

**REPORT OF AUDIT**

**TOWNSHIP OF GREEN**

**COUNTY OF SUSSEX**

**DECEMBER 31, 2023**

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**TOWNSHIP OF GREEN**

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**PART I**

**REPORT OF AUDIT OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**AND SUPPLEMENTARY DATA**

**YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023**



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## INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

Honorable Mayor and  
Members of the Township Committee  
Township of Green  
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### **Report on the Financial Statements**

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

We have audited the accompanying balance sheets – regulatory basis of the various funds and account group of the Township of Green in the County of Sussex, as of December 31, 2023 and 2022, 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 the statement of expenditures – regulatory basis of the various funds for the year ended December 31, 2023, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Township's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

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 accompanying financial statements referred to above do not present fairly the financial position of each fund of the Township of Green as of December 31, 2023 and 2022, or changes in financial position for the years then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

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

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAS), the audit requirements prescribed by the Division of Local Government Services, Department of Community Affairs, State of New Jersey (the "Division") and Government Auditing Standards, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are required to be independent of the Township of Green, 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 adverse audit opinion.



As described in Note 1 of the financial statements, the financial statements are prepared by the Township of Green 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.

***Modified Opinion on Regulatory Basis of Accounting***

In our opinion, except for the effects of the matters described in the “Basis of Modified Opinion on the Regulatory Basis of Accounting” paragraph, the financial statements referred to above, present fairly, in all material respects, the regulatory basis balances sheets and account group as of December 31, 2023 and 2022, the regulatory basis statements of operations for the years then ended and the regulatory basis statements of revenues and expenditures and changes in fund balance for the year ended December 31, 2023 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 Modified Opinion on Regulatory Basis of Accounting***

As described in Note 16 of the financial statements, the Township participates in a Length of Service Award Program (“LOSAP”) for its volunteer fire and rescue personnel. The amount reflected in the Trust Fund statements of \$446,975.12 and \$416,315.56 for 2023 and 2022, respectively, were not audited and, therefore, we express no opinion on the LOSAP program.

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

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with accounting principles prescribed by the Division of Local Government Services, Department of Community Affairs, State of New Jersey, and 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 Township of Green’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 Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements***

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our 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 will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Misstatements are considered material if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, they would influence the judgement made by a reasonable user based on the financial statements.

In performing an audit in accordance with GAAS and Government Auditing Standards, 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 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 Township'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 Township's ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

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

***Other Matters***

***Other Information***

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the Township of Green'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.





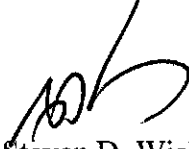
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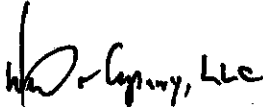
The supplementary information listed in the table of contents is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements. The information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied 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 supplementary information listed in the table of contents is fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the basic 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 any form of assurance thereon.

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

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated June 6, 2024 on our consideration of the Township of Green'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 internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the Township of Green's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

  
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No. 413

  
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June 6, 2024



Township of Green, N.J.

Comparative Balance Sheet - Regulatory Basis

Current Fund

December 31,

<u>Asset</u>	<u>Ref.</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
Current Fund:			
Cash	A-4	2,660,668.79	2,476,297.36
Change Fund	A-5	300.00	300.00
		<u>2,660,968.79</u>	<u>2,476,597.36</u>
Due From State of New Jersey:			
Senior Citizen and Veteran Deductions	A-9	6,701.63	7,451.63
		<u>2,667,670.42</u>	<u>2,484,048.99</u>
Receivables and Other Assets with Full Reserves:			
Delinquent Taxes Receivable	A-6	120,686.38	123,538.85
Property Acquired for Taxes - Assessed Valuation	A-7	197,400.00	197,400.00
		<u>318,086.38</u>	<u>320,938.85</u>
		<u>2,985,756.80</u>	<u>2,804,987.84</u>
Federal and State Grant Fund:			
Interfund Receivable			
Current Fund	A-18	460,390.99	430,952.09
		<u>3,446,147.79</u>	<u>3,235,939.93</u>

The accompanying "Notes to Financial Statements" are an integral part of these financial statements.

**Township of Green, N.J.**

**Comparative Balance Sheet - Regulatory Basis**

**Current Fund**

**December 31,**

	<u>Ref.</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
<b><u>Liabilities, Reserves and Fund Balance</u></b>			
<b>Current Fund:</b>			
Appropriation Reserves			
Unencumbered	A-3;A-11	300,483.45	290,716.95
Encumbered	A-3;A-11	194,380.87	232,787.71
Interfunds Payable:			
Federal and State Grant Fund	A-10	460,390.99	430,952.09
Due to State of New Jersey:			
Marriage Surcharge	A-12	50.00	-
Reserve for:			
Municipal Relief Funds	A-12	21,256.49	10,630.33
Tax Appeals	A-12	31,564.38	26,564.38
Sale of Municipal Assets	A-12	-	22,000.00
Accounts Payable	A-13	13,992.32	80,000.00
Prepaid Taxes	A-14	116,565.31	90,548.85
		1,138,683.81	1,184,200.31
Reserve for Receivables			
Fund Balance	Contra A-1	318,086.38	320,938.85
		1,528,986.61	1,299,848.68
		2,985,756.80	2,804,987.84
<b>Federal and State Grant Fund:</b>			
Encumbrances Payable	A-19	80,425.17	11.40
Appropriated Reserve for Grants	A-21	355,860.74	405,112.46
Unappropriated Reserve for Grants	A-22	24,105.08	25,828.23
		460,390.99	430,952.09
		3,446,147.79	3,235,939.93

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## Township of Green, N.J.

## Comparative Statement of Operations and Changes in Fund Balance - Regulatory Basis

## Current Fund

Years Ended December 31,

	<u>Ref.</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
Revenues and Other Income:			
Fund Balance Utilized	A-2	513,000.00	575,000.00
Miscellaneous Revenue Anticipated	A-2	683,354.15	605,476.94
Receipts from Delinquent Taxes	A-2	123,538.85	183,055.24
Receipts from Current Taxes	A-2	16,629,088.49	15,782,615.31
Non-Budget Revenue	A-2	26,079.17	71,260.62
Other Credits to Income:			
Unexpended Balance of Appropriation Reserves	A-11	309,295.01	228,719.90
Accounts Payable Cancelled	A-13	35,208.19	1,328.94
Total Revenues and Other Income		<u>18,319,563.86</u>	<u>17,447,456.95</u>
Expenditures:			
Budget and Emergency Appropriations:			
Operations - Within "CAPS"			
Salaries and Wages	A-3	932,362.00	884,258.00
Other Expenses	A-3	1,823,200.00	1,869,500.00
Deferred Charges and Statutory Expenditures -			
Municipal - Within "CAPS"	A-3	210,611.00	203,697.00
Operations - Excluded From CAPS:			
Other Expenses	A-3	178,239.23	294,362.03
Capital Improvements - Excluded from Caps	A-3	281,000.00	225,000.00
Municipal Debt Service - Excluded from Caps	A-3	342,056.18	342,038.16
County Taxes including Added Taxes	A-15	2,955,448.17	2,811,722.96
Local District School Tax	A-16	10,811,089.00	10,281,677.00
Municipal Open Space Tax	A-17	43,420.35	65,032.18
Total Expenditures		<u>17,577,425.93</u>	<u>16,977,287.33</u>
Statutory Excess to Fund Balance		742,137.93	470,169.62
Fund Balance, January 1,	A-1	<u>1,299,848.68</u>	<u>1,404,679.06</u>
		2,041,986.61	1,874,848.68
Decreased by:			
Fund Balance Utilized as Budget Revenue		<u>513,000.00</u>	<u>575,000.00</u>
Fund Balance, December 31,	A	<u><u>1,528,986.61</u></u>	<u><u>1,299,848.68</u></u>

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## Township of Green, N.J.

## Statement of Revenues - Regulatory Basis

## Current Fund

Year Ended December 31, 2023

	Ref.	Budget	Special N.J.S. 40A:4-87	Realized	Excess or (Deficit)
Fund Balance Anticipated	A-1	513,000.00	-	513,000.00	-
Miscellaneous Revenues:					
Licenses:					
Alcoholic Beverages	A-8	800.00	-	999.00	199.00
Fees and Permits	A-8	7,200.00	-	25,100.00	17,900.00
Fines and Costs					
Municipal Court	A-8	1,500.00	-	2,099.47	599.47
Interest and Costs on Taxes	A-8	25,000.00	-	32,109.30	7,109.30
Interest on Investments and Deposits	A-8	17,000.00	-	176,312.41	159,312.41
Energy Receipts Tax	A-8	205,196.00	-	205,195.64	(0.36)
Garden State Trust	A-8	4,084.00	-	5,029.00	945.00
Reserve for Municipal Relief Funds	A-8	10,630.33	-	10,630.33	-
Special Items of General Revenue Anticipated					
With Prior Written Consent of Director of Local Government Services:					
Shared Service Agreements					
Firefighting Services - Twp of Frelinghuysen	A-8	40,233.34	-	40,233.34	-
Public and Private Revenues:					
Clean Communities	A-20	12,769.72	-	12,769.72	-
Recycling Tonnage Grant	A-20	13,058.51	-	13,058.51	-
Sustainable Jersey Small Grants Program	A-20	-	2,000.00	2,000.00	-
Stormwater Assistance Grant	A-20	-	25,000.00	25,000.00	-
Other Special Items:					
Rental Receipts	A-8	75,000.00	-	87,268.08	12,268.08
General Capital Reserve for Debt Service	A-8	23,549.35	-	23,549.35	-
Sale of Municipal Assets	A-8	22,000.00	-	22,000.00	-
Total Miscellaneous Revenues	A-1	458,021.25	27,000.00	683,354.15	198,332.90
Receipts from Delinquent Taxes	A-1;A-2	100,000.00	-	123,538.85	23,538.85
Subtotal General Revenues		1,071,021.25	27,000.00	1,319,893.00	221,871.75
Amount to be Raised by Taxes for Support of Municipal Budget-Local Tax for Municipal Purposes					
Including Reserve for Uncollected Taxes	A-2	2,905,857.98	-	3,055,495.97	149,637.99
Budget Totals		3,976,879.23	27,000.00	4,375,388.97	371,509.74
Non-Budget Revenue	A-1;A-2	-	-	26,079.17	26,079.17
		3,976,879.23	27,000.00	4,401,468.14	397,588.91
		A-3	A-3		

The accompanying "Notes to Financial Statements" are an integral part of these financial statements.

## Township of Green, N.J.

## Statement of Revenues - Regulatory Basis

## Current Fund

## Year Ended December 31, 2023

<u>Analysis of Realized Revenues</u>	Ref.	
Revenue from Collections	A-1;A-6	16,629,088.49
Allocated to School, County, and Open Space Taxes	A-6	<u>13,809,957.52</u>
Balance for Support of Municipal Budget Appropriations		2,819,130.97
Add : Appropriation - Reserve for Uncollected Taxes	A-3	<u>236,365.00</u>
Amount for Support of Municipal Budget Appropriations	A-2	<u>3,055,495.97</u>
Receipts from Delinquent Taxes:		
Delinquent Taxes		
Taxes Receivable	A-6	<u>123,538.85</u>
		A-2
<u>Analysis of Non-budget Revenues</u>		
Miscellaneous Revenues Not Anticipated:		
Cable T.V. Franchise Fee		8,099.00
Veteran & Sr. Citizen Administrative Costs		430.00
Vacant/Abandoned Property Registrations		250.00
Use of Township Owned Facilities		390.00
Construction		2,500.00
Miscellaneous		<u>14,410.17</u>
	A-2; A-4	<u>26,079.17</u>

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Statement of Expenditures - Regulatory Basis

Current Fund

Year Ended December 31, 2023

	<u>Ref.</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Budget After Modification</u>	<u>Paid or Charged</u>	<u>Reserved</u>	<u>Unexpended Balance Cancelled</u>
<u>General Appropriations</u>						
General Government Functions						
Administrative and Executive						
Salaries and Wages		62,000.00	62,000.00	41,226.23	20,773.77	-
Other Expenses		24,500.00	24,500.00	14,459.80	10,040.20	-
Mayor & Committee						
Salaries & Wages		7,750.00	7,750.00	7,750.00	-	-
Other Expenses		3,300.00	3,300.00	860.00	2,440.00	-
Municipal Clerk						
Salaries & Wages		183,724.00	183,724.00	183,624.00	100.00	-
Other Expenses		12,200.00	12,200.00	7,153.79	5,046.21	-
Codification of Ordinances		5,000.00	5,000.00	1,195.00	3,805.00	-
Financial Administration:						
Salaries and Wages		114,246.00	114,246.00	108,398.86	5,847.14	-
Other Expenses		8,100.00	8,100.00	6,330.03	1,769.97	-
Audit Services		28,500.00	28,500.00	13,500.00	15,000.00	-
Computer Maintenance and Education		50,900.00	50,900.00	36,651.42	14,248.58	-
Collection of Taxes						
Salaries and Wages		51,090.00	51,090.00	51,090.00	-	-
Other Expenses		5,510.00	5,510.00	3,718.14	1,791.86	-
Assessment of Taxes						
Salaries and Wages		59,642.00	59,642.00	59,642.00	-	-
Other Expenses		11,250.00	11,250.00	1,144.60	10,105.40	-
Legal Services and Costs						
Other Expenses		74,500.00	74,500.00	54,032.42	20,467.58	-
Engineering Services and Costs						
Other Expenses		43,500.00	43,500.00	4,698.25	38,801.75	-

The accompanying "Notes to Financial Statements" are an integral part of these financial statements.

Statement of Expenditures - Regulatory Basis

Current Fund

Year Ended December 31, 2023

	<u>Ref.</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Budget After Modification</u>	<u>Paid or Charged</u>	<u>Reserved</u>	<u>Unexpended Balance Cancelled</u>
<u>General Appropriations</u>						
Municipal Land Use Law : (N.J.S. 40:55D-11)						
Planning Board						
Salaries and Wages		25,405.00	25,405.00	24,955.00	450.00	-
Other Expenses		12,800.00	12,800.00	4,559.40	8,240.60	-
Planner						
Other Expenses		5,500.00	5,500.00	4,877.50	622.50	-
Zoning Officer						
Salaries and Wages		13,000.00	13,000.00	9,801.46	3,198.54	-
Other Expenses		1,250.00	1,250.00	489.00	761.00	-
Emergency Management Services:						
Salaries and Wages		2,200.00	2,200.00	1,200.00	1,000.00	-
Other Expenses		8,250.00	8,250.00	665.57	7,584.43	-
Aid to Volunteer Fire Companies (N.J.S.A. 40A:14-34)						
Green Township Volunteer Fire Department		90,000.00	90,000.00	90,000.00	-	-
Fire Aid Organization - Contribution (N.J.S.A.40:5-2)						
Other Expenses		30,000.00	30,000.00	30,000.00	-	-
Uniform Fire Prevention Official						
Salaries and Wages		100.00	100.00	-	100.00	-
Streets and Roads:						
Road Repair and Maintenance:						
Salaries and Wages		324,100.00	324,100.00	324,100.00	-	-
Other Expenses		192,800.00	189,600.00	156,088.85	33,511.15	-
Storm Recovery						
Salaries & Wages		30,000.00	30,000.00	17,438.13	12,561.87	-
Other Expenses		90,100.00	90,100.00	17,843.03	72,256.97	-
Recycling and Separation Program						
Salaries and Wages		1.00	1.00	1.00	-	-



Statement of Expenditures - Regulatory Basis

Current Fund

Year Ended December 31, 2023

	<u>Ref.</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Budget After Modification</u>	<u>Paid or Charged</u>	<u>Reserved</u>	<u>Unexpended Balance Cancelled</u>
<u>General Appropriations</u>						
Garbage and Trash Removal		450,000.00	450,000.00	430,566.18	19,433.82	-
Other Expenses						
Public Buildings and Grounds		21,400.00	21,400.00	15,012.75	6,387.25	-
Salaries and Wages		71,100.00	71,100.00	48,378.61	22,721.39	-
Other Expenses						
Dog Regulation:						
Salaries and Wages		6,500.00	6,500.00	6,500.00	-	-
Contribution to Senior Citizens Center (N.J.S. 40:48-9)		2,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00	-	-
Environmental Committee (R.S. 40:56 A-2)						
Salaries and Wages		600.00	600.00	300.00	300.00	-
Other Expenses		1,200.00	1,200.00	207.32	992.68	-
Recreation and Education						
Recreation						
Salaries and Wages		12,848.00	12,848.00	12,448.00	400.00	-
Other Expenses		15,400.00	15,400.00	8,712.94	6,687.06	-
Insurance						
General Liability		80,000.00	83,200.00	81,071.10	2,128.90	-
Workers Compensation Insurance		77,625.00	77,625.00	75,503.72	2,121.28	-
Employees Group Health		272,480.00	272,480.00	248,770.94	23,709.06	-
Health Benefit Waiver		7,350.00	7,350.00	7,350.00	-	-
Municipal Court						
Salaries and Wages		2,465.00	2,465.00	2,465.00	-	-
Other Expenses		500.00	500.00	-	500.00	-
Public Defender						
Other Expense		200.00	200.00	-	200.00	-
Parks and Playgrounds:						
Salaries and Wages		5,500.00	5,500.00	3,596.15	1,903.85	-
Other Expenses		26,000.00	26,000.00	12,278.70	13,721.30	-

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Statement of Expenditures - Regulatory Basis

Current Fund

Year Ended December 31, 2023

	<u>Ref.</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Budget After Modification</u>	<u>Paid or Charged</u>	<u>Reserved</u>	<u>Unexpended Balance Cancelled</u>
<u>General Appropriations</u>						
H.B.V. Vaccination		660.00	660.00	-	660.00	-
Other Expenses						
Utility and Bulk Purchases						
Fire Hydrant		18,000.00	18,000.00	7,544.34	10,455.66	-
Electricity		18,000.00	18,000.00	12,061.93	5,938.07	-
Street Lighting		900.00	900.00	476.67	423.33	-
Telephone		16,200.00	16,200.00	10,199.08	6,000.92	-
Propane Gas		20,000.00	20,000.00	6,492.30	13,507.70	-
Fuel Oil-Gas		45,000.00	45,000.00	30,268.59	14,731.41	-
Uniform Construction Code -						
Appropriations Offset by Dedicated						
Revenues (N.J.A.C. 5:23-4.17)						
Code Enforcement & Administration						
Salaries and Wages		5,791.00	5,791.00	5,791.00	-	-
Other Expenses		1,650.00	1,650.00	1,399.32	250.68	-
Accumulated Absences						
Salaries and Wages		4,000.00	4,000.00	4,000.00	-	-
Celebration of Public Events, Anniversary or Holiday:						
Other Expenses		975.00	975.00	459.90	515.10	-
Total Operations {Item 8 (A)} Within "CAPS"		<u>2,755,562.00</u>	<u>2,755,562.00</u>	<u>2,311,348.02</u>	<u>444,213.98</u>	-
Total Operations Including Contingent-						
Within "CAPS"		<u>2,755,562.00</u>	<u>2,755,562.00</u>	<u>2,311,348.02</u>	<u>444,213.98</u>	-
Detail:						
Salaries and Wages	A-1	932,362.00	932,362.00	879,339.58	53,022.42	-
Other Expenses (Including Contingent)	A-1	<u>1,823,200.00</u>	<u>1,823,200.00</u>	<u>1,432,008.44</u>	<u>391,191.56</u>	-

Statement of Expenditures - Regulatory Basis

Current Fund

Year Ended December 31, 2023

	<u>Ref.</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Budget After Modification</u>	<u>Paid or Charged</u>	<u>Reserved</u>	<u>Unexpended Balance Cancelled</u>
<u>General Appropriations</u>						
Deferred Charges and Statutory Expenditures-						
Municipal Within "CAPS"						
Statutory Expenditures:						
Contribution to:						
Public Employees' Retirement System		124,611.00	124,611.00	124,611.00	-	-
Public Employees' Retirement System Back Deductions		1,500.00	1,500.00	-	1,500.00	-
Social Security System (O.A.S.I.)		75,000.00	75,000.00	65,863.89	9,136.11	-
Unemployment Compensation Insurance		7,000.00	7,000.00	4,118.68	2,881.32	-
Defined Contribution Retirement Program		2,500.00	2,500.00	408.38	2,091.62	-
Total Deferred Charged and Statutory Expenditures - Municipal within "CAPS"	A-1	210,611.00	210,611.00	195,001.95	15,609.05	-
Total General Appropriations for Municipal Purposes within "CAPS"		2,966,173.00	2,966,173.00	2,506,349.97	459,823.03	-
(A) Operations - Excluded From "CAPS"						
Operations - Excluded From "CAPS"						
Length of Service Award Program		24,640.00	24,640.00	24,627.40	12.60	-
Public Employees' Retirement System Insurance		21,783.00	21,783.00	21,783.00	-	-
Workers Compensation		2,375.00	2,375.00	2,375.00	-	-
Group Insurance		6,520.00	6,520.00	6,520.00	-	-
Refund of Tax Appeals		5,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00	-	-
Total Other Operations - Excluded From CAPS		60,318.00	60,318.00	60,305.40	12.60	-
Interlocal Municipal Service Agreements						
Dispatch Services - "911"		12,092.00	12,092.00	12,092.00	-	-
Municipal Court						
Other Expenses		52,000.00	52,000.00	48,000.00	4,000.00	-
Total Interlocal Municipal Service Agreements		64,092.00	64,092.00	60,092.00	4,000.00	-

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Statement of Expenditures - Regulatory Basis

Current Fund

	Year Ended December 31, 2023		Budget	Paid or	Reserved	Unexpended
	Ref.	Budget	After Modification	Charged		Balance Cancelled
<u>General Appropriations</u>						
Public and Private Programs Offset By Revenues						
Clean Communities Grant		12,769.72	12,769.72	12,769.72	-	-
Other Expenses						
Recycling Tonnage Grant						
Other Expenses		13,058.51	13,058.51	13,058.51	-	-
Sustainable Jersey Small Grant Program		-	2,000.00	2,000.00	-	-
Stormwater Assistance Grant		-	25,000.00	25,000.00	-	-
Municipal Matching Funds - Action Alliance Grant		1,000.00	1,000.00	377.31	622.69	-
Municipal Matching Funds		1.00	1.00	-	1.00	-
Total Public and Private Programs Offset		26,829.23	53,829.23	53,205.54	623.69	-
By Revenues						
Total Operations - Excluded from "CAPS"		151,239.23	178,239.23	173,602.94	4,636.29	-
Detail:						
Other Expenses	A-1	151,239.23	178,239.23	173,602.94	4,636.29	-
Capital Improvements - Excluded From "CAPS"						
Capital Improvement Fund		112,000.00	112,000.00	112,000.00	-	-
Improvement to Municipal Properties		30,000.00	30,000.00	5,000.00	25,000.00	-
Purchase of Fire Truck		14,000.00	14,000.00	14,000.00	-	-
Purchase of DPW Truck		125,000.00	125,000.00	119,595.00	5,405.00	-
Total Capital Improvements Excluded from "CAPS"	A-1	281,000.00	281,000.00	250,595.00	30,405.00	-
Municipal Debt Service - Excluded From "CAPS"						
Payment of Bond Principal		123,000.00	123,000.00	123,000.00	-	-
Payment of Bond Anticipation Notes & Capital		133,000.00	133,000.00	133,000.00	-	-
Interest on Bonds		5,843.00	5,843.00	5,842.50	-	0.50
Interest on Notes		14,215.00	14,215.00	14,170.53	-	44.47

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Statement of Expenditures - Regulatory Basis

Current Fund

Year Ended December 31, 2023

	Ref.	Budget	Budget After Modification	Paid or Charged	Reserved	Unexpended Balance Cancelled
<u>General Appropriations</u>						
Green Loan Trust Program:						
Payment of Dam Restoration Loan Principal		56,278.00	56,278.00	56,277.42	-	0.58
Interest on Dam Restoration Loan		9,766.00	9,766.00	9,765.73	-	0.27
Total Municipal Debt Service-Excluded from "CAPS"	A-1	342,102.00	342,102.00	342,056.18		45.82
Total General Appropriations for Municipal Purposes Excluded from "CAPS"		774,341.23	801,341.23	766,254.12	35,041.29	45.82
Total General Appropriations - Excluded From "CAPS"		774,341.23	801,341.23	766,254.12	35,041.29	45.82
Subtotal General Appropriations		3,740,514.23	3,767,514.23	3,272,604.09	494,864.32	45.82
Reserve for Uncollected Taxes	A-2	236,365.00	236,365.00	236,365.00	-	-
Total General Appropriations		3,976,879.23	4,003,879.23	3,508,969.09	494,864.32	45.82
<u>Analysis of Modified Budget</u>			A-2			
Adopted Budget		3,976,879.23	3,976,879.23			
Appropriation by 40A.4-87	A-2		27,000.00			
			4,003,879.23			
<u>Analysis of Paid or Charged</u>						
Reserve for Uncollected Taxes	A-2			236,365.00		
Cash Disbursed	A-4			3,219,775.86		
Schedule of Appropriated Reserves for Grants	A-21			52,828.23		
				3,508,969.09		
<u>Analysis of Appropriation Reserve</u>						
Unencumbered	A				300,483.45	
Encumbered	A				194,380.87	
					494,864.32	

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Township of Green, N.J.

Comparative Balance Sheet - Regulatory Basis

Trust Funds

December 31,

	<u>Ref.</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
<u>Assets</u>			
Animal Control Trust Fund:			
Cash	B-1	<u>6,199.33</u>	<u>3,934.55</u>
Other Trust Funds:			
Cash	B-1	<u>4,915,487.92</u>	<u>4,682,807.45</u>
Emergency Services Volunteer Length of Service Award Program ( Unaudited)			
Cash	B-1	431,495.04	398,815.56
Contributions Receivable	B-7	<u>15,480.08</u>	<u>17,500.00</u>
		<u>446,975.12</u>	<u>416,315.56</u>
Total Assets		<u>5,368,662.37</u>	<u>5,103,057.56</u>

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Township of Green, N.J.

Comparative Balance Sheet - Regulatory Basis

Trust Funds

December 31,

<u>Liabilities, Reserves &amp; Fund Balance</u>	<u>Ref.</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
Animal Control Trust Fund:			
Reserve for Dog Expenditures	B-2	6,195.13	3,761.03
Reserve for Encumbrances	B-3	4.20	173.52
		<u>6,199.33</u>	<u>3,934.55</u>
Other Trust Fund:			
Reserve for:			
Encumbrances	B-5	45,869.61	80,893.67
Various Reserves	B-6	4,869,618.31	4,601,913.78
		<u>4,915,487.92</u>	<u>4,682,807.45</u>
Emergency Services Volunteer Length of Service Award Program ( Unaudited)			
Net Assets Available for Benefits	B-8	446,975.12	416,315.56
		<u>446,975.12</u>	<u>416,315.56</u>
Total Liabilities, Reserves and Fund Balances		<u>5,368,662.37</u>	<u>5,103,057.56</u>

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## Township of Green, N.J.

## Comparative Balance Sheet - Regulatory Basis

## General Capital Fund

December 31,

	<u>Ref.</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
<u>Assets</u>			
Cash	C-2;C-3	406,709.61	429,883.03
Deferred Charges to Future Taxation			
Funded	C-4	446,008.89	625,286.31
Unfunded	C-5	357,000.00	490,000.00
Grants Receivable	C-6	93,495.00	41,550.00
		<u>1,303,213.50</u>	<u>1,586,719.34</u>
<u>Liabilities, Reserves and Fund Balance</u>			
Capital Improvement Fund	C-7	201,678.61	187,678.61
Improvement Authorizations:			
Funded	C-8	143,684.19	28,537.90
Various Reserves	C-9	152,145.85	224,701.03
DEP Loans Payable	C-10	446,008.89	502,286.31
General Serial Bonds	C-11	-	123,000.00
Bond Anticipation Notes	C-12	357,000.00	490,000.00
Fund Balance	C-1	2,695.96	30,515.49
		<u>1,303,213.50</u>	<u>1,586,719.34</u>

Footnote C: There were no Bonds and Notes Authorized But Not Issued  
on December 31, 2023 and 2022.

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**Township of Green, N.J.**

**Comparative Schedule of Fund Balance - Regulatory Basis**

**General Capital Fund**

**Year Ended December 31,**

	<u>Ref.</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
Balance - January 1,	C	30,515.49	5,173.09
Increased by:			
Improvement Authorizations Cancelled	C-8	39,695.47	25,342.40
		<u>70,210.96</u>	<u>30,515.49</u>
Decreased by:			
Appropriated to Finance Improvement Authorizations	C-8	67,515.00	-
Balance - December 31,	C	<u><u>2,695.96</u></u>	<u><u>30,515.49</u></u>

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## Township of Green, N. J.

## Comparative Statement of General Fixed Assets - Regulatory Basis

December 31,

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
<u>General Fixed Assets:</u>		
Land	2,436,300.00	2,436,300.00
Buildings	1,639,000.00	1,639,000.00
Equipment (Including Vehicles)	<u>2,864,290.00</u>	<u>2,740,489.00</u>
Total	<u><u>6,939,590.00</u></u>	<u><u>6,815,789.00</u></u>
Investment in Fixed Assets	<u><u>6,939,590.00</u></u>	<u><u>6,815,789.00</u></u>

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## TOWNSHIP OF GREEN, N.J.

### **NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023 AND 2022**

#### **NOTE 1: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

The Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) is the accepted standard-setting body for establishing governmental accounting and financial reporting principles. The GASB Codification establishes seven fund types and two account groups to be used by governmental units when reporting financial position and results of operations in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP).

The financial statements of the Township of Green (the "Township") have been prepared in conformity with accounting principles and practices prescribed by the Division of Local Government Services, Department of Community Affairs, State of New Jersey (the "Division") which is an other comprehensive basis of accounting other than generally accepted accounting principles. Such principles and practices are designed primarily for determining compliance with legal provisions and budgetary restrictions and as a means of reporting on the stewardship of public officials with respect to public funds. Under this method of accounting, the Township accounts for its financial transactions through the following separate funds which differ from the fund structure required by GAAP.

#### A. Reporting Entity

The Township operates under a Township Committee form of government. The Township's major operations include public safety, road repair and maintenance, sanitation, fire protection, recreation and parks, health services, and general administrative services.

GASB has issued Statement No. 14 which requires the financial reporting entity to include both the primary government and those component units for which the primary government is financially accountable. Financial accountability is defined as appointment of a voting majority of the component unit's board, and either a) the ability to impose will be by the primary government, or b) the possibility that the component unit will provide a financial benefit to or impose a financial burden on the primary government.

However, the municipalities in the State of New Jersey do not prepare financial statements in accordance with GAAP and thus do not comply with all of the GASB pronouncements. The financial statements contained herein include only those boards, bodies, officers or commissions as required by NJS 40A:5-5. Accordingly, the financial statements of the Township do not include the volunteer fire department which is considered a component unit under GAAP. Complete financial statements of the above components can be obtained by contacting the Treasurer of the respective entity.

#### B. Measurement Focus, Basis of Accounting and Basis of Presentation

The Township uses funds, as required by the Division, to report on its financial position and the results of its operations. Fund accounting is designed to demonstrate legal compliance and to aid financial administration by segregating transactions related to certain Township functions or activities. An account group, on the other hand, is designed to provide accountability for certain assets and liabilities that are not recorded in those Funds.

**TOWNSHIP OF GREEN, N.J.**

**NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023 AND 2022  
(CONTINUED)**

**NOTE 1: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)**

**B. Measurement Focus, Basis of Accounting and Basis of Presentation (Continued)**

The Township has the following funds and account groups

Current Fund - This fund accounts for resources and expenditures for governmental operations of a general nature, including Federal and State grants.

Trust Funds - Trust Funds are used to account for assets held by the government in a trustee capacity. Funds held by the Township as an agent for individual, private organizations, or other governments are recorded in the Trust Funds.

Other Trust Fund - This fund is established to account for the assets and resources which are also held by the Township as a trustee or agent for individuals, private organizations, other governments and/or other funds.

Animal Control Trust Fund - This fund is used to account for fees collected from dog licenses and expenditures which are regulated by NJS 4:19-15.11.

Emergency Services Volunteer Length of Service Award Plan (LOSAP) Trust Fund - This fund is used to account for the cumulative amount of each participant's length of service awards, including any income, gains, losses or increases or decreases in the market value attributable to the investment of the participant's awards.

General Capital Fund - This fund is used to account for the receipt and disbursement of funds used for acquisition or improvement of general capital facilities, other than those acquired in the Current Fund.

General Fixed Assets Account Group - To account for all fixed assets of the Township. The Township's infrastructure is not reported in the group.

Basis of Accounting - A modified accrual basis of accounting is followed by the Township of Green. Under this method of accounting revenues, except State/Federal Aid, are recognized when received and expenditures are recorded, when incurred. The accounting principles and practices prescribed for municipalities by the Division differ in certain respects from accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP) applicable to local governmental units. The more significant differences are as follows:

Property Tax Revenues - Real property taxes are assessed locally, based upon the assessed value of the property. The tax bill includes a levy for Municipal, County and School purposes. The bills are mailed annually in June for that calendar year's levy. Taxes are payable in four quarterly installments on February 1, May 1, August 1, and November 1. The amounts of the first and second installments are determined as one quarter of the total tax levied against the property for the preceding year. The

**TOWNSHIP OF GREEN, N.J.**

**NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023 AND 2022  
(CONTINUED)**

**NOTE 1: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)**

B. Measurement Focus, Basis of Accounting and Basis of Presentation (Continued)

installment due the third and fourth quarters is determined by taking the current year levy less the amount previously charged for the first and second installments, with the remainder being divided equally. If unpaid on these dates, the amount due becomes delinquent and subject to interest at 8% per annum, or 18% on any delinquency amount in excess of \$1,500. The school levy is turned over to the Board of Education as expenditures are incurred, and the balance, if any, must be transferred as of June 30, of each fiscal year. County taxes are paid quarterly on February 15, May 15, August 15 and November 15, to the County by the Township. When unpaid taxes or any municipal lien, or part thereof, on real property, remain in arrears on the 11<sup>th</sup> day of the 11<sup>th</sup> month of the fiscal year levied, the collector in the municipality shall subject to the provisions of the New Jersey statutes enforce the lien by placing the property on a tax sale. Annual in rem tax foreclosure proceedings are instituted to enforce the tax collection or acquisition of title to the property by the Township. In accordance with the accounting principles prescribed by the State of New Jersey, current and delinquent taxes are realized as revenue when collected. Since delinquent taxes and liens are fully reserved, no provision has been made to estimate that portion of the taxes receivable and tax title liens that are uncollectible. GAAP requires tax revenues to be recognized in the accounting period when they become susceptible to accrual, reduced by an allowance for doubtful accounts.

Miscellaneous Revenues - Miscellaneous revenues are recognized on a cash basis. Receivables for the miscellaneous items that are susceptible to accrual are recorded with offsetting reserves on the balance sheet of the Township's Current Fund. GAAP requires such revenues to be recognized in the accounting period when they become susceptible to accrual.

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

Budgets and Budgetary Accounting - An annual budget is required to be adopted and integrated into the accounting system to provide budgetary control over revenues and expenditures for the Current Fund. Budget amounts presented in the accompanying financial statements represent amounts adopted by the Township and approved by the State Division of Local Government Services per N.J.S.A. 40-A:4 et seq.

The Township is not required to adopt budgets for the following funds:

General Capital Fund  
Trust Funds

The governing body shall introduce and approve the annual budget not later than February 10, of the fiscal year. The budget shall be adopted not later than March 20, and prior to adoption must be certified

**TOWNSHIP OF GREEN, N.J.**

**NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023 AND 2022  
(CONTINUED)**

**NOTE 1: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)**

**B. Measurement Focus, Basis of Accounting and Basis of Presentation (Continued)**

by the Division of Local Government Services, Department of Community Affairs, State of New Jersey. The Director of the Division of Local Government Services, with the approval of the Local Finance Board may extend the introduction and approval and adoption dates of the municipal budget. The budget is prepared by fund, function, activity and line item (salary or other expense) and includes information on the previous year. The legal level of control for appropriations is exercised at the individual line item level for all operating budgets adopted. Emergency appropriations, those made after the adoption of the budget and determination of the tax rate, may be authorized by the governing body of the municipality. During the last two months of the fiscal year, the governing body may, by a 2/3 vote, amend the budget through line item transfers. Management has no authority to amend the budget without the approval of the Governing Body. Expenditures may not legally exceed budgeted appropriations at the line item level. During 2023, the Governing Body approved \$27,000.00 additional revenues and appropriations in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:4-8, and several budget transfers were approved by the Governing Body.

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 an encumbrance accounting system. Outstanding encumbrances at December 31, are reported as a cash liability in the financial statements. Unexpended or uncommitted appropriations, at December 31, are reported as expenditures through the establishment of appropriations reserves unless canceled by the governing body. GAAP requires expenditures to be recognized in the accounting period in which the fund liability is incurred, if measurable, except for unmatured interest on general long-term debt, which should be recognized when due.

Encumbrances - Contractual orders outstanding at December 31, are reported as expenditures through the establishment of an encumbrance payable. Encumbrances do not constitute expenditures under GAAP.

Appropriation Reserves - Are available, until lapsed at the close of the succeeding year, to meet specific claims, commitments or contracts incurred during the preceding year. Lapsed appropriation reserves are recorded as additions to income. Appropriation reserves do not exist under GAAP

Compensated Absences - Expenditures relating to obligations for unused vested accumulated vacation and sick pay are not recorded until paid. GAAP requires that the amount that would normally be liquidated with expendable available financial resources be recorded as an expenditure in the operating funds and the remaining obligations be recorded as a long-term obligation.

Property Acquired for Taxes - Is recorded in the Current Fund at the assessed valuation when such property was acquired and fully reserved. GAAP requires such property to be recorded in the General Fixed Assets Account Group at market value on the date of acquisition.

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**NOTE 1: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)**

B. Measurement Focus, Basis of Accounting and Basis of Presentation (Continued)

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. GAAP does not require the establishment of an offsetting reserve.

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

Cash and Investments - Cash includes amounts in demand deposits as well as short-term investments with a maturity date within one year of the date acquired by the government. Investments are stated at cost and are limited by NJSA 40A:5-15.1(a).

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

Comparative Data - Comparative data for the prior year has been presented in the accompanying balance sheets and statements of operations in order to provide an understanding of changes in the Township's financial position and operations. However, comparative data have not been presented in all statements and notes to financial statements because their inclusion would make certain statements and notes to financial statements unduly complex and difficult to understand.

Use of Estimates - The preparation of financial statements requires management of the Township to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Accordingly, actual results could differ from those estimates.

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

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 sidewalks and drainage systems are not capitalized.

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**NOTE 1: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)**

**B. Measurement Focus, Basis of Accounting and Basis of Presentation (Continued)**

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

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.

GAAP requires that all fixed assets be capitalized at historical cost or estimated historical cost if actual historical cost is not available.

**Impact of Recently Issued Accounting Principles**

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

GASB Statement No. 96, *Subscription-Based Information Technology Arrangements*. This Statement provides guidance on the accounting and financial reporting for subscription-based information technology arrangements (SBITAs) for government end users (governments). This Statement (1) defines a SBITA; (2) establishes that a SBITA results in a right-to-use subscription asset, an intangible asset, and a corresponding subscription liability; (3) provides the capitalization criteria for outlays other than subscription payments, including implementation costs of a SBITA; and (4) requires note disclosures regarding a SBITA. To the extent relevant, the standards for SBITAs are based on the standards established in Statement No. 87, *Leases*, as amended. The Statement will become effective for the Township's year ending December 31, 2023. As a result of the regulatory basis of accounting previously described in note 1, this Statement will have no impact on the financial statements of the Township.

The Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) has issued the following statements that have effective dates that may affect future financial presentations:

GASB Statement No. 101, *Compensated Absences*. The objective of this Statement is to better meet the information needs of financial statement users by updating the recognition and measurement guidance for compensated absences. That objective is achieved by aligning the recognition and measurement guidance under a unified model and by amending certain previously required disclosures. The Statement will become effective for the Township in the year ending December 31, 2024. As a result of the regulatory basis of accounting previously described in note 1, this Statement will have no impact on the financial statements of the Township, however, management is currently evaluating whether or not this Statement will have an impact on the financial statement disclosures of the Township.



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**NOTE 1: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)**

**B. Measurement Focus, Basis of Accounting and Basis of Presentation (Continued)**

In December 2023, the Government Accounting Standards Board issued GASB Statement No. 102, Certain Risk Disclosures. This Statement requires a government to assess whether a concentration or constraint makes the primary government reporting unit or other reporting units that report a liability for revenue debt vulnerable to the risk of a substantial impact. Additionally, this Statement requires a government to assess whether an event or events associated with a concentration or constraint that could cause the substantial impact have occurred, have begun to occur, or are more likely than not to begin to occur within 12 months of the date the financial statements are issued. The requirements of this Statement are effective for fiscal years beginning after June 15, 2024, and all reporting periods thereafter. As a result of the regulatory basis of accounting previously described in note 1, this Statement will have no impact on the financial statements of the Township, however, management is currently evaluating whether or not this Statement will have an impact on the financial statement disclosures of the Township.

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**NOTE 1: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)**

C. Basic Financial Statements

The GASB Codification also defines the financial statements of a governmental unit to be presented in the general purpose financial statements to be in accordance with GAAP. The Township presents the financial statements listed in the table of contents which are required by the Division and which differ from the financial statements required by GAAP. In addition, the Division requires the financial statements listed in the table of contents to be referenced to the supplementary schedules. This practice differs from GAAP.

Under New Jersey State Statutes, the annual budget is required to be a balanced cash basis document. To accomplish this, the municipality is required to establish a reserve for uncollected taxes. The 2023 statutory budget included a reserve for uncollected taxes in the amount of \$236,365.00 to balance the budget, the municipality is required to show a budgeted fund balance. The amount of fund balance budgeted to balance the 2023 statutory budget was \$513,000.00.

**NOTE 2: BUDGETARY INFORMATION**

Interdepartment budget transfers are not permitted prior to November 1. After November 1, budget transfers can be made in the form of a resolution and approved by the Township Committee.

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 2023, the Township added the following to revenues and appropriations: \$2,000.00, Sustainable Jersey Small Grant Program; and \$25,000.00 Stormwater Assistance Grant.

The municipality 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. During 2023, there were no emergency authorizations inserted into the budget.

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**NOTE 3: GENERAL FIXED ASSETS**

The following schedule is a summarization of changes in the general fixed assets account group for the year 2023:

	<u>Balance</u> <u>Dec. 31, 2022</u>	<u>Additions</u>	<u>Deletions</u>	<u>Balance</u> <u>Dec. 31, 2023</u>
Land	\$2,436,300.00	\$	\$	\$2,436,300.00
Building	1,639,000.00			1,639,000.00
Machinery and Equipment	<u>2,740,489.00</u>	<u>123,801.00</u>		<u>2,864,290.00</u>
	<u>\$6,815,789.00</u>	<u>\$123,801.00</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>\$6,939,590.00</u>

**NOTE 4: MUNICIPAL DEBT**

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

	<u>Balance</u> <u>Dec. 31, 2021</u>	<u>Additions</u>	<u>Reductions</u>	<u>Ending</u> <u>Balance</u>	<u>Amounts Due</u> <u>Within</u> <u>One Year</u>
Bonds Payable - General Obligation Debt	\$123,000.00	\$ -	\$123,000.00	\$0.00	\$
DEP - Loans Payable	502,286.31	-	56,277.42	446,008.89	57,408.58
Compensated Absences Payable	<u>72,173.69</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>13,705.81</u>	<u>58,467.88</u>	
	<u>\$697,460.00</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>\$192,983.23</u>	<u>\$504,476.77</u>	<u>\$57,408.58</u>

(1) Net increase of days allowed and days used

The Local Bond law governs the issuance of bonds and notes to finance capital expenditures. General obligation bonds have been issued for the general capital fund. All bonds are retired in serial installments within the statutory period of usefulness. Bonds issued by the Township are general obligation bonds, backed by the full faith and credit of the Township. Bond anticipation notes, which are issued to temporarily finance capital projects, must be paid off within ten years and five months or retired by the issuance of bonds.

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**NOTE 4: MUNICIPAL DEBT (Continued)**

The Township's debt is summarized as follows:

	<u>Year 2023</u>	<u>Year 2022</u>	<u>Year 2021</u>
<b>Issued:</b>			
<b>General:</b>			
Bonds, Notes and Loans	<u>\$803,008.89</u>	<u>\$1,115,286.31</u>	<u>\$1,430,454.84</u>
<b><u>Authorized But Not Issued</u></b>			
<b>General:</b>			
Bonds and Notes	<u>-0-</u>	<u>-0-</u>	<u>-0-</u>
<b>Net Bonds and Notes Issued and   Authorized But Not Issued</b>	<u>\$803,008.89</u>	<u>\$1,115,286.31</u>	<u>\$1,430,454.84</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 statement net debt of 0.212%.

	<u>Gross Debt</u>	<u>Deductions</u>	<u>Net Debt</u>
Local and Regional School			
District Debt	\$1,200,000.00	\$1,200,000.00	\$0.00
General Debt	<u>803,008.89</u>	<u>-0-</u>	<u>803,008.89</u>
	<u>\$2,003,008.89</u>	<u>\$1,200,000.00</u>	<u>\$803,008.89</u>

Net Debt \$803,008.89 divided by equalized valuation basis per N.J.S. 40A:2-2 as amended, \$560,971,283.00 = 0.143%.

**ANALYSIS OF AVERAGE EQUALIZED VALUATION**

2023	\$560,971,283.00		
2022		\$513,773,993.00	
2021			\$478,077,216.00

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**NOTE 4: MUNICIPAL DEBT (Continued)**

The foregoing debt information is in agreement with the Annual Debt Statement filed by Chief Financial Officer.

**BORROWING POWER UNDER N.J.S. 40A:2-6 AS AMENDED**

3 ½% of Equalized Valuation Basis (Municipal)	\$19,633,994.91
Net Debt	<u>803,008.89</u>
Remaining Borrowing Power	<u>\$18,830,986.02</u>

Analysis of Long-term Debt as of December 31, 2023 consisted of the following:

Dam Restoration at Lake Tranquility Dam - Dated 12/9/2011 with the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection. This loan is payable in semi-annual installments of \$13,742.35 through 9/8/30. Interest is calculated at 2.00% and is included in the semi-annual installments. This method of calculating interest is not in confirmation with New Jersey Statutes. The Township has received approval from the Local Finance Board to use this method of interest calculation for this issue. The remaining balance at December 31, 2023 was \$178,701.40.

Dam Restoration at Lake Tranquility Dam - Dated 12/12/2011 with the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection. This loan is payable in semi-annual installments of \$19,279.23 through 3/08/31. Interest is calculated at 2.00% and is included in the semi-annual installments. This method of calculating interest is not in confirmation with New Jersey Statutes. The Township has received approval from the Local Finance Board to use this method of interest calculation for this issue. The remaining balance at December 31, 2023 was \$267,307.49.

Outstanding Bond principal and interest are paid from the Current Fund of the Township.

	<u>Debt Outstanding</u>
Total General Capital Bonds and Loans - Listed in above	<u>\$446,008.89</u>

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**NOTE 4: MUNICIPAL DEBT (Continued)**

**SCHEDULE OF ANNUAL DEBT SERVICES FOR PRINCIPAL AND INTEREST FOR LONG  
TERM DEBT ISSUED AND OUTSTANDING**

<u>General Capital Bonds and Loans</u>			
Calendar <u>Year</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Interest</u>	<u>Principal</u>
2024	\$66,043.13	\$8,634.55	\$57,408.58
2025	66,043.16	7,480.65	58,562.51
2026	66,043.15	6,303.54	59,739.61
2027	66,043.15	5,102.77	60,940.38
2028	66,043.13	3,877.87	62,165.26
2029-2031	<u>151,365.54</u>	<u>4,172.99</u>	<u>147,192.55</u>
	<u>\$481,581.26</u>	<u>\$35,572.37</u>	<u>\$446,008.89</u>

**NOTE 5: BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES**

The Township issues bond anticipation notes to temporarily fund various capital projects prior to the issuance of serial bonds. The term of the notes cannot exceed one year but the notes may be renewed from time to time for a period not exceeding one year. Generally, such notes must be paid no later than the first day of the fifth month following the close of the tenth fiscal year following the date of the original notes. The State of New Jersey also prescribes that on or before the third anniversary date of the original note, a payment of an amount at least equal to the first legally payable installment of the bonds in anticipation of such notes were issued be paid or retired. A second and third legal installment must be paid if the notes are to be renewed beyond the fourth and fifth anniversary date of the original issuance.

On December 31, 2023, the Township had \$357,000.00 in outstanding General Capital Bond Anticipation Notes maturing on August 8, 2024 at an interest rate of 4.17%.

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**NOTE 5: BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES (Continued)**

The following activity related to bond anticipation notes occurred during the calendar year ended December 31, 2023:

<u>General Capital</u>	<u>Beginning Balance</u>	<u>Addition</u>	<u>Reductions</u>	<u>Ending Balance</u>
Township of East Brunswick	\$490,000.00		\$490,000.00	\$0.00
Amboy Bank		<u>357,000.00</u>		<u>357,000.00</u>
	<u>\$490,000.00</u>	<u>\$357,000.00</u>	<u>\$490,000.00</u>	<u>\$357,000.00</u>

**NOTE 6: DUE TO/FROM OTHER FUNDS**

Balances due to/from other funds at December 31, 2023 consist of the following:

\$460,390.99 Due to Federal and State Grant Fund from Current Fund for cash receipts and disbursements.

It is anticipated that all interfunds will be liquidated during the calendar year.

**NOTE 7: FUND BALANCES APPROPRIATED**

Fund balances at December 31, 2023 and 2022 which were appropriated and included as anticipated revenue in their own respective funds for the years ending December 31, 2024 and 2023 were as follows:

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
Current Fund	<u>\$600,000.00</u>	<u>\$513,000.00</u>

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**NOTE 8: PENSION PLAN**

Description of Plans:

Township employees participate in one of the two contributory, defined benefit public employee retirement systems: the State of New Jersey Public Employees' Retirement System (PERS) or the Defined Contribution Retirement Program (DCRP), a tax-qualified defined contribution money purchase pension plan under Internal Revenue Code (IRC) 401(a).

*Public Employees' Retirement System (PERS)*

Plan Description

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

Benefits Provided

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

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

Service retirement benefits of 1/55<sup>th</sup> of final average salary for each year of service credit is available to Tiers 1 and 2 members upon reaching age 60 and to Tier 3 members upon reaching age 62. Service retirement benefits of 1/60<sup>th</sup> of final average salary for each year of service credit is available to Tier 4 members upon reaching age 62 and to Tier 5 members upon reaching age 65. Early retirement benefits are available to Tiers 1 and 2 members before reaching age 60, to Tiers 3 and 4 before age 62 with 25 or more years of service credit and Tier 5 with 30 or more years of service credit before age 65. Benefits are reduced by a fraction of a percent for each month that a member retires prior to the age at which a member can receive



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**NOTE 8: PENSION PLAN (Continued)**

**Benefits Provided** (Continued)

full early retirement benefits in accordance with their respective tier. Tier 1 members can receive an unreduced benefit from age 55 to age 60 if they have at least 25 years of service. Deferred retirement is available to members who have at least 10 years of service credit and have not reached the service retirement age for the respective tier.

**Defined Contribution Retirement Program**

Prudential Financial jointly administers the DCRP investments with the NJ Division of Pensions and Benefits. If an employee is ineligible to enroll in the PERS, the employee may be eligible to enroll in the DCRP. DCRP provides eligible members with a tax-sheltered, defined contribution retirement benefit, along with life insurance and disability coverage. Vesting is immediate upon enrollment for members of the DCRP.

The State of New Jersey, Department of the Treasury, Division of Pensions and Benefits, issues publicly available financial reports that include the financial statements and required supplementary information of the DCRP. The financial reports may be obtained by writing to the State of New Jersey, Department of the Treasury, Division of Pensions and Benefits, PO Box 295, Trenton, New Jersey, 08625-0295.

Employers are required to contribute at an actuarially determined rate. Employee contributions are based on percentages of 5.50% for DCRP of employees' annual compensation, as defined. The DCRP was established July 1, 2007, under the provisions of Chapter 92, P.L. 2007 and expanded under the provisions of Chapter 89, P.L. 2008. Employee contributions for DCRP are matched by a 3% employer contribution.

**Contribution Requirements**

The contribution policy is set by laws of the State of New Jersey and, in most retirement systems, contributions are required by active members and contributing employers. Plan member and employer contributions may be amended by State of New Jersey legislation. The pension funds provide for employee contributions based on 5.5% for PERS. This amount will increase to 6.5% plus an additional 1% phased in over 7 years beginning 2012, as defined by law. Employers are required to contribute at an actuarially determined rate in all Funds. The actuarially determined employer contribution includes funding for cost-of-living adjustments and noncontributory death benefits in the PERS. In the PERS, the employer contribution includes funding for post-retirement medical premiums.

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**NOTE 8: PENSION PLAN (Continued)**

Contribution Requirements (Continued)

The Township's contribution to the various plans, equal to the required contributions for each year, were as follows:

<u>Year</u>	<u>PERS</u>	<u>DCRP</u>
2023	\$124,611.00	\$408.38
2022	120,397.00	450.59
2021	114,736.00	193.64

Statement No's 68 and 71 require a state or local government employer to recognize a net pension liability measured as of a date (the measurement date) no earlier than the end of its prior fiscal year. However, since the financial statements are prepared on another comprehensive basis of accounting, the net pension liability of the various pension systems is not recorded in the financial statements and is only required to be disclosed in the notes to the financial statements.

The following pension information is as of June 30, 2022, which is the latest information available, This information is eighteen months prior to December 31, 2023. GASB Statement No.68 requires that the information be no more than twelve months prior to the employer's fiscal year end. No modification of the Independent Auditor's Report is being made since the Division of Local Government Services, Department of Community Affairs, State of New Jersey, is permitting the regulatory basis statements of local and county governments to be issued with unmodified opinions until such time current position information is available.

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

Public Employees Retirement System (PERS)

At December 31, 2023, the Township had a liability of \$1,751,945 for its proportionate share of the PERS net pension liability. The net pension liability was measured as of June 30, 2022, and the total pension liability used to calculate the net pension liability was determined by an actuarial valuation as of that date. The Township's proportion of the net pension liability was based on a projection of the Township's long-term share of contributions to the pension plan relative to the projected contributions of all participating governmental entities, actuarially determined. At June 30, 2022, the Township's proportion was 0.0116089156 percent, which was an increase of 0.0013283817 percent from its proportion measured as of June 30, 2021.

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**NOTE 8: PENSION PLAN (Continued)**

Pension Liabilities, Pension Expense, and Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources Related to Pensions (continued)

Public Employees Retirement System (PERS) (continued)

For the year ended December 31, 2023, the Township recognized pension expense of \$124,611. At December 31, 2023, deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to PERS from the following sources:

	<u>Deferred Outflows of Resources</u>	<u>Deferred Inflows of Resources</u>
Difference between expected and actual experience	\$12,645	\$11,151
Changes of assumptions	5,428	262,336
Net difference between projected and actual earnings on pension plan investments	72,511	-
Changes in proportion and differences between the Township's contributions and proportionate share of contributions	<u>361,060</u>	<u>-</u>
Total	<u>\$451,644</u>	<u>\$273,487</u>

Amounts reported as deferred outflows of resources related to pensions resulting from contributions subsequent to the measurement date (June 30, 2022) will be recognized as a reduction of the net pension liability in the subsequent year. Other amounts reported as deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions (excluding changes in proportion) will be recognized in pension expense as follows:

Year ended June 30:	
2023	\$(150,280)
2024	(76,563)
2025	(37,338)
2026	81,458
2027	(179)

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**NOTE 8: PENSION PLAN (Continued)**

Changes in Proportion

The previous amounts do not include employer specific deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to changes in proportion. These amounts should be recognized (amortized) by each employer over the average of the expected remaining service lives of all plan members, which is 5.04, 5.13, 5.16, 5.21, 5.63 and 5.48 years for 2022, 2021, 2020, 2019, 2018 and 2017 amounts respectively.

Additional Information

Local Group Collective balances net of Nonemployer (State of New Jersey) contributions at June 30, 2022 and June 30, 2021 are as follows:

	<u>June 30, 2022</u>	<u>June 30, 2021</u>
Collective deferred outflows of resources	\$1,660,772,008	\$1,164,738,169
Collective deferred inflows of resources	3,236,303,935	8,339,123,762
Collective net pension liability	15,219,184,920	11,972,782,878
Township's Proportion	0.0116089156%	0.0102805339%

Actuarial Assumptions

The collective total pension liability for the June 30, 2022 measurement date was determined by an actuarial valuation as of July 1, 2021, which rolled forward to June 30, 2022. 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%

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**NOTE 8: PENSION PLAN (Continued)**

Public Employees Retirement System (PERS), (continued)

Actuarial Assumptions (continued)

The actuarial assumptions used in the June 30, 2021 valuation were based on the results of an actuarial experience study for the period July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2021. It is likely that future experience will not exactly conform to these assumptions. To the extent that actual experience deviates from these assumptions, the emerging liabilities may be higher or lower than anticipated. The more the experience deviates, the larger the impact on future financial statements.

Mortality Rates

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 with a 91.4% adjustment for males and 99.7% adjustment for females, and with future improvement from the base year of 2010 on a generational basis. Disability retirement rates used to value disabled retirees were based on the Pub-2010 Non-Safety Disabled Retiree mortality table with a 127.7% adjustment for males and a 117.2% adjustment for females, and with future improvement from the base year of 2010 on a generational basis. Mortality improvement is based on Scale MP-2021.

Long-Term Rate of Return

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

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**NOTE 8: PENSION PLAN (Continued)**

Public Employees Retirement System (PERS), (continued)

Long-Term Rate of Return (continued)

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

Discount Rate

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

Sensitivity of the Collective 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, 2022 respectively, 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:

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**NOTE 8: PENSION PLAN (Continued)**

Sensitivity of the Collective Net Pension Liability to Changes in the Discount Rate (continued)

	<u>June 30, 2022</u>		
	1%	At Current	1%
	Decrease	Discount Rate	Increase
	<u>6.00%</u>	<u>7.00%</u>	<u>8.00%</u>
Township's proportionate share of the pension liability	\$2,269,798	\$1,751,945	\$1,338,696

Pension Plan Fiduciary Net Position

Detailed information about the pension plan's fiduciary net position is available in the separately issued Financial Report for the State of New Jersey Public Employees Retirement System (PERS). The financial report may be accessed at [www.state.nj.us/treasury/pensions](http://www.state.nj.us/treasury/pensions).

**NOTE 9: ACCRUED SICK AND VACATION BENEFITS**

The Township has permitted employees to accrue unused vacation and sick pay, which may be taken as time off or paid upon retirement or separation at the employees current rate at such termination. This amount is not reported either as an expenditure or a liability. It is estimated that current cost of such unpaid compensation would approximate \$58,467.88.

The Township has reserved \$23,410.11 from previous budgets to be used to offset this liability and is reflected on the Trust Fund balance sheet. It is expected that the cost of such unpaid compensation would be included in the Township's budget operating expenditures in the year in which it is used.

**NOTE 10: CASH, CASH EQUIVALENTS AND INVESTMENTS**

**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 Township's policy is based on New Jersey Statutes requiring cash be deposited only in New Jersey based banking institutions that participate in 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. As of December 31, 2023, \$-0- of the Township's bank balance of \$8,666,254.60 was exposed to custodial credit risk. In comparison, as of December 31, 2020, \$-0- of the Township's bank balance of \$7,806,093.65 was exposed to custodial credit risk.

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**NOTE 10: CASH, CASH EQUIVALENTS AND INVESTMENTS (continued)**

**Investments - Investment Rate Risk**

The Township does not have a formal investment policy that limits investment maturities as a means of managing its exposure to fair value losses arising from increasing interest rates. 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 allowance investments are Bonds of the United States of America, bonds or other obligations of the towns or bonds or other obligations of the local unit or units within which the Township is located; 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 Township places no limit on the amount the Township may invest in any one issuer.

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**NOTE 10: CASH, CASH EQUIVALENTS AND INVESTMENTS (Continued)**

**Unaudited Investments**

As more fully described in NOTE 16, the Township has created a Length of Service Award Program (LOSAP) for emergency service volunteers. The LOSAP investments are similar to those allowed in a deferred compensation program as specified in NJSA 43:15B-1 et seq. except that all investments are retained in the name of the Township. All investments are valued at fair value. In accordance with NJAC 5:30-14.37, the investments are maintained by AIG (American International Group, Inc.), which is an authorized provider approved by the Division of Local Government Services. The balance in the account on December 31, 2023 and 2022 amounted to \$431,495.04 and \$398,815.56, respectively.

The following investments represent 5% or more of the total invested with Variable Annuity Life Insurance Co. on December 31, 2023 and 2022:

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
Investment Under 5%	\$123,959.38	\$114,257.65
Mid Cap Index Fund	43,473.04	45,392.21
Stock Index Fund	84,020.38	86,192.70
Science & Technology Fund	39,930.02	25,759.35
Aggressive Growth Lifestyle	45,965.01	42,045.51
Small Capital Index Fund	23,253.12	25,022.41
Short Term Fixed Account	22,967.12	21,132.88
GS VIT Gov Money Mkt Fund	<u>47,926.97</u>	<u>39,012.85</u>
Total	<u>\$431,495.04</u>	<u>\$398,815.56</u>

**NOTE 11: RISK MANAGEMENT**

The Township is exposed to various risks of loss related to general liability, automobile coverage, damage and destruction of assets; errors and omissions; injuries to employees; and natural disasters. The Township has obtained insurance coverage to guard against these events which will provide minimum exposure to the Township should they occur. During the 2023 calendar year, the Township did not incur claims in excess of their coverage and the amount of coverage did not significantly decrease.

**NOTE 12: PUBLIC ASSISTANCE**

The Township of Green has elected to have the County of Sussex process all public assistance granted to the residents. Therefore, the Township no longer has a public assistance director.

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**NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
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**NOTE 13: HEALTH INSPECTIONS**

The Township of Green has elected to have the County of Sussex, Department of Health, perform all inspections. Therefore, the Township does not have a health inspector.

**NOTE 14. 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:

	<u>Balance Dec 31, 2023</u>	<u>Balance Dec 31, 2022</u>
Prepaid Taxes	<u>\$116,565.31</u>	<u>\$90,548.85</u>
Cash Liability for Taxes Collected in Advance	<u>\$116,565.31</u>	<u>\$90,548.85</u>

**NOTE 15: LOCAL AND REGIONAL DISTRICT SCHOOL TAXES**

Regulations provide for the deferral of not more than 50% of the annual levy when school taxes are raised for a school year and have not been requisitioned by the School District. The Township of Green has not elected to defer school taxes.

**NOTE 16: EMERGENCY SERVICES VOLUNTEER LENGTH OF SERVICE AWARD PLAN  
(LOSAP)**

On February 25, 2003, the Division of Local Government Services approved the Township's LOSAP plan, provided by AIG (American International Group, Inc.). The purpose of this plan is to enhance the Township's ability to retain and recruit volunteer firefighters and volunteer members of emergency service squads.

AIG (American International Group, Inc.) will provide for the benefit of participants, a multi-fund variable annuity contract as its funding vehicle. The plans contribution requirements are as follows: the contribution for each participating active volunteer member shall be between the minimum contribution of \$100.00 and the maximum contribution of \$1,150.00. The Township's contribution shall be included in the current year's budget.

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**NOTE 16: EMERGENCY SERVICES VOLUNTEER LENGTH OF SERVICE AWARD PLAN  
(LOSAP) (Continued)**

All amounts awarded under a length of service award plan shall remain the asset of the sponsoring agency; the obligation of the sponsoring agency to participating volunteers shall be contractual only; and no preferred or special interest in the awards made shall accrue to such participants.

We have reviewed the plan for the year ended December 31, 2023 in accordance with the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants (AICPA) Statement on Standards for Accounting and Review Services.

**NOTE 17: OTHER POST EMPLOYMENT BENEFITS (OPEB)**

In addition to the pension described in Note 8, the Township provides post employment health care benefits as part of the State Health Benefits Local Government Retired Employments Plan.

**General Information about the OPEB Plan**

The State Health Benefit Local Government Retired Employees Plan (the Plan) is a cost-sharing multiple-employer defined benefit other postemployment benefit (OPEB) plan with a special funding situation. It covers employees of local government employers that have adopted a resolution to participate in the Plan. The plan meets the definition of an equivalent arrangement as defined in paragraph 4 of GASB Statement No. 75, *Accounting and Financial Reporting for the Postemployment Benefits other than Pensions* (GASB Statement No. 75); therefore assets are accumulated to pay associated benefits. For additional information about the Plan, please refer to the State of New Jersey (the State), Division of Pensions and Benefits' (the Division) Annual Comprehensive Financial Report (ACFR), which can be found at <https://www.state.nj.us/treasury/pensions/financial-reports.shtml>.

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

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**NOTE 17: OTHER POST EMPLOYMENT BENEFITS (OPEB) (Continued)**

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

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

**Total OPEB Liability**

The following Other Post Employment Benefit information is as of June 30, 2022 which is the latest information available. This information is eighteen months prior to December 31, 2023. GASB Statement No. 75 requires that the information be no more than twelve months prior to the employer's fiscal year end. No modification of the Independent Auditor's Report is being made since the Division of Local Government Services, Department of Community Affairs, State of New Jersey, is permitting the regulatory basis financial statements of Municipal, County and Library's to be issued with unmodified opinion's until such time current Other Post Employment Benefit information is available.

At December 31, 2023, the Township had a liability of \$3,191,806.00 for its proportionate share of the non-special funding net OPEB liability. The net OPEB liability was measured as of June 30, 2021 and the total OPEB liability used to calculate the net OPEB liability was determined by an actuarial valuation as of that date. The Township's proportion of the net OPEB liability was based on a projection of the Township's long-term share of contributions to the OPEB plan relative to the projected contributions of all participating employers a in the plan. At June 30, 2022 the Township's proportion was 0.019764 percent.

For the year ended December 31, 2023, the Township recognized OPEB expense of \$107,173.68. At December 31, 2023, deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to OPEB from the following sources:

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**NOTE 17: OTHER POST EMPLOYMENT BENEFITS (OPEB) (Continued)**

	Deferred Outflows of <u>Resources</u>	Deferred Inflows of <u>Resources</u>
Difference between expected and actual experience	\$164,828	\$591,625
Changes of assumptions	425,960	1,089,302
Net difference between projected and actual earnings on OPEB plan investments	840	-
Changes in proportion	<u>527,163</u>	<u>264,867</u>
Total	<u>\$1,118,791</u>	<u>\$1,945,794</u>

Amounts reported as deferred outflows of resources related to OPEB resulting from contributions subsequent to the measurement date will be recognized as a reduction of the OPEB liability in the subsequent year. Other amounts reported as deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to OPEB (excluding changes in proportion) will be recognized in OPEB expense as follows:

Year ended June 30:	
2023	\$(289,222.53)
2024	(289,477.85)
2025	(228,596.37)
2026	(102,092.47)
2027	(22,888.79)
Thereafter	(157,020.73)

**Changes in Proportion**

The previous amounts do not include employer specific deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to changes in proportion. These amounts should be recognized (amortized) by each employer over the average of the expected remaining service lives of all plan members, which is 7.82, 7.82, 7.87, 8.05, 8.14 and 8.04 years for 2022, 2021, 2020, 2019, 2018 and 2017 amounts, respectively.

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**NOTE 17: OTHER POST EMPLOYMENT BENEFITS (OPEB) (Continued)**

**Actual Assumptions and Other Inputs**

The total OPEB liability for the June 30, 2022 measurement date was determined by an actuarial valuation as of July 1, 2021, which rolled forward to June 30, 2022. The total OPEB liability as of June 30, 2019 was determined by an actuarial valuation as of June 30, 2019, which was rolled forward to June 30, 2020. 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.

Salary increases\*:

Public Employees' Retirement System (PERS)  
Rate for all future years

2.75% to 6.55%  
based on years of service

Mortality:  
PERS

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

\* Salary increases are based on years of service within the respective plan.

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

**Discount Rate**

The discount rate for June 30, 2022 was 3.54%. This represents the municipal bond return rate as chosen by the State. The source is the Bond Buyer Go 20-Bond Municipal Bond Index, which includes tax-exempt general obligation municipal bonds with an average rating of AA/Aa or higher. As the long-term rate of return is less than the municipal bond rate, it is not considered in the calculation of the discount rate, rather the discount rate is set at the municipal bond rate.

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**NOTE 17: OTHER POST EMPLOYMENT BENEFITS (OPEB) (Continued)**

**Sensitivity of Net OPEB Liability to Changes in the Discount Rate**

The following presents the Township's proportionate share of the net OPEB liability as of June 30, 2022 as well as what the Township's proportionate share of the net OPEB 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:

	June 30, 2022		
	1% Decrease <u>2.54%</u>	At Current Discount Rate <u>3.54%</u>	1% Increase <u>4.54%</u>
Township's proportionate share of Net OPEB liability	\$3,699,945.75	\$3,191,806.05	\$2,782,960.12

**Sensitivity of Net OPEB Liability to Changes in the Healthcare Trend Rates:**

The following presents the Township's proportionate share of the net OPEB liability as of June 30, 2022 as well as what the Township's proportionate share of the net OPEB liability would be if it were calculated using a healthcare trend rate that is 1- percentage point lower or 1- percentage point higher than the current rate:

	June 30, 2022		
	1% Decrease	Healthcare Cost Trend Rate	1% Increase
Township's proportionate share of Net OPEB liability	\$2,707,705.17	\$3,191,806.05	\$3,811,802.97

**NOTE 18: CONTINGENT LIABILITIES**

Township Counsel has advised us of the following:

**NOTE 19: SUBSEQUENT EVENTS**

The Township has evaluated subsequent events through June 6, 2024, the date which the financial statements were available to be issued and no other items were noted for disclosure.

**SUPPLEMENTARY DATA**



**TOWNSHIP OF GREEN, N.J.**

**LIST OF OFFICIALS AND SURETY BONDS**

Year Ended December 31, 2023

The following officials were in office during the period under audit:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>TITLE</u>	<u>AMOUNT OF BOND</u>
Margaret "Peg" Phillips	Mayor	*
Virginia "Ginnie" Raffay	Deputy Mayor	*
James DeYoung	Committee	*
Bader Qarmout	Committee	*
Michael Rose	Committee	*
Mark Zschack	Township Clerk; Assess. Search Officer; Registrar of Vital Statistics	*
Patricia DeClesis	Deputy Clerk; Deputy Registrar	*
Karen Ferrone	Tax Collector; Tax Search Officer	*
Linda Di Lorenzo	CFO/Treasurer	*
Kimberlee Mantz	Land Use Board Secretary	*
Ursula Leo	Attorney	*
Penny Hostenstein	Assessor	*
Greg Chontow	Construction Official	*
Craig Bollmann	Zoning Official	*
Alan DeCarolis	Animal Control Officer	*
Cory Stoner	Township Engineer	*
Patricia DeClesis	Board of Health Secretary	*
Jessica Caldwell	Township Planner	*

\* Blanket bond coverage is provided for all officials and employees in the amount of \$1,000,000.00. The type of coverage provided by blanket bond is for faithful performance blanket position bond coverage.

All the bonds were examined and were properly executed.

**COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE**

**CURRENT FUND**

	<u>Year 2023</u>		<u>Year 2022</u>	
	<u>Amount</u>	<u>%</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>%</u>
<b><u>Revenue and Other Income Realized</u></b>				
Fund Balance Utilized	513,000.00	2.800%	575,000.00	3.296%
Miscellaneous - From Other Than				
Local Property Tax Levies	683,354.15	3.730%	605,476.94	3.470%
Collection of Delinquent Taxes				
and Tax Title Liens	123,538.85	0.674%	183,055.24	1.049%
Collection of Current				
Tax Levy	16,629,088.49	90.772%	15,782,615.31	90.458%
Other Credits to Income	370,582.37	2.023%	301,309.46	1.727%
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<b><u>Total Revenue and Other Income Realized</u></b>	<b>18,319,563.86</b>	<b>100.00%</b>	<b>17,447,456.95</b>	<b>100.00%</b>
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<b><u>Expenditures</u></b>				
Budget Expenditures:				
Municipal Purposes	3,767,468.41	21.434%	3,818,855.19	22.494%
Local School Taxes	2,955,448.17	16.814%	10,281,677.00	60.561%
County Taxes	10,811,089.00	61.506%	2,811,722.96	16.562%
Municipal Open Space	43,420.35	0.247%	65,032.18	0.383%
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<b><u>Total Expenditures</u></b>	<b>17,577,425.93</b>	<b>100.00%</b>	<b>16,977,287.33</b>	<b>100.00%</b>
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<b>Statutory Excess to Fund Balance</b>	<b>742,137.93</b>		<b>470,169.62</b>	
<b>Fund Balance, January 1,</b>	<b>1,299,848.68</b>		<b>1,404,679.06</b>	
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	<b>2,041,986.61</b>		<b>1,874,848.68</b>	
<b>Less:</b>				
<b>Utilized as Anticipated Revenue</b>	<b>513,000.00</b>		<b>575,000.00</b>	
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<b>Fund Balance, December 31,</b>	<b>1,528,986.61</b>		<b>1,299,848.68</b>	
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**COMPARATIVE SCHEDULE OF TAX RATE INFORMATION**

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>
<u>Tax Rate:</u>	<u>3.864</u>	<u>3.676</u>	<u>3.628</u>
<u>Apportionment of Tax Rate:</u>			
Municipal	0.672	0.637	0.627
Municipal Open Space	0.010	0.015	0.015
County	0.682	0.65	0.653
Local School	2.500	2.374	2.333
<u>Assessed Valuation:</u>			
2023	\$432,388,000.00		
2022		\$433,035,900.00	
2021			\$429,144,500.00

**COMPARISON OF TAX LEVIES AND COLLECTION CURRENTLY**

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

<u>Year</u>	<u>Tax Levy</u>	<u>Collections</u>	<u>Current Percentage of Collections</u>
2023	\$16,773,541.91	\$16,629,088.49	99.14%
2022	15,937,036.05	15,782,615.31	99.03
2021	15,704,461.10	15,493,217.88	98.65

### DELINQUENT TAXES AND TAX TITLE LIENS

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

<u>Year</u>	<u>Amount of Tax Title Liens</u>	<u>Amount of Delinquent Taxes</u>	<u>Total Delinquent</u>	<u>Percentage Of Tax Levy</u>
2023	\$ -	\$120,686.38	\$120,686.38	0.720%
2022	0.00	123,538.85	123,538.85	0.755
2021	0.00	183,055.24	183,055.24	1.166
2020	0.00	127,574.73	127,574.73	0.839

### PROPERTY ACQUIRED BY TAX TITLE LIEN LIQUIDATION

The value of property acquired by liquidation of tax title liens on December 31 on the basis of the last assessed valuation of such properties, is as follows:

<u>Year</u>	<u>Amount</u>
2023	\$197,400.00
2022	197,400.00
2021	197,400.00

### COMPARATIVE SCHEDULE OF FUND BALANCE

<u>Year</u>	<u>Balance December 31,</u>	<u>Utilized in Budget of Succeeding Year</u>
2023	\$1,528,986.61	\$600,000.00
2022	1,299,848.69	513,000.00
2021	1,404,679.06	575,000.00
2020	1,372,264.87	575,000.00
2019	1,477,700.46	575,000.00

Township of Green

Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards

For the Year Ended December 31, 2023

Federal Grantor/Pass-Through Grantor/ Program Title	Federal A.L.N. Number	Grantor Number	Program or Award Amount	Grant Period To/From	12/31/2022		12/31/2023		MEMO Cumulative Total Expenditures
					Reserve Balance	Expended	Reserve Balance	Expended	
U.S. Department of Treasury: Pass Through N.J. Department of Community Affairs - Division of Local Government Services: American Recovery Plan - L.F.R.F.	21.027	21-100-022-8030-687	181,652.27	3/3/21 to 12/31/26	363,304.54	(85,000.00)	278,304.54	(85,000.00)	85,000.00
<b>TOTAL FEDERAL AID</b>					<b>363,304.54</b>	<b>(85,000.00)</b>	<b>278,304.54</b>	<b>(85,000.00)</b>	<b>85,000.00</b>

FEDERAL & STATE GRANT FUND

U.S. Department of Treasury:  
Pass Through N.J. Department of Community  
Affairs - Division of Local Government Services:  
American Recovery Plan - L.F.R.F.

Note: This schedule was not subject to an audit in accordance with U.S. Uniform Guidance.

Township of Green, N.J.

Schedule of Expenditures of State Financial Assistance

For the Year Ended December 31, 2023

State Grantor/Program Title	Grant or State Project Number	Program or Award Amount	Grant Period From/To	12/31/2022		12/31/2023		MEMO Cumulative Total Expenditures
				(Receivable)	Reserve Balance	(Receivable)	Reserve Balance	
<b>FEDERAL AND STATE GRANT FUND</b>								
<b>NJ Department of Environmental Protection:</b>								
Recycling Tonnage	042-4910-100-224	8,845.01	1/1/18-12/31/18	-	1,607.60	-	(1,607.60)	8,845.01
Recycling Tonnage	042-4910-100-224	12,562.14	1/1/19-12/31/19	-	12,562.14	-	(1,443.39)	1,443.39
Recycling Tonnage	042-4910-100-224	14,362.36	1/1/21-12/31/21	-	14,362.36	-	-	-
Recycling Tonnage	042-4910-100-224	13,058.51	1/1/22-12/31/22	-	13,058.51	-	-	-
Recycling Tonnage	042-4910-100-224	9,782.49	1/1/23-12/31/23	-	-	9,782.49	-	-
				-	41,590.61	-	(3,050.99)	10,288.40
Clean Communities	042-4900-785-004	11,680.06	1/1/20-12/31/20	-	853.42	-	(853.42)	11,680.06
Clean Communities	042-4900-785-004	12,422.40	1/1/21-12/31/21	-	12,422.40	-	(11,412.26)	11,412.26
Clean Communities	042-4900-785-004	12,769.72	1/1/21-12/31/22	-	12,769.72	-	-	-
Clean Communities	042-4900-785-004	14,322.59	1/1/23-12/31/23	-	-	14,322.59	-	-
				-	26,045.54	-	(12,265.68)	23,092.32
Stormwater Assistance Grant	042-4850-100-099	25,000.00	1/1/23-12/31/23	-	-	25,000.00	(692.00)	692.00
				-	67,636.15	49,105.08	(16,008.67)	34,879.97
<b>Total NJ Department of Environmental Protection:</b>				-	67,636.15	49,105.08	(16,008.67)	34,879.97
<b>GENERAL CAPITAL FUND</b>								
<b>NJ Department of Transportation:</b>								
Pequest Rd Phase I	078-6320-480-AOP	166,200.00	1/1/21-12/31/21	(41,550.00)	-	41,550.00	-	166,200.00
Creek Rd Section I	078-6320-480-AOI	203,200.00	1/1/22-12/31/22	-	-	152,400.00	(203,200.00)	203,200.00
Creek Rd Section II	078-6320-480-APF	170,780.00	1/1/23-12/31/23	-	-	128,085.00	(170,780.00)	170,780.00
				(41,550.00)	-	322,035.00	(93,495.00)	540,180.00
<b>Total NJ Department of Transportation:</b>				(41,550.00)	-	322,035.00	(93,495.00)	540,180.00
<b>TOTAL GENERAL CAPITAL FUND</b>				(41,550.00)	-	322,035.00	(93,495.00)	540,180.00
<b>TOTAL STATE AID</b>				(41,550.00)	67,636.15	371,140.08	(389,988.67)	575,059.97

Note: This schedule was not subject to an audit in accordance with N.J.OMB Circular 15-08.

## Township of Green, N.J.

## Schedule of Cash

## Current Fund

Year Ended December 31, 2023

	<u>Ref.</u>		<u>Total</u>
Balance - December 31, 2022	A		2,476,297.36
Increased by Receipts:			
Miscellaneous Revenue Not Anticipated	A-2	26,079.17	
Taxes Receivable	A-6	16,641,328.49	
Revenue Accounts Receivable	A-8	597,895.59	
Due From State - Senior Citizen and Veteran Deductions	A-9	21,500.00	
Interfunds	A-10	51,105.08	
Various Cash Liabilities and Reserves	A-12	46,942.93	
Prepaid Taxes	A-14	116,565.31	
		<hr/>	<hr/>
			17,501,416.57
			<hr/> 19,977,713.93
Decreased by Disbursements:			
Current Year Budget Appropriations	A-3	3,219,775.86	
Interfunds	A-10	21,666.18	
Appropriation Reserves	A-11	200,389.65	
Various Cash Liabilities and Reserves	A-12	20,636.44	
Accounts Payable	A-13	44,619.49	
County Taxes Payable	A-15	2,955,448.17	
Local School District Taxes Payable	A-16	10,811,089.00	
Municipal Open Space Taxes Payable	A-17	43,420.35	
		<hr/>	<hr/>
			17,317,045.14
Balance - December 31, 2023	A		<hr/> <hr/> 2,660,668.79

**Township of Green, N.J.**  
**Schedule of Cash - Change Fund**  
**Current Fund**  
**Year Ended December 31, 2023**

	<u>Ref.</u>	
Balance - December 31, 2022	A	<u>300.00</u>
Balance - December 31, 2023	A	<u>300.00</u>
<u>Analysis of Balance:</u>		
Cashier		100.00
Tax Collector		<u>200.00</u>
		<u>300.00</u>



Township of Green, N.J.

Schedule of Taxes Receivable and Analysis of Property Tax Levy

Current Fund

Year Ended December 31, 2023

Year	Balance, Dec. 31, 2022	Levy	Added Taxes	Collected		Senior Citizen and Veteran Deductions	Canceled	Balance, Dec. 31, 2023
				2022	2023			
2022	123,538.85	-	-	-	124,288.85	(750.00)	-	-
	123,538.85	-	-	-	124,288.85	(750.00)	-	-
2023	-	16,707,472.44	66,069.47	90,548.85	16,517,039.64	21,500.00	23,767.04	120,686.38
	123,538.85	16,707,472.44	66,069.47	90,548.85	16,641,328.49	20,750.00	23,767.04	120,686.38
	A			A-2;A-14	A-2;A-4	A-2;A-9		A

Analysis of Tax Levy

	Ref.
Tax yield:	
General Purpose Tax	16,707,472.44
Added Tax (R.S. 54:4-63.1 et seq.)	66,069.47
	<u>16,773,541.91</u>
Tax Levy:	
County Tax	2,943,784.60
Added County Taxes	<u>11,663.57</u>
	2,955,448.17
Local District School Tax	10,811,089.00
Municipal Open Space Tax	43,420.35
	<u>13,809,957.52</u>
Local Tax for Municipal Purposes	2,905,857.98
Additional Taxes	<u>57,726.41</u>
	<u>2,963,584.39</u>
	<u>16,773,541.91</u>

**Township of Green, N.J.**  
**Schedule of Property Acquired for**  
**Taxes Assessed Valuation**

**Current Fund**

**Year Ended December 31, 2023**

	<u>Ref.</u>	
Balance - December 31, 2022	A	<u>197,400.00</u>
Balance - December 31, 2023	A	<u>197,400.00</u>

**Township of Green, N.J.**  
**Schedule of Revenue Accounts Receivable**  
**Current Fund**  
**Year Ended December 31, 2023**

	<u>Ref.</u>	<u>Accrued</u>	<u>Collected</u>
Clerk:			
Licenses:			
Alcoholic Beverages	A-2	999.00	999.00
Fees and Permits	A-2	25,100.00	25,100.00
Municipal Court			
Fines and Costs	A-2	2,099.47	2,099.47
Interest and Costs on Taxes	A-2	32,109.30	32,109.30
Interest on Investments and Deposits	A-2	176,312.41	176,312.41
Energy Receipts Tax	A-2	205,195.64	205,195.64
Garden State Trust	A-2	5,029.00	5,029.00
Reserve for Municipal Relief Funds	A-2	10,630.33	10,630.33
Firefighting Services - Twp of Frelinghuysen	A-2	40,233.34	40,233.34
Capital Reserve for Debt Service	A-2	23,549.35	23,549.35
Rental Receipts	A-2	87,268.08	87,268.08
Reserve for Sale of Municipal Assets	A-2	22,000.00	22,000.00
		<u>630,525.92</u>	<u>630,525.92</u>
Cash Receipts	A-4		597,895.59
Various Reserves and Liabilities	A-12		32,630.33
			<u>630,525.92</u>

## Township of Green, N.J.

**Schedule of Amount Due From State of New Jersey  
for Senior Citizens' and Veterans' Deductions - CH. 73 P.L. 1976**

**Current Fund**

**Year Ended December 31, 2023**

	<u>Ref.</u>	
Balance - December 31, 2022	A	7,451.63
Increased by:		
Senior Citizens' Deductions Per Tax Billing		2,000.00
Veterans' Deductions Per Tax Billing		19,250.00
Senior Citizens and Veterans Allowed:		
Current Year		250.00
		21,500.00
Senior Citizens and Veterans Disallowed:		
Prior Year		750.00
		750.00
	A-6	20,750.00
		28,201.63
Decreased by:		
State Share of Senior Citizens and Veteran Deductions Received in Cash	A-4	21,500.00
		21,500.00
Balance - December 31, 2023	A	6,701.63

Township of Green, N.J.

Schedule of Interfunds Receivables/(Payables)

Current Fund

Year Ended December 31, 2023

<u>Fund</u>	<u>Ref.</u>	<u>Due From/(To) Balance Dec. 31, 2022</u>	<u>Increased</u>	<u>Decreased</u>	<u>Due From/(To) Balance Dec. 31, 2023</u>
Federal and State Grants	A	<u>(430,952.09)</u>	<u>51,105.08</u>	<u>21,666.18</u>	<u>(460,390.99)</u>
			A-4	A-4	
<u>Due To - Current Fund</u>		<u>(430,952.09)</u>			<u>(460,390.99)</u>

Analysis

Township of Green, N.J.

Schedule of Appropriation Reserves

Current Fund

Year Ended December 31, 2023

	Balance, Dec. 31, <u>2022</u>	Balance after <u>Transfers</u>	Paid or <u>Charged</u>	Balance <u>Lapsed</u>
Administrative and Executive				
Salaries and Wages	19,288.00	19,288.00	-	19,288.00
Other Expenses	8,668.37	8,668.37	1,527.10	7,141.27
Mayor & Committee				
Salaries and Wages	312.50	312.50	-	312.50
Other Expenses	2,040.00	2,040.00	-	2,040.00
Municipal Clerk				
Other Expenses	4,851.13	4,851.13	-	4,851.13
Codification of Ordinances	2,680.00	2,680.00	1,823.67	856.33
Financial Administration				
Other Expenses	1,002.81	1,002.81	381.50	621.31
Audit Services	14,775.00	14,775.00	14,775.00	-
Computer Maintenance and Education	8,770.37	8,770.37	3,119.88	5,650.49
Collection of Taxes				
Other Expenses	2,470.77	2,470.77	243.72	2,227.05
Assessment of Taxes				
Other Expenses	10,026.66	10,026.66	1,078.20	8,948.46
Legal Services and Costs				
Other Expenses	9,794.99	9,794.99	8,140.28	1,654.71
Engineering Services and Costs				
Other Expenses	33,499.85	33,499.85	1,765.35	31,734.50
Municipal Land Use Law:				
Planning Board				
Salaries and Wages	750.00	750.00	-	750.00
Other Expenses	9,222.82	9,222.82	28.65	9,194.17
Planner				
Other Expenses	10,500.00	10,500.00	-	10,500.00
Zoning Officer				
Salaries and Wages	9,160.35	9,160.35	373.31	8,787.04
Other Expenses	799.88	799.88	-	799.88
Emergency Management Services				
Salaries and Wages	1,000.00	1,000.00	-	1,000.00
Other Expenses	5,581.89	5,581.89	38.01	5,543.88
Aid to Volunteer Fire Companies				
Green Township Volunteer Fire Dept.	22,500.00	22,500.00	20,833.33	1,666.67
First Aid Organization Contribution				
Other Expenses	7,500.00	7,500.00	7,500.00	-

Township of Green, N.J.

Schedule of Appropriation Reserves

Current Fund

Year Ended December 31, 2023

	Balance, Dec. 31, <u>2022</u>	Balance after <u>Transfers</u>	Paid or <u>Charged</u>	Balance <u>Lapsed</u>
Uniform Fire Prevention Official				
Salaries and Wages	3,472.00	3,472.00	-	3,472.00
Streets and Roads:				
Road Repairs and Maintenance				
Salaries and Wages	1,658.62	1,658.62	-	1,658.62
Other Expenses	83,969.61	83,969.61	46,387.12	37,582.49
Storm Recovery				
Other Expenses	60,027.33	60,027.33	60,027.33	-
Recycling and Separation Program				
Salaries and Wages	1.00	1.00	-	1.00
Garbage and Trash Removal				
Other Expenses	21,739.20	21,739.20	7,667.52	14,071.68
Public Buildings and Grounds				
Salaries and Wages	1,145.52	1,145.52	780.30	365.22
Other Expenses	25,680.12	25,680.12	8,576.48	17,103.64
Environmental Committee				
Salaries and Wages	300.00	300.00	-	300.00
Other Expenses	725.00	725.00	-	725.00
Recreation				
Salaries and Wages	200.00	200.00	-	200.00
Other Expenses	2,227.13	2,227.13	-	2,227.13
Insurance:				
General Liability	3,122.05	3,122.05	-	3,122.05
Workers Compensation	4,350.00	4,350.00	-	4,350.00
Employee Group Health	32,087.56	32,087.56	-	32,087.56
Health Benefit Waiver	1,582.78	1,582.78	-	1,582.78
Municipal Court				
Other Expenses	500.00	500.00	-	500.00
Public Defender				
Other Expenses	200.00	200.00	-	200.00
Parks and Playgrounds:				
Other Expenses	8,588.81	8,588.81	1,297.50	7,291.31
H.B.V. Vaccination				
Other Expenses	660.00	660.00	-	660.00
Utility and Bulk Purchases:				
Fire Hydrant	10,455.66	10,455.66	2,514.78	7,940.88
Electricity	5,852.33	5,852.33	755.75	5,096.58
Street Lighting	439.63	439.63	-	439.63

Township of Green, N.J.

Schedule of Appropriation Reserves

Current Fund

Year Ended December 31, 2023

	Balance, Dec. 31, 2022	Balance after Transfers	Paid or Charged	Balance Lapsed
Telephone	4,997.00	4,997.00	71.81	4,925.19
Propane Gas	10,112.61	10,112.61	-	10,112.61
Fuel Oil - Gas	7,104.08	7,104.08	-	7,104.08
Code Enforcement & Administration				
Other Expenses	635.91	635.91	420.94	214.97
Celebration of Public Events:				
Anniversary or Holiday				
Other Expenses	165.79	165.79	-	165.79
Total Operataions within "CAPS"	<u>477,195.13</u>	<u>477,195.13</u>	<u>190,127.53</u>	<u>287,067.60</u>
Detail:				
Salaries and Wages	<u>37,287.99</u>	<u>37,287.99</u>	<u>1,153.61</u>	<u>35,834.38</u>
Other Expenses	<u>439,907.14</u>	<u>439,907.14</u>	<u>188,973.92</u>	<u>251,233.22</u>
Deferred Charges and Statutory Expenditures Within "CAPS"				
Contribution to:				
Public Employees Retirement System				
Back Deductions	1,500.00	1,500.00	1,500.00	-
Social Security System (O.A.S.I.)	7,732.31	7,732.31	-	7,732.31
Unemployment Compensation Insurance	3,154.12	3,154.12	128.48	3,025.64
Defined Contribution Retirement Program	2,049.41	2,049.41	-	2,049.41
Total Deferred Charges and Statutory Expenditures Within "CAPS"	<u>14,435.84</u>	<u>14,435.84</u>	<u>1,628.48</u>	<u>12,807.36</u>
Operations Excluded from "CAPS"				
Other Operations Excluded from "CAPS"				
Length of Service Award Program	<u>5,500.00</u>	<u>5,500.00</u>	<u>703.64</u>	<u>4,796.36</u>
Total Other Operations Excluded from "CAPS"	<u>5,500.00</u>	<u>5,500.00</u>	<u>703.64</u>	<u>4,796.36</u>
Shared Service Agreements:				
Municipal Court	<u>4,000.00</u>	<u>4,000.00</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>4,000.00</u>
Total Shared Service Agreements	<u>4,000.00</u>	<u>4,000.00</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>4,000.00</u>
Public and Private Programs Offset by Revenues				
Municipal Matching Funds - Action Alliance	622.69	622.69	-	622.69
Municipal Matching Funds	1.00	1.00	-	1.00
Total Public and Private Programs Offset by Revenues	<u>623.69</u>	<u>623.69</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>623.69</u>
Capital Improvements:				
Improvements to Municipal Properties	<u>21,750.00</u>	<u>21,750.00</u>	<u>21,750.00</u>	<u>-</u>
Total Capital Improvements	<u>21,750.00</u>	<u>21,750.00</u>	<u>21,750.00</u>	<u>-</u>



**Township of Green, N.J.**  
**Schedule of Appropriation Reserves**

**Current Fund**

**Year Ended December 31, 2023**

		Balance, Dec. 31, <u>2022</u>	Balance after <u>Transfers</u>	Paid or <u>Charged</u>	Balance <u>Lapsed</u>
Total Operations Excluded from "CAPS"		<u>31,873.69</u>	<u>31,873.69</u>	<u>22,453.64</u>	<u>9,420.05</u>
Total General Appropriations		<u><u>523,504.66</u></u>	<u><u>523,504.66</u></u>	<u><u>214,209.65</u></u>	<u><u>309,295.01</u></u>
					A-1
<u>Analysis of Appropriation Reserve</u>	<u>Ref.</u>				
Unencumbered	A	290,716.95			
Encumbered	A	<u>232,787.71</u>			
		<u><u>523,504.66</u></u>			
 <u>Analysis of Paid or Charged</u>					
Cash Disbursements	A-4			200,389.65	
Accounts Payable	A-13			<u>13,820.00</u>	
				<u><u>214,209.65</u></u>	

Township of Green, N.J.

Schedule of Various Cash Liabilities and Reserves

Current Fund

Year Ended December 31, 2023

	<u>Balance</u> <u>Dec. 31, 2022</u>	<u>Increased</u>	<u>Decreased</u>	<u>Balance</u> <u>Dec. 31, 2023</u>
<u>Liabilities and Reserves</u>				
<u>Liabilities:</u>				
Due State of NJ Marriage License Fees	-	675.00	625.00	50.00
Tax Overpayments	-	20,011.44	20,011.44	-
<u>Reserve for:</u>				
Municipal Relief Funds	10,630.33	21,256.49	10,630.33	21,256.49
Tax Appeals	26,564.38	5,000.00	-	31,564.38
Sale of Municipal Assets	22,000.00	-	22,000.00	-
	<u>59,194.71</u>	<u>46,942.93</u>	<u>53,266.77</u>	<u>52,870.87</u>
	A			A
Received	<u>Ref.</u>	46,942.93	-	
Disbursed	A-4	-	20,636.44	
Realized as Anticipated Revenue	A-4	-	32,630.33	
	A-8	<u>46,942.93</u>	<u>53,266.77</u>	

## Township of Green, N.J.

## Schedule of Accounts Payable

## Current Fund

## Year Ended December 31, 2023

	<u>Ref.</u>	
Balance - December 31, 2022	A	80,000.00
Increased by:		
Charges to Appropriation Reserves	A-11	13,820.00
		<u>93,820.00</u>
Decreased by:		
Cancelled	A-1	35,208.19
Cash Disbursed	A-4	44,619.49
		<u>79,827.68</u>
Balance - December 31, 2023	A	<u><u>13,992.32</u></u>

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## Schedule of Prepaid Taxes

## Current Fund

## Year Ended December 31, 2023

	<u>Ref.</u>	
Balance - December 31, 2022	A	90,548.85
Increased by:		
Receipts - Prepaid Taxes	A-4	116,565.31
		<u>207,114.16</u>
Decreased by:		
Applied to 2023 Taxes	A-6	90,548.85
		<u>116,565.31</u>
Balance - December 31, 2023	A	<u><u>116,565.31</u></u>

**Township of Green, N.J.**  
**Schedule of County Taxes Payable**  
**Current Fund**  
**Year Ended December 31, 2023**

	<u>Ref.</u>		
Increased by:			
Levy		2,943,784.60	
Added and Omitted Taxes		<u>11,663.57</u>	
	A-1;A-6		<u>2,955,448.17</u>
Decreased by:			
Payments	A-4		<u>2,955,448.17</u>

**Township of Green, N.J.**

**Schedule of Local School District Taxes Payable**

**Current Fund**

**Year Ended December 31, 2023**

	<u>Ref.</u>	
Increased by:		
Levy- 2023	A-1;A-6	<u>10,811,089.00</u>
Decreased by:		
Payments	A-4	<u>10,811,089.00</u>

**Schedule of Municipal Open Space Taxes Payable**

**Current Fund**

**Year Ended December 31, 2023**

	<u>Ref.</u>		
Increased by:			
Levy- 2023		43,238.80	
Added and Omitted Taxes		<u>181.55</u>	
	A-1;A-6		<u>43,420.35</u>
Decreased by:			
Cash Disbursed	A-4		<u>43,420.35</u>

**Township of Green, N.J.**  
**Schedule of Interfunds Receivable/(Payable)**

**Federal and State Grant Fund**

**Year Ended December 31, 2023**

<u>Fund</u>	<u>Ref.</u>	Due From/(To) Balance <u>Dec. 31, 2022</u>	<u>Increased</u>	<u>Decreased</u>	Due From/(To) Balance <u>Dec. 31, 2023</u>
Current Fund		430,952.09	51,105.08	21,666.18	460,390.99
		A			A
Grant Receivable	A-20		27,000.00	-	
Federal & State Grants Expenditures	A-21		-	21,666.18	
Unappropriated Grants	A-22		24,105.08	-	
			<u>51,105.08</u>	<u>21,666.18</u>	

**Schedule of Encumbrances Payable**

**Federal and State Grant Fund**

**Year Ended December 31, 2023**

Balance - December 31, 2022	<u>Ref.</u> A		11.40
Increased by:			
Charges	A-21		80,425.17
			<u>80,436.57</u>
Decreased by:			
Cancelled	A-21		11.40
			<u>11.40</u>
Balance - December 31, 2023	A		<u>80,425.17</u>

**Township of Green, N.J.**  
**Schedule of Grants Receivable**  
**Federal and State Grant Fund**  
**Year Ended December 31, 2023**

	<u>Budget</u> <u>Revenue</u>	<u>Received</u>	Transfer from Unappropriated <u>Reserves</u>
Recycling Tonnage Grant	13,058.51	-	13,058.51
Clean Communities	12,769.72	-	12,769.72
Sustainable Jersey Small Grant	2,000.00	2,000.00	-
Stormwater Assistance Grant	25,000.00	25,000.00	-
	<u>52,828.23</u>	<u>27,000.00</u>	<u>25,828.23</u>
	A-2	A-18	A-22

## Township of Green, N.J.

## Schedule of Appropriated Reserves for Grants

## Federal and State Grant Fund

Year Ended December 31, 2023

<u>Grant</u>	<u>Balance</u> <u>Dec. 31, 2022</u>	<u>Transfer</u> <u>From 2023</u> <u>Budget</u>	<u>Expended</u>	<u>Encumbrances</u> <u>Cancelled</u>	<u>Balance</u> <u>Dec. 31, 2023</u>
Clean Communities	13,275.82	12,769.72	12,275.68	10.00	13,779.86
Recycling Tonnage	28,532.10	13,058.51	3,052.39	1.40	38,539.62
American Rescue Plan Act	363,304.54	-	85,000.00	-	278,304.54
Sustainable Jersey Small Grant Program	-	2,000.00	1,071.28	-	928.72
Stormwater Assistance Grant	-	25,000.00	692.00	-	24,308.00
	<u>405,112.46</u>	<u>52,828.23</u>	<u>102,091.35</u>	<u>11.40</u>	<u>355,860.74</u>
	A			A-19	A
	<u>Ref.</u>				
State and Federal Grants	A-3	52,828.23	-		
Interfund - Current Fund	A-18	-	21,666.18		
Encumbrance Payable	A-19	-	80,425.17		
		<u>52,828.23</u>	<u>102,091.35</u>		



## Township of Green, N.J.

## Schedule of Unappropriated Reserves for Grants

## Federal and State Grant Fund

## Year Ended December 31, 2023

<u>Grant</u>	<u>Balance</u> <u>Dec. 31, 2022</u>	<u>Received</u>	<u>Transfer to</u> <u>2023 Budget</u>	<u>Balance</u> <u>Dec. 31, 2023</u>
Recycling Tonnage Grant	13,058.51	9,782.49	13,058.51	9,782.49
Clean Communities	12,769.72	14,322.59	12,769.72	14,322.59
	<u>25,828.23</u>	<u>24,105.08</u>	<u>25,828.23</u>	<u>24,105.08</u>
	A	A-18	A-20	A

## Township of Green, N.J.

## Schedule of Cash

## Trust Funds

Year Ended December 31, 2023

	<u>Ref.</u>	<u>Animal Control Trust Fund</u>	<u>Other Trust Funds</u>	<u>Emergency Services Volunteer Length of Service Award Program</u>
Balance - December 31, 2022	B	<u>3,934.55</u>	<u>4,682,807.45</u>	<u>398,815.56</u>
Increase by Receipts:				
Dog License Fees - Township Share	B-2	6,717.60	-	-
Late Fees	B-2	1,162.00	-	-
Dog License Fees - State Share	B-4	1,007.40	-	-
Other Trust Funds	B-6	-	1,440,189.77	-
Township Contributions	B-7	-	-	25,331.04
Increase in Investment Value	B-8	-	-	65,718.19
Total Receipts		<u>8,887.00</u>	<u>1,440,189.77</u>	<u>91,049.23</u>
		<u>12,821.55</u>	<u>6,122,997.22</u>	<u>489,864.79</u>
Decreased by Disbursements:				
Reserve for Animal Control Trust				
Trust Expenditures	B-2	5,445.50	-	-
Dog License Fees - State Share	B-4	1,003.20	-	-
Reserve for Encumbrances	B-5	173.52	80,893.67	-
Other Trust Funds	B-6	-	1,126,615.63	-
Distribution	B-8	-	-	58,369.75
Total Disbursements		<u>6,622.22</u>	<u>1,207,509.30</u>	<u>58,369.75</u>
Balance - December 31, 2023	B	<u><u>6,199.33</u></u>	<u><u>4,915,487.92</u></u>	<u><u>431,495.04</u></u>

Township of Green, N.J.

Reserve for Animal Control Trust Fund Expenditures

Trust Funds

Year Ended December 31, 2023

	<u>Ref.</u>		
Balance - December 31, 2022	B		3,761.03
Increased by:			
Dog License Fees - Township Share	B-1	6,717.60	
Late Fees	B-1	<u>1,162.00</u>	
			<u>7,879.60</u>
			11,640.63
Decreased by:			
Expenditures R.S.4:19-1511	B-1		<u>5,445.50</u>
Balance - December 31, 2023	B		<u><u>6,195.13</u></u>

License Fees Collected

<u>Year</u>	
2022	6,555.60
2021	<u>6,814.80</u>
	<u><u>13,370.40</u></u>

**Township of Green, N.J.**

**Reserve for Animal Control Trust Encumbrances**

**Trust Funds**

**Year Ended December 31, 2023**

	<u>Ref.</u>	
Balance - December 31, 2022	B	173.52
Increased by:		
Due State of New Jersey	B-4	4.20
		<u>177.72</u>
Decreased by:		
Cash Disbursements	B-1	173.52
		<u>173.52</u>
Balance - December 31, 2023	B	<u><u>4.20</u></u>

**Schedule of Due to State Department of Health**

**Trust Funds**

**Year Ended December 31, 2023**

	<u>Ref.</u>		
Increased by:			
State Fees Collected	B-1		1,007.40
			<u><u>1,007.40</u></u>
Decreased by:			
Paid to State	B-1	1,003.20	
Reserve for Encumbrances	B-3	4.20	
		<u>1,003.20</u>	<u><u>1,007.40</u></u>

Township of Green, N.J.

Schedule of Reserve for Encumbrances

Trust Funds

Year Ended December 31, 2023

Balance - December 31, 2022	<u>Ref.</u> B	80,893.67
Increased by:		
Other Trust Funds	B-6	<u>45,869.61</u>
		126,763.28
Decreased by:		
Cash Disbursements	B-1	<u>80,893.67</u>
Balance - December 31, 2023	B	<u><u>45,869.61</u></u>

**Township of Green, N.J.**  
**Schedule of Other Trust Funds**  
**Trust Funds**  
**Year Ended December 31, 2023**

	<u>Balance</u>	<u>Increased</u>	<u>Decreased</u>	<u>Balance</u>
	<u>Dec. 31, 2022</u>			<u>Dec. 31, 2023</u>
Reserve for:				
Developers Escrow	2,177,798.14	139,832.30	52,018.75	2,265,611.69
POAA	2.00	-	-	2.00
Recreation Donations	22,681.24	2,645.00	658.54	24,667.70
Housing Rehabilitation	93,351.78	-	-	93,351.78
Affordable Housing	356,932.59	54,443.98	1,039.00	410,337.57
Payroll	106.10	1,108,040.75	1,107,538.38	608.47
Snow Removal/Storm Recovery	103,421.72	-	9,471.82	93,949.90
Accumulated Sick and Vacation	19,410.11	4,000.00	-	23,410.11
Tax Sale Premiums	18,000.00	3,500.00	-	21,500.00
Memorial Bench Program	750.00	-	-	750.00
Open Space Trust	1,809,460.10	127,727.74	1,758.75	1,935,429.09
	<u>4,601,913.78</u>	<u>1,440,189.77</u>	<u>1,172,485.24</u>	<u>4,869,618.31</u>
	B			B
	<u>Ref.</u>			
Cash Receipts	B-1	1,440,189.77	-	
Cash Disbursements	B-1	-	1,126,615.63	
Reserve for Encumbrances	B-5	-	45,869.61	
		<u>1,440,189.77</u>	<u>1,172,485.24</u>	

## Township of Green, N.J.

## Statement of Contributions Receivable

## Emergency Services Volunteer Length of Services Award Program

Year Ended December 31, 2023

	<u>Ref.</u>	
Balance - December 31, 2022	B	17,500.00
Increased by:		
Township Contributions	B-8	15,480.08
Contribution Adjustment	B-8	<u>7,831.04</u>
		<u>23,311.12</u>
		40,811.12
Decreased by:		
Receipts	B-1	<u>25,331.04</u>
Balance - December 31, 2023	B	<u><u>15,480.08</u></u>

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## Township of Green, N.J.

## Schedule of Net Assets Available for Benefits

## Emergency Services Volunteer Length of Services Award Program

Year Ended December 31, 2023

	<u>Ref.</u>	
Balance - December 31, 2022	B	416,315.56
Increased by:		
Township Contributions	B-7	15,480.08
Contribution Adjustment	B-7	7,831.04
Increase (Decrease) in Investment Value	B-1	<u>65,718.19</u>
		<u>89,029.31</u>
		505,344.87
Decreased by:		
Distribution	B-1	<u>58,369.75</u>
Balance - December 31, 2023	B	<u><u>446,975.12</u></u>

## Township of Green, N.J.

## Schedule of Cash

## General Capital Fund

Year Ended December 31, 2023

	<u>Ref.</u>		
Balance - December 31, 2022	C;C-3		429,883.03
Increased by Receipts:			
Capital Improvement Fund	C-7	112,000.00	
Various Reserves	C-9	26,930.00	
Grants Receivable	C-6	<u>322,035.00</u>	
			<u>460,965.00</u>
			890,848.03
Decreased by Disbursements:			
Improvement Authorizations	C-8	433,866.31	
Various Reserves	C-9	<u>50,272.11</u>	
			<u>484,138.42</u>
Balance - December 31, 2023	C;C-3		<u><u>406,709.61</u></u>



Township of Green, N.J.

Analysis of Cash

General Capital Fund

Year Ended December 31, 2023

	Balance Dec. 31, 2022	Receipts		Disbursements		Transfers		Balance Dec. 31, 2023
		Budget Appropriations	Miscellaneous	Improvement Authorizations	Miscellaneous	To	From	
Fund Balance	30,515.49	-	-	-	-	39,695.47	67,515.00	2,695.96
Capital Improvement Fund	187,678.61	112,000.00	-	-	-	-	98,000.00	201,678.61
Grant Receivable	(41,550.00)	-	322,035.00	-	-	-	373,980.00	(93,495.00)
Reserve for Encumbrances	26,722.76	-	-	26,722.76	-	189,153.11	157,861.18	31,291.93
Reserve for Road Improvements	80,506.26	-	-	-	-	-	80,505.00	1.26
Reserve for Improvements to Municipal Properties	-	7,930.00	-	-	-	-	-	7,930.00
Reserve for Debt Service - Fire Truck	2,749.90	-	-	-	2,749.90	-	-	-
Reserve for Debt Service	20,799.45	-	-	-	20,799.45	-	-	-
Reserve for Fire Equipment / Fire Truck	53,897.66	14,000.00	-	-	-	-	-	67,897.66
Reserve for Bridge Painting	15,000.00	5,000.00	-	-	-	-	-	20,000.00
Reserve for DPW Building	25,000.00	-	-	-	-	-	-	25,000.00
Reserve for Purchase of DPW Truck	25.00	-	-	-	-	-	-	25.00
<u>Ordinance Improvement Authorizations</u>								
22-03 Request Rd Phase I	27,687.90	-	-	146,703.61	-	156,530.18	37,514.47	-
22-11 Electronic Gate Open System	850.00	-	-	-	-	1,331.00	2,181.00	-
23-04 Creek Rd I & II	-	-	-	445,023.88	-	620,000.00	31,291.93	143,684.19
	<u>429,883.03</u>	<u>138,930.00</u>	<u>322,035.00</u>	<u>618,450.25</u>	<u>23,549.35</u>	<u>1,006,709.76</u>	<u>848,848.58</u>	<u>406,709.61</u>
	C							C

**Township of Green, N.J.**  
**Schedule of Deferred Charges to Future**  
**Taxation - Funded**

**General Capital Fund**

**Year Ended December 31, 2023**

	<u>Ref.</u>		
Balance - December 31, 2022	C		625,286.31
Decreased by:			
Funded by Budget Appropriation			
DEP Loan Payable	C-10	56,277.42	
Serial Bonds	C-11	123,000.00	
		<u>179,277.42</u>	<u>179,277.42</u>
Balance - December 31, 2023	C		<u><u>446,008.89</u></u>

Township of Green, N.J.

Schedule of Deferred Charges to Future Taxation - Unfunded

General Capital Fund

Year Ended December 31, 2023

Ord. No.	Improvement Description	Notes Paid by		Analysis of Balance	
		Balance Dec. 31, 2022	Budget Appropriation	Balance Dec. 31, 2023	Anticipation Notes
19-09	Purchase of Street Sweeper	105,000.00	40,000.00	65,000.00	65,000.00
19-17	Purchase of Pumper Fire Engine	385,000.00	93,000.00	292,000.00	292,000.00
		<u>490,000.00</u>	<u>133,000.00</u>	<u>357,000.00</u>	<u>357,000.00</u>
		C	C-12	C	C-12

**Township of Green, N.J.**  
**Schedule of Grants Receivable**  
**General Capital Fund**  
**Year Ended December 31, 2023**

	<u>Ref.</u>	
Balance - December 31, 2022	C	41,550.00
Increased by:		
Grants Awarded	C-8	373,980.00
		<u>415,530.00</u>
Decreased by:		
Cash Receipts	C-2	322,035.00
		<u>322,035.00</u>
Balance - December 31, 2023	C	<u><u>93,495.00</u></u>
<u>Analysis of Receivable</u>		
Creek Rd - Section I (Ord #2023-04)		50,800.00
Creek Rd - Section II (Ord #2023-04)		42,695.00
		<u><u>93,495.00</u></u>

**Township of Green, N.J.**  
**Schedule of Capital Improvement Fund**  
**General Capital Fund**  
**Year Ended December 31, 2023**

	<u>Ref.</u>	
Balance - December 31, 2022	C	187,678.61
Increased by:		
Budget Appropriation	C-2	112,000.00
		<u>299,678.61</u>
Decreased by:		
Appropriated to Finance		
Improvement Authorizations	C-8	98,000.00
		<u>98,000.00</u>
Balance - December 31, 2023	C	<u><u>201,678.61</u></u>

Township of Green, N.J.

Schedule of Improvement Authorizations

General Capital Fund

Year Ended December 31, 2023

Ord. No.	Improvement Description	Ordinance Date	Amount	Balance Dec. 31, 2022		2023 Authorizations	Encumbrances Cancelled	Expended	Cancelled	Balance Dec. 31, 2023	
				Funded	Unfunded					Funded	Unfunded
22-03	Pequest Rd Phase I	3/7/2022	231,000.00	27,687.90	-	-	156,530.18	146,703.61	37,514.47	-	-
22-11	Electronic Gate Open System	11/21/2022	15,000.00	850.00	-	1,331.00	-	-	2,181.00	-	-
23-04	Creek Rd I & II	3/24/2023	620,000.00	-	620,000.00	-	-	476,315.81	-	-	143,684.19
				<u>28,537.90</u>	<u>620,000.00</u>	<u>157,861.18</u>	<u>623,019.42</u>	<u>623,019.42</u>	<u>39,695.47</u>	<u>143,684.19</u>	<u>143,684.19</u>
				C		C-9					C
	Capital Surplus		Ref.		67,515.00				39,695.47		
	Disbursed		C-1		-			433,866.31	-		
	Capital Improvement Fund		C-2		-			-	-		
	Various Reserves		C-7		98,000.00			-	-		
	Encumbrances Payable		C-9		80,505.00			-	-		
	Grants Receivable		C-9		-			189,153.11	-		
			C-6		373,980.00			-	-		
					<u>620,000.00</u>			<u>623,019.42</u>	<u>39,695.47</u>		

Township of Green, N.J.

Schedule of Various Reserves

General Capital Fund

Year Ended December 31, 2023

Description	Balance		Increased	Decreased	Balance	
	Dec. 31, 2022				Dec. 31, 2023	
Encumbrances	26,722.76		189,153.11	184,583.94	31,291.93	
Reserve for Road Improvements	80,506.26		-	80,505.00	1.26	
Reserve for Improvement to Municipal Properties	-	7,930.00			7,930.00	
Reserve for Debt Service - Fire Truck	2,749.90			2,749.90	-	
Reserve for Debt Service	20,799.45			20,799.45	-	
Reserve for Fire Equipment / Fire Truck	53,897.66	14,000.00			67,897.66	
Reserve for Bridge Painting	15,000.00	5,000.00			20,000.00	
Reserve for DPW Building	25,000.00				25,000.00	
Reserve for Purchase of DPW Truck	25.00				25.00	
	<u>224,701.03</u>	<u>216,083.11</u>		<u>288,638.29</u>	<u>152,145.85</u>	
	C				C	
	Ref.					
Cash Receipts	C-2	26,930.00				
Cash Disbursements	C-2			50,272.11		
Improvement Authorizations	C-8			80,505.00		
Encumbrances	C-8	189,153.11		157,861.18		
		<u>216,083.11</u>		<u>288,638.29</u>		

Township of Green, N.J.  
 Schedule of Department of Environmental Protection Loan Payable

General Capital Fund

Year Ended December 31, 2023

Purpose	Date of Issue	Original Issue	Maturities of Loans Outstanding, December 31, 2023	Interest Rate	Balance	
					Dec. 31, 2022	Dec. 31, 2023
Lake Tranquility Dam Restoration	12/09/11	423,257.58	9/08/21 - 9/08/30 See Notes	2.00%	202,258.13	178,701.40
Lake Tranquility Dam Restoration	12/12/11	607,000.00	9/08/21 - 3/08/31 See Notes	2.00%	300,028.18	267,307.49
					<u>502,286.31</u>	<u>446,008.89</u>
					C	C
					C-4	



Township of Green, N.J.

Schedule of General Serial Bonds Payable

General Capital Fund

Year Ended December 31, 2023

Purpose	Date of Issue	Original Issue	Maturities of Bonds Outstanding, December 31, 2023		Interest Rate	Balance Dec. 31, 2022	Decreased
			Date	Amount			
General Obligation Bonds of 2003	09/15/03	3,448,000.00				123,000.00	123,000.00
						C	C-4

Township of Green, N.J.

Schedule of Bond Anticipation Notes Payable

General Capital Fund

Year Ended December 31, 2023

Ord. No./Date	Improvement Description	Date of		Interest Rate	Date of Maturity	Balance		Increased	Decreased	Balance	
		Original Issue	Date of Issue			Dec. 31, 2022	Dec. 31, 2023			Dec. 31, 2022	Dec. 31, 2023
19-09	Purchase of Street Sweeper	8/12/2020	8/12/2022	2.90%	8/11/2023	105,000.00	-	-	105,000.00	-	-
			8/10/2023	4.17%	8/8/2024	-	65,000.00	-	-	65,000.00	
19-17	Purchase of Pumper Fire Engine	8/12/2020	8/12/2022	2.90%	8/11/2023	385,000.00	-	-	385,000.00	-	-
			8/10/2023	4.17%	8/8/2024	-	292,000.00	-	-	292,000.00	
						<u>490,000.00</u>	<u>357,000.00</u>	<u>490,000.00</u>	<u>357,000.00</u>	<u>357,000.00</u>	<u>357,000.00</u>
						C				C; C-5	
				<u>Ref.</u>							
					Renewals		357,000.00	357,000.00			
					Funded by Budget Appropriation		-	133,000.00			
					C-5		<u>357,000.00</u>	<u>490,000.00</u>			

**TOWNSHIP OF GREEN**

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**PART II**

**REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL AND ON COMPLIANCE  
AND OTHER MATTERS**

**COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS**

**YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023**



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

Honorable Mayor and  
Members of the Township Committee  
Township of Green  
County of Sussex, New Jersey

We have audited, in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America; audit requirements as prescribed by the Division of Local Government Services, Department of Community Affairs, State of New Jersey; 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 of the Township of Green in the County of Sussex as of and for the year ended December 31, 2023 and the related notes to the financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated June 6, 2024, which was adverse due to being presented in accordance with New Jersey regulatory basis of accounting. The regulatory basis opinion was qualified for the Length of Services Award Program not being audited.

**Internal Control Over Financial Reporting**

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements-regulatory basis, we considered the Township of Green's internal control over financial reporting to determine the audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing our opinions on the financial statements-regulatory basis, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Township of Green's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the Township of Green'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 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. We did identify a certain deficiency in internal control described in the accompanying Schedule of Findings and Responses, as 2023-01, that we consider to be a significant deficiency.

### **Compliance and Other Matters**

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the Township of Green's financial statements-regulatory basis are free of material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the determination of financial statement amounts. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit and, accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance or other matters that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*.


However, we noted certain immaterial instances of noncompliance that we have reported to the management of the Township of Green in the accompanying comments and recommendations section of this report.

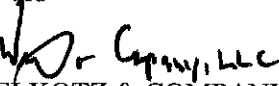
### **Township of Green's Responses to Findings**

The Township of Green's response to the findings identified in our audit are described in the accompanying Summary of Findings and Responses section of our audit. The Township's response was not subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of financial statements and, accordingly, we express no opinion on it.

### **Purpose of this Report**

The purpose of this report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the Township of Green internal control or on compliance. This report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the Township of Green internal controls and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose.

  
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Pompton Lakes, New Jersey

June 6, 2024



**TOWNSHIP OF GREEN**

**SUMMARY OF FINDINGS AND RESPONSES  
YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023**

**Summary of Auditor's Results:**

A qualified opinion was issued on the Township's financial statements prepared on an other comprehensive basis of accounting.

The audit did disclose a significant deficiency in the internal controls of the Township.

The Township was not subject to the single audit provisions of Uniform Guidance and State Circular 15-08 OMB for 2023 as grant expenditures were less than the single audit thresholds identified in the Circulars.

**Findings Relating to the Financial Statements which are required to be Reported in Accordance with Generally Accepted Government Auditing Standards:**

The audit did disclose findings required to be reported under Generally Accepted Government Auditing Standards, as follows:

**Finding 2023 01:**

**Segregation of Duties**

The Township does not maintain an adequate segregation of duties within the Tax Collector Department. Segregation of duties refers to separating those functions that place too much control over a transaction or class of transactions that would enable a person to misappropriate funds and prevent detection within a reasonable period of time. These situations occur because of the limited number of employees qualified to perform other accounting functions. The Township was made aware of this lack on internal control and will consider strengthening Internal Control within reason of the costs and benefits derived.

**Management Response:**

The Township will consider strengthening internal control within reason of costs, benefits derived and budget constraints.

**TOWNSHIP OF GREEN**

**SUMMARY OF FINDINGS AND RESPONSES  
YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023**

**Findings and Questioned Costs for Federal Awards:**

Not applicable

**Findings and Questioned Costs for State Awards:**

Not applicable

**TOWNSHIP OF GREEN**

**SUMMARY SCHEDULE OF PRIOR AUDIT FINDINGS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023**

The Township's prior year finding regarding Segregation of Duties has not been corrected for the Tax Collector Department and is included in the audit for the year ended December 31, 2022.

Finding 2022-01:

Segregation of Duties

The Township does not maintain an adequate segregation of duties within the Tax Collector Department. Segregation of duties refers to separating those functions that place too much control over a transaction or class of transactions that would enable a person to misappropriate funds and prevent detection within a reasonable period of time. These situations occur because of the limited number of employees qualified to perform other accounting functions. The Township was made aware of this lack on internal control and will consider strengthening Internal Control within reason of the costs and benefits derived.

Current Status:

Corrective action has not been taken for the Tax Collector Department. The Township will consider strengthening internal control within reason of the costs, benefits derived and budget constraints.



## GENERAL COMMENTS

### Cash Balances

Cash balances in all funds were verified by independent certificates obtained from the depositories as of December 31, 2023, and at June 6, 2024, in connection with the supplemental reconciliations made for all officials. Cash on hand was counted on that date.

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

N.J.S. 40A:11-3 states:

a. "When the cost or price of any contract awarded by the contracting agent in the aggregate does not exceed in a contract year the total sum of \$17,500, the contract may be awarded by a purchasing agent when so authorized by ordinance or resolution, as appropriate to the contracting unit, of the governing body of the contracting unit without public advertising for bids, except that the governing body of any contracting unit may adopt an ordinance or resolution to set a lower threshold for the receipt of public bids or the solicitation of competitive quotations. If the purchasing agent is qualified pursuant to subsection b. of section 9 of P.L. 1971, c.198 (C.40A:11-9), the governing body of the contracting unit may establish that the bid threshold may be up to \$44,000. Such authorization may be granted for each contract or by a general delegation of the power to negotiate and award such contracts pursuant to this section.

b. Any contracts made pursuant to this section may be awarded for a period of 24 consecutive months, except that contracts for professional services pursuant to subparagraph (i) of paragraph (a) of subsection (1) of section 5 of P.L. 1971, c.198 (C.40A:11-5) may be awarded for a period not exceeding 12 consecutive months. The Division of Local Government Services shall adopt and promulgate rules and regulations concerning the methods of accounting for all contracts that do not coincide with the contracting unit's fiscal year.

c. The Governor, in consultation with the Department of the Treasury, shall, no later than March 1 of every fifth year beginning in the fifth year after the year in which P.L. 1999, c.440 takes effect, adjust the threshold amount and the higher threshold amount which the governing body is permitted to establish, as set forth in subsection a. of this section, or the threshold amount resulting from any adjustment under this subsection, in direct proportion to the rise or fall of the index rate as that term is defined in section 2 of P.L. 1971, c.198 (C.40A:11-2), and shall round the adjustment to the nearest \$1,000. The Governor shall, no later than June 1 of every fifth year, notify each governing body of the adjustment. That adjustment shall become effective on July 1 of the year in which it is made."

N.J.S. 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. The governing body of a contracting unit may, by resolution approved by a majority of the governing body and subject to subsection b. and c. of this section, disqualify a bidder who would otherwise be determined to be the lowest responsible bidder, if the governing body finds that it has had prior negative experience with the bidder."

## **GENERAL COMMENTS** (Continued)

### **Contracts and Agreements Required to be Advertised for N.J.S.A. 40A:11-4 (continued)**

Effective July 1, 2020, the bid threshold in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:11-3 and 40A:11-4 (as amended) is \$17,500.00 and with a qualified purchasing agent the threshold may be up to \$44,000.00. On July 1, 2020 the threshold was increased to \$44,000.00 with a qualified purchasing agent.

The Governing Body of the Township of Green have the responsibility of determining whether the expenditures in any category will exceed the bid threshold within the fiscal year and where question arises as to whether any contract or agreement might result in violation of the statute, the Township Attorney's opinion should be sought before a commitment is made.

The minutes indicated the bids were requested by public advertising per N.J.S.A. 40A:11-4. The minutes also indicated that resolutions were adopted authorizing the awarding of contracts or agreements for "Professional Services" per N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5 for Township Appraiser, Engineer, Auditor, Attorney, Township Planner, Insurance Agent and Bond Counsel.

Inasmuch as the system of records did not provide for the accumulation of payments for categories for the performance of any work or the furnishing or hiring of any material or supplies, the results of such an accumulation could not reasonably be ascertained. Disbursements were reviewed, however, to determine whether any clear cut violation existed. None were noted.

Our review of the Township's minutes indicated that resolutions were adopted authorizing the awarding of contracts or agreements for "Professional Services" per N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5.

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

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

The statute provides the method of authorizing interest and the maximum rates to be charged for the nonpayment of taxes or assessments on or before the date when they would become delinquent.

The Governing Body, on January 4, 2023, adopted the following resolution authorizing interest to be charged on delinquent taxes:

BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Green that after a 10 day grace period, interest will be charged at the rate of eight percent (8%) per annum for the first \$1,500.00 and at the rate of eighteen percent (18%) per annum for any and all sums exceeding \$1,500.00 of all delinquent taxes, assessments and Township charges.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the interest shall revert to the rate of eight percent (8%) per annum on the first \$1,500.00 and eighteen percent (18%) on any and all sums exceeding \$1,500.00 per annum from the first day the taxes become delinquent until they become current.

**GENERAL COMMENTS** (Continued)

**Collection of Interest on Delinquent Taxes and Assessments** (continued)

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that an additional penalty of six percent (6%) shall be added on delinquencies in excess of \$10,000.00 which are not paid prior to the end of the calendar year. The penalty so fixed shall not exceed six percent (6%) of the amount of delinquency.

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

**Delinquent Taxes and Tax Title Liens**

The last tax sale was held on November 13, 2023 and was complete except for parties in bankruptcy court.

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

<u>Year</u>	<u>Number of Liens</u>
2023	-0-
2022	-0-
2021	-0-

**Verification of Delinquent Taxes and Other Charges**

A test verification of delinquent charges and current payments was made in accordance with the regulations of the Division of Local Government Services.

The result of the test which was made as of December 31, 2023 is not yet known, but a separate report will be rendered if any irregularities are developed.

In addition, analytical review procedures were utilized to ascertain the validity of the receivables.

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**Management Response:**

The Township will consider strengthening internal control within reason of costs, benefits derived and budget constraints.

## OTHER COMMENTS

### Municipal Court

The report required by statute covering the accounts of the Municipal Court has been filed under separate cover with the Judge, Township Clerk and Division of Local Government Services.

## RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That the Township strengthen internal controls within the Tax Collector Department.

### Status of Prior Year's Audit Findings/Recommendations

A review was performed on all prior year's recommendations and corrective action was taken on all, with the exception of the following:

1. That the Township strengthen internal controls within the Tax Collector Department.

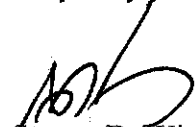
The problems and weaknesses noted in our audit were not of such magnitude that they would affect our ability to express an opinion on the financial statements taken as a whole.

Should any questions arise as to our comments or recommendations, or should you desire assistance in implementing our recommendations, please do not hesitate to call us.

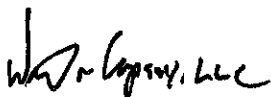
## APPRECIATION

We wish to express our appreciation for the assistance and courtesies rendered by the Township officials and employees during the course of the audit.

Very truly yours,



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