REPORT OF AUDIT

TOWNSHIP OF GREEN

COUNTY OF SUSSEX

DECEMBER 31, 2022

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TOWNSHIP OF GREEN

PART I

REPORT OF AUDIT OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND SUPPLEMENTARY DATA YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2022



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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

Honorable Mayor and Members of the Township Committee Township of Green Tranquility, New Jersey 07879

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, 2022 and 2021, 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, 2022, 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, 2022 and 2021, 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.

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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.

Basis for 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, 2022 and 2021, 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, 2022 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.

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.

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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.

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



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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 22, 2023 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.

Steven D. Wielkotz, C.P.A.

Registered Municipal Accountant

No. 413

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Certified Public Accountants Pompton Lakes, New Jersey

June 22, 2023



Comparative Balance Sheet - Regulatory Basis

Current Fund

December 31,

	Ref.	2022	<u>2021</u> ·
Asset			
Current Fund:			
Cash	A-4	2,476,297.36	2,290,359.53
Change Fund	A-5	300.00	300.00
		2,476,597.36	2,290,659.53
Due From State of New Jersey:			
Senior Citizen and Veteran Deductions	A-9	7,451.63	8,072.86
		2,484,048.99	2,298,732.39
Receivables and Other Assets with Full Reser	ves:		
Delinquent Taxes Receivable	A-6	123,538.85	183,055.24
Property Acquired for Taxes -			
Assessed Valuation	A- 7	197,400.00	197,400.00
		320,938.85	380,455.24
		-	-
		2,804,987.84	2,679,187.63
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Federal and State Grant Fund:			
Interfund Receivable			
Current Fund	A-18	430,952.09	239,535.90
		3,235,939.93	2,918,723.53
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Comparative Balance Sheet - Regulatory Basis

Current Fund

December 31,

	Ref.	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>
Liabilities, Reserves and Fund Balance			
Current Fund:			
Appropriation Reserves			
Unencumbered	A-3;A-11	290,716.95	248,038.71
Encumbered	A-3;A-11	232,787.71	189,307.21
Interfunds Payable:	,	,	,
Federal and State Grant Fund	A-10	430,952.09	239,535.90
Due to Town of Newton - Public Defender Fees	A-12		300.00
Reserve for:			
Municipal Relief Funds	A-12	10,630.33	-
Tax Appeals	A-12	26,564.38	75,000.00
Sale of Municipal Assets	A-12	22,000.00	44,000.00
Accounts Payable	A-13	80,000.00	1,328.94
Prepaid Taxes	A-14	90,548.85	96,542.57
		1,184,200.31	894,053.33
Reserve for Receivables	Contra	320,938.85	380,455.24
Fund Balance	A-1	1,299,848.68	1,404,679.06
		2,804,987.84	2,679,187.63
Federal and State Grant Fund:			
Encumbrances Payable	A-19	11.40	1,335.52
Appropriated Reserve for Grants	A-21	405,112.46	211,415.62
Unappropriated Reserve for Grants	A-22	25,828.23	26,784.76
		430,952.09	239,535.90
		3,235,939.93	2,918,723.53

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

Current Fund

Years Ended December 31,

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	Fund Balance, December 31,	A	1,299,848.68	1,404,679.06

Statement of Revenues - Regulatory Basis

Current Fund

Year Ended December 31, 2022

	<u>Ref.</u>	<u>Budget</u>	Realized	Excess or (Deficit)
Fund Balance Anticipated	A-1	575,000.00	575,000.00	
Miscellaneous Revenues:		373,000.00	373,000.00	
Licenses:				
Alcoholic Beverages	A-8	800.00	1,019.70	219,70
Fees and Permits	A-8	7,200.00	9,905.00	2,705.00
Fines and Costs		,,	,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,	_,
Municipal Court	A-8	1,500.00	2,642.29	1,142.29
Interest and Costs on Taxes	A-8	25,000.00	35,871.87	10,871.87
Interest on Investments and Deposits	A-8	25,000.00	17,285.71	(7,714.29)
Energy Receipts Tax	A-8	203,787.00	203,787.00	-
Garden State Trust	A-8	4,084.00	4,084.00	_
Special Items of General Revenue Anticipated	•		ŕ	
With Prior Written Consent of Director of				
Local Government Services:				
Public and Private Revenues:				
Clean Communities	A-20	12,422.40	12,422.40	
Recycling Tonnage Grant	A-20	14,362.36	14,362.36	-
American Recovery Plan Act	A-20	181,652.27	181,652.27	-
Other Special Items:				
Rental Receipts	A- 8	75,000.00	83,944.95	8,944.95
General Capital Reserve for Debt Service	A-8	16,499.39	16,499.39	-
Sale of Municipal Assets	A-8	22,000.00	22,000.00	-
Total Miscellaneous Revenues	A -1	589,307.42	605,476.94	16,169.52
Receipts from Delinquent Taxes	A-1;A-2	132,205.00	183,055.24	50,850.24
Subtotal General Revenues		1,296,512.42	1,363,532.18	67,019.76
Amount to be Raised by Taxes for Support of				
Municipal Budget-Local Tax for Municipal Purposes				
Including Reserve for Uncollected Taxes	A-2	2,760,726.46	2,862,566.02	101,839.56
Budget Totals		4,057,238.88	4,226,098.20	168,859.32
Non-Budget Revenue	A-1;A-2		71,260.62	71,260.62
		4,057,238.88	4,297,358.82	240,119.94
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Statement of Revenues - Regulatory Basis

Current Fund

Year Ended December 31, 2022

Analysis of Realized Revenues	Ref.	
Revenue from Collections	A-1;A-6	15,782,615.31
Allocated to School, County, and Open Space Taxes	A-6	13,158,432.14
Balance for Support of Municipal Budget Appropriations		2,624,183.17
Add: Appropriation - Reserve for		
Uncollected Taxes	A-3	238,382.85
Amount for Support of Municipal		
Budget Appropriations	A-2	2,862,566.02
Receipts from Delinquent Taxes: Delinquent Taxes		
Taxes Receivable	A-6	183,055.24 A-2
Analysis of Non-budget Revenues		
Miscellaneous Revenues Not Anticipated:		
Municipal Court		
Cable T.V. Franchise Fee	9,539	.00
Veteran & Sr. Citizen Administrative Costs	465	.08
Vacant/Abandoned Property Registrations	2,250	.00
Use of Townsip Owned Facilities	499	.00
Construction	4,000	.00
Uniform Fire Safety	880	.00
Miscellaneous	53,627	.54_
	A-2; A-4	71,260.62

Township of Green, N.J.

Statement of Expenditures - Regulatory Basis

Current Fund

Year Ended December 31, 2022

Budget

Unexpended

	,	,	After	Paid or	,	Balance
General Appropriations	Ref.	Budget	Modification	Charged	Reserved	Cancelled
General Government Functions						
Administrative and Executive						
Salaries and Wages		61,700.00	61,700.00	42,412.00	19,288.00	I
Other Expenses		24,500.00	24,500.00	15,831.63	8,668.37	1
Mayor & Committee						
Salaries & Wages		7,750.00	7,750.00	7,437.50	312.50	1
Other Expenses		3,300.00	3,300.00	1,260.00	2,040.00	•
Municipal Clerk						
Salaries & Wages		176,704.00	176,704.00	176,704.00	•	ı
Other Expenses		12,200.00	12,200.00	7,348.87	4,851.13	1
Codification of Ordinances		5,000.00	5,000.00	2,320.00	2,680.00	1
Financial Administration:						
Salaries and Wages		109,852.00	109,852.00	109,852.00	ı	ı
Other Expenses		8,100.00	8,100.00	7,097.19	1,002.81	1
Audit Services		28,050.00	28,050.00	13,275.00	14,775.00	•
Computer Maintenance and Education		40,900.00	40,900.00	32,129.63	8,770.37	•
Collection of Taxes						
Salaries and Wages		49,125.00	49,125.00	49,125.00	r	1
Other Expenses		5,510.00	5,510.00	3,039.23	2,470.77	ı
Assessment of Taxes						
Salaries and Wages	,	57,348.00	57,348.00	57,348.00		1
Other Expenses	٠	11,250.00	11,250.00	1,223.34	10,026.66	1
Legal Services and Costs						
Other Expenses		74,500.00	74,500.00	64,705.01	9,794.99	ı
Engineering Services and Costs						
Other Expenses		43,500.00	43,500.00	10,000.15	33,499.85	١.

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Township of Green, N.J.

Statement of Expenditures - Regulatory Basis

Current Fund

Year Ended December 31, 2022

Unexpended Balance Cancelled	1 1	ı	1 1	1 1		ı	ı	1 1	i i	ı
Reserved	750.00 9,222.82	10,500.00	9,160.35	1,000.00 5,581.89	22,500.00	7,500.00	3,472.00	1,658.62 83,969.61	-0,027.33	1.00
Paid or <u>Charged</u>	23,721.00 2,577.18	ı	10,839.65 450.12	1,200.00	65,000.00	22,500.00	528.00	281,941.38 130,730.39	30,000.00 30,072.67	ı
Budget After <u>Modification</u>	24,471.00 11,800.00	10,500.00	20,000.00 1,250.00	2,200.00	87,500.00	30,000.00	4,000.00	283,600.00 214,700.00	30,000.00 90,100.00	1.00
Budget	24,471.00 17,800.00	10,500.00	20,000.00 1,250.00	2,200.00	87,500.00	30,000.00	4,000.00	281,600.00 220,700.00	30,000.00 90,100.00	1.00
<u>Ref.</u>										
General Appropriations Municipal Land Use Law: (N.J.S. 40:55D-11)	Planning Board Salaries and Wages Other Expenses	Planner Other Expenses	Salaries and Wages Other Expenses	Emergency Management Services: Salaries and Wages Other Expenses	Aid to Volunteer Fire Companies (N.J.S.A. 40A:14-34) Green Township Volunteer Fire Department	Che And Organization - Continuou (A.J.S.A.40.3-2) Other Expenses Uniform Fire Prevention Official	Salaries and Wages Streets and Roads: Road Repair and Maintenance:	Salaries and Wages Other Expenses	Salaries & Wages Other Expenses	Recycling and Separation Program Salaries and Wages

Township of Green, N.J.

Statement of Expenditures - Regulatory Basis

Current Fund

Year Ended December 31, 2022

Unexpended Balance	Cancelled	ı		•	•		,	ı			ı			1	•		ı	•	1	•		ı	•		ı
	Reserved	21,739.20		1,145.52	25,680.12		ı	ı		300.00	725.00			200.00	2,227.13		3,122.05	4,350.00	32,087.56	1,582.78		1	500.00		200.00
Paid or	Charged	428,260.80		19,442.48	87,819.88		6,500.00	2,000.00		300.00	475.00			12,181.00	12,347.87		71,877.95	70,650.00	227,842.44	7,967.22		2,370.00	ı		1
Budget After	<u>Modification</u>	450,000.00		20,588.00	113,500.00		6,500.00	2,000.00		90.009	1,200.00			12,381.00	14,575.00		75,000.00	75,000.00	259,930.00	9,550.00		2,370.00	500.00	•	200.00
	Budget	450,000.00	•	20,588.00	113,500.00		6,500.00	2,000.00		600.00	1,200.00			12,381.00	14,575.00		75,000.00	75,000.00	259,930.00	9,550.00		2,370.00	500.00		200.00
	Ref.																								
	General Appropriations	Garbage and Trash Kemoval Offer Expenses	Public Buildings and Grounds	Salaries and Wages	Other Expenses	Dog Regulation:	Salaries and Wages	Contribution to Senior Citizens Center (N.J.S. 40:48-9)	Environmental Committee (R.S. 40:56 A-2)	Salaries and Wages	Other Expenses	Recreation and Education	Recreation	Salaries and Wages	Other Expenses	Insurance	General Liability	Workers Compensation Insurance	Employees Group Health	Health Benefit Waiver	Municipal Court	Salaries and Wages	Other Expenses	Public Defender	Other Expense

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Township of Green, N.J.

Statement of Expenditures - Regulatory Basis

Current Fund

Year Ended December 31, 2022

Unexpended Balance <u>Cancelled</u>	ı	1	ı		ı	ı	ı	I	ı	1					1	•		ŀ	ı	1	1		-
Reserved	ı	8,588.81	00.099		10,455.66	5,852.33	439.63	4,997.00	10,112.61	7,104.08					1	635.91		ı		165.79	477,195.13		477,195.13
Paid or <u>Charged</u>	5,500.00	17,411.19	ı		7,544.34	12,147.67	460.37	11,203.00	14,887.39	37,895.92					5,568.00	1,014.09		4,000.00		4,809.21	2,276,562.87		2,276,562.87
Budget After Modification	5,500.00	26,000.00	660.00		18,000.00	18,000.00	900.00	16,200.00	25,000.00	45,000.00					5,568.00	1,650.00		4,000.00		4,975.00	2,753,758.00		2,753,758.00
Budget	5,500.00	26,000.00	00.099		18,000.00	18,000.00	900.00	16,200.00	25,000.00	35,000.00					5,568.00	1,650.00		4,000.00		4,975.00	2,753,758.00		2,753,758.00
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General Appropriations	Parks and Playgrounds: Salaries and Wages	Other Expenses	H.B.V. Vaccination Other Fenences	Utility and Bulk Purchases	Fire Hydrant	Electricity	Street Lighting	Telephone	Propane Gas	Fuel Oil-Gas	Uniform Construction Code -	Appropriations Offset by Dedicated	Revenues (N.J.A.C. 5:23-4.17)	Code Enforcement & Administration	Salaries and Wages	Other Expenses	Accumulated Absences	Salaries and Wages	Celebration of Public Events, Anniversary or Holiday:	Other Expenses	Total Operations {Item 8 (A)} Within "CAPS"	Total Operations Including Contingent-	Within "CAPS"

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Township of Green, N.J.

Statement of Expenditures - Regulatory Basis

Current Fund

Year Ended December 31, 2022

Unexpended Balance Cancelled	ı	•		ı	ı	ı	1	ı		ı		ı		1		1	ι	j k
Reserved	37,287.99	439,907.14		j	1.500.00	7,732.31	3,154.12	2,049.41	14,435.84	491,630.97		5,500.00	•	5,500.00		I	4,000.00	4,000.00
Paid or <u>Charged</u>	846,970.01	1,429,592.86		120 397 00		64,567.69	3,845.88	450.59	189,261.16	2,465,824.03		14,500.00	2,070.00	16,570.00	11 054 00	11,024.00	47,000.00	58,854.00
Budget After <u>Modification</u>	884,258.00	1,869,500.00		120 307 00	1.500.00	72,300.00	7,000.00	2,500.00	203,697.00	2,957,455.00		20,000.00	2,070.00	22,070.00	11 054 00	11,024.00	51,000.00	62,854.00
Budget	882,258.00	1,871,500.00		120 307 00	1.500.00	72,300.00	7,000.00	2,500.00	203,697.00	2,957,455.00		20,000.00	2,070.00	22,070.00	11 054 00	11,034.00	51,000.00	62,854.00
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General Appropriations	Detail: Salaries and Wages	Other Expenses (Including Contingent)	Deferred Charges and Statutory Expenditures- Municipal Within "CAPS" Statutory Expenditures:	Contribution to: Dublic Employees! Patirement System	Public Employees' Retirement System Back Deductions	Social Security System (O.A.S.I.)	Unemployment Compensation Insurance	Defined Contribution Retirement Program	Total Deferred Charged and Statutory Expenditures - Municipal within "CAPS"	Total General Appropriations for Municipal Purposes within "CAPS"	(A) Operations - Excluded From "CAPS" Operations - Excluded From "CAPS"	Length of Service Award Program	Employee Group Health	Total Other Operations - Excluded From CAPS	Interlocal Municipal Service Agreements	Dispatch Services - 911 Municipal Court	Other Expenses	Total Interlocal Municipal Service Agreements

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Township of Green, N.J.

Statement of Expenditures - Regulatory Basis

Current Fund

Year Ended December 31, 2022

Unexpended Balance <u>Cancelled</u>	ı	ı	1 1 1	r	1	1	J I	ı	1	1 1	1 1
Reserved	1	•	622.69	623.69	10,123.69	10,123.69	1 1	21,750.00	21,750.00		1 1
Paid or <u>Charged</u>	181,652.27	12,422.40	14,362.36 377.31	208,814.34	284,238.34	284,238.34	65,000.00	44,250.00	203,250.00	175,000.00 85,000.00	14,155.00 1,840.00
Budget After <u>Modification</u>	181,652.27	12,422.40	14,362.36 1,000.00	209,438.03	294,362.03	294,362.03	65,000.00	66,000.00	225,000.00	175,000.00 85,000.00	14,155.00 1,840.00
Budget	181,652.27	12,422.40	14,362.36 1,000.00	209,438.03	294,362.03	294,362.03	65,000.00	66,000.00	225,000.00	175,000.00 85,000.00	14,155.00 1,840.00
Ref.						A-1			A-1		
General Appropriations	Public and Private Programs Offset By Revenues American Recovery Plan Act	Other Expenses	Accycling Formage Chair Other Expenses Municipal Matching Funds - Action Alliance Grant	Total Public and Private Programs Offset By Revenues	Total Operations - Excluded from "CAPS"	Other Expenses	Capital Improvements - Excluded From "CAPS" Capital Improvement Fund Improvements to Poods	Improvement to Municipal Properties Durchase of Fire Truck	Total Capital Improvements Excluded from "CAPS" Municipal Debt Service "Fychyded From "CAPS"	Payment of Bond Anticipation Notes & Capital	Interest on Bonds Interest on Notes

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

Township of Green, N.J.

Statement of Expenditures - Regulatory Basis

Current Fund

Year Ended December 31, 2022

Budget

Unexpended

			After	Paid or		Balance
General Appropriations	Ref.	Budget	Modification	Charged	Reserved	<u>Cancelled</u>
Green Loan Trust Program: Payment of Dam Restoration Loan Principal		55,169.00	55,169.00	55,168.53	1	0.47
Interest on Dam Restoration Loan		10,875.00	10,875.00	10,874.63	•	0.37
Total Municipal Debt Service-Excluded from "CAPS"	A-1	342,039.00	342,039.00	342,038.16		0.84
Total General Appropriations for Municipal						
Purposes Excluded from "CAPS"		861,401.03	861,401.03	829,526.50	31,873.69	0.84
Total General Appropriations - Excluded From "CAPS"		861,401.03	861,401.03	829,526.50	31,873.69	0.84
Subtotal General Appropriations		3,818,856.03	3,818,856.03	3,295,350.53	523,504.66	0.84
Reserve for Uncollected Taxes	A-2	238,382.85	238,382.85	238,382.85	ı	. 1
Total General Appropriations		4,057,238.88	4,057,238.88	3,533,733.38	523,504.66	0.84
			A-2			
Analysis of Paid or Charged						
Reserve for Uncollected Taxes	A-2			238,382.85		
Cash Disbursed	A-4			3,086,913.50		
Schedule of Appropriated Reserves for Grants	A-21			208,437.03		
Analysis of Appropriation Reserve						
Unencumbered	A				290,716.95	
Encumbered	A				232,787.71 523,504.66	

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

Comparative Balance Sheet - Regulatory Basis

Trust Funds

December 31,

Assets	Ref.	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>
Animal Control Trust Fund:		4	
Cash	B-1	3,934.55	2,762.95
Other Trust Funds:			
Cash	B-1	4,682,807.45	4,659,113.65
Emergency Services Volunteer Length of Service Award Program (Unaudited)			
Cash	B-1	398,815.56	472,204.89
Contributions Receivable	B-7	17,500.00	14,500.00
		416,315.56	486,704.89
Total Assets		5,103,057.56	5,148,581.49

Comparative Balance Sheet - Regulatory Basis

Trust Funds

December 31,

	Ref.	<u>2022</u>	2021
Liabilities, Reserves & Fund Balance			
Animal Control Trust Fund:			
Reserve for Dog Expenditures	B-2	3,761.03	2,762.95
Reserve for Encumbrances	B-3	173.52	, <u> </u>
•		3,934.55	2,762.95
Other Trust Fund:			
Reserve for:			
Encumbrances	B-5	80,893.67	24,125.00
Various Reserves	B-6	4,601,913.78	4,634,988.65
		4,682,807.45	4,659,113.65
Emergency Services Volunteer Length of Service Award Program (Unaudited)			
Net Assets Available for Benefits	B-8	416,315.56	486,704.89
Total Liabilities, Reserves and Fund Balances		5,103,057.56	5,148,581.49

Comparative Balance Sheet - Regulatory Basis

General Capital Fund

December 31,

<u>Assets</u>	Ref.	<u>2022</u>	2021
Cash Deferred Charges to Future Taxation	C-2;C-3	429,883.03	473,962.98
Funded	C-4	625,286.31	855,454.84
Unfunded	C-5	490,000.00	575,000.00
Grants Receivable	C-12	41,550.00	40,000.00
		1,586,719.34	1,944,417.82
Liabilities, Reserves and Fund Balance DEP Loans Payable	C-9	502.297.21	557 454 94
General Serial Bonds	C-10	502,286.31	557,454.84
Bond Anticipation Notes	C-10 C-11	123,000.00	298,000.00
Improvement Authorizations:	C-11	490,000.00	575,000.00
Funded	C-7	28,537.90	13,176.69
Capital Improvement Fund	C-6	187,678.61	200,478.61
Various Reserves	C-8	224,701.03	295,134.59
Fund Balance	C-1	30,515.49	5,173.09
		1,586,719.34	1,944,417.82

Footnote C: There were no Bonds and Notes Authorized But Not Issued on December 31, 2022 and 2021.

Comparative Schedule of Fund Balance - Regulatory Basis

General Capital Fund

Year Ended December 31,

	<u>Ref.</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>
Balance - January 1,	C	5,173.09	5,012.94
Increased by: Improvement Authorizations			
Cancelled	C-7	25,342.40	160.15
Balance - December 31,	C	30,515.49	5,173.09

Comparative Statement of General Fixed Assets - Regulatory Basis

December 31,

	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>
General Fixed Assets:		
Land	2,436,300.00	2,436,300.00
Buildings	1,639,000.00	1,639,000.00
Equipment (Including Vehicles)	2,740,489.00	2,528,799.00
Total	6,815,789.00	6,604,099.00
Investment in Fixed Assets	6,815,789.00	6,604,099.00

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2022 AND 2021

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 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 it financial transactions through the following separate funds which differ from the fund structure required by GAAP.

A. Reporting Entity

The Township of Green (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.

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NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2022 AND 2021 (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

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

<u>Trust Funds</u> - 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.

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

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.

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

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 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

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2022 AND 2021 (CONTINUED)

NOTE 1: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

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

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 11th day of the 11th 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.

<u>Miscellaneous Revenues</u> - 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.

<u>Grant Revenues</u> - 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.

<u>Budgets and Budgetary Accounting</u> - 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 Animal Control Trust Fund Trust Fund

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 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

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2022 AND 2021 (CONTINUED)

NOTE 1: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

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

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 2022, the Governing Body did increase the original Current Fund budget, 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.

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

<u>Appropriation Reserves</u> - 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

<u>Compensated Absences</u> - 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.

<u>Property Acquired for Taxes</u> - 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.

<u>Interfunds</u> - 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.

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2022 AND 2021 (CONTINUED)

NOTE 1: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

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

<u>Inventories</u> - 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.

<u>Cash and Investments</u> - 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).

<u>Deferred Charges to Future Taxation Funded and Unfunded</u> - 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.

<u>Comparative Data</u> - 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.

<u>Use of Estimates</u> - 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 of Green 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.

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

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2022 AND 2021 (CONTINUED)

NOTE 1: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

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

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

Recently Issued and Adopted Accounting Pronouncements

A review of the recently issued and adopted pronouncements did not identify any statements which affect the financial statements presented for the period under audit.

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 2021 statutory budget included a reserve for uncollected taxes in the amount of \$231,760.16 to balance the budget, the municipality is required to show a budgeted fund balance. The amount of fund balance budgeted to balance the 2021 statutory budget was \$575,000.00.

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2022 AND 2021 (CONTINUED)

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 2022, the Township did not add any items of revenue or appropriation into its annual budget.

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 three or five years. During 2022, there were no emergency authorizations inserted into the budget.

NOTE 3: GENERAL FIXED ASSETS

The following schedule is a summarization of changes in the general fixed assets account group for the year 2022:

	Balance <u>Dec. 31, 2021</u>	Additions	<u>Deletions</u>	Balance Dec. 31, 2022
Land	\$2,436,300.00	\$	\$	\$2,436,300.00
Building	1,639,000.00			1,639,000.00
Machinery and Equipment	<u>2,528,799.00</u>	<u>211,690.00</u>		<u>2,740,489.00</u>
	<u>\$6,604,099.00</u>	<u>\$211,690.00</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>\$6,815,789.00</u>

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2022 AND 2021 (CONTINUED)

NOTE 4: MUNICIPAL DEBT

Long-term debt as of December 31, 2022 consisted of the following:

	Balance Dec. 31, 2021	Additions	Reductions	Ending <u>Balance</u>	Amounts Due Within One Year
Obligation Debt DEP - Loans Payable	\$298,000.00 557,454.84	\$	\$175,000.00 55,168.53	\$123,000.00 502,286.31	\$123,000.00 56,277.42
Compensated Absences Payable	63,083.83	9,089.86		72,173.69	
	<u>\$918,538.67</u>	<u>\$9,089.86</u>	<u>\$230,168.53</u>	<u>\$697,460.00</u>	<u>\$179,277.42</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.

The Township's debt is summarized as follows:

•	Year 2022	Year 2021	Year 2020
<u>Issued</u> :			
General:			
Bonds, Notes and Loans	<u>\$1,115,286.31</u>	<u>\$1,430,454.84</u>	<u>\$1,734,536.33</u>
Authorized But Not Issued			
General:			
Bonds and Notes			10,623.89
Net Bonds and Notes Issued and			
Authorized But Not Issued	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>\$10,623.89</u>

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2022 AND 2021 (CONTINUED)

NOTE 4: MUNICIPAL DEBT (Continued)

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%.

	Gross Debt	Deductions	Net Debt
Local and Regional School			
District Debt	\$1,300,000.00	\$1,300,000.00	\$0.00
General Debt	<u>1,115,286.31</u>	23,549.35	1,091,736.96
	<u>\$2,415,286.31</u>	<u>\$1,323,549.35</u>	<u>\$1,091,736.96</u>

Net Debt \$1,091,736.96 divided by equalized valuation basis per N.J.S. 40A:2-2 as amended, \$513,771,993.00 = 0.212%.

ANALYSIS OF AVERAGE EQUALIZED VALUATION

2022	\$513,771,993.00		
2021		\$478,077,216.00	
2020		,	\$469,122,450.22

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)	\$17,982,019.76
Net Debt	1,091,736.96
Remaining Borrowing Power	<u>\$16,890,282.80</u>

Analysis of Long-term Debt as of December 31, 2022 consisted of the following:

\$3,448,000.00 General Obligation Bonds - General Improvements - Dated 9/15/03. This bond is payable in annual installments through 9/15/23. Interest is paid semi-annually at various rates per annum. The balance remaining as of December 31, 2022 was \$123,000.00.

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2022 AND 2021 (CONTINUED)

NOTE 4: MUNICIPAL DEBT (Continued)

Dam Restoration at Lake Tranquility Dam - Dated 12/9/2011 with the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection. This loan in 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, 2022 was \$202,258.13.

Dam Restoration at Lake Tranquility Dam - Dated 12/12/2011 with the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection. This loan in 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, 2022 was \$300,028.18.

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

Debt Outstanding

Total General Capital Bonds and Loans - Listed in above

\$625,286.31

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

General Capital Bonds and Loans

Calendar			
<u>Year</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Interest</u>	Principal
2023	\$194,885.49	\$15,608.07	\$179,277.42
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
2028-2031	283,451.82	13,153.63	<u>270,298.19</u>
	<u>\$676,466.75</u>	<u>\$51,180.44</u>	<u>\$625,286.31</u>

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2022 AND 2021 (CONTINUED)

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, 2022, the Township had \$490,000.00 in outstanding General Capital Bond Anticipation Notes maturing on August 11, 2023 at an interest rate of 2.90%.

The following activity related to bond anticipation notes occurred during the calendar year ended December 31, 2022:

General Capital	Beginning Balance	Addition _	<u>Reductions</u>	Ending Balance
Township of East Brunswick	\$	\$490,000.00	\$	\$490,000.00
Amboy Bank	<u>575,000.00</u>		575,000.00	
	<u>\$575,000.00</u>	<u>\$490,000.00</u>	\$575,000.00	<u>\$490,000.00</u>

NOTE 6: DUE TO/FROM OTHER FUNDS

Balances due to/from other funds at December 31, 2022 consist of the following:

<u>\$430,952.09</u> 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, 2022 and 2021 which were appropriated and included as anticipated revenue in their own respective funds for the years ending December 31, 2023 and 2022 were as follows:

 2023
 2022

 Current Fund
 \$513,000.00
 \$575,000.00

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2022 AND 2021 (CONTINUED)

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 Comprehensive Financial Report (ACFR) which can be found at www.state.nj.us/treasury/pensions/annrpts.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>	Definition
1 2 3 4	Members who were enrolled prior to July 1, 2007 Members who were eligible to enroll on or after July 1, 2007 and prior to November 2, 2008 Members who were eligible to enroll on or after November 2, 2008 and prior to May 22, 2010 Members who were eligible to enroll on or after May 22, 2010 and prior to June 28, 2011 Members who were eligible to enroll on or after June 28, 2011

Service retirement benefits of 1/55th 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 1/60th 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

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2022 AND 2021 (CONTINUED)

NOTE 8: PENSION PLAN (Continued)

Public Employees' Retirement System (PERS) (continued):

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 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.

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2022 AND 2021 (CONTINUED)

NOTE 8: PENSION PLAN (Continued)

Public Employees' Retirement System (PERS) (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>
2022	\$120,397.00	\$450.59
2021	114,736.00	193.64
2020	100,523.00	251.31

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.

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, 2022, the Township had a liability of \$1,751,945.00 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.

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2022 AND 2021 (CONTINUED)

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, 2022, the Township recognized pension expense of \$120,397.00. At December 31, 2022, deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to PERS from the following sources:

	Deferred Outflows of Resources	Deferred Inflows of Resources
	Resources	Resources
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>	
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:	
2022	\$(150,280)
2023	(76,563)
2024	(37,338)
2025	81,458
2026	(179)

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2022 AND 2021 (CONTINUED)

NOTE 8: PENSION PLAN (Continued)

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

Public Employees Retirement System (PERS) (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.

Public Employees Retirement System (PERS), (continued)

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:

	June 30, 2022	June 30, 2021
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

Inflation Rate:

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.

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Price	2.75%
Wage	3.25%
Salary Increases:	2.75-6.55%

Investment Rate of Return 7.00%

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2022 AND 2021 (CONTINUED)

NOTE 8: PENSION PLAN (Continued)

<u>Public Employees Retirement System (PERS)</u>, (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, 2020 are summarized in the following table:

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2022 AND 2021 (CONTINUED)

NOTE 8: PENSION PLAN (Continued)

Public Employees Retirement System (PERS), (continued)

Long-Term Rate of Return (continued)

	7 0	Long-Term
	Target	Expected Real
Asset Class	<u>Allocation</u>	Rate of Return
U.S. Equity	27.00%	8.21%
Non-U.S. Developed Market Equity	13.50%	8.38%
Emerging Market Equity	5.50%	10.33%
Private Equity	13.00%	11.80%
Real Assets	3.00%	11.19%
Real Estate	8.00%	7.60%
High Yield	2.00%	4.95%
Private Credit	8.00%	8.10%
Investment Grade Credit	8.00%	3.38%
Cash Equivalents	4.00%	1.75%
U.S. Treasuries	5.00%	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:

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2022 AND 2021 (CONTINUED)

NOTE 8: PENSION PLAN (Continued)

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

	June 30, 2022		
	1% Decrease <u>6.00%</u>	At Current Discount Rate 7.00%	1% Increase <u>8.00%</u>
Township's proportionate share of the pension liability	\$2,269,768	\$1,751,945	\$1,338,696
pension natury	\$2,209,700	\$1,731,343	\$1,556,090

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.

NOTE 9: ACCRUED SICK AND VACATION BENEFITS

The Township of Green 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 \$72,173.69.

The Township has reserved \$19,410.11 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, 2022, \$-0- of the Township's bank balance of \$7,806,093.65 was exposed to custodial credit risk. In comparison, as of December 31, 2020, \$-0- of the Township's bank balance of \$7,590,768.76 was exposed to custodial credit risk.

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2022 AND 2021 (CONTINUED)

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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NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2022 AND 2021 (CONTINUED)

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, 2022 and 2021 amounted to \$398,815.56 and \$472,204.89, respectively.

The following investments represent 5% or more of the total invested with Variable Annuity Life Insurance Co. on December 31, 2022 and 2021:

	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>
Investment Under 5%	\$114,257.65	\$149,536.22
Mid Cap Index Fund	45,392.21	51,899.92
Stock Index Fund	86,192.70	42,088.10
International Equities Fund	-	23,713.33
Science & Technology Fund	25,759.35	-
Aggressive Growth Lifestyle	42,045.51	_
Capital Conservation	-	104,354.89
Government Securities Fund	-	26,368.83
Small Capital Index Fund	25,022.41	49,269.01
Short Term Fixed Account	21,132.88	
GS VIT Gov Money Mkt Fund	39,012.85	-
Government Money Market I Fund		24,974.59
Total	<u>\$398,815.56</u>	<u>\$472,204.89</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 2022 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.

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2022 AND 2021 (CONTINUED)

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:

	Balance Dec 31, 2022	Balance Dec 31, 2021
Prepaid Taxes	<u>\$90,548.85</u>	<u>\$96,542.57</u>
Cash Liability for Taxes Collected in Advance	<u>\$90,548.85</u>	<u>\$96,542.57</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.

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2022 AND 2021 (CONTINUED)

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, 2022 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) Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR), 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.

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2022 AND 2021 (CONTINUED)

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, 2021 which is the latest information available. This information is eighteen months prior to December 31, 2021. 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, 2022, the Township had a liability of \$3,581,236.00 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, 2021 the Township's proportion was 0.019896 percent.

For the year ended December 31, 2022, the Township recognized OPEB expense of \$98,113.65. At December 31, 2022, deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to OPEB from the following sources:

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2022 AND 2021 (CONTINUED)

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	\$80,359	\$742,248
Changes of assumptions	515,172	633,026
Net difference between projected and actual earnings on OPEB plan investments	1,712	· <u>-</u>
Changes in proportion	622,386	276,763
Total	<u>\$1,219,629</u>	\$1,652,037

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:	
2022	\$(213,833)
2023	(214,114)
2024	(214,371)
2025	(153,083)
2026	(25,734)
Thereafter	36,105

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, 7.87, 8.05, 8.14 and 8.04 years for 2021, 2020, 2019, 2018 and 2017 amounts, respectively.

Actual Assumptions and Other Inputs

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

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NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2022 AND 2021 (CONTINUED)

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

Inflation rate 2.50%

Salary increases*:

Public Employees's Retirement System (PERS)

Initial fiscal year applied

Rate through 2026 2.00% to 6.00% Rate thereafter 3.00% to 7.00%

Police and Firemen's Retirement System (PFRS)

Rate for all future years 3.25% to 15.25%

Mortality:

PERS

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

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

Discount Rate

The discount rate for June 30, 2021 and 2020 was 2.16% and 2.21%, respectively. 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 that 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.

^{*} Salary increases are based on years of service within the respective plan.

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2022 AND 2021 (CONTINUED)

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, 2021 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, 2021	
	1%	At Current	1%
	Decrease	Discount Rate	Increase
	<u>1.21%</u>	<u>2,21%</u>	<u>3.21%</u>
Township's proportionate share of			
Net OPEB liability	\$4,214,428	\$3,581,236	\$3,079,418

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, 2021 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:

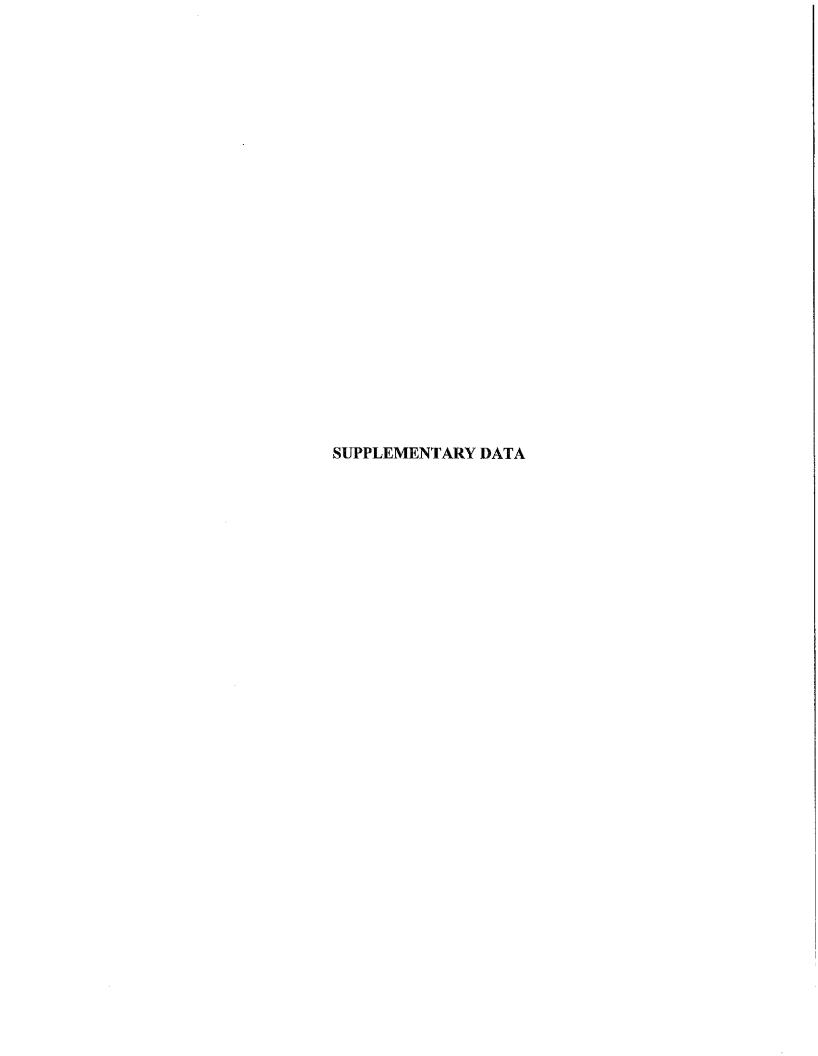
		June 30, 2021	
	1%	Healthcare Cost	1%
	<u>Decrease</u>	Trend Rate	<u>Increase</u>
Township's proportionate share of			
Net OPEB liability	\$2,187,957	\$3,581,236	\$4,355,392

NOTE 18: CONTINGENT LIABILITIES

Township Counsel has advised us of the following:

NOTE 19: SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

The Township has evaluated subsequent events through June 22, 2023, the date which the financial statements were available to be issued and no other items were noted for disclosure.



LIST OF OFFICIALS AND SURETY BONDS

Year Ended December 31, 2022

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

<u>NAME</u>		AMOUNT OF BOND
Margaret ("Peg") Phillips	Mayor	*
Virginia Raffay	Deputy Mayor	*
James Chirip	Committee	*
Bader Qarmout	Committee	*
Daniel Conkling	Committee 1/01/2022-2/25/2022	*
James DeYoung	Committee 3/21/2022-12/31/2022	
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	Planning Board/Board of Adjustment Secretary	*
Angelo Bolcato	Attorney	*
Penny Holenstein	Assessor	*
Richard O'Connor	Construction Official 1/01/2022-4/27/2022	*
Paul Black	Construction Official 5/2/2022-12/31/2022	
Craig Bollmann	Zoning Official	*
Richard O'Connor	Fire Prevention Official 1/01/2022-4/27/2022	*
Virgil Rome Jr.	Shared Services with County 7/01/2022-12/01/20)22
Alan DeCarolis	Animal Control Officer	*
Cory Stoner	Engineer	*
Patricia DeClesis	Board of Health Secretary	*
Jessica Caldwell	Township Planner	*

All the bonds were examined and were properly executed.

^{*} 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.

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE CURRENT FUND

	<u>Year 2022</u>		<u>Year 2021</u>	
Revenue and Other Income Realized	<u>Amount</u>	<u>%</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>%</u>
Nevende and Other Income Realized				
Fund Balance Utilized Miscellaneous - From Other Than	575,000.00	3.296%	575,000.00	3.342%
Local Property Tax Levies Collection of Delinquent Taxes	605,476.94	3.470%	583,438.33	3.391%
and Tax Title Liens Collection of Current	183,055.24	1.049%	127,574.73	0.741%
Tax Levy	15,782,615.31	90.458%	15,493,217.88	90.045%
Other Credits to Income	301,309.46	1.727%	426,809.70	2.481%
Total Revenue and Other Income Realized	17,447,456.95	100.00%	17,206,040.64	100.00%
<u>Expenditures</u>				
Budget Expenditures:				
Municipal Purposes	3,818,855.19	22.494%	3,699,075.13	22.285%
Local School Taxes	10,281,677.00	60.561%	10,015,504.00	60.339%
County Taxes	2,811,722.96	16.562%	2,819,116.73	16.984%
Municipal Open Space	65,032.18	0.383%	64,930.59	0.391%
Total Expenditures	16,977,287.33	100.00%	16,598,626.45	100.00%
Statutory Excess to Fund Balance	470,169.62		607,414.19	
Fund Balance, January 1,	1,404,679.06 1,874,848.68		1,372,264.87	
Less:	1,014,040.00		1,979,679.06	
Utilized as Anticipated Revenue	575,000.00		575,000.00	
Fund Balance, December 31,	1,299,848.68		1,404,679.06	

COMPARATIVE SCHEDULE OF TAX RATE INFORMATION

<u>Tax Rate</u> :	<u>2022</u> <u>3.676</u>	2021 3.628	<u>2020</u> <u>3.54</u>
Apportionment of Tax Rate:			
Municipal	0.637	0.627	0.622
Municipal Open Space	0.015	0.015	0.015
County	0.650	0.653	0.64
Local School	2.374	2.333	2.263
Assessed Valuation:			•
2022	\$433,035,900.00		
2021		\$429,144,500.00	
2020			\$428,807,200.00

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>	Tax Levy	Collections	Current Percentage of Collections
2022	\$15,937,036.05	\$15,782,615.31	99.03%
2021	15,704,461.10	15,493,217.88	98.65
2020	15,210,915.53	15,036,093.48	98.85

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>	Amount of Tax Title <u>Liens</u>	Amount of Delinquent <u>Taxes</u>	Total <u>Delinquent</u>	Percentage Of <u>Tax Levy</u>
2022	\$0.00	\$123,538.85	\$123,538.85	0.775%
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>
2022	\$197,400.00
2021	197,400.00
2020	274,800.00

COMPARATIVE SCHEDULE OF FUND BALANCE

		Utilized
	Balance	in Budget of
Year	December 31,	Succeeding Year
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
2018	1,393,656.92	493,000.00

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			For the Year	For the Year Ended December 31, 2022	2022						
	Federal				12/31/2021	2021			12/31/2022	2022	MEMO Cumulative
Federal Grantor/Pass-Through Grantor/ Program Title	A.L.N. Number	Grantor Number	Program or Award Amount	Grant Period To/From	(Receivable)	Reserve	Receipts	Expended (Receivable)	(Receivable)	Reserve Balance	Total Expenditures
KEDERAL & STATE GRANT FUND											
U.S. Department of Treasury; Pass Through N.J. Department of Chemmunity 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	,	181,652.27	181,652.27	•		363,304.54	,
		TOTAL	TOTA! BEDEBA! AID		'	181 640 74	76 659 181		'	15 205 EAE	:
						101,002,007	101,002,001			Transfer C	

Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards Township of Green

Township of Green, N.J.

Schedule of Expenditures of State Financial Assistance

For the Year Ended December 31, 2022

				12/31/2021	20Z1			12/31/2022	2022	MEMO
Stock of Constitute Description Titles	Count on Grate Profest Number	Program or	Grant Period	Boreinhlet	Reserve	Descripts	Fenondad	Occeivable	Reserve	Total
State Chambers i Ogram Arice	Ordat or Drate L. Cycle L. Charles	THE CHANGE	AV move	(weeks awar)		national state of the state of	To be commended	(mercu sons)		Charles and the
FEDERAL AND STATE GRANT FUND										
NJ Department of Solid Waste Administration: Recycling Tomage	4910-100-042-4910-224-V42Y-6020	8.845.01	1/1/18-12/31/18	ı	4.791.31	ı	(3.183.71)	,	1.607.60	7.237.41
Recycing Tomage	4910-100-042-4910-224-V42Y-6020	12,562.14	1/1/19-12/31/19	1	12,562.14	•		1	12,562.14	
Recycling Tonnage	4910-100-042-4910-224-V42Y-6020	14,362.36	1/1/21-12/31/21	1	14,362.36	•	•	ı	14,362.36	ı
Recycling Tonnage	4910-100-042-4910-224-V42Y-6020	13,058.51	1/1/22-12/31/22	-	-	13,058.51	-	-	13,058.51	,
			•		31,715.81	13,058.51	(3,183.71)		41,590.61	7,237.41
Clean Communities	4900-765-042-4900-004-V42Y-6020	12,955.62	1/1/19-12/31/19	٠	729.84	•	(729.84)	•	•	12,955.62
Clean Communities	4900-765-042-4900-004-V42Y-6020	11,680.06	1/1/20-12/31/20	1	11,680.06		(10,826.64)	•	853.42	10,826.64
Clean Communities	4900-765-042-4900-004-V42Y-6020	12,422.40	1/1/21-12/31/21	1	12,422.40		1	1	12,422.40	1
Clear Communities	4900-765-042-4900-004-V42Y-6021	12,769.72	1/1/21-12/31/22	j		12,769.72			12,769.72	,
			•		24,832.30	12,769.72	(11,556.48)		26,045.54	23,782.26
Total NJ Department of Solid Waste Administration:			•	í	56,548.11	25,828.23	(14,740.19)	,	67,636.15	31,019.67
	TOTAL PEDER	TOTAL FEDERAL AND STATE GRANT FUND	GRANT FUND	,	56,548.11	25,828.23	(14,740.19)	,	67,636.15	31,019.67
GENERAL CAPITAL FUND										
NJ Department of Transportation:										
Whitehall Road Permest Rd Phase I		160,000.00	1/1/21-12/31/21	(40,000.00)		40,000.00	- (166 200 00)	- (00 055 19)	1	160,000.00
Total NJ Department of Transportation:				(40,000.00)		164,650.00	(166,200.00)	(41,550.00)		326,200.00
	TOTAL G	TOTAL GENERAL CAPITAL FUND	AL FUND	(40,000.00)		164,650.00	(166,200.00)	(41,550.00)		326,200.00
	Ħ	TOTAL STATE AID		(40,000.00)	56,548.11	190,478.23	(180,940.19)	(41,550.00)	67,636.15	357,219.67

Schedule of Cash

Current Fund

	Ref.		<u>Total</u>
Balance - December 31, 2021	A		2,290,359.53
Increased by Receipts:			
Miscellaneous Revenue Not Anticipated	A-2	71,260.62	
Taxes Receivable	A-6	15,846,495.10	
Revenue Accounts Receivable	A-8	375,039.91	
Due From State - Senior Citizen and			
Veteran Deductions	A-9	23,254.11	
Interfunds	A-10	207,480.50	
Various Cash Liabilities and Reserves	A-12	11,155.33	
Prepaid Taxes	A-14	90,548.85	
			16,625,234.42
			18,915,593.95
Decreased by Disbursements:			·
Current Year Budget Appropriations	A-3	3,086,913.50	
Interfunds	A-10	16,064.31	
Appropriation Reserves	A-11	128,626.02	•
Various Cash Liabilities and Reserves	A-12	49,260.62	
County Taxes Payable	A-15	2,811,722.96	
Local School District Taxes Payable	A-16	10,281,677.00	
Municipal Open Space Taxes Payable	A- 17	65,032.18	
			16,439,296.59
Balance - December 31, 2022	A		2,476,297.36

Schedule of Cash - Change Fund

Current Fund

	Ref.	
Balance - December 31, 2021	A	300,00
Balance - December 31, 2022	A	300.00
Analysis of Balance: Cashier Tax Collector		100.00 200.00
		300.00

Township of Green, N.J.

Schedule of Taxes Receivable and Analysis of Property Tax Levy

Current Fund

Balance, Dec. 31, 2022	1	123.538.85	123,538.85	Ą															
Canceled	1	30.882.49	30,882.49																
Senior Citizen and Veteran <u>Deductions</u>	(617.12)	(617.12)	22,632.88	A-2;A-9			15,918,416.13	18,620.52 15,937,036.65				2,811,722.96	10,281,677.00	65,032.18	13,158,432.14		13 707 024 6	15 937 036 65	12,771,000.00
cted 2022	183,672.36	183,672.36	15,846,495.10	A-2;A-4	Analysis of Tax Levy					2,808,401.34	3,321.62					2,760,726.46	17,070,03		•
Collected 2021	ı	96.542.57	96,542.57	A-2;A-14	A	Ref.						A-15	A-16	A-17	A-2				
Added <u>Taxes</u>	r	- 18 620 52	18,620.52											-					
Levy	1		15,918,416.13				Тах	Added Tax (R.S. 54:4-63.1 et seq.)			axes		hool Tax	Space Tax		ınicipal Purposes			٠
Balance, Dec. 31, <u>2021</u>	183,055.24	183,055.24	183,055.24	A		Tax yield:	General Purpose Tax	Added Tax (R.S.	Tax Levy:	County Tax	Added County Taxes		Local District School Tax	Municipal Open Space Tax		Local Tax for Municipal Purposes	Addinonal Laxes		
Year	2021	2022				7			Ľ					٠					

Schedule of Property Acquired for Taxes Assessed Valuation

Current Fund

Balance - December 31, 2021	Ref. A	197,400.00
Balance - December 31, 2022	A	197,400.00

Schedule of Revenue Accounts Receivable

Current Fund

	Ref.	<u>Accrued</u>	Collected
Clerk:			
Licenses:			
Alcoholic Beverages	A-2	1,019.70	1,019.70
Fees and Permits	A-2	9,905.00	9,905.00
Municipal Court			
Fines and Costs	A-2	2,642.29	2,642.29
Interest and Costs on Taxes	A-2	35,871.87	35,871.87
Interest on Investments and Deposits	A-2	17,285.71	17,285.71
Energy Receipts Tax	A-2 /	203,787.00	203,787.00
Garden State Trust	A-2	4,084.00	4,084.00
Capital Reserve for Debt Service	A-2	16,499.39	16,499.39
Rental Receipts	A-2	83,944.95	83,944.95
Reserve for Sale of Municipal Assets	A-2	22,000.00	22,000.00
		397,039.91	397,039.91
Cash Receipts	A-4		375,039.91
Various Reserves and Liabilities	A-12		22,000.00
			397,039.91

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

Current Fund

	Ref.		
Balance - December 31, 2021	A		8,072.86
Increased by:			
Senior Citizens' Deductions Per Tax Billing		2,250.00	
Veterans' Deductions Per Tax Billing		20,500.00	
Senior Citizens and Veterans Allowed:			
Current Year		500.00	
Prior Year		250.00	
		23,500.00	
Senior Citizens and Veterans Disallowed:			
Prior Year		867.12	
	A-6		22,632.88
	A-0		30,705.74
Decreased by:			30,703.74
State Share of Senior Citizens and Veteran			
Deductions Received in Cash	A-4		23,254.11
Deductions received in Cash	ハゴ	,	23,234.11
Balance - December 31, 2022	A		7,451.63

Township of Green, N.J.

Schedule of Interfunds Receivables/(Payables)

Current Fund

		Due From/(To) Balance			Due From/(To) Balance
Fund	Ref.	Dec. 31, 2021	Increased	Decreased	Dec. 31, 2022
Federal and State Grants	Ą	(239,535.90)	207,480.50 16,064.31 (430,952.09)	16,064.31	(430,952.09)
			A-4	A-4	
Analysis Due (To) - Current Fund		(239,535.90)			(430,952.09)

Schedule of Appropriation Reserves

Current Fund

	Balance,	Balance		
	Dec. 31,	after	Paid or	Balance
	<u>2021</u>	<u>Transfers</u>	Charged	<u>Lapsed</u>
Administrative and Executive				
Salaries and Wages	19,711.79	15,211.79	_	15,211.79
Other Expenses	6,554.17	6,554.17	1,806.67	4,747.50
Mayor & Committee	0,00 1111	0,55 1.17	1,000.07	1,7 17.50
Salaries and Wages	1,500.00	1,500.00	_	1,500.00
Other Expenses	2,645.00	2,645.00	<u>.</u>	2,645.00
Municipal Clerk	2,012.00	2,0 .0 .0		2,0 .0.00
Salaries and Wages	3,417.00	3,417.00	50.00	3,367.00
Other Expenses	4,162.70	4,162.70	894.74	3,267.96
Codification of Ordinances	1,036.03	1,036.03	-	1,036.03
Financial Administration	.,	-,		-,
Salaries and Wages	95.46	95,46	_	95.46
Other Expenses	2,360.15	2,360.15	661.58	1,698.57
Audit Services	14,500.00	14,500.00	14,500.00	, <u>-</u>
Computer Maintenance and Education	10,446.36	10,446.36	3,600.90	6,845.46
Collection of Taxes	,	·		,
Other Expenses	2,890.57	2,890.57	57.73	2,832.84
Assessment of Taxes				·
Other Expenses	7,684.71	7,684.71	1,017.69	6,667.02
Legal Services and Costs				
Other Expenses	10,643.44	15,143.44	14,907.95	235.49
Engineering Services and Costs				
Other Expenses	18,794.78	18,794.78	1,329.57	17,465.21
Municipal Land Use Law:				
Planning Board				
Salaries and Wages	1,115.02	1,115.02	-	1,115.02
Other Expenses	15,786.30	15,786.30	573.59	15,212.71
Planner				
Other Expenses	10,500.00	10,500.00	-	10,500.00
Zoning Officer				
Salaries and Wages	3,390.71	3,390.71	465.31	2,925.40
Other Expenses	838.05	838.05	-	838.05
Emergency Management Services				
Salaries and Wages	1,000.00	1,000.00	-	1,000.00
Other Expenses	2,294.99	2,294.99	-	2,294.99
Uniform Fire Prevention Official				
Salaries and Wages	1,534.00	1,534.00	-	1,534.00

Schedule of Appropriation Reserves

Current Fund

	Balance,	Balance		
	Dec. 31,	after	Paid or	Balance
	<u>2021</u>	<u>Transfers</u>	Charged	<u>Lapsed</u>
Streets and Roads:				
Road Repairs and Maintenance				
Salaries and Wages	32,025.64	32,025.64	_	32,025.64
Other Expenses	115,070.12	115,070.12	99,710.61	15,359.51
Storm Recovery	115,070.12	115,070.12	<i>yy</i> ,710.01	15,557.51
Salaries and Wages	1,596.25	1,596.25	1,596.25	_
Other Expenses	12,216.27	12,216.27	12,216.27	_
Recycling and Separation Program	12,210.27	12,210.27	12,210.27	
Salaries and Wages	1.00	1.00	_	1.00
Garbage and Trash Removal	, 1,00	2,00		1.00
Other Expenses	15,447.68	15,447.68	10,979.00	4,468.68
Public Buildings and Grounds	10,117100	10,111100	10,575.00	1,100.00
Salaries and Wages	989.97	989.97	750.30	239.67
Other Expenses	20,931.41	20,931.41	13,433.83	7,497.58
Environmental Committee	20,502112	-0,5022	15,155105	-
Salaries and Wages	550.00	550.00	50.00	500.00
Other Expenses	1,200.00	1,200.00	18.90	1,181.10
Recreation	2,	-,		-,
Salaries and Wages	200.00	200.00	_	200.00
Other Expenses	3,761.46	3,761.46	3,722.14	39.32
Insurance:	-,	-,	-,	
General Liability	2,774.64	2,774.64	_	2,774.64
Workers Compensation	5,853.48	5,853.48	-	5,853.48
Employee Group Health	1,129.49	1,129.49	_	1,129.49
Health Benefit Waiver	1,833.33	1,833.33	-	1,833.33
Municipal Court	,	,		,
Other Expenses	500.00	500.00	_	500.00
Public Defender				
Other Expenses	200.00	200.00	-	200.00
Parks and Playgrounds:			•	
Salaries and Wages	1.00	1.00	-	1.00
Other Expenses	17,070.64	17,070.64	15,531.50	1,539.14
H.B.V. Vaccination			,	·
Other Expenses	660.00	660.00	-	660.00
Utility and Bulk Purchases:				
Fire Hydrant	8,360.01	8,360.01	2,514.78	5,845.23
Electricity	6,349.62	6,349.62	1,745.50	4,604.12
Street Lighting	464.71	464.71	42.60	422.11

Schedule of Appropriation Reserves

Current Fund

	Balance,	Balance		
	Dec. 31,	after	Paid or	Balance
	<u>2021</u>	Transfers	Charged	Lapsed
			-	- -
Telephone	4,382.74	4,382.74	-	4,382.74
Propane Gas	13,470.70	13,470.70	3,772.90	9,697.80
Fuel Oil - Gas	5,943.96	5,943.96	1,924.92	4,019.04
Code Enforcement & Administration				
Other Expenses	1,107.46	1,107.46	481.62	625.84
Celebration of Public Events:				
Anniversary or Holiday				
Other Expenses	4,600.50	4,600.50	-	4,600.50
Total Operataions within "CAPS"	421,593.31	421,593.31	208,356.85	213,236.46
Detail:			-	
Salaries and Wages	67,127.84	62,077.84	2,861.86	59,215.98
Other Expenses	354,465.47	359,515.47	205,494.99	154,020.48
Deferred Charges and Statutory Expenditures	· .			
Within "CAPS"				
Contribution to:				
Public Employees Retirement System				
Back Deductions	1,500.00	1,500.00	142.52	1,357.48
Social Security System (O.A.S.I.)	4,983.07	4,983.07	_	4,983.07
Unemployment Compensation Insurance	2,337.49	2,337.49	126.65	2,210.84
Defined Contribution Retirement Program	2,306.36	2,306.36	_	2,306.36
Total Deferred Charges and Statutory	<u> </u>			,
Expenditures Within "CAPS"	11,126.92	11,126.92	269.17	10,857.75
Operations Excluded from "CAPS"				
Other Operations Excluded from "CAPS"				
Declared State of Emergency Costs for COVII)			
Salaries and Wages	1.00	1.00	_	1.00
Other Expenses	1.00	1.00	-	1.00
Total Other Operations Excluded from "CAPS"	2.00	2.00		2.00
Shared Service Agreements:				
Municipal Court	4,000.00	4,000.00	_	4,000.00
Total Shared Service Agreements	4,000.00	4,000.00		4,000.00
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	623.69	623.69	_	623.69
		220.02		

Schedule of Appropriation Reserves

Current Fund

		Balance, Dec. 31, 2021	Balance after <u>Transfers</u>	Paid or <u>Charged</u>	Balance <u>Lapsed</u>
Total Operations Excluded from "CAPS" Total General Appropriations	II	4,625.69 437,345.92	4,625.69 437,345.92	208,626.02	4,625.69 228,719.90 A-1
Analysis of Appropriation Reserve Unencumbered Encumbered	Ref. A A	248,038.71 189,307.21 437,345.92			A-1
Analysis of Paid or Charged Cash Disbursements Accounts Payable	A-4 A-13			128,626.02 80,000.00 208,626.02	

Township of Green, N.J.

Schedule of Various Cash Liabilities and Reserves

Current Fund

Year Ended December 31, 2022

Balance Dec. 31, 2022		10,630.33 2 26,564.38 2 22,000.00 2 59,194.71 A
Decreased	525.00 300.00	48,435.62 22,000.00 71,260.62 22,000.00 71,260.62
Increased	525.00	10,630.33
Balance <u>Dec. 31, 2021</u>	300:00	75,000.00 44,000.00 119,300.00 A Ref. A-4 A-4 A-8
Liabilities and Reserves	Liabilities: Due State of NJ Marriage License Fees Due Town of Newton - Public Defender Fees	Reserve for: Municipal Relief Funds Tax Appeals Sale of Municipal Assets Received Disbursed Realized as Anticipated Revenue

90,548.85

Township of Green, N.J.

Schedule of Accounts Payable

Current Fund

Year Ended December 31, 2022

Balance - December 31, 2021	Ref. A	1,328.94
Increased by: Charges to Appropriation Reserves	A-11	80,000.00 81,328.94
Decreased by: Cancelled	A-1	1,328.94
Balance - December 31, 2022	A	80,000.00
S	Schedule of Prepaid Taxes	A-14
	Current Fund	
Yea	ar Ended December 31, 2022	
Balance - December 31, 2021	Ref. A	96,542.57
Increased by: Receipts - Prepaid Taxes	A-4	90,548.85 187,091.42
Decreased by: Applied to 2022 Taxes	A-6	96,542.57

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Balance - December 31, 2022

Schedule of County Taxes Payable

Current Fund

	Ref.		
Increased by:			
Levy		2,808,401.34	
Added and Omitted Taxes		3,321.62	
	A-1;A-6		2,811,722.96
Decreased by:	•	.	
Payments	A-4	_	2,811,722.96

Schedule of Local School District Taxes Payable

Current Fund

Year Ended December 31, 2022

Ref.

Increased by:

Levy- 2022

A-1;A-6

10,281,677.00

Decreased by:

Payments

A-4

10,281,677.00

A-17

Schedule of Municipal Open Space Taxes Payable

Current Fund

	<u>Ref.</u>		
Increased by:			
Levy- 2022		64,955.39	
Added and Omitted Taxes		76.79	
•	A-1;A-6		65,032.18
Decreased by:			
Cash Disbursed	A -4		65 032 18

11.40 1,346.92

1,335.52

11.40

Township of Green, N.J.

Schedule of Interfunds Receivable/(Payable)

Federal and State Grant Fund

Year Ended December 31, 2022

		Due From/(To)			Due From/(To)
		Balance			Balance
<u>Fund</u>	Ref.	Dec. 31, 2021	<u>Increased</u>	<u>Decreased</u>	Dec. 31, 2022
Current Fund		239,535.90	207,480.50	16,064.31	430,952.09
		Α			Α
Encumbrances Paid	A-19		-	1,335.52	
Grant Receivable	A-20		181,652.27	-	
Federal & State Grants Expenditures	A-21		-	14,728.79	
Unappropriated Grants	A-22		25,828.23	-	_
			207,480.50	16,064.31	_
	-				
					A-19
S	chedul	e of Encumbranc	es Payable		
				•	
	Feder	al and State Gra	ent Fund		
	X 7 1		. 21 . 2022		
	y ear 1	Ended December	31, 2022		
		Ref.			
Balance - December 31, 2021		<u>ker.</u> A			1,335.52
200000000000000000000000000000000000000		1.			1,000102
Increased by:					

A-21

A-18

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Charges

Decreased by:

Paid or Charged

Balance - December 31, 2022

Schedule of Grants Receivable

Federal and State Grant Fund

	Budget <u>Revenue</u>	Received	Transfer from Unappropriated <u>Reserves</u>
Recycling Tonnage Grant	14,362.36	<u>-</u>	14,362.36
Clean Communities	12,422.40	-	12,422.40
Ameican Rescue Plan Act	181,652.27	181,652.27	-
	208,437.03	181,652.27	26,784.76
	A-2	A-18	A-22

Schedule of Appropriated Reserves for Grants

Federal and State Grant Fund

<u>Grant</u>	Balance Dec. 31, 2021	Transfer From 2022 <u>Budget</u>	Expended	Balance Dec. 31, 2022
Clean Communities	12,409.90	12,422.40	3,183.71	21,648.59
Recycling Tonnage	17,353.45	14,362.36	11,556.48	20,159.33
American Rescue Plan Act	181,652.27	181,652.27	_	363,304.54
	211,415.62	208,437.03	14,740.19	405,112.46
	A			A
	<u>Ref.</u>			
State and Federal Grants	A-3	208,437.03	-	
Interfund - Current Fund	A-18	-	14,728.79	
Encumbrance Payable	A-19		11.40	
1		208,437.03	14,740.19	•
American Rescue Plan Act State and Federal Grants Interfund - Current Fund	181,652.27 211,415.62 A Ref. A-3 A-18	181,652.27 208,437.03 208,437.03	14,740.19 - 14,728.79 11.40	363,304. 405,112.

Schedule of Unappropriated Reserves for Grants

Federal and State Grant Fund

	Balance		Transfer to	Balance
<u>Grant</u>	Dec. 31, 2021	Received	2022 Budget	Dec. 31, 2022
Recycling Tonnage Grant	14,362.36	13,058.51	14,362.36	13,058.51
Clean Communities	12,422.40	12,769.72	12,422.40	12,769.72
	26,784.76	25,828.23	26,784.76	25,828.23
		A-18	A-20	A

Schedule of Cash

Trust Funds

				Emergency
		A	041	Services
		Animal Control	Other	Volunteer Length
	D -£	Trust	Trust	of Service Award
	<u>Ref.</u>	<u>Fund</u>	<u>Funds</u>	<u>Program</u>
Balance - December 31, 2021	В	2,762.95	4,659,113.65	472,204.89
Increase by Receipts:				
Dog License Fees - Township Share	B-2	6,555.60	-	-
Late Fees	B-2	983.00	-	=
Dog License Fees - State Share	B-4	983.20	••	-
Other Trust Funds	B-6	_	1,227,159.94	·
Township Contributions	B-7	-	-	14,500.00
Total Receipts		8,521.80	1,227,159.94	14,500.00
		11,284.75	5,886,273.59	486,704.89
Decreased by Disbursements:				
Reserve for Animal Control Trust				
Trust Expenditures	B-2	6,367.00	_	_
Dog License Fees - State Share	B-4	983.20	_	•
Reserve for Encumbrances	B-5	-	18,696.13	
Other Trust Funds	B-6	-	1,184,770.01	-
Decrease in Investment Value	B-8	_		87,889.33
Total Disbursements		7,350.20	1,203,466.14	87,889.33
Balance - December 31, 2022	В	3,934.55	4,682,807.45	398,815.56

Reserve for Animal Control Trust Fund Expenditures

Trust Funds

Year Ended December 31, 2022

	Ref.		
Balance - December 31, 2021	В		2,762.95
Increased by:			
Dog License Fees - Township Share	B-1	6,555.60	
Late Fees	B-1	983.00	
			7,538.60
Decreased by:			10,301.55
Expenditures R.S.4:19-1511	B-1	6,367.00	
Reserve for Encumbrances	B-3	173.52	
			6,540.52
Balance - December 31, 2022	В	•	3,761.03

License Fees Collected

<u>Year</u>	
2021	6,814.80
2020	7,279.20
	14,094.00

Reserve for Animal Control Trust Encumbrances

Trust Funds

Increased by:	Ref.	
Reserve for Animal Control	B-2	173.52
Balance - December 31, 2022	В	173.52
Schedule of E	Due to State Department of Health	B-4
	Trust Funds	
Year	Ended December 31, 2022	
	Ref.	
Increased by:		
State Fees Collected	B-1	983.20
Decreased by: Paid to State	B-1	000.00
I ald to blate	D-1	983.20

Schedule of Reserve for Encumbrances

Trust Funds

Balance - December 31, 2021	Ref. B		24,125.00
Increased by:			
Other Trust Funds	B-6		80,893.67
		•	105,018.67
Decreased by:			
Cash Disbursements	B-1	18,696.13	
Canceled	B-6	5,428.87	
		-	24,125.00
Balance - December 31, 2022	В		80,893.67

Schedule of Other Trust Funds

Trust Funds

	Balance Dec. 31, 2021	<u>Increased</u>	<u>Decreased</u>	Balance Dec. 31, 2022
Reserve for:				
Developers Escrow	2,170,599.71	33,537.82	26,339.39	2,177,798.14
POAA	-	2.00	, 	2.00
Recreation Donations	14,612.24	8,559.00	490.00	22,681.24
Housing Rehabilitation	93,351.78	, -	-	93,351.78
Affordable Housing	341,929.85	15,002.74	_	356,932.59
Payroll	233.73	1,057,552.79	1,057,680.42	106.10
Snow Removal/Storm Recovery	115,372.74	12,216.27	24,167.29	103,421.72
Accumulated Sick and Vacation	15,410.11	4,000.00	, <u>.</u>	19,410.11
Tax Sale Premiums	85,000.00	18,000.00	85,000.00	18,000.00
Memorial Bench Program	750.00	, <u>-</u>	_	750.00
Open Space Trust	1,797,728.49	83,718.19	71,986.58	1,809,460.10
	4,634,988.65	1,232,588.81	1,265,663.68	4,601,913.78
•	В			В
	Ref.			
Cash Receipts	B-1	1,227,159.94	_	
Cash Disbursements	B-1	, , , -	1,184,770.01	
Reserve for Encumbrances	B-5	5,428.87	80,893.67	
		1,232,588.81	1,265,663.68	

Statement of Contributions Receivable

Emergency Services Volunteer Length of Services Award Program

Year Ended December 31, 2022

	Ref.	
Balance - December 31, 2021	В	14,500.00
Increased by: Township Contributions	B-8	17,500.00 32,000.00
Decreased by: Receipts	B-1	14,500.00
Balance - December 31, 2022	В	17,500.00

B-8

Township of Green, N.J.

Schedule of Net Assets Available for Benefits

Emergency Services Volunteer Length of Services Award Program

	Ref.	
Balance - December 31, 2021	В	486,704.89
Increased by: Township Contributions	B-7	17,500.00
Decreased by: Decrease in Investment Value	B-1	504,204.89
Balance - December 31, 2022	В-1	87,889.33 416,315.56
	~	110,515,50

Schedule of Cash

General Capital Fund

	Ref.		
Balance - December 31, 2021	C;C-3		473,962.98
Increased by Receipts:			
Capital Improvement Fund	C-6	65,000.00	
Various Reserves	C-8	143,939.56	
Grants Receivable	C-12	164,650.00	
			373,589.56
		_	847,552.54
Decreased by Disbursements:			
Improvement Authorizations	C-7	203,861.66	
Various Reserves	C-8	213,807.85	
		-	417,669.51
Balance - December 31, 2022	C;C-3	<u>-</u>	429,883.03

Township of Green, N.J.

Analysis of Cash

General Capital Fund

Year Ended December 31, 2022

		Receipts	sīpts	Disbursements	ements			
	Balance	Budget		Improvement	•	Transfers	fers	Balance
	Dec. 31, 2021	Appropriations	Miscellaneous	Authorizations	Miscellancous	<u>10</u>	From	Dec. 31, 2022
Fund Balance	5,173.09	ı	ı	ı	I	25,342.40	•	30,515.49
Capital Improvement Fund	200,478.61	65,000.00	1		1	1	77,800.00	187,678.61
Grant Receivable	(40,000.00)	•	164,650.00	•	•	1	166,200.00	(41,550.00)
Reserve for Encumbrances	209,596.49	t	•	197,308.46	•	26,722.76	12,288.03	26,722.76
Reserve for Fire Equipment / Fire Truck	22,708.00	31,189.66	•	•	,	,	,	53,897.66
Reserve for Debt Service - Fire Truck	16,499.39	2,749.90	•		16,499.39	,	,	2,749.90
Reserve for Purchase of DPW Truck	25.00	•					•	25.00
Reserve for Improvements to Municipal Properties	25,000.00	5,000.00		1	1		15,000.00	15,000.00
Reserve for DPW Building	1	25,000.00	ı	ı	ı	ı	1	25,000.00
Reserve for Road Improvements	506.26	80,000.00	•	l	ı	ı	1	80,506.26
Reserve for Debt Service	20,799.45	ŀ	1	1	ı	ı	1	20,799.45
Improvement Authorizations								
Ordinance								
21-06 Purchase of Freightliner Dump Truck	740.00	ι	•	373.19		•	366.81	•
21-11 Improvements to Whitehall Rd	12,436.69	1	•	89.61	ı	12,288.03	24,635.11	•
22-03 Pequest Rd Phase I	ı	ı		190,739.34	ı	231,000.00	12,572.76	27,687.90
22-04 Add'l Approp for Freightliner Dump Truck	ı	ı	1	12,659.52	ı	13,000.00	340.48	•
22-11 Electronic Gate Open System	1	•	•	1	1	15,000.00	14,150.00	850.00
. •	473,962.98	208,939.56	164,650.00	401,170.12	16,499.39	323,353.19	323,353.19	429,883.03
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Schedule of Deferred Charges to Future Taxation - Funded

General Capital Fund

	Ref.		
Balance - December 31, 2021	C		855,454.84
Decreased by: Funded by Budget Appropriation			
DEP Loan Payable	C-9	55,168.53	
Serial Bonds	C-10	175,000.00	230,168.53
Balance - December 31, 2022	C	- -	625,286.31

Township of Green, N.J.

Schedule of Deferred Charges to Future Taxation - Unfunded

General Capital Fund

Year Ended December 31, 2022

Ord. Improvement Description Dec. 31, 2021 Notes Paid by Balance Analysis of Balance No. Improvement Description Dec. 31, 2021 Appropriation Dec. 31, 2022 Notes 19-09 Purchase of Street Sweeper 135,000.00 55,000.00 105,000.00 105,000.00 19-17 Purchase of Pumper Fire Engine 575,000.00 85,000.00 490,000.00								
Improvement Description Dec. 31, 2021 Appropriation Dec. 31, 2022 Purchase of Street Sweeper 135,000.00 30,000.00 105,000.00 Purchase of Pumper Fire Engine 575,000.00 85,000.00 490,000.00	vnalysis of Balance December 31, 2022	Bond	Anticipation	Notes	105,000.00	385,000.00	490,000.00	C-11
Balance Improvement Description Dec. 31, 2021	₹ П				105,000.00	385,000.00	490,000.00	ú
<u>Improvement Description</u> Purchase of Street Sweeper Purchase of Pumper Fire Engine		Notes Paid by			30,000.00	55,000.00	85,000.00	C-11
			Balance	Dec. 31, 2021	135,000.00	440,000.00	575,000.00	C
Ord. <u>No.</u> 19-09				Improvement Description				
			Ord.	No.	19-09	19-17		

Schedule of Capital Improvement Fund

General Capital Fund

	Ref.	
Balance - December 31, 2021	C	200,478.61
Increased by: Budget Appropriation	C-2	65,000.00 265,478.61
Decreased by: Appropriated to Finance		
Improvement Authorizations	C-7	77,800.00
Balance - December 31, 2022	C	187,678.61

Township of Green, N.J.

Schedule of Improvement Authorizations

General Capital Fund

Balance	Dec. 31, 2022	Funded	1	ı	27,687.90		850.00	28,537.90	C							
		Cancelled	366.81	24,635.11	•	340.48	•	25,342.40	5.							
		Expended	373.19	19.68	203,312.10	12,659.52	14,150.00	230,584.42			203,861.66	1	•	26,722.76	1	230,584.42
	Encumbrances	Cancelled	1	12,288.03	•	•		12,288.03	స్త							
	2022	Anthorizations	ı	1	231,000.00	13,000.00	15,000.00	259,000.00			1	77,800.00	15,000.00	,	166,200.00	259,000.00
Balance	Dec. 31, 2021	Funded	740.00	12,436.69	,	,		13,176.69	ا ت							
	Ordinance	Amount	181,000.00	342,000.00	231,000.00	13,000.00				Ref.	C-5	ç.	د د ان	<u>«</u>	C-12	
	Ordi	<u>Date</u>	3/1/2021	5/3/2021	3/7/2022	3/28/2022	11/21/2022				Disbursed	d Improvement Fund	Various Reserves	Encumbrances Payable	Grants Receivable	
		Improvement Description General Improvements:	Purchase fo Freightliner Dump Truck	Improvements to Whitehall Road	Pequest Rd Phase I	Add! Approp for Freightliner Dump Truck	Electronic Gate Open System					Capita		En		
	Ord	<u>No.</u>	21-06	21-11	22-03	22-04	22-11									

Township of Green, N.J.

Schedule of Various Reserves

General Capital Fund

Township of Green, N.J.

Schedule of Department of Environmental Protection Loan Payable

General Capital Fund

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Township of Green, N.J.

Schedule of General Serial Bonds Payable

General Capital Fund

Balance	<u>Dec. 31, 2022</u>	123,000.00 C
	Decreased	175,000.00 C-4
Balance	Dec. 31, 2021	298,000.00 C
Interest	Rate	Various
Maturities of Bonds Outstanding, December 31, 2022	Amount	123,000.00
Matu Bonds C Decemb	<u>Date</u>	09/15/23
Original	<u>Issue</u>	3,448,000.00
Date of	<u>Issue</u>	09/15/03
	Purpose	General Obligation Bonds of 2003

Township of Green, N.J.

Schedule of Bond Anticipation Notes Payable

General Capital Fund

	Ord.		Date of Original	Date of	Date of Date of Interest	Interest	Balance			Balance
	No./Date	Improvement Description	Issue	Issue	Maturity	Rate	Dec. 31, 2021	Increased	Decreased	Dec. 31, 2022
	19-09	19-09 Purchase of Street Sweeper	8/12/2020	8/12/2021 8/12/2022	8/12/2021 8/12/2022 8/12/2022 8/11/2023	0.32%	135,000.00		135,000.00	- 105,000.00
	19-17	19-17 Purchase of Pumper Fire Engine	8/12/2020	8/12/2021	8/12/2021 8/12/2022	0.32%	440,000.00	-	440,000.00	- 284 000 00
					C 707 / 7 / 10	707:7	575,000.00	490,000.00	575,000.00	490,000.00
,							C			C; C-5
						Ref.				
					Renewals			490,000.00	490,000.00	
			Funded by	Funded by Budget Appropriation	propriation	C-5		•	85,000.00	
								490,000.00	575,000.00	

Schedule of Grants Receivable

General Capital Fund

	<u>Ref.</u>	
Balance - December 31, 2021	C	40,000.00
Increased by: Grants Awarded	C-7	166,200.00 206,200.00
Decreased by: Cash Receipts	C-2	164,650.00
Balance - December 31, 2022	C	41,550.00

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PART II

REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL AND ON COMPLIANCE AND OTHER MATTERS

COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2022



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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 <u>Government Auditing Standards</u>, 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, 2022 and the related notes to the financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated June 22, 2023, 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.



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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 21-01, 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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June 22, 2023



SUMMARY OF FINDINGS AND RESPONSES YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2022

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 2022 as grant expenditures were less than the single audit thresholds identified in the Circulars.

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

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

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.

Management Response:

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

SUMMARY OF FINDINGS AND RESPONSES YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2022

Findings and Questioned Costs for Federal Awards:

Not applicable

Findings and Questioned Costs for State Awards:

Not applicable

SUMMARY SCHEDULE OF PRIOR AUDIT FINDINGS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2021

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 2021-01:

Condition:

Segregation of Duties

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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, 2022, and at June 22, 2023, 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, Municipal Prosecutor, Township Planner, Special Prosecutor, 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 3, 2022, 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 December 1, 2022 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>	Number of Liens
2022	0
2021	0
2020	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, 2022 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.

Segregation of Duties

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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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