			
	<u>\$ 34,625,000.00</u>	<u>6,448,546.25</u>		<u>\$ 90,540.55</u>	<u>2,734.24</u>

Year Ending December 31,	Utility Capital Fund	
	Principal	Interest
2025	\$ 2,003,854.23	591,642.50
2026	2,163,854.23	534,922.50
2027	2,198,240.06	465,600.00
2028	2,219,092.38	393,970.00
2029	2,121,711.38	324,460.00
2030-2034	7,403,144.09	777,950.00
2035-2036	1,375,000.00	55,000.00
	<u>\$ 19,484,896.37</u>	<u>3,143,545.00</u>

As of December 31, 2024, the carrying value of the above bonds and notes approximates the fair value of the bonds. No interest was charged to capital projects during the year and the total interest charged to the current budget was \$923,962.40 and to the water and sewer utility budget was \$413,186.36.

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<u>Summary of Municipal Debt</u>	<u>Year 2024</u>	<u>Year 2023</u>	<u>Year 2022</u>
<u>Issued:</u>			
General - Bonds and Notes	\$ 34,715,540.56	\$ 29,665,514.19	\$ 19,715,331.12
Water/Sewer Utility - Bonds and Notes	19,484,896.37	14,349,750.60	15,980,604.83
Total Issued	<u>54,200,436.93</u>	<u>44,015,264.79</u>	<u>35,695,935.95</u>
<u>Authorized but not issued:</u>			
General - Bonds and Notes	21,466,134.00	15,558,274.00	16,340,827.81
Water/Sewer Utility - Bonds and Notes	10,897,000.00	8,937,000.00	1,825,000.00
Total Authorized But Not Issued	<u>32,363,134.00</u>	<u>24,495,274.00</u>	<u>18,165,827.81</u>
Total Bonds & Notes Issued and Authorized But Not Issued	<u>\$ 86,563,570.93</u>	<u>\$ 68,510,538.79</u>	<u>\$ 53,861,763.76</u>

Summary of Statutory Debt Condition - Annual Debt Statement

The summarized statement of debt condition which follows is prepared in accordance with the required method of setting up the Annual Debt Statement and indicates a statutory net debt of 0.895%.

	<u>Gross Debt</u>	<u>Deductions</u>	<u>Net Debt</u>
Local School Debt	\$ 7,065,000.00	7,065,000.00	-
Utility Debt	30,381,896.37	30,381,896.37	-
General Debt	49,116,674.56	220,839.24	48,895,835.32
	<u>\$ 86,563,570.93</u>	<u>37,667,735.61</u>	<u>48,895,835.32</u>

Net Debt \$48,895,835.32 ÷ Equalized Valuation Basis per N.J.S.A. 40A:2-2 as amended, \$5,462,953,009.67 = 0.895%.

Borrowing Power Under N.J.S.A. 40A:2-6 as Amended

3 1/2 % of Equalized Valuation Basis (Municipal)	\$ 191,203,355
Net Debt	48,895,835
Remaining Borrowing Power	<u>\$ 142,307,520</u>

NOTE 8: FUND BALANCES APPROPRIATED

Fund balances at December 31, 2024 and 2023, which were appropriated and included as anticipated revenue in their own respective funds for the year ending December 31, 2025 and 2024 were as follows:

	<u>2025</u>	<u>2024</u>
Current Fund	\$ 4,070,000.00	3,425,000.00
Water/Sewer Utility	1,440,000.00	1,459,846.73

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NOTE 9: SCHOOL TAXES

Local District School Tax in the amount of \$15,888,114.00 and \$15,888,114.00 has been raised for the 2024 and 2023 calendar years and remitted to the school district.

NOTE 10: TAXES COLLECTED IN ADVANCE

Taxes collected in advance are recorded as cash liabilities in the financial statements. Following is a comparison of the liability for the previous two years:

	Balance 12/31/24	Balance 12/31/23
Prepaid Taxes	\$ 1,191,499.87	\$ 1,319,562.57
Cash Liability for Taxes Collected in Advance	<u>\$ 1,191,499.87</u>	<u>1,319,562.57</u>

NOTE 11: PENSION FUNDS

Description of Plans

Substantially all of the City's employees participate in the Public Employees' Retirement System (PERS) and Police and Fireman's Retirement System (PFRS) cost sharing multiple-employer defined benefit pension plans which have been established by State Statute and are administered by the New Jersey Division of Pensions and Benefits (Division). According to the State of New Jersey Administrative Code, all obligations of the System will be assumed by the State of New Jersey should the system terminate. The Division issues a publicly available financial report that includes the financial statements and required supplementary information for the systems. This report may be obtained by writing to the Division of Pension and Benefits, PO Box 295, Trenton, New Jersey 08625 or the report can be accessed on the internet at - <http://www.state.nj.us/treasury/pensions/annrpts.shtml>.

Public Employees' Retirement System

The Public Employees' Retirement System was established in January, 1955 under the provisions of N.J.S.A. 43:15A to provide retirement, death, disability and medical benefits to certain qualified members. The PERS is a cost-sharing multiple-employer plan. Membership is mandatory for substantially all full time employees of the State or any county, municipality, school district or public agency provided the employee is not required to be a member of another State-administered retirement system or other state or local jurisdiction.

Defined Contribution Retirement Program (DCRP)

The Defined Contribution Retirement Program (DCRP) was established as of July 1, 2008 under the provisions of Chapter 92, P.L. 2008 and Chapter 103, P.L. 2008 (NJSA 43:15c-1 et seq). The DCRP is a cost-sharing multiple-employer defined contribution pension fund. 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 NJSA 43: 15c-1 et seq. Currently there are five individuals enrolled in DCRP.

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Police and Fireman's Retirement System

The contribution policy for the Police and Fireman's Retirement System (PFRS) is set by N.J.S.A. 43:16 and requires contributions by active members and contributing employers. Plan member and employer contributions may be amended by State of New Jersey legislation. PFRS provides for employee contributions of 10.0% of employees' annual compensation, as defined. Employers are required to contribute to an actuarially determined rate.

Pension Plan for Lifeguards

The City of Brigantine has established a pension plan to provide retirement, disability, and survivor pension benefits for the individuals who serve on the City's lifeguard force. An eligible employee becomes a plan member upon employment. Employee contributions shall be withheld from the member's salary and contributed to plan for his benefit for his/her benefit. Retiree benefits are paid out of the current fund and charged to the current operating budget of the City. A plan member may retire with a pension only after his/her 45th birthday and after he/she has completed 20 years of service, the last 10 must have been completed immediately preceding his/her application.

Funding Policy

The contribution policy is set by N.J.S.A. 43:15A, Chapter 62, P.L. of 1994, Chapter 115, P.L. of 1997 and N.J.S.A. 18:66, and requires contributions by active members and contributing employers. Plan member and employer contributions may be amended by State of New Jersey legislation. PERS provided for employee contributions of 7.50% of employee's annual compensation, as defined. Employers are required to contribute to an actuarially determined rate in PERS. The current PERS rate is 17.11% of covered payroll. The City's contributions to PERS for the years ended December 31, 2024, 2023, and 2022 were \$739,874.00, \$721,411.81, and \$659,418.11.

The contribution policy for the PFRS is set by N.J.S.A. 43:16 and requires contributions by active members and contributing employers. Plan member and employer contributions may be amended by State of New Jersey legislation. PFRS provides for employee contributions of 10.0% of employees' annual compensation, as defined. Employers are required to contribute at an actuarially determined rate. The City's contributions to PFRS for the years ended December 31, 2024, 2023, and 2022 were \$2,522,975.65, \$2,504,037.00, and \$2,154,768.63.

The total payroll for the year ended December 31, 2024, was \$13,552,078.44. Payroll covered by PFRS was \$7,066,890.00 and PERS was \$4,545,841.00.

The Lifeguard Pension provides for employee contributions of 4.00% of employees' annual compensation. The City's contributions to the Lifeguard Pension for the year ended December 31, 2024, 2023, and 2022 was \$60,000.00, \$60,000.00, and \$60,000.00. The City's trust for the Lifeguard Pension at December 31, 2024 was \$641,361.72. Currently there are eleven individuals receiving benefits. The benefits paid by the trust for the year ended December 31, 2024, 2023, and 2022 were \$80,157.93, \$86,300.43, \$81,825.04.

Significant Legislation

Chapter 78, P.L. 2011, effective June 28, 2011 made various changes to the manner in which the Public Employees' Retirement System (PERS) and the Police and Firemen's Retirement System (PFRS) operate and to the benefit provisions of those systems.

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Chapter 78's provisions impacting employee pension and health benefits include:

- New members of the PERS hired on or after June 28, 2011 (Tier 5 members) will need 30 years of creditable service and age 65 for receipt of the early retirement benefit without a reduction of $\frac{1}{4}$ of 1% for each month that the member is under age 65.
- The eligibility age to qualify for a service retirement in the PERS is increased from age 63 to 65 for Tier 5 members.
- The annual benefit under special retirement for new PFRS members enrolled after June 28, 2011 (Tier 3 members), will be 60% instead of 65% of the member's final compensation plus 1% for each year of creditable service over 25 years but not to exceed 30 years.
- Increases in active member contribution rates. PERS active member rates increase from 5.5% of annual compensation to 6.5% plus an additional 1% phased-in over 7 years; PFRS active member rate increase from 8.5% to 10%. For fiscal year 2012, the member contribution rates increased in October 2011. The phase-in of the additional incremental member contribution rates for PERS members will take place in July of each subsequent fiscal year.
- The payment of automatic cost-of-living adjustment (COLA) additional increases to current and future retirees and beneficiaries is suspended until reactivated as permitted by this law.
- New employee contribution requirements towards the cost of employer-provided health benefit coverage. Employees are required to contribute a certain percentage of the cost of coverage. The rate of contribution is determined based on the employee's annual salary and the selected level of coverage. The increased employee contributions will be phased in over a 4-year period for those employed prior to Chapter 78's effective date with a minimum contribution required to be at least 1.5% of salary.
- In addition, this new legislation changes the method for amortizing the pension systems' unfunded accrued liability (from a level percent of pay method to a level dollar of pay).

Chapter 1, P.L. 2010, effective May 21, 2010, made a number of changes to the State-administered retirement systems concerning eligibility, the retirement allowance formula, the definition of compensation, the positions eligible for service credit, the non-forfeitable right to a pension, the prosecutor's part of the PERS, special retirement under the PFRS, and employer contributions to the retirement systems.

Also, Chapter 1, P.L. 2010 changed the membership eligibility criteria for new members of PERS from the amount of annual compensation to the number of hours worked weekly. Also, it returned the benefit multiplier for new members of PERS to $\frac{1}{60}$ th from $\frac{1}{55}$ th, and it provided that new members of PERS have the retirement allowance calculated using the average annual compensation for the last five years of service instead of the last three years of service. New members of PERS will no longer receive pension service credit from more than one employer. Pension service credit will be earned for the highest paid position only. For new members of the PFRS, the law capped the maximum compensation that can be used to calculate a pension from these plans at the annual wage contribution base for social security, and requires the pension to be calculated using a three year average annual compensation instead of the last year's salary. This law also closed the Prosecutors Part of the PERS to new members and repealed the law for new members that provided a non-forfeitable right to receive a pension based on the laws of the retirement system in place at the time 5 years of pension service credit is attained. The law also requires the State to make its full pension contribution, defined as $\frac{1}{7}$ th of the required amount, beginning in fiscal years 2012.

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Chapter 3, P.L. 2010, effective May 21, 2010, replaced the accidental and ordinary disability retirement for new members of the PERS with disability insurance coverage similar to that provided by the State to individuals enrolled in the State's Defined Contribution Retirement Program.

Chapter 92, P.L. 2007 implemented certain recommendations contained in the December 1, 2006 report of the Joint Legislative Committee on Public Employee Benefits Reform; established a DCRP for elected and certain appointed officials, effective July 1, 2007; the new pension loan interest rate became 4.69% per year, and an \$8.00 processing fee per loan was charged, effective January 1, 2008. The legislation also removed language from existing law that permits the State Treasurer to reduce employer pension contributions needed to fund the Funds and Systems when excess assets are available.

Note 12: PENSION LIABILITIES

In 2012, the Governmental Accounting Standards Board issued GASB statement 68. This statement is effective for fiscal years beginning after June 15, 2014. This statement changes the method of reporting the municipality's pension liabilities. However, due to the fact that the municipality reports on the regulatory basis of accounting, no financial statement impact will be recognized.

The following represents the City's pension liabilities as June 30, 2023:

Public Employees' Retirement System

The City has a liability of \$7,984,071 for its proportionate share of the net pension liability. The net pension liability was measured as of June 30, 2023, and the total pension liability used to calculate the net pension liability was determined by an actuarial valuation as of July 1, 2022, that was rolled forward to June 30, 2023. The City's proportion of the net pension liability was based on a projection of the City's long-term share of contributions to the pension plan relative to the projected contributions of all participating employers, actuarially determined. At June 30, 2023, the City's proportion would be 0.05512195840%, which would be a decrease of 3.08% from its proportion measured as of June 30, 2022.

For the year ended December 31, 2023, the city would have recognized pension expense of (\$156,290). At December 31, 2023, the city would report deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to PERS from the following sources:

	Deferred Outflows of Resources	Deferred Inflows of Resources
Differences between expected & actual experience	\$ 76,338	\$ (32,636)
Changes of assumptions	17,539	(483,869)
Changes in proportion	167,413	(358,490)
Net difference between projected and actual earnings on pension plan investments	36,768	
Total	<u>\$ 298,058</u>	<u>\$ (874,995)</u>

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Amounts that would be reported as deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions would be recognized in pension expense as follows:

Year ended June 30,	
2024	\$ 838,957
2025	(132,148)
2026	(1,063,426)
2027	(198,868)
2028	(21,452)
Total	<u>\$ (576,937)</u>

Actuarial Assumptions

The total pension liability for the June 30, 2023, measurement date was determined by an actuarial valuation as of July 1, 2022, which was rolled forward to June 30, 2023. This actuarial valuation used the following assumptions, applied to all periods in the measurement:

Inflation rate	
Price	2.75%
Wage	3.25%
Salary increases:	2.75% – 6.55% (based on years of service)
Investment rate of return:	7.00%

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 disable 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 generational basis. Mortality improvement is based on Scale MP-2021.

The actuarial assumptions used in the July 1, 2022, valuation were based on the results of an actuarial experience study for the period July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2021.

In accordance with State statute, the long-term expected rate of return on plan investments (7.00% at June 30, 2023) 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 weighing the expected future real rates of return by the target asset allocation percentage and by adding expected inflation. Best estimates of arithmetic real rates of return for each major asset class included in PERS's target asset allocation as of June 30, 2023, are summarized in the following table:

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Asset Class	Target Allocation	Long-Term Expected Real Rate of Return
US equity	28.00%	8.98%
Non-U.S. developed markets equity	12.75%	9.22%
International small cap equity	1.25%	9.22%
Emerging markets equity	5.50%	11.13%
Private equity	13.00%	12.50%
Real estate	8.00%	8.58%
Real assets	3.00%	8.40%
High yield	4.50%	6.97%
Private credit	8.00%	9.20%
Investment grade credit	7.00%	5.19%
Cash Equivalents	2.00%	3.31%
U.S. Treasuries	4.00%	3.31%
Risk mitigation strategies	3.00%	6.21%

Discount Rate

The discount rate used to measure the total pension liability was 7.00% as of June 30, 2023. 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 will be made 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 in determining the total pension liability.

The sensitivity of the City's proportionate share of the net pension liability to changes in the discount rate.

The following presents the City's proportionate share of the net pension liability calculated using the discount rate as disclosed above, as well as what the City's proportionate share of the net pension liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is 1-percentage point lower or 1-percentage point higher than the current rate:

	1% Decrease -6.00%	Current Discount Rate -7.00%	1% Increase -8.00%
City's proportionate share of the net pension liability	\$ 9,627,601	7,984,071	6,586,727

Pension plan fiduciary net position.

Detailed information about the pension plan's fiduciary net position is available in the separately issued PERS financial report.

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Police and Firemen's Retirement System

The City has a liability of \$20,513,776 for its proportionate share of the net pension liability. The net pension liability was measured as of June 30, 2023, and the total pension liability used to calculate the net pension liability was determined by an actuarial valuation as July 1, 2022, that was rolled forward to June 30, 2023. The City's proportion of the net pension liability was based on a projection of the City's long-term share of contributions to the pension plan relative to the projected contributions of all participating employers, actuarially determined. At June 30, 2023, the City's proportion would be 0.18566549000%, which would be a decrease of 3.57% from its proportion measured as of June 30, 2022.

For the year ended December 31, 2023, the city would have recognized pension expense of \$1,251,600. At December 31, 2023, the city would have reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to PFRS from the following sources:

	Deferred Outflows of Resources	Deferred Inflows of Resources
Differences between expected & actual experience	\$ 878,359	\$ (978,325)
Changes of assumptions	44,276	(1,385,172)
Changes in proportion	1,366,679	(1,497,107)
Net difference between projected and actual earnings on pension plan investments	1,044,728	
Total	<u>\$ 3,334,042</u>	<u>\$ (3,860,604)</u>

Amounts that would be reported as deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions would be recognized in pension expense as follows:

Year ended June 30,	
2024	\$ (1,061,175)
2025	(1,018,385)
2026	1,638,478
2027	(140,922)
2028	50,299
Thereafter	5,143
Total	<u>\$ (526,562)</u>

Actuarial Assumptions

The total pension liability for the June 30, 2023, measurement date was determined by an actuarial valuation of July 1, 2021, which was rolled forward to June 30, 2023. This actuarial valuation used the following assumptions, applied to all periods in the measurement:

Inflation rate	
Price	2.75%
Wage	3.25%
Salary increases:	3.25% - 16.25% (based on years of service)
Investment rate of return:	7.00%

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Employee mortality rates were based on the Pub-2010 Safety Employee 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% adjustment for females. Disability rates were based on the Pub-2010 amount-weighted mortality table with a 152% 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, 2022, valuation were based on the results of an actuarial experience study for the period July 1, 2018, to June 30, 2021.

In accordance with State statute, the long-term expected rate of return on plan investments (7.00% at June 30, 2023) 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 weighing 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, 2023, are summarized in the following table:

Asset Class	Target Allocation	Long-Term Expected Real Rate of Return
US equity	28.00%	8.98%
Non-U.S. developed markets equity	12.75%	9.22%
International small cap equity	1.25%	9.22%
Emerging markets equity	5.50%	11.13%
Private equity	13.00%	12.50%
Real estate	8.00%	8.58%
Real assets	3.00%	8.40%
High yield	4.50%	6.97%
Private credit	8.00%	9.20%
Investment grade credit	7.00%	5.19%
Cash equivalents	2.00%	3.31%
U.S. Treasuries	4.00%	3.31%
Risk mitigation strategies	3.00%	6.21%

Discount Rate

The discount rate used to measure the total pension liability was 7.00% as of June 30, 2023. 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 non-employer contributing entity will be made 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.

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The sensitivity of the City's proportionate share of the net pension liability to changes in the discount rate.

The following presents the collective net pension liability of the participating employers as of June 30, 2021, calculated using the discount rate as disclosed above as well as what the collective net pension liability would be if it was calculated using a discount rate that is 1-percentage point lower or 1-percentage point higher than the current rate:

	Decrease -6.00%	Rate -7.00%	Increase -8.00%
City's proportionate share of the net pension liability	\$ 27,409,755	\$ 20,513,776	\$ 13,459,267

In addition to the PFRS liabilities listed above, a special funding situation exists for the Local employers of the Police and Fire Retirement System of New Jersey. The State of New Jersey, as a non-employer, is required to pay the additional costs incurred by Local employers under 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 June 30, 2023, State special funding situation net pension liability amount of \$2,035,866,759.00 is the accumulated differences between the annual actuarially determined State obligation under the special funding situation and the actual State contribution through the valuation date. The fiscal year ending June 30, 2023, State special funding situation pension expense of \$231,575,656.00 is the actuarially determined contribution amount that the State owes for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2023. The pension expense is deemed to be a State administrative expense due to the special funding situation.

The contribution policy for PFRS is set by N.J.S.A. 43:16A and required 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 2023, the State contributed an amount more than the actuarially determined amount.

Although the liabilities related to the special funding situation are the liabilities of the State of New Jersey, the proportionate share of the statewide liability allocated to the City was 0.18566549000% for 2023. The net pension liability amount allocated to the City was \$3,779,902. For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2023, State special funding situation pension expense of \$429,956 is allocated to the city.

Pension plan fiduciary net position.

Detailed information about the pension plan's fiduciary net position is available in the separately issued PFRS financial report.

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NOTE 13 – OTHER POST-RETIREMENT BENEFITS - STATE

General Information about the Plan:

The City offers Other Post-Retirement Benefits (OPEB) to its employees through the State Health Benefit Local Government Retired Employees Plan (the Plan) a cost-sharing multiple employer defined benefit other postemployment benefit 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>.

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.

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 expense, however under the Regulatory Basis of Accounting followed by the Municipality these amounts are not accrued or recorded in the financial statements and the information listed in this note is for disclosure purposes only. Statewide across all member employers, the special funding situation's and nonspecial funding situation's net OPEB liability, deferred outflows of resources, deferred inflows of resources, and OPEB expenses are based on separately calculated total OPEB liabilities. For the special funding situation and the nonspecial funding situation, the Collective Total OPEB liabilities for the year ended June 30, 2023, were \$3,461,898,890 and \$11,427,677,896, respectively. The nonspecial funding situation's net OPEB liability, deferred outflows of resources, deferred inflows of resources, and OPEB 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, 2022, through June 30, 2023. Employer and non-employer allocation percentages have been rounded for presentation purposes.

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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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 non-employer contributing entity. Since the local participating employers do not contribute directly to the plan under this legislation, 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 non-employer contributing entities' total proportionate share of the collective net OPEB liability that is associated with the local participating employer.

Net OPEB Liability:

Components of Net OPEB Liability

The components of the collective net OPEB liability of the participating employers in the Plan as of June 30, 2023, is as follows:

	<u>June 30, 2023</u>
	<u>Collective</u>
	<u>Total</u>
Total OPEB Liability	\$ 14,889,576,786
Plan Fiduciary Net Position (Deficit)	(116,962,691)
Net OPEB Liability	<u>\$ 15,006,539,477</u>
Plan Fiduciary Net Position as a Percentage of the Total OPEB Liability	-0.79%

At June 30, 2022, the State's proportionate share for the Special Funding Situation that is associated with the City is \$20,911,880. The State's proportionate share attributable to the City of the Collective Net OPEB Liability for the Special Funding Situation was 0.599350% which was a decrease from the prior year of 15.78%.

For the Year ended June 30, 2023, the State of New Jersey realized Total OPEB Expense in the amount of \$(3,791,733) for its proportionate share of Total OPEB Expense that is associated with the City.

The total OPEB liability as of June 30, 2023, was determined by an actuarial valuation as of June 30, 2022, which was rolled forward to June 30, 2023. The actuarial assumptions vary for each plan member depending on the pension plan the member is enrolled in. This actuarial valuation used the following actuarial assumptions, applied to all periods in the measurement:

Investment Rate of Return		
Including Inflation rate		3.65%
Salary increases*:		
PERS	<u>Completed Years of Service</u>	<u>Annual Rate of Increase (%)</u>
	0	6.55
	5	5.75
	10	4.75
	15	3.75
	20	3.15
	25	2.85
	>=29	2.75

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PFRS	<u>Completed Years of Service</u>	<u>Annual Rate of Increase (%)</u>
	0	16.25
	5	11.00
	10	6.00
	15	4.00
	>=17	3.25

Mortality:

Pre-Retirement Healthy Mortality:

PERS: Pub-2010 General classification headcount weighted mortality with fully generational mortality improvement projections from the central year using Scale MP-2021

PFRS: Pub-2010 Safety classification headcount weighted mortality with fully generational mortality improvement projections from the central year using Scale MP-2021

Post-Retirement Healthy Mortality

Chapter 330 Retirees: PUB-2010 "Safety" classification headcount-weighted mortality table with fully generational mortality improvement projections from the central year using Scale MP-2021.

Other Retirees: PUB-2010 "General" classification headcount-weighted mortality table with fully generational mortality improvement projections from the central year using Scale MP-2021.

Disable Retiree Mortality:

PERS Future Disabled Retirees: PUB-2010 "General" classification headcount-weighted disabled mortality table with fully generational mortality improvement projections from the central year using Scale MP-2021.

PFRS Future Disabled Retirees: PUB-2010 "Safety" classification headcount-weighted disabled mortality table with fully generational mortality improvement projections from the central year using Scale MP-2021.

Chapter 330 Current Retirees: PUB-2010 "Safety" classification headcount-weighted disabled mortality table with fully generational mortality improvement projections from the central year using Scale MP-2021.

Other Current Retirees: PUB-2010 "General" classification headcount-weighted disabled mortality table with fully generational mortality improvement projections from the central year using Scale MP-2021.

Actuarial assumptions used in the July 1, 2022, valuation were based on the results of the PFRS and PERS experience studies prepared for July 1, 2018, to June 30, 2021, and July 1, 2018, to June 30, 2021, respectively.

100% of active members are considered to participate in the Plan upon retirement.

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Discount Rate

The discount rate for June 30, 2023, was 3.65%. The discount rate will change each year based on the Bond Buyer Go 20-Bond Municipal Bond Index each year.

Sensitivity of Net OPEB Liability to Changes in the Discount Rate

The following presents the Net OPEB liability as of June 30, 2023, calculated using the discount rate as disclosed above as well as what the Net OPEB liability would be if it was calculated using a discount rate that is 1-percentage point lower or 1-percentage-point higher than the current rate:

		1% Decrease -2.65%	Discount Rate -3.65%	1% Increase -4.65%
Collective				
Net OPEB Liability	\$	17,382,355,978	15,006,539,477	13,095,561,553
Proportionate Share				
Net OPEB Liability	\$	24,222,623	20,911,880	18,248,898

Sensitivity of Net OPEB Liability to Changes in the Healthcare Trend Rate

The following presents the net OPEB liability as of June 30, 2023, calculated using the healthcare trend rate as disclosed above as well as what the net OPEB liability would be if it was calculated using a healthcare trend rate that is 1-percentage point lower or 1-percentage point higher than the current rate:

		1% Decrease	Healthcare cost Trend Rate	1% Increase
Collective				
Net OPEB Liability	\$	12,753,792,805	15,006,539,477	17,890,743,651
Proportionate Share				
Net OPEB Liability	\$	17,772,637	20,911,880	24,931,070

Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources Related to OPEB

At June 30, 2022, the State reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to retired employees' OPEB from the following sources:

		Collective Totals	
		Deferred Outflows of Resources	Deferred Inflows of Resources
Differences between expected and actual experience	\$	629,024,174	(4,075,285,752)
Changes of assumptions		1,943,909,895	(4,241,868,248)
Net difference between projected and actual earnings on OPEB plan investments			(2,476,129)
Changes in proportion and differences between contributions and proportionate share of contributions			
Total	\$	2,572,934,069	(8,319,630,129)

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Amounts reported as deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to retired employees' OPEB will be recognized in OPEB expense as follows:

Year ended June 30,	Collective Totals
2024	\$ (1,702,483,126)
2025	(1,394,440,795)
2026	(754,368,466)
2027	(353,621,247)
2028	(713,799,887)
Thereafter	(764,982,539)
Total	\$ <u>(5,683,696,060)</u>

Detailed information about the plan's fiduciary net position is available in the separately issued OPEB financial report.

Collective OPEB Expenses reported by the State of New Jersey.

The components of allocable OPEB Expense related to specific liabilities of individual employers for the year ending June 30, 2023, are as follows:

Service cost	\$ 597,135,801
Interest on Total OPEB Liability	581,375,849
Expected Investment Return	3,134,857
Administrative Expenses	12,616,744
Changes of Benefit Terms	23,039,435
Current Period Recognition (Amortization) of Deferred Inflows/ Outflows of Resources:	
Differences between Expected and Actual Experience	(899,529,226)
Changes in Assumptions	(803,252,884)
Differences between Projected and Actual Investment	
Earnings on OPEB Plan Investments	1,590,849
Total Collective OPEB Expense	\$ <u>(483,888,575)</u>

NOTE 14: POST-RETIREMENT BENEFITS - LOCAL

Retired members of the PBA and the fire department are entitled to an annual allowance of up to \$900.00 for dental work. During 2024, the City provided post-retirement dental coverage to sixty-one (61) retired employees. In accordance with GASB Statement 75 "Accounting and Financial Reporting for Post-employment Benefits Other Than Pensions" ("OPEB") and the State of New Jersey, the City obtained an actuarial valuation of the liability for providing these benefits.

City employees are also eligible to participate in the single – employer OPEB Plan discussed below.

A retiree and their covered dependents may also receive City-paid dental and vision benefits for a period of 3 to 5 years in accordance with labor agreements if they meet any one of the following requirements:

- (1) Twenty-five (25) years or more of full-time service with the City and Twenty-five (25) years or more enrolled in the pension system; or

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The Regulatory Basis of Accounting does not permit the accrual of Actuarially determined OPEB Expenses or Liabilities. The City reports all OPEB related costs on the “pay as you go” basis. The following information is for disclosure purposes only and has not been accrued in the Financial Statements of the City.

The actuarial determined valuation of these benefits has been reviewed and will be reviewed bi-annually for the purpose of estimating the present value of future benefits for active and retired employees and their dependents as required by GASB 75.

The actuarial valuation report was based on 142 total participants including 61 retirees.

Annual OPEB Cost and Net OPEB Liability

The City’s annual OPEB cost represents the accrued cost for post-employment benefits under GASB 75. The cumulative difference between the annual OPEB cost and the benefits paid during a year will result in a net OPEB obligation. The annual OPEB cost is equal to the annual required contribution (ARC) less adjustment if a net OPEB obligation exists. The ARC is equal to the normal cost and amortization of the Unfunded Actuarial Accrued Liability (UAAL) plus interest.

Actuarial Methods and Assumptions

Actuarial valuations of an ongoing plan involve estimates and assumptions about the probability of occurrences of events far into the future, including future employment, mortality and healthcare cost trends. Actuarially determined amounts are subject to continual revision as actual results are compared with past expectations and new estimates are made about the future.

In the January 1, 2024, actuarial valuation, the “Entry-Age-Normal as a Percentage of Salary” method was used for all participants. The actuarial assumptions used to project future costs included a discount rate of 4.28%. In addition, the unfunded actuarial accrued liability is being amortized over the maximum acceptable period of 30 years.

Other Post-employment Benefit Costs and Obligations

In the January 1, 2024, actuarial valuation, the Actuarially Determined Contribution for the year ending December 31, 2024, were projected as follows:

		<u>12/31/2024</u>	<u>12/31/2023</u>	<u>12/31/2022</u>
Service Cost	\$	84,605.00	75,869.00	104,450.00
30 Year Amortization of NOL at 3.26		216,653.00	207,128.00	255,243.00
Actuarially Determined Contribution		301,258.00	282,997.00	359,693.00
Actual Contribution		31,924.00	27,229.00	28,976.00
Excess Contribution	\$	<u>(269,334.00)</u>	<u>(255,768.00)</u>	<u>(330,717.00)</u>
Covered Payroll	\$	7,946,529.00	8,311,981.00	8,344,348.00
Actuarially Determined Contribution as a % of Covered Payroll		0.40%	0.33%	0.35%

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	<u>12/31/2021</u>	<u>12/31/2020</u>	<u>12/31/2019</u>
Service Cost	\$ 112,456.00	72,619.00	66,678.00
30 Year Amortization of NOL at 3.26	258,241.00	209,751.00	203,032.00
Actuarially Determined Contribution	370,697.00	282,370.00	269,710.00
Actual Contribution	29,192.00	28,284.00	30,376.00
Excess Contribution	\$ (341,505.00)	(254,086.00)	(239,334.00)
Covered Payroll	\$ 8,031,861.00	7,735,843.00	7,571,000.00
Actuarially Determined Contribution as a % of Covered Payroll	0.36%	0.37%	0.40%

The following reflects the change in the Total OPEB Liability as of the January 1, 2024, valuation date for the Year ended December 31, 2024.

	<u>12/31/2024</u>	<u>12/31/2023</u>	<u>12/31/2022</u>
OPEB Liability, Beginning of Year	\$ 2,944,373.00	2,739,227.00	4,074,626.00
Changes for the Year:			
Service Cost	84,605.00	75,869.00	104,450.00
Interest	117,136.00	117,474.00	91,353.00
Assumption Changes & Difference			
Between Actual & Expected Experience	(387,873.00)	(146,658.00)	44,777.00
Change in Assumptions	(382,084.00)	185,690.00	(1,547,003.00)
Change in Actuarial Cost Method	-	-	-
Benefit Payments	(31,924.00)	(27,229.00)	(28,976.00)
OPEB Liability, End of Year	\$ 2,344,233.00	2,944,373.00	2,739,227.00
Covered payroll (for Covered Participants)	\$ 8,311,981.00	8,311,981.00	8,344,348.00
Total OPEB liability as a percentage of covered payroll	28.20%	35.42%	32.83%

	<u>12/31/2021</u>	<u>12/31/2020</u>	<u>12/31/2019</u>
OPEB Liability, Beginning of Year	\$ 4,251,286.00	3,046,847.00	2,849,357.00
Changes for the Year:			
Service Cost	112,456.00	72,619.00	66,678.00
Interest	81,768.00	98,866.00	103,164.00
Assumption Changes & Difference			
Between Actual & Expected Experience	(152,741.00)	284,597.00	(143,354.00)
Change in Assumptions	(188,951.00)	776,641.00	201,378.00
Change in Actuarial Cost Method	-	-	-
Benefit Payments	(29,192.00)	(28,284.00)	(30,376.00)
OPEB Liability, End of Year	\$ 4,074,626.00	4,251,286.00	3,046,847.00
Covered payroll (for Covered Participants)	\$ 8,031,861.00	7,735,843.00	7,571,000.00
Total OPEB liability as a percentage of covered payroll	50.73%	54.96%	40.24%

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Sensitivity of the total OPEB liability to changes in the discount rate.

The January 1, 2024, valuation was prepared using a discount rate of 4.28%. If the discount rate were 1% higher than what was used in this valuation, the total OPEB liability would decrease to \$1,979,046.00 or by 5.28%. If the discount rate were 1% lower than was used in this valuation, the total OPEB liability would increase to \$2,813,025.00 or by 3.28%.

Discount Rate			
	1% Decrease	Baseline 4.28%	1% Increase
Total OPEB Liability	\$ 2,813,025	\$ 2,344,233	\$ 1,979,046

Sensitivity of the total OPEB liability to changes in the healthcare cost trend rates.

The January 1, 2024, valuation was prepared using an initial trend rate of 7.00%. If the trend rate were 1% higher than what was used in this valuation, the total OPEB liability would increase to \$2,869,058.00 or by 8.00%. If the trend rate were 1% lower than was used in this valuation, the total OPEB liability would decrease to \$1,945,676.00 or by 6.00%.

Healthcare Cost Trend Rates			
	1% Decrease	Baseline 7.00%	1% Increase
Total OPEB Liability	\$ 1,945,676	\$ 2,344,233	\$ 2,869,058

OPEB Expense and Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources Related to OPEB

For the year ended December 31, 2024, the City's Actuarially determined OPEB expense was \$(58,003.00). At December 31, 2024, the City reported deferred outflows of resources related to OPEB from the following sources:

	Deferred Outflows of Resources	Deferred Inflows of Resources
Increase in January 1, 2024 OPEB Liability due to Actuarial experience different from expected and actuarial assumption changes	\$ 103,700.00	\$ 547,467.00
Changes of Assumptions	396,036.00	1,181,981.00
Total	\$ 499,736.00	\$ 1,729,448.00

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

For the Year Ending December 31,

2025	\$	(259,744)
2026		(243,817)
2027		(402,673)
2028		(103,486)
2029		(109,993)
2030		(109,999)
	\$	<u>(1,229,712)</u>

NOTE 15: POST-RETIREMENT BENEFITS - LIFEGUARD PENSION

The City of Brigantine has established a pension plan to provide retirement pension benefits for the individuals who serve on the City's lifeguard force. An eligible employee becomes a plan member upon employment. Employee contributions are withheld from the member's salary and contributed to the plan for his/her benefit. A plan member may retire with a pension only after his/her 45th birthday and after he/she has completed 20 years of service, the last 10 must have been completed immediately preceding his/her application. As of January 2024, the City provided post-retirement benefits to eleven (11) retired lifeguard employees. In accordance with GASB Statement 73 "Accounting and Financial Reporting for Pensions and Related Assets that are not within the scope of GASB Statement 68, and Amendments to Certain Provisions of GASB Statements 67 and 68 and the State of New Jersey, the City obtained an actuarial valuation of the liability for providing these benefits.

The Regulatory Basis of Accounting does not permit the accrual of Actuarially determined OPEB Expenses or Liabilities. The city reports all OPEB related costs on the "pay as you go" basis. The following information is for disclosure purposes only and has not been accrued in the Financial Statements of the City.

The actuarial determined valuation of these benefits has been reviewed and will be reviewed bi-annually for the purpose of estimating the present value of future benefits for active and retired employees and their beneficiaries as required by GASB 73.

The actuarial valuation report was based on 107 total participants including 11 retirees.

Actuarial Methods and Assumptions

Actuarial valuations of an ongoing plan involve estimates and assumptions about the probability of occurrences of events far into the future, including future employment, mortality and healthcare cost trends. Actuarially determined amounts are subject to continual revision as actual results are compared with past expectations and new estimates are made about the future.

In the January 1, 2022, actuarial valuation, the "Entry-Age-Normal" method was used for all participants. The actuarial assumptions used to project future costs included a 4.00% interest rate of return. In addition, the unfunded actuarial accrued liability is being amortized over 30 years on a level percent of pay basis.

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In the January 1, 2022, actuarial valuation, the plan assets were as follows:

	2023	2022	2021
Assets as of January 1,	\$ 575,032.64	537,654.64	551,622.18
Receipts:			
Contributions - Employee	60,000.00	60,000.00	35,375.70
Contributions - City	38,421.00	37,043.00	20,214.64
Interest	7,779.00	22,160.00	
	<u>106,200.00</u>	<u>119,203.00</u>	<u>55,590.34</u>
Disbursements:			
Benefit Payments	(86,300.00)	(81,825.00)	(69,557.88)
	<u>(86,300.00)</u>	<u>(81,825.00)</u>	<u>(69,557.88)</u>
Assets as of December 31,	\$ <u>594,932.64</u>	<u>575,032.64</u>	<u>537,654.64</u>

The following reflects the Unfunded Accrued Liability as of January 1, 2024, valuation date for the Year ended December 31, 2024:

	2024	2023	2022
Actives	\$ 3,642,113.00	3,642,113.00	3,649,896.00
Non Actives	<u>1,826,794.00</u>	<u>1,826,794.00</u>	<u>1,436,884.00</u>
Total	5,468,907.00	5,468,907.00	5,086,780.00
(Less) Market Value of Assets	<u>(594,933.00)</u>	<u>(594,933.00)</u>	<u>(537,656.00)</u>
Unfunded Accrued Liability as of January 1,	<u>4,873,974.00</u>	<u>4,873,974.00</u>	<u>4,549,124.00</u>
Actuarial (Gain)/Loss	4,873,974.00	4,873,974.00	4,549,124.00
Normal Cost as of January 1,	\$ 41,132.00	44,683.00	42,964.00

NOTE 16: ACCRUED SICK AND VACATION BENEFITS

The City has permitted employees to accrue unused vacation and sick time, which may be taken as time off or paid at a later date. Personal time accrued during the year must be used during that year and does not accrue.

Upon termination or retirement, unused earned vacation hours are paid out in total at the employees' current hourly rate, sick time payouts vary with the different bargaining units and are determined by contractual agreements and hire dates as follows:

- Hired prior to May 22, 2010 - The majority of the sick time liability lies within the police and fire departments. Police and Fire employees having more than \$50,000 in accrued sick time will be capped at 9 months of their salary as of January 1, 2015. All other employees with \$50,000 or less in accrued sick time will be capped at the greater of \$50,000 or the dollar value of the hours accrued.
- Hired after May 22, 2010 – Sick time payout for all employees is capped at a payout of \$15,000.

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The total monetary value of these earned and unused employee benefits has not been accrued by either charges to operations or to budgets of prior years, although in some cases they might be material, since the realization of this liability may be affected by conditions which preclude an employee from receiving full payment of the accrual. The City has been providing in the budget amounts to cover anticipated payouts during the budget year. At December 31, 2024, the City estimates this liability to be approximately \$3,661,617.85 based upon 2024 pay rates and compensated balances.

NOTE 17: ECONOMIC DEPENDENCY

The City of Brigantine is not economically dependent on any one business or industry as a major source of tax revenue for the City.

NOTE 18: RISK MANAGEMENT

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

Property and Liability Insurance - The City maintains commercial insurance coverage for property, liability and surety bonds. During the year ended December 31, 2024, and 2023 the City did not incur claims in excess of their coverage and the amount of coverage did not significantly decrease.

The City is a member of the Atlantic County Joint Insurance Fund (JIF) and the Municipal Excess Liability Fund (MEL) which also includes other municipalities throughout the region. The City is obligated to remit insurance premiums into these funds for sufficient insurance coverage. There is an unknown contingent liability with the Atlantic County Municipal Joint Insurance Fund if there is a catastrophic insurance claim from any member of the fund. The City has a general liability limit of \$100,000 under JIF, which increases to \$5,000,000 under MEL.

NOTE 19: DEFERRED COMPENSATION

The City offers its employees a deferred compensation plan created in accordance with Internal Revenue Code Section 457. In 1998 the City of Brigantine amended the plan by resolution to comply with a private letter ruling of the Internal Revenue Service that requires assets of deferred compensation plans be held in trust under the beneficial ownership of the Trustee, (City of Brigantine) serving as Trustee, for the exclusive benefit of the plan participants and their beneficiaries, and that the assets shall not be diverted to any other purpose. The plan administrators are Nationwide, Aflac, Equitable TSA and Valic.

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NOTE 20: INTERFUND BALANCES

During the most current calendar year ended December 31, 2024, the following interfunds were included on the balance sheets of the various funds of the City of Brigantine:

	Due From	Due To
Current Fund:		
Animal Control Fund	\$ 1,078.80	
General Capital Fund		144,601.47
Grant Fund		57,449.18
Water-Sewer Operating Fund	21,033.11	
Grant Fund:		
Current Fund	57,449.18	
Animal Control Fund:		
Current Fund		1,078.80
General Capital Fund:		
Current Fund	144,601.47	
Water Sewer Capital Fund		311,725.11
Water-Sewer Operating Fund:		
Water-Sewer Capital Fund	452,194.15	
Current Fund		21,033.11
General Capital Fund	311,725.11	
Water-Sewer Capital Fund:		
Water-Sewer Operating Fund		452,194.15
	\$ <u>988,081.82</u>	<u>988,081.82</u>

The balances are primarily the result of disbursements made from the various funds which were not reimbursed prior to year-end.

NOTE 21: CONTINGENT LIABILITIES

From time to time, the City is a defendant in legal proceedings relating to its operations as a municipality. In the best judgment of the City's management, the outcome of any present legal proceedings will not have any adverse material effect on the accompanying financial statements.

NOTE 22: FEDERAL AND STATE GRANTS

In the normal course of operations, the City received grant funds from various Federal and State agencies. The grant programs are subject to audit by agents of the granting authority, the purpose of which is to ensure compliance with conditions precedent to the granting of funds. Any liability for reimbursement that may arise as a result of these audits is not believed to be material.

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YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024 AND 2023
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NOTE 23: LEASE OBLIGATIONS

Operating Leases

In February 2020, the City entered into an agreement to lease copy machines for City Hall under an operating lease. The term for the lease was 60 months. The total monthly payment for the lease was \$3,413.03. The City terminated the lease with the lease agreement below.

In May 2024, the City entered into an agreement to lease copy machines for City Hall under an operating lease. The term for the lease is 60 months, and it will expire in May 2029. The total monthly payment for the lease is \$4,775.00. The City has the option to purchase this equipment at the termination of the lease for the fair market value.

In September 2024, the City entered into an agreement to lease copy machines for City Hall under an operating lease. The term for the lease is 57 months, and it will expire in May 2029. The total monthly payment for the lease is \$238.74. The City has the option to purchase this equipment at the termination of the lease for the fair market value.

In September 2024, the City entered into an agreement to lease a postage machine for City Hall under an operating lease. The term of the lease is 60 months, and it will expire in September 2029. The total monthly payment for the lease is \$555.00. The City has the option to purchase the equipment at the termination of the lease for the fair market value.

The total operating lease payments in 2024 and 2023 were \$59,992.12 and \$49,836.36 respectively.

The following is a schedule of the future minimum lease payments under these leases and the net minimum lease payments at December 31, 2024.

Year	Operating
2025	\$ 66,824.88
2026	66,824.88
2027	66,824.88
2028	66,824.88
2029	43,833.70
Total minimum lease payments	311,133.22
Less amount representing interest	-
Present value of minimum lease payments	\$ 311,133.22

NOTE 24: SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

The City has evaluated subsequent events through June 13, 2025, the date which the financial statements were available to be issued and identified no events requiring disclosure.

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

To the Honorable Mayor and
Members of the City Council
City of Brigantine
County of Atlantic, New Jersey

We have audited, in accordance with the 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, the financial statements – regulatory basis, as listed in the accompanying table of contents, of the City of Brigantine, State of New Jersey, as of and for the year ended December 31, 2024, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the City's basic financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated June 13, 2025, which was adverse due to being presented in accordance with the New Jersey Regulatory Basis of Accounting. Our report disclosed that, as described in Note 1 to the financial statements, the City of Brigantine prepares its financial statements on a basis of accounting prescribed by the Division of Local Government Services, Department of Community Affairs, State of New Jersey (the "Division"), that demonstrates compliance with a modified accrual basis of accounting and the budget laws of the State of New Jersey.

Report Internal Control over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered the City's 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 City's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the City'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 may exist that have not been identified.

Report on Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the City'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 financial statement. 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*.

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 entity's internal control or on compliance. This report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the entity's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose.

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Registered Municipal Accountant
No. 393

June 13, 2025

**CITY OF BRIGANTINE
SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND RESPONSES
FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2024**

I. SUMMARY OF AUDITOR'S RESULTS

Financial Statements

Type of auditor's report issued: **Unmodified Opinion issued on the Financial Statements – Regulatory Basis.**

Internal control over financial reporting:

- | | |
|----------------------------------|----------------------|
| 1) Material Weakness identified? | No |
| 2) Significant Deficiencies? | None Reported |

Non-Compliance material to Financial Statements – Regulatory Basis noted? **No**

II. FINDINGS RELATING TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS – REGULATORY BASIS WHICH ARE REQUIRED TO BE REPORTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH GENERALLY ACCEPTED GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS

In accordance with Government Auditing Standards, our audit disclosed no findings relating to the financial statements – regulatory basis that are required to be reported.

Finding 2024-1:

The City had over expenditures of current year appropriations in the Water and Sewer Utility Fund and had over expenditures of Appropriation Reserves in the Current Fund. Appropriations were over expended by \$41,362.50 and \$5,469.03 respectively.

Criteria or Specific Requirement:

Local Budget Law and Local Finance Board Regulations do not permit over expenditures of individual budget line items.

Condition:

The City approved \$41,362.50 of Interest expenses in the Water and Sewer Utility Fund, \$250.00 of Beach Patrol & Maintenance Other Expenses, \$501.60 of Beach Fee Program Other Expenses and \$4,717.43 of Utility Gas expenses in the Current Fund before verifying that there were sufficient funds available in the budget lines.

Context:

Budget lines were overspent, and a deferred charge is required to be raised in the City's budget.

Cause:

Expenditures were not properly monitored during 2024.

Effect:

The overexpenditures must be raised in the budget as deferred charges.

Recommendation:

That no commitment be made, or expenditure approved for payment unless there is a sufficient balance in the proper budget line item.

Views of Responsible Officials and Planned Corrective Actions:

The CFO is aware of the requirements regarding appropriation budget transfers. Corrective Action has already been implemented.

**CITY OF BRIGANTINE
SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND RESPONSES
FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2024
(CONTINUED)**

MANAGEMENT RESPONSES

Management is required to respond to any findings and recommendations in the audit report. A corrective action plan is required to be filed with the Division of Local Government Services, Department of Community Affairs, State of New Jersey within 45 days of the filing of this report.

A corrective action plan is required for 2024.

STATUS OF PRIOR YEAR FINDINGS

There were no prior year audit findings.

**CURRENT FUND
SCHEDULE OF CASH - TREASURER**

	Current Fund	Grant Fund
Balance December 31, 2023	\$ 15,559,762.92	228,425.74
Increased by Receipts:		
Tax Collector	66,267,127.53	
State of New Jersey - Veterans' and Senior Citizens' Deductions	68,250.00	
Miscellaneous Revenue Anticipated	7,053,919.10	
Miscellaneous Revenue Not Anticipated	344,689.11	
Due to State of New Jersey - State Training Fees	32,139.00	
Due to State of New Jersey - Marriage Licenses	925.00	
Payroll Taxes Payable	39,009.49	
Accounts Payable	1,277.21	
Due Grant Fund	18,566.84	
Due Water-Sewer Utility Operating Fund	850,527.50	
Due General Capital	157,079.94	
Federal and State Grant Fund:		
Due Current Fund		15,594.20
Federal and State Grants Receivable		552,885.37
Federal and State Unappropriated Reserves		-
	<u>74,833,510.72</u>	<u>568,479.57</u>
	90,393,273.64	796,905.31
Decreased by Disbursements:		
Current Year Appropriation	32,496,476.64	
Prior Year Appropriations	621,006.54	
County Taxes	24,560,260.32	
Local District School Taxes	15,888,114.00	
Due to County - Added and Omitted Taxes	287,245.12	
Due to State of New Jersey - Marriage License Fees	850.00	
Due to State of New Jersey - State Training Fees	30,847.00	
Refund of Tax Overpayments	161,029.52	
Due General Capital	1,384,975.44	
Federal and State Grant Fund:		
Federal and State Disbursements		236,621.19
Due Current Fund	15,594.20	
	<u>75,446,398.78</u>	<u>236,621.19</u>
Balance December 31, 2024	\$ 14,946,874.86	560,284.12

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**CURRENT FUND
SCHEDULE OF CURRENT CASH - COLLECTOR**

Balance December 31, 2023		\$	-
Increased by Receipts:			
Prepaid Taxes	1,191,499.87		
Taxes Receivable	64,946,152.48		
Interest on Taxes	126,667.33		
Tax Title Liens	56.04		
Miscellaneous Revenue	<u>2,751.81</u>		
			<u>66,267,127.53</u>
			66,267,127.53
Decreased By Disbursements:			
Payments to Treasurer	<u>66,267,127.53</u>		
			<u>66,267,127.53</u>
Balance December 31, 2024		\$	<u><u>-</u></u>

CURRENT FUND
SCHEDULE OF TAXES RECEIVABLE AND ANALYSIS OF PROPERTY TAX LEVY

Year	Balance Dec. 31, 2023	Current Year Levy	Added Taxes	Collections by Cash 2023	2024	Adjustments	Transferred To Tax Title Lien	Balance Dec. 31, 2024
Arrears \$	-							-
2023	328,524.11				328,828.47	(500.00)	193.88	1.76
	328,524.11	-	-	-	328,828.47	(500.00)	193.88	1.76
2024	-	66,189,282.71	2,046.78	1,319,562.57	64,537,663.83	31,480.26	1,996.56	300,626.27
	328,524.11	66,189,282.71	2,046.78	1,319,562.57	64,866,492.30	30,980.26	2,190.44	300,628.03
					64,946,152.48	Cash Receipts		
					65,250.00	Senior Citizens and Veterans		
					(144,910.18)	Other		
					64,866,492.30			
Analysis of Current Year Tax Levy								
Tax Yield:								
General Property Tax								
Added Taxes (54:4-63.1 et. Seq.)								
					66,189,282.71			
					2,046.78			
						66,191,329.49		
Tax Levy:								
General County Taxes								
County Library Taxes								
County Health Service Taxes								
County Open Space Taxes								
County Added and Omitted Taxes								
Total County Taxes								
					21,672,814.00			
					1,564,152.92			
					1,044,799.87			
					278,493.53			
					177,771.67			
						24,738,031.99		
Local School District Tax								
Additional Local Open Space Tax								
						15,888,114.00		
Local Tax for Municipal Purposes								
Add: Additional Tax Levied								
					25,233,666.70			
					331,516.80			
						25,565,183.50		
								66,191,329.49

**CURRENT FUND
SCHEDULE OF TAX TITLE LIENS**

Balance December 31, 2023		\$	19,892.82
Increased by:			
Transfers from Taxes Receivable	2,190.44		
Interest and Costs Accrued by Sale	24.19		
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			2,214.63
			22,107.45
Decreased by:			
Collections	56.04		
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			56.04
Balance December 31, 2024		\$	<u><u>22,051.41</u></u>

CURRENT FUND
SCHEDULE OF REVENUE ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE

	Balance Dec. 31, 2023	Accrued in 2024	Collected by		Balance Dec. 31, 2024
			Collector	Treasurer	
Licenses:					
Alcoholic Beverages	\$ -	12,325.00		12,325.00	-
Other	-	9,579.00		9,579.00	-
Fees and Permits	-	173,053.72		173,053.72	-
Municipal Court					
Fines and Costs	4,127.46	159,763.63		157,841.35	6,049.74
Interest and Costs on Taxes	-	126,667.33	126,667.33		-
Interest and Investments and Deposits	-	1,047,490.61		1,047,490.61	-
Beach Fees	-	884,444.43		884,444.43	-
Beach Vehicles Permits	-	860,350.00		860,350.00	-
Cable Franchise	-	79,829.27		79,829.27	-
County Share of Library Costs	-	50,000.00		50,000.00	-
Emergency Medical Services	-	348,015.97		348,015.97	-
Lease of City Property	-	210,549.78		210,549.78	-
Uniform Construction Code Fees	-	566,923.00		566,923.00	-
Fire Prevention Inspection Fees	-	544,452.28		544,452.28	-
Minature Golf Receipts	-	27,000.00		27,000.00	-
Golf Course Receipts	-	1,245,394.13		1,245,394.13	-
Energy Receipts	-	664,965.56		664,965.56	-
Garden State Trust	-	19,173.00		19,173.00	-
Municipal Relief Aid	-	68,542.47		68,542.47	-
Type I School Debt Service Aid	-	152,532.00		152,532.00	-
Miscellaneous Revenue Not Anticipated	-	342,355.52	2,751.81	339,603.71	-
	<u>\$ 4,127.46</u>	<u>7,593,406.70</u>	<u>129,419.14</u>	<u>7,462,065.28</u>	<u>6,049.74</u>

**CURRENT FUND
SCHEDULE OF APPROPRIATION RESERVES - PRIOR YEAR**

**OPERATIONS WITHIN "CAPS"
GENERAL GOVERNMENT:**

	Balance Dec. 31, 2023	Balance After Transfers	Paid or Charges	Balance Lapsed	Over- Expended
General Administration					
Salaries & Wages	2,427.27	2,427.27		2,427.27	-
Other Expenses	12,606.56	12,606.56	12,217.57	388.99	-
Mayor and Council					
Salaries & Wages	48.78	48.78		48.78	-
Other Expenses	2,852.14	2,852.14	(60.00)	2,912.14	-
Municipal Clerk					
Salaries & Wages	1,382.86	1,382.86		1,382.86	-
Other Expenses	31,129.77	31,129.77	27,535.11	3,594.66	-
Financial Administration					
Salaries & Wages	655.16	655.16		655.16	-
Other Expenses	2,489.04	2,489.04	591.26	1,897.78	-
Audit Services					
Other Expenses	12,240.00	12,240.00		12,240.00	-
Revenue Administration (Tax Collector)					
Salaries & Wages	96.88	96.88		96.88	-
Other Expenses	10,001.93	10,001.93	494.93	9,507.00	-
Tax Assessment Administration					
Salaries & Wages	1,162.29	1,162.29		1,162.29	-
Other Expenses	22,376.60	22,376.60	4,999.04	17,377.56	-
Legal Services					
Other Expenses	64,177.34	64,177.34	39,906.36	24,270.98	-
Emergency Medical Billing					
Other Expenses	1,483.06	1,483.06	384.84	1,098.22	-
Engineering Services and Costs					
Other Expenses	23,049.86	23,049.86	18,312.00	4,737.86	-

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**CURRENT FUND
SCHEDULE OF APPROPRIATION RESERVES - PRIOR YEAR**

	Balance Dec. 31, 2023	Balance After Transfers	Paid or Charges	Balance Lapsed	Over- Expended
Municipal Court					
Salaries & Wages	381.63	381.63		381.63	-
Other Expenses	2,482.93	2,482.93	1,412.68	1,070.25	-
Public Defender					
Other Expenses	6,628.50	6,628.50	735.00	5,893.50	-
LAND USE ADMINISTRATION					
Planning Board					
Salaries & Wages	9.90	9.90		9.90	-
Other Expenses	26,458.83	26,458.83	10,844.85	15,613.98	-
INSURANCE					
General Liability	118,639.79	118,639.79	630.40	118,009.39	-
Employee Group Insurance	109,040.92	109,040.92	16,769.99	92,270.93	-
Health Benefits Waiver					
Salaries & Wages	1,200.69	1,200.69		1,200.69	-
PUBLIC SAFETY					
Fire Department					
Salaries & Wages	296,738.04	296,738.04	63,178.29	233,559.75	-
Other Expenses	117,722.58	117,722.58	98,736.13	18,986.45	-
Police Department					
Salaries & Wages	40,966.97	40,966.97	1,954.15	39,012.82	-
Other Expenses	58,121.03	58,121.03	36,254.53	21,866.50	-
Office of Emergency Management					
Salaries & Wages	38.54	38.54		38.54	-
Other Expenses	8,419.75	8,419.75	781.86	7,637.89	-
PUBLIC WORKS					
Streets and Roads Maintenance					
Salaries & Wages	33,578.21	33,578.21		33,578.21	-
Other Expenses	28,794.75	28,794.75	14,073.54	14,721.21	-
Solid Waste Collection					
Other Expenses	290,748.00	290,748.00	96,807.33	193,940.67	-

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**CURRENT FUND
SCHEDULE OF APPROPRIATION RESERVES - PRIOR YEAR**

	Balance Dec. 31, 2023	Balance After Transfers	Paid or Charges	Balance Lapsed	Over- Expended
Recycling Program					
Salaries & Wages	474.56	474.56		474.56	-
Other Expenses	8,651.82	8,651.82		8,651.82	-
Department of Public Works					
Salaries & Wages	376.44	376.44		376.44	-
Other Expenses	3,417.36	3,417.36	1,497.60	1,919.76	-
Storm Water Management-OE	26,222.48	26,222.48	20,548.81	5,673.67	-
Buildings and Grounds					
Salaries & Wages	35,940.02	35,940.02		35,940.02	-
Other Expenses	82,044.15	82,044.15	44,602.67	37,441.48	-
Golf Course Operations					
Other Expenses	22,000.00	22,000.00		22,000.00	-
Vehicle Maintenance					
Salaries & Wages	4,424.04	4,424.04		4,424.04	-
Other Expenses	28,256.72	28,256.72	10,308.35	17,948.37	-
HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES					
Dog Regulation					
Other Expenses	3,925.00	3,925.00	1,325.00	2,600.00	-
PARKS AND RECREATION					
Beach Patrol & Maintenance					
Salaries & Wages	42,841.96	42,841.96		42,841.96	-
Other Expenses	1,036.91	1,036.91	1,286.91	-	250.00
Beach Fee Program					
Salaries & Wages	5,056.72	5,056.72		5,056.72	-
Other Expenses	14,643.10	14,643.10	15,144.70	-	501.60
Parks and Playgrounds					
Salaries & Wages	7,691.82	7,691.82		7,691.82	-
Other Expenses	6,947.00	6,947.00	2,233.02	4,713.98	-

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CURRENT FUND
SCHEDULE OF APPROPRIATION RESERVES - PRIOR YEAR

	Balance Dec. 31, 2023	Balance After Transfers	Paid or Charges	Balance Lapsed	Over- Expended
Grant Coordinator	11,730.00	11,730.00	3,243.20	8,486.80	-
Other Expenses					
UNIFORM CONSTRUCTION CODE					
Construction Official	27,742.75	27,742.75	1,350.00	26,392.75	-
Salaries & Wages	989.03	989.03	778.04	210.99	-
Other Expenses					
UNCLASSIFIED					
Maintenance Agreements - Contractual	5,961.67	5,961.67		5,961.67	-
UTILITY EXPENSES AND BULK PURCHASES					
Electric	11,261.85	11,261.85	11,261.85	0.00	-
Street Lighting	28,861.61	28,861.61	23,835.56	5,026.05	-
Telephone	10,536.09	10,536.09		10,536.09	-
Gas	3,950.98	3,950.98	8,668.41	-	4,717.43
Fuel	29,278.02	29,278.02	5,298.81	23,979.21	-
Cable	2,133.34	2,133.34		2,133.34	-
DEFERRED CHARGES AND STATUTORY EXPENDITURES					
Statutory Expenditures					
Contributions to:					
Social Security System (O.A.S.I.)	18,901.26	18,901.26		18,901.26	-
Unemployment Compensation Insurance	20,872.43	20,872.43	20,872.43	-	-
Defined Contribution Retirement Program	1,237.29	1,237.29		1,237.29	-
OPERATIONS EXCLUDED FROM "CAPS"					
Employee Group Insurance	101,920.00	101,920.00		101,920.00	-
Fire Prevention Inspections					
Salaries & Wages	9,524.63	9,524.63		9,524.63	-
Other Expenses	8,752.28	8,752.28	6,407.00	2,345.28	-
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS					
Improvements to Recreational Grounds & Facilities	22,589.03	22,589.03	14,374.17	8,214.86	-
\$	1,938,342.96	1,938,342.96	639,596.39	1,304,215.60	5,469.03

CURRENT FUND
SCHEDULE OF LOCAL DISTRICT SCHOOL TAX

Balance December 31, 2023		
School Tax Payable	\$ -	
School Tax Deferred	-	
	<u> </u>	\$ -
Increased by:		
Levy - School Year July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2025		<u>15,888,114.00</u>
		15,888,114.00
Decreased by:		
Payments		<u>15,888,114.00</u>
Balance December 31, 2024		
School Tax Payable	-	
School Tax Deferred	-	
	<u> </u>	<u>-</u>
Current Year Liability for Local School District School Tax:		
Tax Paid		15,888,114.00
Tax Payable Ending		<u>-</u>
		15,888,114.00
Less: Tax Payable Beginning		<u>-</u>
Amount charged to Current Year Operations		<u><u>\$ 15,888,114.00</u></u>

**CURRENT FUND
SCHEDULE OF FEDERAL AND STATE GRANTS RECEIVABLE**

Purpose	Balance Dec. 31, 2023	Transferred From 2024 Revenues	Received	Cancelled	Balance Dec. 31, 2024
FEDERAL GRANTS:					
Bulletproof Vest Partnership	\$ 2,634.68				2,634.68
Bulletproof Vests 2021	-	3,088.55	3,008.55		80.00
Body Armor Replacement 2024	-	2,849.26	2,849.26		-
Bulletproof Vests 2024	-	601.71	601.71		-
American Rescue Plan Firefighters Grant	26,000.00				26,000.00
NJ DCA - American Rescue Plan Firefighters Grant	-	75,000.00	25,974.00		49,026.00
Total Federal	28,634.68	81,539.52	32,433.52	-	77,740.68
STATE GRANTS:					
Municipal Alliance on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse - 2023	4,503.39		4,503.39		(496.61)
Municipal Alliance on Alcoholism - Youth Leader	3,124.38		3,124.38		-
NUJCG Green Communities	6,000.00				6,000.00
Clean Communities Program - 2024	-	56,739.16	56,739.16		-
Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over - Holiday	2,800.00		2,800.00		-
Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over - Holiday	840.00				840.00
Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over - 2022	1,380.00				1,380.00
Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over-Year End Holiday	-	2,800.00	2,800.00		-
Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over-Labor Day	-	1,050.00			1,050.00
NJ Transportation Trust Fund Authority Act - Sheridan Project	124,910.40		93,444.60		31,465.80
N.J. Transportation Trust Fund Authority- 44th Street & Cove	279,530.00		262,049.06		17,480.94
N.J. Transportation Trust Fund Authority- 44th Street	325,000.00				325,000.00
Safe & Secure Communities Grant	5,415.00		7,504.33		5,415.00
Safe & Secure Communities Grant	5,385.00		16,200.00		(2,119.33)
Sustainable Jersey Grant	2,500.00	22,575.00			6,375.00
Automated License Plate Leader Initiative	31,842.00				2,500.00
Click it or Ticket	-	2,800.00	2,800.00		31,842.00
Emergency Management - EMAA Grant	10,000.00		10,000.00		-
Recycling Tonnage Grant	-	16,790.67	16,790.67		-
Total State	802,733.56	102,754.83	478,755.59	-	426,732.80
OTHER GRANTS:					
County of Atlantic - Brigantine Blvd	96,749.74				96,749.74
Summer Shore Pedestrian Awareness	-	5,250.00	4,900.00		350.00
Local Recreational Improvement Grant	63,000.00				63,000.00
Local Recreational Improvement Grant	-	64,000.00			64,000.00
Wawa Foundation Life Saving Equipment Grant	-	1,000.00	1,000.00		-
Atlantic County Area Agency on Aging	-	54,452.40	46,149.85		8,302.55
Atlantic County Area Agency on Aging	1,708.00				1,708.00
Atlantic County Area Agency on Aging	9,220.50		8,213.25		1,007.25
Total Other	170,678.24	124,702.40	60,263.10	-	235,117.54
\$	1,002,046.48	308,996.75	571,452.21	-	739,591.02

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CURRENT FUND
SCHEDULE OF APPROPRIATED RESERVES FOR FEDERAL AND STATE GRANTS

	Balance December 31, 2023		2024	Disbursed	Encumbrances	Balance Dec. 31, 2024
	Appropriated	Reserve for Encumbrances	Appropriations			
FEDERAL GRANTS:						
Small Cities Grant	\$ 145,128.05					145,128.05
Community Development Block Grant - Drainage 2005	9,237.88					9,237.88
Small Cities Community Development Block Grant	31,765.00					31,765.00
Bulletproof Vests 2021	342.90		3,088.55	3,431.45		-
Bulletproof Vests 2023	5,686.58	1,203.42		5,583.97		1,306.03
Body Armor Replacement 2024	-		2,849.26			2,849.26
Bulletproof Vests 2024	-		601.71			601.71
American Rescue Plan Firefighter Grant	-	14,971.00		14,945.00		26.00
NJ DCA - American Rescue Plan Firefighters Grant	-		82,500.00	3,415.00		79,085.00
Total Federal	192,160.41	16,174.42	89,039.52	27,375.42	-	269,998.93
STATE GRANTS:						
Clean Communities Program - 2021	(0.00)	1,440.00		1,440.00		(0.00)
Clean Communities Program - 2022	819.00			819.00		-
Clean Communities Program - 2023	18,229.19	7,795.00		25,929.87		94.32
Clean Communities Program - 2024	-		56,739.16	46,352.75		10,386.41
NJDEP - NJUCF Green Communities	2,930.02				2,635.01	2,930.02
Drunk Driving Enforcement Program	-	2,635.01				-
Drunk Driving Enforcement Program	1,213.88	1,404.62			1,404.62	1,213.88
Alcohol Education and Rehabilitation Grant - 2006	878.88					478.88
Alcohol Education and Rehabilitation Grant - 2008	289.33			400.00		289.33
Alcohol Education and Rehabilitation Grant - 2009	246.09					246.09
Alcohol Education and Rehabilitation Grant - 2010	232.05					232.05
Alcohol Education and Rehabilitation Grant - 2011	703.82					703.82
Alcohol Education and Rehabilitation Grant - 2012	269.67					269.67
Alcohol Education and Rehabilitation Grant - 2013	809.45					809.45
Municipal Alliance on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse 2022-2023	5,629.24			5,376.08		3,377.54
Municipal Alliance on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse 2023-2024	3,377.54	3,124.38				3,377.54
Municipal Alliance on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse 2024-2025	-		5,000.00			5,000.00
Sustainable Jersey Small Grant - 2018	6.93					6.93
Sustainable Jersey Small Grant - 2021	5,000.00					5,000.00
Recycling Tonnage - 2018	1,475.42			1,475.42		-
Recycling Tonnage - 2020	9,482.96			9,482.96		0.00
Recycling Tonnage - 2022	15,078.93			4,824.78		10,254.15
Recycling Tonnage - 2023	17,559.78					17,559.78
Recycling Tonnage - 2024	-		16,790.67	1,404.61		15,386.06
Drive Sober Get Pulled Over - Holiday 2022	985.01			840.00		145.01
Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over - Labor Day	-		1,050.00	1,050.00		-
Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over-Year End Holiday	-		2,800.00			2,800.00
Drive Sober Get Pulled Over - Holiday 2023	5,250.00					5,250.00
Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over	2,800.00					-
U Drive U Text U Pay 2023	350.00			2,800.00		350.00

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**CURRENT FUND
SCHEDULE OF APPROPRIATED RESERVES FOR FEDERAL AND STATE GRANTS**

	Balance December 31, 2023		2024		Disbursed	Encumbrances	Balance Dec. 31, 2024
	Appropriated	Reserve for Encumbrances	Appropriations				
Safe and Secure - 2022-2023	10,800.00						10,800.00
Safe and Secure - 2023-2024	16,200.00						16,200.00
Safe and Secure - 2024-2025	-		22,575.00				22,575.00
Emergency Management - EMAA Grant	10,000.00						10,000.00
Click it or Ticket	-		2,800.00	2,800.00			-
Cops in Shops 2023	560.00						560.00
Stormwater Assistance Grant	15,000.00						15,000.00
Automated License Plate Leader Initiative	31,842.00				31,842.00		-
NJ Transportation Trust Fund Authority Act - 44th Street & Cove	261,640.00	7,573.46			7,573.46		261,640.00
NJ Transportation Trust Fund Authority Act - 44th Street Recon.	-	66,691.15			11,145.49		55,545.66
NJ Transportation Trust Fund Authority Act - Sheridan Project	114,225.00						114,225.00
NJ Transportation Trust Fund Authority Act - Revere Blvd	17,302.52						17,302.52
Total State	571,186.71	90,663.62	107,754.83	155,556.42	4,039.63		610,009.11
OTHER GRANTS:							
County of Atlantic - Brigantine Blvd	329,547.07						329,547.07
Local Recreational Improvement Grant	63,000.00		64,000.00		63,000.00		64,000.00
Wawa Foundation Life Saving Equipment Grant	-		1,000.00	1,000.00			-
Summer Shore Pedestrian Awareness	-		5,250.00	4,900.00			350.00
Atlantic County Office of Aging Nutritional	2,854.50			762.50			2,092.00
Atlantic County Area Agency on Aging	2,607.00						2,607.00
Atlantic County Area Agency on Aging	-		54,452.40	47,026.85			7,425.55
Total Other	398,008.57	-	124,702.40	53,689.35	63,000.00		406,021.62
	1,161,355.69	106,838.04	321,496.75	236,621.19	67,039.63		1,286,029.66

**CURRENT FUND
SCHEDULE OF FEDERAL AND STATE GRANTS - UNAPPROPRIATED RESERVES**

<u>Purpose</u>	<u>Balance Dec. 31, 2023</u>	<u>Transferred To 2024 Appropriations</u>	<u>Received</u>	<u>Balance Dec. 31, 2024</u>
FEDERAL GRANTS:				
None	\$ -			-
Total Federal	-	-	-	-
STATE GRANTS:				
Body Armor	2,739.58			2,739.58
TAP-0638 #1	1,515.45			1,515.45
Total State	4,255.03	-	-	4,255.03
	\$ 4,255.03	-	-	4,255.03

TRUST FUND
SCHEDULE OF ANIMAL CONTROL CASH - TREASURER

Balance December 31, 2023		\$	1,589.20
Increased By Receipts:			
Dog Licenses Fees	\$	510.40	
State License Fees		105.60	
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			616.00
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			2,205.20
Decreased By Disbursements:			
Registration Fees Due to State of New Jersey		105.60	
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			105.60
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Balance December 31, 2024		\$	<u><u>2,099.60</u></u>

TRUST FUND
SCHEDULE OF OTHER TRUST CASH - TREASURER

Balance December 31, 2023		\$ 6,096,430.15
Increased By Receipts:		
Reserve for Police Special Detail Escrow	\$ 17,030.00	
Reserve for Special Law Enforcement	5,184.91	
Reserve for POAA	454.00	
Reserve for Engineering Escrow	82,730.08	
Reserve for Lifeguard Pension	126,587.46	
Reserve for Recreation	176,359.58	
Reserve for Recreation-Benches/Bike Racks	15,575.00	
Reserve for Recreation Farmers/Green Team	32,368.23	
Reserve for Garden Club	5,918.15	
Reserve for COAH	773,156.98	
Reserve for Accumulated Absences	125,000.00	
Reserve for Municipal Alliance Donations	3,917.52	
Reserve for Storm Expenses	71,569.72	
Reserve for Fire Prevention	1,288.00	
Reserve for Tax Title Lien Premiums	266,650.00	
Reserve for Tax Title Lien Redemptions	274,620.43	
	<hr/>	1,978,410.06
		<hr/> 8,074,840.21
Decreased By Disbursements:		
Reserve for Special Law Enforcement	9,594.60	
Reserve for Police Special Detail Escrow	16,120.00	
Reserve for Engineering Escrow	66,480.99	
Reserve for Lifeguard Pension	80,157.93	
Reserve for Recreation	212,220.35	
Reserve for Recreation-Benches/Bike Racks	14,821.79	
Reserve for Recreation Farmers/Green Team	33,464.60	
Reserve for Garden Club	851.87	
Reserve for COAH	5,582.00	
Reserve for Accumulated Absences	226,029.21	
Reserve for Municipal Alliance Donations	1,779.79	
Reserve for Storm Expenses	30,354.01	
Reserve for Tax Title Lien Premiums	317,150.00	
Reserve for Tax Title Lien Redemptions	271,778.15	
	<hr/>	1,286,385.29
Balance December 31, 2024		\$ <u><u>6,788,454.92</u></u>

TRUST FUND
SCHEDULE OF RESERVE FOR ANIMAL CONTROL EXPENDITURES

Balance December 31, 2023		\$ 1,247.00
Increased By:		
Dog Licenses Fees Collected	\$ 510.40	
	<hr/>	510.40
		<hr/> 1,757.40
Decreased By Disbursements:		
Statutory Excess due to Current Fund	736.60	
	<hr/>	736.60
Balance December 31, 2024		\$ <u><u>1,020.80</u></u>

License Fees Collected	<u>Year</u>	
	2022	\$ 545.20
	2023	475.60
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		\$ <u><u>1,020.80</u></u>

**TRUST - OTHER FUND
STATEMENT OF DUE TO CURRENT FUND**

Balance December 31, 2023	\$ 342.20
Increased By:	
Statutory Excess Due to Current Fund	<u>736.60</u>
	1,078.80
Decreased By:	
Statutory Excess Due to Current Fund	<u>-</u>
Balance December 31, 2024	<u><u>\$ 1,078.80</u></u>

**TRUST - OTHER FUND
STATEMENT OF DUE (TO)FROM STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

Balance December 31, 2023	\$ -
Increased by:	
Paid to State of New Jersey	<u>105.60</u>
	105.60
Decreased by:	
Licenses Issued in 2024	<u>105.60</u>
	105.60
Balance December 31, 2024	<u><u>\$ -</u></u>

**GENERAL CAPITAL FUND
SCHEDULE OF CASH - TREASURER**

Balance December 31, 2023		\$	10,376,876.03
Increased by:			
Capital Improvement Fund	860,000.00		
General Serial Bond Issued	7,680,000.00		
School Type I Bonds Issued	2,770,000.00		
Reserve for Debt Service	72,379.24		
Due to Water Sewer Capital Fund	311,725.11		
Due to Current Fund	1,377,374.58		
Grant Receivable	623,315.74		
Reimbursements	419,849.00		
			<u>14,114,643.67</u>
			24,491,519.70
Decreased by:			
Improvement Authorizations	9,441,268.33		
Accounts Payable	17,261.07		
Due to Current Fund	10,419.94		
			<u>9,468,949.34</u>
Balance December 31, 2024		\$	<u><u>15,022,570.36</u></u>

**GENERAL CAPITAL FUND
ANALYSIS OF CASH**

	Balance Dec. 31, 2023	Receipts		Disbursements		Transfers		Balance Dec. 31, 2024
		Miscellaneous	Debt Issued	Improvement Authorizations	Miscellaneous	From	To	
Fund Balance	\$ 178,407.00							178,407.00
Capital Improvement Fund	6,304.00	860,000.00				860,940.00		5,364.00
Due to Current Fund	(1,364,896.11)	1,377,374.58			10,419.94	146,660.00		(144,601.47)
Due to Water Sewer Capital Fund	-	311,725.11						311,725.11
Accounts Payable	82,553.13				17,261.07			65,292.06
Grant Receivable - FEMA House Raising 2017	(5,349,388.62)	623,315.74						(4,726,072.88)
Reserve for Debt Service	148,460.00	72,379.24						220,839.24
Reserve for Future Capital Project	264,555.00							264,555.00
Reserve for Encumbrances	7,896,140.32					7,995,658.48	8,684,710.43	8,585,192.27
Improvement Authorizations								
14-10 Various Improvements	-			2,300.70			2,300.70	-
27-10 Various Improvements	18,890.56			37,077.31			18,186.75	-
19-12 Beach Replenishment	23,111.90			22,133.76			169,857.62	544,795.15
10-13 Various Improvements	8,400.61	395,023.25		19,107.91		21,063.86	19,107.91	8,400.61
13-14 Various Improvements	-			418,651.17		138,659.67	558,210.84	900.00
15-17 Various Improvements	252,638.11			626,539.29		236,952.65	675,708.35	64,854.52
06-18 School Improvements	(750,000.00)		750,000.00					-
07-18 Beachfill Renourishment Project	25,541.19			15,653.00		15,837.71	15,653.00	9,703.48
24-18 Residential Structural Elevation Project	331,254.87	3,453.12		10,730.00		10,730.00	10,730.00	334,707.99
26-18, 19-22 Streetscape Projects - Phase II & III	293,846.10			445,254.31		26,555.59	488,256.17	310,292.37
12-19 Various Improvements	1,225,299.77			1,787,952.54		863,536.52	2,058,774.79	632,585.50
21-19 FEMA House Raising	5,406,291.79			187,953.12		249,910.00	254,410.00	5,222,838.67
19-21, 18-23 School Improvements	1,689,612.58	12,522.63	2,020,000.00	2,022,692.16		209,751.52	17,476.50	1,716,919.55
7-22 Reconstruction of Public Works Building	(175,000.00)		175,000.00	2,289,648.48		3,863.08	2,499,400.00	-
17-22 Purchase of Fire Ladder Truck	31,732.25			61,524.65			34,121.43	465.95
20-22 North End Beach Replenishment	983,000.00							983,000.00
6-23 Beach Replenishment	(154,550.00)		498,000.00					343,450.00
16-23 Various Improvements	(695,328.42)	8,850.00	7,007,000.00	1,489,707.81		2,881,931.98	1,320,124.42	3,269,006.21
12-24 Various Improvements	-			15,072.12		4,025,917.85	860,940.00	(3,180,049.97)
	\$ 10,376,876.03	3,664,643.67	10,450,000.00	9,441,268.33	27,681.01	17,687,968.91	17,687,968.91	15,022,570.36

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GENERAL CAPITAL FUND
SCHEDULE OF CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND

Balance December 31, 2023		\$	6,304.00
Increased by:			
Current Fund Budget Appropriations	860,000.00		
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			860,000.00
			866,304.00
Decreased by:			
Improvement Authorizations Funded	860,940.00		
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			860,940.00
Balance December 31, 2024		\$	<u><u>5,364.00</u></u>

GENERAL CAPITAL FUND
SCHEDULE OF DEFERRED CHARGES TO FUTURE TAXATION - FUNDED

Balance December 31, 2023		\$ 16,015,514.19
Increased by:		
General Serial Bond Issued	15,290,000.00	
Type I School Serial Bond Issued	7,065,000.00	
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		22,355,000.00
		38,370,514.19
Decreased by:		
Serial Bonds Paid	3,100,000.00	
School Type I Bonds	520,000.00	
Green Trust Loans Paid	34,973.63	
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		3,654,973.63
Balance December 31, 2024		\$ <u><u>34,715,540.56</u></u>

GENERAL CAPITAL FUND
SCHEDULE OF DEFERRED CHARGES TO FUTURE TAXATION - UNFUNDED

Ord #	Improvement Description	Balance Dec. 31, 2023	2024 Authorizations	Debit Issued	Grant Reimbursements	Raised in 2024 Budget	Balance Dec. 31, 2024	Bond Anticipation Notes	Analysis of Balance	
									Expenditures	Unexpended Improvement Authorizations
06-18	School Improvements	750,000.00		750,000.00			-			
24-18	Residential Structural Elevation Project	330,000.00			180,000.00	150,000.00	-			
26-18; 19-22	Streetscape Projects - Phase II & III	1,843,000.00		1,843,000.00			0.00			
12-19	Various Improvements	330,000.00		330,000.00			-			
19-21; 18-23	School Improvements	7,264,150.00		6,650,000.00		370,000.00	244,150.00			244,150.00
7-22	Reconstruction of Public Works Building	2,375,000.00		2,375,000.00			-			
17-22	Purchase of Fire Ladder Truck	1,615,000.00		1,615,000.00			-			
20-22	North End Beach Replenishment	930,000.00		930,000.00			-			
6-23	Beach Replenishment	1,900,000.00		1,900,000.00			-			
16-23	Various Improvements	11,871,124.00		7,007,000.00			4,864,124.00		3,180,049.97	4,864,124.00
12-24	Various Improvements	-	16,357,860.00				16,357,860.00			13,177,810.03
		\$ 29,208,274.00	16,357,860.00	23,400,000.00	180,000.00	520,000.00	21,466,134.00	-	3,180,049.97	18,286,084.03

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**GENERAL CAPITAL FUND
SCHEDULE OF IMPROVEMENT AUTHORIZATIONS**

Ord #	Ord. Date	Amount	Authorizations					
			Balance December 31, 2023		Other Funding	Deferred Charges to Future Taxation	Paid or Charged	
			Funded	Unfunded				
14-10	9/1/2010	1,500,000	\$ -				-	
27-10	12/15/2010	500,000	18,890.56				18,890.56	-
19-12	06/20/2012	1,000,000	23,111.90				(521,683.25)	544,795.15
10-13	09/18/2013	4,000,000	8,400.61				-	8,400.61
13-14	9/3/2014	6,200,000	-				(900.00)	900.00
15-17	4/19/2017	5,343,000	252,638.11				187,783.59	64,854.52
07-18	5/2/2018	250,000	25,541.19				15,837.71	9,703.48
24-18	10/3/2018	942,455		331,254.87			(3,453.12)	334,707.99
26-18; 19-22	12/5/2018	2,928,410		293,846.10			(16,446.27)	310,292.37
12-19	8/7/2019	7,955,000	893,049.77	332,250.00			592,714.27	632,585.50
21-19	12/4/2019	8,699,045	5,406,291.79				183,453.12	5,222,838.67
19-21; 18-23	12/15/2021	7,264,150		3,953,762.58			1,992,693.03	1,716,919.55
7-22	4/20/2022	2,500,000		-			-	-
17-22	11/2/2022	1,700,000		31,732.25			31,266.30	465.95
20-22	12/21/2022	983,000	49,150.00	933,850.00				983,000.00
6-23	5/3/2023	2,000,000		343,450.00				343,450.00
16-23	11/1/2023	12,495,920		11,175,795.58			3,042,665.37	3,269,006.21
12-24	8/7/2024	17,218,800		-		860,940.00	4,040,989.97	-
			\$ 6,677,073.93	17,395,941.38	860,940.00	16,357,860.00	9,563,811.28	13,441,920.00
								18,286,084.03

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**GENERAL CAPITAL FUND
STATEMENT OF GENERAL SERIAL BONDS**

Purpose	Date of Issue	Amount of Original Issue	Outstanding December 31, 2024		Interest Rate	Balance Dec. 31, 2023	Increased	Decreased	Balance Dec. 31, 2024
			Date	Amount					
General Bonds of 2012	7/7/2012	\$ 9,000,000			3.000% \$	840,000.00		840,000.00	-
General Bonds of 2015	12/1/2015	6,850,000	12/1/2025	800,000.00	3.000%	1,600,000.00		800,000.00	800,000.00
General Bonds of 2017	10/15/2017	6,450,000	10/15/2025	540,000.00	2.000%	3,980,000.00		520,000.00	3,460,000.00
			10/15/2026	580,000.00	2.000%				
			10/15/2027	620,000.00	2.125%				
			10/15/2028	670,000.00	2.250%				
			10/15/2029	640,000.00	2.375%				
			10/15/2030	410,000.00	3.000%				
General Bonds of 2019	9/18/2019	13,000,000	10/1/2025	1,045,000.00	4.000%	8,950,000.00		940,000.00	8,010,000.00
			10/1/2026	1,105,000.00	4.000%				
			10/1/2027	1,105,000.00	4.000%				
			10/1/2028	1,100,000.00	4.000%				
			10/1/2029	1,160,000.00	4.000%				
			10/1/2030	1,160,000.00	3.000%				
			10/1/2031	1,335,000.00	3.000%				
General Bonds of 2024	9/24/2024	15,290,000	9/15/2025	840,000.00	4.000%	-	15,290,000.00		15,290,000.00
			9/15/2026	990,000.00	4.000%				
			9/15/2027	1,070,000.00	4.000%				
			9/15/2028	1,150,000.00	4.000%				
			9/15/2029	1,225,000.00	4.000%				
			9/15/2030	1,300,000.00	4.000%				
			9/15/2031	1,375,000.00	4.000%				
			9/15/2032	1,375,000.00	4.000%				
			9/15/2033	1,375,000.00	4.000%				
			9/15/2034	1,455,000.00	4.000%				
			9/15/2035	1,455,000.00	4.000%				
			9/15/2036	1,680,000.00	2.000%				
						\$ 15,370,000.00	15,290,000.00	3,100,000.00	27,560,000.00

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**GENERAL CAPITAL FUND
STATEMENT OF TYPE I SCHOOL SERIAL BONDS**

Purpose	Date of Issue	Amount of Original Issue	Maturities of Bonds Outstanding December 31, 2024		Interest Rate	Balance Dec. 31, 2023	Increased	Decreased	Balance Dec. 31, 2024
			Date	Amount					
General Bonds of 2012	07/07/12	5,850,000			3.000%	\$ 520,000.00		520,000.00	-
General Bonds of 2024	9/24/2024	7,065,000	9/15/2025	870,000.00	3.000%	-	7,065,000.00		7,065,000.00
			9/15/2026	895,000.00	3.000%				
			9/15/2027	925,000.00	3.000%				
			9/15/2028	955,000.00	3.000%				
			9/15/2029	1,050,000.00	4.000%				
			9/15/2030	1,160,000.00	4.000%				
			9/15/2031	1,210,000.00	4.000%				
						\$ 520,000.00	7,065,000.00	520,000.00	7,065,000.00

**GENERAL CAPITAL FUND
SCHEDULE OF GREEN TRUST LOAN PAYABLE**

Purpose	Date of Issue	Amount of Original Issue	Maturities of Bonds Outstanding December 31, 2024		Interest Rate	Balance Dec. 31, 2023	Increased	Decreased	Balance Dec. 31, 2024
			Date	Amount					
Municipal Boat Ramp	2007	600,000	2025	35,676.60	2.000%	125,514.19		34,973.63	90,540.56
			2026	36,393.70					
			2027	18,470.26					
						\$ 125,514.19	-	34,973.63	90,540.56

**GENERAL CAPITAL FUND
SCHEDULE OF BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES**

Improvement Description	Ordinance Number	Date of Original Issue	Date of Issue	Date of Maturity	Interest Rate	Balance Dec. 31, 2023	Increased	Decreased	Balance Dec. 31, 2024
Residential Structural Elevation Project	24-18	9/26/2023	9/26/2023	9/25/2024	5.00%	\$ 330,000.00		330,000.00	-
Streetscape Projects - Phase II & III	26-18	9/26/2023	9/26/2023	9/25/2024	5.00%	1,843,000.00		1,843,000.00	-
Various Improvements	12-19	9/26/2023	9/26/2023	9/25/2024	5.00%	330,000.00		330,000.00	-
Reconstruction of Public Works Building	7-22	9/26/2023	9/26/2023	9/25/2024	5.00%	2,200,000.00		2,200,000.00	-
Purchase of Fire Ladder Truck	17-22	9/26/2023	9/26/2023	9/25/2024	5.00%	1,615,000.00		1,615,000.00	-
North End Beach Replenishment	20-22	9/26/2023	9/26/2023	9/25/2024	5.00%	930,000.00		930,000.00	-
Beach Replenishment	6-23	9/26/2023	9/26/2023	9/25/2024	5.00%	1,402,000.00		1,402,000.00	-
School Improvements	19-21	9/26/2023	9/26/2023	9/25/2024	4.75%	5,000,000.00		5,000,000.00	-
						<u>\$ 13,650,000.00</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>13,650,000.00</u>	<u>-</u>

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GENERAL CAPITAL FUND
SCHEDULE OF BOND AND NOTES AUTHORIZED BUT NOT ISSUED

Ordinance Number	Improvement Description	Balance Dec. 31, 2023	2024 Authorizations	Debt Issued	Balance Dec. 31, 2024
06-18	School Improvements	\$ 750,000.00		750,000.00	-
19-21; 18-23	School Improvements	2,264,150.00		2,020,000.00	244,150.00
7-22	Reconstruction of Public Works Building	175,000.00		175,000.00	-
6-23	Beach Replenishment	498,000.00		498,000.00	-
16-23	Various Improvements	11,871,124.00		7,007,000.00	4,864,124.00
12-24	Various Improvements	-	16,357,860.00		16,357,860.00
		<u>\$ 15,558,274.00</u>	<u>16,357,860.00</u>	<u>10,450,000.00</u>	<u>21,466,134.00</u>

**WATER AND SEWER UTILITY FUND
SCHEDULE OF CASH - TREASURER**

	Operating Fund	Capital Fund
Balance December 31, 2023	\$ 5,022,555.18	9,971,814.61
Increased by Receipts:		
Water and Sewer Rent Collected	5,347,392.37	
Prepaid Water and Sewer	1,724,663.84	
Serial Bonds Issued		7,000,000.00
Reserve for Payment of Bonds		21,725.11
Due from W/S Capital	523,927.54	
Due to W/S Operating		452,194.15
Miscellaneous Revenue	663,320.81	
	<u>8,259,304.56</u>	<u>7,473,919.26</u>
	13,281,859.74	17,445,733.87
Decreased by Disbursements:		
Current Appropriations	6,812,853.73	
Appropriation Reserves	234,761.20	
Overpayment Refunds	650.00	
Due to Current Fund	850,527.50	
Due to General Capital		311,725.11
Due to W/S Operating	452,194.15	523,927.54
Due to W/S Capital		1,550,240.81
Improvement Authorizations		
	<u>8,350,986.58</u>	<u>2,385,893.46</u>
Balance December 31, 2024	\$ <u>4,930,873.16</u>	<u>15,059,840.41</u>

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**WATER AND SEWER UTILITY CAPITAL FUND
ANALYSIS OF CASH**

	Balance Dec. 31, 2023	Receipts		Improvement Authorizations	Disbursements		Transfers	Balance Dec. 31, 2024
		Miscellaneous	Debt Issued		Miscellaneous			
						From	To	
New Jersey EIT Receivables	\$ (24,227.00)							(24,227.00)
Encumbrances Payable	5,230,108.24					5,230,108.24	6,806,511.35	6,806,511.35
Reserve for American Recovery Plan	383.00							383.00
Reserve for Payment of Bonds	-	21,725.11						21,725.11
Due from General Capital Fund	-	452,194.15			311,725.11			(311,725.11)
Due from W/S Operating	523,927.54				523,927.54			452,194.15
Fund Balance	146.96							146.96
<u>Improvement Authorizations:</u>								
13-14 Various Improvements	3,479,114.69			15,071.13		2,698,620.07	25,981.98	791,405.47
13-17 Various Improvements	-			10,081.35			10,081.35	-
13-19 Various Improvements	2,424,585.67			1,014,680.01		99,416.85	1,013,926.66	2,324,415.47
16-21 Water Tower Improvements	111,948.51			294,676.30		2,757,571.95	3,011,621.75	71,322.01
11-22 Water Tower Improvements	(1,774,173.00)		1,825,000.00	207,244.52		961,251.98	1,168,496.50	50,827.00
15-23 Various Improvements	-		5,175,000.00	8,487.50		289,650.50		4,876,862.00
11-24 Various Improvements	-							-
	<u>\$ 9,971,814.61</u>	<u>473,919.26</u>	<u>7,000,000.00</u>	<u>1,550,240.81</u>	<u>835,652.65</u>	<u>12,036,619.59</u>	<u>12,036,619.59</u>	<u>15,059,840.41</u>

**WATER AND SEWER UTILITY OPERATING FUND
SCHEDULE OF CONSUMER ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE**

Balance December 31, 2023		\$ 99,461.04
Increased by Receipts:		
Billings of User Charges	7,135,243.39	
Overpayments Created	42,483.92	
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		7,177,727.31
		7,277,188.35
Decreased by Disbursements:		
Collections	5,347,392.37	
Prepaid Rents Applied	1,791,064.35	
Overpayments Applied	44,097.98	
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		7,182,554.70
Balance December 31, 2024		\$ <u><u>94,633.65</u></u>

**WATER AND SEWER UTILITY OPERATING FUND
SCHEDULE OF UTILITY LIENS**

Balance December 31, 2023		\$ -
Increased by Receipts:		
None	-	
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Decreased by Disbursements:		
None	-	
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		-
Balance December 31, 2024		\$ <u><u>-</u></u>

**WATER AND SEWER UTILITY OPERATING FUND
SCHEDULE OF APPROPRIATION RESERVES - PRIOR YEAR**

	Balance Dec. 31, 2023	Balance After Transfers	Paid or Charges	Balance Lapsed	Over- Expended
Operating:					
Salaries and Wages	\$ 94,838.08	94,838.08		94,838.08	-
Other Expenses	725,794.21	725,794.21	234,761.20	491,033.01	-
Deferred Charges and Statutory Expenditures:					
Social Security System (O.A.S.I.)	13,639.21	13,639.21		13,639.21	-
Unemployment Compensation Insurance	2,500.00	2,500.00		2,500.00	-
	<u>\$ 836,771.50</u>	<u>836,771.50</u>	<u>234,761.20</u>	<u>602,010.30</u>	<u>-</u>
Appropriation Reserves	557,365.15				
Encumbrances	<u>279,406.35</u>				
	<u><u>836,771.50</u></u>				

**WATER AND SEWER UTILITY OPERATING FUND
SCHEDULE OF ACCRUED INTEREST ON BONDS AND NOTES
AND ANALYSIS OF BALANCE**

Balance December 31, 2023		\$ 98,866.15
Increased by:		
Budget Appropriations	136,932.81	
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		136,932.81
		235,798.96
Decreased By:		
Payments of Debt Service Interest	98,866.15	
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		98,866.15
Balance December 31, 2024		\$ <u><u>136,932.81</u></u>

Analysis of Accrued Interest December 31, 2024

	Principal Outstanding December 31, 2024	Interest Rate	From	To	Days	Amount
\$	1,670,000.00	Var.	10/15/2024	12/31/2024	77	8,684.90
	4,175,000.00	Var.	10/1/2024	12/31/2024	91	23,416.67
	110,000.00	Var.	8/1/2024	12/31/2024	152	1,833.33
	560,000.00	Var.	8/1/2024	12/31/2024	152	11,060.42
	275,000.00	Var.	8/1/2024	12/31/2024	152	4,770.83
	4,895,000.00	Var.	10/15/2024	12/31/2024	77	36,975.00
	6,710,000.00	Var.	10/15/2024	12/31/2024	77	50,191.66
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	18,395,000.00					<u><u>136,932.81</u></u>

**WATER AND SEWER UTILITY CAPITAL FUND
SCHEDULE OF IMPROVEMENT AUTHORIZATIONS**

Ord #	Improvement Description	Ord. Date	Amount	Authorizations						
				Balance December 31, 2023		Other Funding	Deferred Charges to Future Taxation	Paid or Charged	Balance December 31, 2024	
				Funded	Unfunded				Funded	Unfunded
13-14	Various Improvements	9/3/2014	5,830,000.00	\$ 3,479,114.69				2,687,709.22	791,405.47	
13-17	Various Improvements	4/19/2017	159,469.59	(0.00)				-	(0.00)	
13-19	Various Improvements	8/7/2019	6,170,000.00	2,424,585.67				100,170.20	2,324,415.47	
16-21	Water Tower Improvements	8/4/2021	6,350,000.00	111,948.51				40,626.50	71,322.01	
11-22	Improvements to Remote Water Meters and Related Improvements	8/17/2022	1,825,000.00		50,827.00			-	50,827.00	
15-23	Various Improvements	11/1/2023	7,112,000.00		7,112,000.00			298,138.00	4,876,862.00	1,937,000.00
11-24	Various Improvements	8/7/2024	8,960,000.00		-		8,960,000.00			8,960,000.00
				\$ 6,015,648.87	7,162,827.00	-	8,960,000.00	3,126,643.92	8,114,831.95	10,897,000.00

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**WATER AND SEWER UTILITY CAPITAL FUND
SCHEDULE OF GENERAL SERIAL BONDS**

Purpose	Date of Issue	Amount of Original Issue	Maturities of Bonds Outstanding		Interest Rate	Balance Dec. 31, 2023	Increased	Decreased	Balance Dec. 31, 2024
			Date	Amount					
General Obligation Bonds of 2017	10/15/2017	3,000,000	10/15/2025	240,000.00	2.000%	1,890,000.00		220,000.00	1,670,000.00
			10/15/2026	250,000.00	2.000%				
			10/15/2027	260,000.00	2.125%				
			10/15/2028	300,000.00	2.250%				
			10/15/2029	300,000.00	2.375%				
			10/15/2030	320,000.00	3.000%				
General Obligation Bonds of 2019	9/18/2019	7,000,000	10/1/2025	540,000.00	4.000%	4,685,000.00		510,000.00	4,175,000.00
			10/1/2026	575,000.00	4.000%				
			10/1/2027	575,000.00	4.000%				
			10/1/2028	575,000.00	4.000%				
			10/1/2029	605,000.00	4.000%				
			10/1/2030	605,000.00	3.000%				
			10/1/2031	700,000.00	3.000%				
General Obligation Bonds of 2021	10/19/2021	6,065,000	10/15/2025	450,000.00	3.000%	5,345,000.00		450,000.00	4,895,000.00
			10/15/2026	485,000.00	3.000%				
			10/15/2027	515,000.00	3.000%				
			10/15/2028	545,000.00	3.000%				
			10/15/2029	550,000.00	2.000%				
			10/15/2030	550,000.00	2.000%				
			10/15/2031	570,000.00	2.000%				
			10/15/2032	580,000.00	2.000%				
			10/15/2033	650,000.00	2.000%				
General Obligation Bonds of 2024	9/24/2024	6,710,000	9/15/2025	370,000.00	4.000%	-	6,710,000.00		6,710,000.00
			9/15/2026	440,000.00	4.000%				
			9/15/2027	470,000.00	4.000%				
			9/15/2028	500,000.00	4.000%				
			9/15/2029	535,000.00	4.000%				
			9/15/2030	570,000.00	4.000%				
			9/15/2031	605,000.00	4.000%				
			9/15/2032	605,000.00	4.000%				
			9/15/2033	605,000.00	4.000%				
			9/15/2034	635,000.00	4.000%				
			9/15/2035	635,000.00	4.000%				
			9/15/2036	740,000.00	2.000%				
						\$ 11,920,000.00	6,710,000.00	1,180,000.00	17,450,000.00

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**WATER AND SEWER UTILITY CAPITAL FUND
SCHEDULE OF WATER AND SEWER LOANS**

Purpose	Date of Issue	Amount of Original Issue	Maturities of Bonds Outstanding December 31, 2024					Interest Rate	Balance Dec. 31, 2023	Increased	Decreased	Balance Dec. 31, 2024
			Date	Amount								
State of New Jersey EIT Bonds	3/10/2010	\$ 325,000	08/01/25	19,000.00	Various	\$	129,000.00		19,000.00	110,000.00		
			08/01/26	19,000.00								
			08/01/27	24,000.00								
			08/01/28	24,000.00								
			08/01/29	24,000.00								
State of New Jersey EIT Loans	3/10/2010	931,500	08/01/25	51,750.00	0.000%		288,119.00		51,750.00	236,369.00		
			08/01/26	51,750.00								
			08/01/27	51,750.00								
			08/01/28	51,750.00								
			08/01/29	29,369.00								
State of New Jersey EIT Bonds	2/2/2010	2,335,000	2/1/2025	132,000.00	Various		683,000.00		123,000.00	560,000.00		
			2/1/2026	137,000.00								
			2/1/2027	146,000.00								
			2/1/2028	145,000.00								
State of New Jersey EIT Loans	2/2/2010	2,512,650	2/1/2025	127,761.85	0.000%		461,433.23		127,761.85	333,671.38		
			2/1/2026	127,761.85								
			2/1/2027	78,147.68								

See Accompanying Auditor's Report

**WATER AND SEWER UTILITY CAPITAL FUND
SCHEDULE OF WATER AND SEWER LOANS**

Purpose	Date of Issue	Amount of Original Issue	Maturities of Bonds Outstanding			Interest Rate	Balance Dec. 31, 2023	Increased	Decreased	Balance Dec. 31, 2024
			December 31, 2024							
			Date	Amount						
State of New Jersey EIT Bonds	5/28/2015	435,000	08/01/25	20,000.00	Various	295,000.00		20,000.00	275,000.00	
			08/01/26	25,000.00						
			08/01/27	25,000.00						
			08/01/28	25,000.00						
			08/01/29	25,000.00						
			08/01/30	30,000.00						
			08/01/31	30,000.00						
			08/01/32	30,000.00						
			08/01/33	30,000.00						
			08/01/34	35,000.00						
State of New Jersey EIT Loans	5/28/2015	1,049,067	08/01/25	53,342.38	0.000%	573,198.37		53,342.38	519,855.99	
			08/01/26	53,342.38						
			08/01/27	53,342.38						
			08/01/28	53,342.38						
			08/01/29	53,342.38						
			08/01/30	53,342.38						
			08/01/31	53,342.38						
			08/01/32	53,342.38						
			08/01/33	53,342.38						
			08/01/34	39,774.57						
						\$	2,429,750.60	-	394,854.23	2,034,896.37

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**WATER AND SEWER UTILITY CAPITAL FUND
SCHEDULE OF BOND AND NOTES AUTHORIZED BUT NOT ISSUED**

Ordinance Number		Balance Dec. 31, 2023	2024 Authorizations	Debt Issued	Balance Dec. 31, 2024
11-22	Improvements to Remote Water Meters and Related Improvements	\$ 1,825,000.00		1,825,000.00	-
15-23	Various Improvements	7,112,000.00		5,175,000.00	1,937,000.00
11-24	Various Improvements	-	8,960,000.00		8,960,000.00
		<u>\$ 8,937,000.00</u>	<u>8,960,000.00</u>	<u>7,000,000.00</u>	<u>10,897,000.00</u>

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CITY OF BRIGANTINE

PART II

GENERAL COMMENTS AND FINDINGS AND RESPONSES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED

DECEMBER 31, 2024

GENERAL COMMENTS

Contracts and Agreements Required to be Advertised for N.J.S.A. 40A:11-4

N.J.S.A. 40A:11-4 states, "Every contract awarded by the contracting agent for the provision or performance of any goods or services, the cost of which in the aggregate exceeds the bid threshold, shall be awarded only by resolution of the governing body of the contracting unit to the lowest responsible bidder after public advertising for bids and bidding therefore, except as is provided otherwise in this act or specifically by any other law. Effective July 1, 2020, pursuant to subsection b. of section 9 of P.L. 1971, c. 198 (C.40A:11-9), the governing body can establish the bid threshold at \$44,000 with the appointment of a qualified purchasing agent. The City adopted the bid threshold of \$44,000.

The governing body of the City of Brigantine has the responsibility of determining whether the expenditures in any category will exceed the bid threshold within the fiscal year. Where question arises as to whether any contract or agreement might result in a violation of the statute, the City Council's opinion should be sought before a commitment is made.

Our examination of expenditures did not reveal any payments in excess of the bid threshold for the provision or performance of any goods or services, other than those where bids had been previously sought by public advertisement, awarded under state or county cooperative purchasing agreements, or awarded in compliance with other provisions of the "Local Public Contracts Law," N.J.S.A. 40A:11.

The minutes indicate that bids were sought by public advertising for the following items:

- Consulting Services for Design and Construction Management for Repair and Replacement of Existing HVAC System at City Hall
- Reconstruction of Golf Cart Path Holes 10 to 18
- Design and Construction Management Services for Water System Improvements and Road Reconstruction 38th Street to Circle
- Emergency Generators at Various Locations
- Irrigation at the Brigantine Golf Links for Holes 1 through 9
- Reconstruction of Beachfront Parking Lots at Various Locations
- 14th Street Bulkhead Reconstruction
- Bulkhead Replacement at Pepper Cove
- Improvement to Atlantic/Brigantine Blvd

The minutes indicate that resolutions were adopted and advertised authorizing the awarding of contracts or agreements for "Professional Services" as required by N.J.S. 40A:11-5.

Collection of Interest on Delinquent Taxes and Assessments

The statutes provide 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 adopted the following resolution authorizing interest to be charged on delinquent taxes:

BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Brigantine, in accordance with Chapter 75, New Jersey Laws of 1991, and N.J.S.A. 54:4-67, 54:5-32, 54:5-34 and 54:5-35, which authorizes the Governing Body inter alia to fix the rate of interest to be charged, in the City of Brigantine, for the nonpayment of taxes, assessments and municipal charges, said rate of interest shall be and is hereby fixed at 8 per cent per annum on the first \$1,500 of delinquency and 18 per cent per annum on any amount in excess of \$1,500 to be calculated from the date when the taxes, assessments and charges become delinquent.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Brigantine, in accordance with N.J.S.A. 54:4-67, Chapter 75, New Jersey Laws of 1991, and Chapter 32, New Jersey Laws of 1994, which permits a 6 per cent penalty on taxes and municipal charges greater than \$10,000 as of the close of the fiscal year, that said end-of-year penalty shall be fixed for the year.

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

Delinquent Taxes and Tax Title Liens

Inspection of tax sale certificates on file revealed that all tax sale certificates were available for audit.

The following comparison is made of the number of tax title liens receivable on December 31st of the last three years:

<u>Year</u>	<u>Number</u>
2024	9
2023	10
2022	8

It is essential to good management that all means provided by the statutes be utilized to liquidate tax title liens in order to get such properties back on a tax-paying basis.

Verification of Delinquent Taxes and Other Charges

A test verification of delinquent tax and water/sewer charges as well as current tax and water/sewer payments was made in accordance with the regulations of the Division of Local Government Services, including the mailing of verification notices as follows:

<u>Type</u>	<u>Number Mailed</u>
Payments of 2024 and 2025 Taxes	25
Delinquent Taxes	25
Payment of Water and Sewer Rents	25
Delinquent Water and Sewer Rents	25
Total	<u>100</u>

As of the date of this audit report, all verifications have not been returned. However, no problems were noted with those that have been returned.

Comparison of Tax Levies and Collections 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 tax levies.

Year	Tax Levy	Currently	
		Cash Collections	Percentage of Collections
2024 \$	66,191,329.49	65,857,226.40	99.50%
2023	64,258,354.52	63,880,559.06	99.41%
2022	59,389,292.40	59,016,428.32	99.37%
2021	57,534,075.44	57,161,349.99	99.35%
2020	56,320,669.36	55,801,551.28	99.08%

Comparative Schedule of Tax Rate Information

		<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>
Tax Rate	\$	1.880	1.848	1.737	1.706	1.688
Apportionment of Tax Rate:						
Municipal		0.694	0.683	0.646	0.646	0.635
County		0.703	0.673	0.597	0.562	0.548
Local School		0.483	0.492	0.494	0.498	0.505
Assessed Valuation		3,495,385,600	3,434,155,000	3,404,663,000	3,356,576,700	3,322,876,700

Delinquent Taxes and Tax Title Liens

This tabulation includes a comparison, expressed in percentage, of the total delinquent taxes and tax title liens, in relation to the tax levies of the last five years.

Year	Amount of Tax Title Liens	Amount of Delinquent Taxes	Total Delinquent	Percentage Of Tax Levy
2024 \$	22,051.41	300,628.03	322,679.44	0.49%
2023	19,892.82	328,524.11	348,416.93	0.54%
2022	17,879.40	315,149.70	333,029.10	0.56%
2021	28,640.29	350,970.80	379,611.09	0.66%
2020	24,731.84	458,076.04	482,807.88	0.86%

Uniform Construction Code

The City of Brigantine's construction code official is in compliance with uniform construction code rules NJAC 5:23.17(b) 2 and NJAC 5:23.4.17(b) 3.

Deposit of Municipal Funds

N.J.S.A. 40A:5-15 states:

"All moneys, including moneys collected by taxation, received from any source by or on behalf of any local unit or any board or department thereof shall, within 48 hours after the receipt thereof, either:

- a. be paid to the officer charged with the custody of the general funds of the local unit, who shall deposit all such funds within 48 hours after the receipt thereof to the credit of the local unit in its designated legal depository, or
- b. be deposited to the credit of the local unit in its designated legal depository."

Our examination revealed that municipal funds were deposited within the mandated time.

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RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That no commitment be made, or expenditure approved for payment unless there is a sufficient balance in the proper budget line item.

In accordance with the Division of Local Government Services Regulations, a corrective action plan must be prepared and filed by the City Council in response to comments, if any.

Should any questions arise as to my comments or recommendations, or should you desire assistance in implementing my recommendations, please do not hesitate to contact me.

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