

TOWNSHIP OF HOPEWELL
County of Mercer

Report of Audit of Financial Statements

For the Year Ended December 31, 2024

TOWNSHIP OF HOPEWELL
COUNTY OF MERCER

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TOWNSHIP OF HOPEWELL

PART I

Report of Audit of Financial Statements

For the Year Ended December 31, 2024

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

The Honorable Mayor and
Members of the Township Committee
Township of Hopewell
County of Mercer
Hopewell, New Jersey 08560

Report on the Audit of the Financial Statements

Opinions

I have audited the accompanying statements of assets, liabilities, reserves and fund balance - regulatory basis of the various funds of the Township of Hopewell, ("Township"), County of Mercer, State of New Jersey, as of December 31, 2024 and 2023 and the related statements of operations and changes in fund balance - regulatory basis for the year then ended, and the related statement of revenues-regulatory basis, statement of expenditures - regulatory basis, and the statement of general fixed asset account group for the year ended December 31, 2024, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Township's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

Unmodified Opinions on Regulatory Basis of Accounting

In my opinion, the financial statements referred to previously present fairly, in all material respects, the assets, liabilities, reserves and fund balance - regulatory basis of the various funds of the Township as of December 31, 2024 and 2023 and the results of its operations and changes in fund balance - regulatory basis of such funds for the years then ended, and the revenues - regulatory basis and expenditures - regulatory basis of the various funds, and general fixed asset group of accounts - regulatory basis, for the year ended December 31, 2024, in conformity with accounting principles and practices prescribed by the Division of Local Government Services ("Division"), Department of Community Affairs, State of New Jersey as described in Note 1.

Adverse Opinion on Accounting Principles Generally Accepted in the United States of America

In my opinion, because of the significance of the matter discussed in the *Basis for Adverse Opinion on Accounting Principles Generally Accepted in the United States of America* section of my report, the accompanying financial statements referred to above do not present fairly the financial position of the Township as of December 31, 2024 and 2023, or the results of its operations and the changes in fund balance for the years then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Basis for Opinions on Regulatory Basis of Accounting

I conducted my audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America; the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States; and in compliance with audit requirements prescribed by the Division. My responsibilities under those standards are further described in the *Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statement* section of my report. I am required to be independent of the Township and to meet my other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to my audit. I believe that the audit evidence I have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for my audit opinions.

Basis for Adverse Opinion on Accounting Principles Generally Accepted in the United States of America

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

Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with the financial reporting provisions of the Division. Management is also responsible for the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

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

Auditor's Responsibility for the Audit of the Financial Statements

My objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements - regulatory basis as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes my opinions. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Misstatements are considered material if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, they would influence the judgement made by a reasonable user based on the financial statements.

In performing an audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and *Government Auditing Standards*, I:

- Exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control 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 my judgment, 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.

I am 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 I identified during the audit.

Supplementary Information

My audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the Township's basic financial statements. The accompanying supplemental statements and schedules presented for the various funds, as listed in the table of contents, are presented for purposes of additional analysis as required by the Division and are not a part of the basic financial statements. The accompanying schedules of expenditures of federal awards and state financial assistance are presented for purposes of additional analysis as required by Title 2 U.S. Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 200, *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards* (Uniform Guidance), and State of New Jersey Circular OMB 15-08, *Single Audit Policy for the Recipients of Federal Grants, State Grants and State Aid*, respectively, are not a required part of the basic financial statements.

Such information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements. The information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements or to the basic financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In my opinion, the accompanying supplemental statements and schedules, and schedules of expenditures of federal and state financial assistance is fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the basic financial statements as a whole.

Other Reporting Required by *Government Auditing Standards*

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, I have also issued my report dated June 30, 2025, on my consideration of the Township's internal control over financial reporting and on my tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is solely to describe the scope of my testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the Township's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

Respectfully submitted,

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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*

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

The Honorable Mayor and
Members of the Township Committee
Township of Hopewell
County of Mercer
Hopewell, New Jersey

I have audited, in accordance with the auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America; the standards applicable to financial audits contained in Government Auditing Standards issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, and the audit requirements as prescribed by the Division of Local Government Services ("Division"), Department of Community Affairs, State of New Jersey, the financial statements prepared on a regulatory basis of accounting prescribed by the Division, of the Township of Hopewell ("Township"), in the County of Mercer, State of New Jersey, as of and for the year ended December 31, 2024, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Township's basic financial statements, and have issued my report thereon dated June 30, 2025. That report indicated that the Township's financial statements were not prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, but were prepared on a regulatory basis of accounting prescribed by the Division.

Report on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

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

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

My 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 my audit I did not identify any deficiencies in internal control that I consider to be material weaknesses. However, material weaknesses may exist that have not been identified.

Report on Compliance and Other Matters

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

Purpose of this Report

The purpose of this report is solely to describe the scope of my testing of internal control and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control or on compliance. This report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with Government Auditing Standards and audit requirements as prescribed by the Division and federal and state awarding agencies and pass-through entities, in considering the entity's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose.

Respectfully submitted,

INVERSO & STEWART, LLC
Certified Public Accountants

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'R. Inverso'.

Robert P. Inverso
Certified Public Accountant
Registered Municipal Accountant

Marlton, New Jersey
June 30, 2025

TOWNSHIP OF HOPEWELL
Current Fund

Statement of Assets, Liabilities, Reserves and Fund Balance - Regulatory Basis
For the Years Ended December 31, 2024 and 2023

	<u>REFERENCE</u>	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
<u>ASSETS</u>			
Regular Fund:			
Cash - Treasurer	A-4	\$ 16,639,730.70	\$ 13,439,943.16
Change Fund	A-5	<u>750.00</u>	<u>750.00</u>
Total		<u>16,640,480.70</u>	<u>13,440,693.16</u>
Receivables and Other Assets with Full Reserves:			
Delinquent Property Taxes Receivable	A-6	571,929.48	2,344,181.21
Tax Title Liens Receivable	A-7	446,323.28	382,546.55
Revenue Accounts Receivable	A-8	7,787.20	11,582.17
Due from Sewer Utility Fund	D	<u>1,836.10</u>	<u>1,836.10</u>
Total		<u>1,026,039.96</u>	<u>2,740,146.03</u>
Total Regular Fund		<u>17,666,520.66</u>	<u>16,180,839.19</u>
Federal and State Grant Fund:			
Cash - Treasurer	A-4	897,685.61	950,470.56
Federal and State Grants Receivable	A-22	<u>4,370,131.48</u>	<u>5,339,890.47</u>
Total Federal and State Grant Fund		<u>5,267,817.09</u>	<u>6,290,361.03</u>
Total Assets		<u><u>\$ 22,934,337.75</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 22,471,200.22</u></u>

TOWNSHIP OF HOPEWELL
Current Fund

Statement of Assets, Liabilities, Reserves and Fund Balance - Regulatory Basis
For the Years Ended December 31, 2024 and 2023

	<u>REFERENCE</u>	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
<u>LIABILITIES, RESERVES AND FUND BALANCE</u>			
Regular Fund:			
Liabilities:			
Appropriation Reserves	A-3	\$ 496,043.89	\$ 1,474,922.57
Encumbrances Payable	A-3	554,981.55	466,523.03
Accounts Payable		272,616.92	55,307.64
Prepaid Taxes	A-10	809,535.15	802,725.16
Tax Overpayments	A-11	46,270.32	155,378.65
Reserve for Tax Appeals	A-12	100,000.00	100,000.00
Reserve for Revaluation	A-13	12,353.25	12,353.25
Reserve for Preparation of Master Plan	A-14	3,120.00	3,290.00
Reserve for Historic Building Repairs	A-15	9,735.00	9,735.00
Due State of New Jersey:			
Senior Citizen and Veterans Deductions	A-16	750.00	500.00
Burial Permit Fees		35.00	50.00
Due State of New Jersey - Marriage License Fees	A-17	400.00	250.00
Due to Open Space Trust Fund	B	2,202.49	
Due County for Added Taxes	A-18	54,969.71	41,503.51
Reserve for Municipal Relief Fund			167,051.58
Reserve for Garden State Trust			7,543.00
Total Liabilities		2,363,013.28	3,297,133.39
Reserve for Receivables and Other Assets	A	1,026,039.96	2,740,146.03
Fund Balance	A-1	14,277,467.42	10,143,559.77
Total Regular Fund		17,666,520.66	16,180,839.19
Federal and State Grant Fund:			
Due to Open Space Trust Fund	B		-
Unappropriated Reserves	A-23	12,033.00	7,745.24
Appropriated Reserves	A-24	5,255,784.09	6,282,615.79
Total Federal and State Grant Fund		5,267,817.09	6,290,361.03
Total Liabilities, Reserves and Fund Balance		<u>\$ 22,934,337.75</u>	<u>\$ 22,471,200.22</u>

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

TOWNSHIP OF HOPEWELL
Current Fund

Statement of Operations and Changes in Fund Balance - Regulatory Basis
For the Years Ended December 31, 2024 and 2023

	2024	2023
Revenue and Other Income Realized:		
Fund Balance Utilized	\$ 800,000.00	\$ 1,995,000.00
Miscellaneous Revenue Anticipated	8,753,479.90	9,319,849.45
Receipts from Delinquent Taxes	2,366,554.91	659,611.24
Receipts from Current Taxes	126,592,512.24	119,561,477.96
Nonbudget Revenues	263,258.86	255,136.84
Other Credits to Income:		
Prior Year Interfund Liquidated	1,836.10	-
Unexpended Balance of Appropriation Reserves	869,453.52	897,408.74
Total Revenue and Other Income Realized	<u>139,647,095.53</u>	<u>132,688,484.23</u>
Expenditures:		
Operations Within "CAPS":		
Salaries and Wages	7,507,175.00	6,722,501.87
Other Expenses	6,410,915.00	7,283,082.13
Deferred Charges and Statutory Expenditures Within "CAPS"	2,489,910.00	2,402,730.00
Operations Excluded from "CAPS":		
Salaries and Wages	689,729.23	977,294.44
Other Expenses	1,982,569.67	3,397,289.08
Capital Improvements Excluded from "CAPS"	400,000.00	670,000.00
Municipal Debt Service Excluded from "CAPS"	6,780,557.53	6,381,843.49
Deferred Charges Expenditures Excluded from "CAPS"	-	-
County Taxes	30,502,361.88	28,978,162.97
Due County for Added Taxes	54,969.71	41,503.51
Regional School District Tax	72,058,759.00	69,859,488.00
Fire District Tax	4,602,666.46	4,445,777.00
Municipal Open Space Tax	1,198,383.00	1,196,464.00
Municipal Open Space Tax - Added Taxes	2,202.49	2,065.60
Prior Year Overpayments Created	32,238.91	-
Prior Year Senior Citizen Deductions Disallowed	750.00	500.00
Total Expenditures	<u>134,713,187.88</u>	<u>132,358,702.09</u>
Less: Expenditures to be Raised by Future Taxes	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Total Expenditures	<u>134,713,187.88</u>	<u>132,358,702.09</u>
Statutory Excess to Fund Balance (Carried Forward)	4,933,907.65	329,782.14

TOWNSHIP OF HOPEWELL
Current Fund

Statement of Operations and Changes in Fund Balance - Regulatory Basis
For the Years Ended December 31, 2024 and 2023

	2024	2023
Statutory Excess to Fund Balance (Brought Forward)	\$ 4,933,907.65	\$ 329,782.14
Fund Balance January 1	<u>10,143,559.77</u>	<u>11,808,777.63</u>
Total	15,077,467.42	12,138,559.77
Decreased by Utilization as Anticipated Revenue	<u>800,000.00</u>	<u>1,995,000.00</u>
Fund Balance December 31	<u><u>\$ 14,277,467.42</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 10,143,559.77</u></u>

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

TOWNSHIP OF HOPEWELL
Current Fund
Statement of Revenues - Regulatory Basis
For the Year Ended December 31, 2024

	BUDGET	SPECIAL NJS 40A:4-87	REALIZED	EXCESS (DEFICIT)
Fund Balance Anticipated	\$ 800,000.00	\$ -	\$ 800,000.00	\$ -
Miscellaneous Revenues:				
Local Revenues:				
Licenses:				
Alcoholic Beverage	30,000.00		30,250.00	250.00
Fees and Permits	390,000.00		425,028.17	35,028.17
Fines and Costs:				
Municipal Court	125,000.00		166,716.89	41,716.89
Interest and Costs on Taxes	270,000.00		502,093.56	232,093.56
Interest on Investments and Deposits	695,000.00		1,104,730.74	409,730.74
Cell Tower Rents	35,000.00		45,919.48	10,919.48
CHS Staffing Support	50,000.00		50,000.00	-
Capital Health System Settlement #1	145,017.00		145,017.00	-
Capital Health System Settlement #2	205,000.00		205,329.43	329.43
BiBeneficial at Hopewell Gardens	60,000.00		64,748.00	4,748.00
Project Freedom PILOT	40,000.00		35,846.66	(4,153.34)
The Parc PILOT	400,000.00		974,295.28	574,295.28
State Aid Without Offsetting Appropriations:				
Energy Receipts Tax	1,620,661.00		1,620,661.12	0.12
Garden State Trust Fund	47,680.00		47,680.00	-
Municipal Relief Fund	167,051.00		167,051.58	0.58
Shared Services:				
Interlocal Police Services - Hopewell Borough	548,583.23		548,583.23	-
Interlocal Police Dispatch Services - Pennington Borough	77,746.00		77,746.00	-
Interlocal Senior Services - Pennington Borough	5,200.00		5,200.00	-
Interlocal Senior Services - Hopewell Borough	5,200.00		5,200.00	-
Interlocal Animal Control - Pennington Borough	13,260.00		13,260.00	-
Interlocal Animal Control - Hopewell Borough	12,240.00		12,240.00	-
Interlocal Health Services - Pennington Borough	51,000.00		51,000.00	-
Interlocal Health Services - Hopewell Borough	42,840.00		42,840.00	-
Interlocal Electronic Recycling & Waste - Pennington Borough	2,000.00		2,000.00	-
Interlocal Electronic Recycling & Waste - Hopewell Borough	2,000.00		2,000.00	-
Special Items Offset with Appropriations:				
Municipal Alliance on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse	17,058.00		17,058.00	-
Body Armor Replacement Grant	2,483.63		2,483.63	-
Clean Communities Grant	-	71,921.80	71,921.80	-
Spotted Lanternfly Population Reduction Grant	-	20,000.00	20,000.00	-
NDOT Grant	526,581.00		526,581.00	-
Click it or Ticket	-	7,000.00	7,000.00	-
Opioid Settlement Fund	5,261.61	19,770.35	25,031.96	-
NJBPU Community Energy Plan Grant	-	10,000.00	10,000.00	-
Sustaining Local Public Health Infrastructure (NJACCHO)	-	168,049.00	168,049.00	-
Recycling Tonnage Grant	27,419.28		27,419.28	-
Mercer County ARPA Funds - Ambulance	-	500,000.00	500,000.00	-
Reserve for Debt Service	670,000.00		670,000.00	-
Reserve for Debt Service - Affordable Housing Trust	200,000.00		20,000.00	(180,000.00)
Police Off-Duty Administration Fee	25,000.00		50,144.00	25,144.00
Uniform Construction Code Administrative Fee	20,000.00		20,000.00	-
Cable Franchise Fees	219,400.00		219,528.96	128.96
Local Cannabis Tax Revenue	30,000.00		52,825.13	22,825.13
Total	6,783,681.75	796,741.15	8,753,479.90	1,173,057.00
Receipts from Delinquent Taxes	1,800,000.00		2,366,554.91	566,554.91
Amount to be Raised by Taxes for Support of Municipal Budget -				
Local Tax for Municipal Purposes	17,684,866.58		19,775,674.28	2,090,807.70
Budget Totals	27,068,548.33	796,741.15	31,695,709.09	\$ 3,830,419.61
Nonbudget Revenues	-	-	263,258.86	
Total	\$ 27,068,548.33	\$ 796,741.15	\$ 31,958,967.95	

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TOWNSHIP OF HOPEWELL
Current Fund
Statement of Expenditures - Regulatory Basis
For the Year Ended December 31, 2024

	Appropriations		Expended			Unexpended
	Budget	Budget After Modification	Paid or Charged	Encumbered	Reserved	Balance Canceled
GENERAL APPROPRIATIONS:						
Operations Within "CAPS":						
General Government:						
Governing Body:						
Salaries and Wages	\$ 27,500.00	\$ 27,500.00	\$ 27,500.00	\$ -	\$ -	
Other Expenses	11,000.00	11,000.00	6,895.58	-	4,104.42	
Administration:						
Salaries and Wages	278,000.00	278,000.00	264,964.67	-	13,035.33	
Other Expenses	280,865.00	280,865.00	231,451.97	44,144.84	5,268.19	
Municipal Clerk:						
Salaries and Wages	156,500.00	156,500.00	153,770.59	-	2,729.41	
Other Expenses	42,000.00	42,000.00	32,730.19	4,798.00	4,471.81	
Financial Administration:						
Salaries and Wages	189,500.00	189,500.00	184,353.10	-	5,146.90	
Other Expenses	40,000.00	40,000.00	17,644.89	4,784.80	17,570.31	
Assessment of Taxes:						
Salaries and Wages	150,000.00	150,000.00	147,846.55	-	2,153.45	
Other Expenses	54,000.00	54,000.00	39,207.13	13,116.19	1,676.68	
Collection of Taxes:						
Salaries and Wages	101,400.00	101,400.00	100,582.50	-	817.50	
Other Expenses	32,200.00	32,200.00	24,494.65	723.70	6,981.65	
Legal Services and Costs:						
Other Expenses	325,000.00	325,000.00	259,190.76	64,309.24	1,500.00	
Engineering Services and Costs:						
Other Expenses	95,000.00	95,000.00	65,595.01	13,079.74	16,325.25	
Audit Services:						
Other Expenses	31,000.00	31,000.00	31,000.00	-		
Historic Preservation Committee (RS 400:23-6.22):						
Other Expenses	1,500.00	1,500.00	-	-	1,500.00	

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For the Year Ended December 31, 2024

	Appropriations		Expended			Unexpended
	Budget	Budget After Modification	Paid or Charged	Encumbered	Reserved	Balance Canceled
GENERAL APPROPRIATIONS:						
Operations Within "CAPS":						
Community Development						
Salaries and Wages	\$ 379,000.00	\$ 364,000.00	\$ 350,290.58	\$ -	\$ 13,709.42	
Other Expenses	135,000.00	135,000.00	67,617.55	54,439.25	12,943.20	
Public Safety:						
Police						
Salary and Wages	3,649,000.00	3,664,000.00	3,638,201.21	-	25,798.79	
Other Expenses	328,000.00	328,000.00	235,450.69	91,933.59	615.72	
Prosecutor/Legal						
Salary and Wages	54,275.00	54,275.00	54,061.03	-	213.97	
Other Expenses	25,200.00	25,200.00	23,100.00	2,100.00		
Public Works:						
Public Buildings and Grounds:						
Salaries and Wages	84,000.00	84,000.00	62,287.14	-	21,712.86	
Other Expenses	130,000.00	130,000.00	79,494.32	33,189.75	17,315.93	
Fleet Maintenance:						
Salaries and Wages	156,000.00	156,000.00	143,235.69	-	12,764.31	
Other Expenses	125,000.00	140,000.00	105,540.36	31,772.29	2,687.35	
Streets and Road:						
Salaries and Wages	1,620,000.00	1,620,000.00	1,574,163.38	-	45,836.62	
Other Expenses	296,000.00	296,000.00	229,559.40	58,493.62	7,946.98	
Sanitation: Solid Waste Recycling						
Other Expenses	49,000.00	49,000.00	19,041.49	27,007.96	2,950.55	
Insurance:						
Liability Insurance	634,000.00	634,000.00	633,007.00	-	993.00	
Medical Insurance	2,873,000.00	2,873,000.00	2,830,906.51	545.00	41,548.49	
Health Benefit Waiver	68,000.00	68,000.00	49,607.75	-	18,392.25	
Disability Insurance	6,000.00	6,000.00	4,630.94	-	1,369.06	
Health and Human Services:						
Public Health Services:						
Salaries and Wages	271,000.00	176,000.00	130,574.74	-	45,425.26	
Other Expenses	44,000.00	79,000.00	54,688.20	20,170.91	4,140.89	

TOWNSHIP OF HOPEWELL
Current Fund
Statement of Expenditures - Regulatory Basis
For the Year Ended December 31, 2024

	Appropriations		Paid or Charged	Expended		Unexpended Balance Canceled
	Budget	Budget After Modification		Encumbered	Reserved	
GENERAL APPROPRIATIONS:						
Operations Within "CAPS":						
Animal Control Services:						
Other Expenses	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 25,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	
Senior Services:						
Salaries and Wages	81,000.00	81,000.00	63,799.04	-	17,200.96	
Other Expenses	10,800.00	10,800.00	9,482.93	819.45	497.62	
Environmental Commission:						
Other Expenses	7,400.00	7,400.00	787.38	4,840.00	1,772.62	
Recreation:						
Salaries and Wages	149,000.00	149,000.00	146,893.00	-	2,107.00	
Other Expenses	6,000.00	6,000.00	5,142.09	441.64	416.27	
Parks and Maintenance:						
Salaries and Wages	30,000.00	30,000.00	-	-	30,000.00	
Other Expenses	29,000.00	29,000.00	25,154.74	1,560.43	2,284.83	
Municipal Court:						
Salaries and Wages	226,000.00	226,000.00	225,429.82	-	570.18	
Other Expenses	8,000.00	8,000.00	6,989.33	594.94	415.73	
Public Defender:						
Other Expenses	20,000.00	20,000.00	17,315.50	1,150.00	1,534.50	
Contribution to Water Utility						
Other Expenses	3,750.00	3,750.00	3,750.00	-		
Contribution to Storm Recovery Trust						
Other Expenses	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	-		
Utilities:						
Street Lighting	175,000.00	175,000.00	146,585.69	17,690.57	10,723.74	
Utilities	166,200.00	176,200.00	151,363.10	14,243.30	10,593.60	
Telephone	72,000.00	72,000.00	50,822.09	5,157.11	16,020.80	
Motor Fuels						
Other Expenses	185,000.00	200,000.00	150,529.76	43,823.97	5,646.27	
Accumulated Absence	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	-		
Total Operations Including Contingent - Within "CAPS"	13,938,090.00	13,918,090.00	12,903,730.04	554,930.29	459,429.67	-
Detail:						
Salaries and Wages	7,602,175.00	7,507,175.00	7,267,953.04	-	239,221.96	-
Other Expenses	6,335,915.00	6,410,915.00	5,635,777.00	554,930.29	220,207.71	-

TOWNSHIP OF HOPEWELL
Current Fund
Statement of Expenditures - Regulatory Basis
For the Year Ended December 31, 2024

	Appropriations		Expended			Unexpended
	Budget	Budget After Modification	Paid or Charged	Encumbered	Reserved	Balance Canceled
Deferred Charges and Statutory Expenditures - Municipal - Within "CAPS":						
STATUTORY EXPENDITURES:						
Contribution to:						
Public Employees' Retirement System	\$ 734,685.00	\$ 754,685.00	\$ 734,685.94	\$ -	\$ 19,999.06	\$ -
Social Security System (O.A.S.I.)	600,000.00	600,000.00	598,244.96	-	1,755.04	
Police and Firemen's Retirement System	1,129,225.00	1,129,225.00	1,129,223.19	-	1.81	
Defined Contribution Retirement Program	6,000.00	6,000.00	2,226.58	-	3,773.42	
Total Deferred Charges and Statutory Expenditures - Municipal Within "CAPS"	2,469,910.00	2,489,910.00	2,464,380.67	-	25,529.33	-
Total General Appropriations - For Municipal Purposes Within "CAPS"	16,408,000.00	16,408,000.00	15,368,110.71	554,930.29	484,959.00	-
GENERAL APPROPRIATIONS:						
Operations Excluded from "CAPS":						
Recycling Tonnage Tax Insurance	1,000.00	1,000.00	148.74	51.26	800.00	
Medical Insurance	-	-	-	-		
Recycling - MCIA	492,055.00	492,055.00	492,055.00	-		
Electronic Recycling	4,000.00	4,000.00	-	-	4,000.00	
Police / Dispatch Services:						
Police Services						
Salaries and Wages	508,583.23	508,583.23	508,583.23	-		
Other Expenses	40,000.00	40,000.00	40,000.00	-		
Dispatch Services						
Salaries and Wages	77,746.00	77,746.00	77,746.00	-		
Emergency Medical Services Dispatch Mercer County						
Other Expenses	16,140.00	16,140.00	16,140.00	-		

TOWNSHIP OF HOPEWELL
Current Fund
Statement of Expenditures - Regulatory Basis
For the Year Ended December 31, 2024

	Appropriations		Expended			Unexpended
	Budget	Budget After Modification	Paid or Charged	Encumbered	Reserved	Balance Canceled
GENERAL APPROPRIATIONS:						
Operations Excluded from "CAPS":						
Senior Service Coordinator						
Salaries and Wages	\$ 10,400.00	\$ 10,400.00	\$ 10,400.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Other Expenses	5,169.00	5,169.00	5,169.00	-		
Animal Control Services						
Other Expenses	25,500.00	25,500.00	25,500.00	-		
Health Services						
Salaries and Wages	83,000.00	83,000.00	83,000.00	-		
Other Expenses	10,840.00	10,840.00	7,494.37	-	3,345.63	
Total Other Operations Excluded from "CAPS":	1,274,433.23	1,274,433.23	1,266,236.34	51.26	8,145.63	-
GENERAL APPROPRIATIONS:						
Operations Excluded from "CAPS":						
Public and Private Programs Offset by Revenues:						
Body Armor Replacement Grant	2,483.63	2,483.63	2,483.63	-		
Clean Communities (C159 \$71,921.80)	-	71,921.80	71,921.80	-		
Spotted Lanternfly Pop Reduction Grant (C159 \$20,000.00)	-	20,000.00	20,000.00	-		
Opioid Settlement Fund (C159 \$19,770.35)	5,261.61	25,031.96	25,031.96	-		
Municipal Alliance on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse						
Township Match	18,000.00	18,000.00	15,060.74	-	2,939.26	
State Share	17,058.00	17,058.00	17,058.00	-		
Sustaining Local Public Health Infra (C159 \$168,049.00)	-	168,049.00	168,049.00	-		
NJ DOT Grant	526,581.00	526,581.00	526,581.00	-		
Click it or Ticket (C159 \$7,000.00)	-	7,000.00	7,000.00	-		
Recycling Tonnage	27,419.28	27,419.28	27,419.28	-		
Supplemental Fire Services Program	4,321.00	4,321.00	4,321.00	-		
NJBPU Community Energy Grant (C159 \$10,000.00)	-	10,000.00	10,000.00	-		
Mercer County ARPA Funds-Ambulance (C159 \$500,000.00)	-	500,000.00	500,000.00	-		
Total Public and Private Programs Offset by Revenues	601,124.52	1,397,865.67	1,394,926.41	-	2,939.26	-
Total Operations - Excluded From "CAPS"	1,875,557.75	2,672,298.90	2,661,162.75	51.26	11,084.89	-

TOWNSHIP OF HOPEWELL
Current Fund
Statement of Expenditures - Regulatory Basis
For the Year Ended December 31, 2024

	Appropriations		Expended			Unexpended
	Budget	Budget After Modification	Paid or Charged	Encumbered	Reserved	Balance Canceled
Detail:						
Salaries and Wages	\$ 679,729.23	\$ 689,729.23	\$ 689,729.23	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Other Expenses	1,195,828.52	1,982,569.67	1,971,433.52	51.26	11,084.89	-
GENERAL APPROPRIATIONS:						
Capital Improvements - Excluded From "CAPS"						
Down Payment on Improvements	40,000.00	40,000.00	40,000.00	-	-	-
Capital Improvement Fund	360,000.00	360,000.00	360,000.00	-	-	-
Total Capital Improvements - Excluded From "CAPS"	400,000.00	400,000.00	400,000.00	-	-	-
GENERAL APPROPRIATIONS:						
Municipal Debt Service - Excluded From "CAPS"						
Payment of Bond Principal	5,181,737.00	5,181,737.00	5,181,737.00	-	-	-
Payment of Bond Anticipation Notes	225,000.00	225,000.00	225,000.00	-	-	-
Interest on Bonds	801,749.00	801,749.00	801,747.84	-	-	1.16
Interest on Notes	574,000.00	574,000.00	572,072.69	-	-	1,927.31
Total Municipal Dept Service - Excluded From "CAPS"	6,782,486.00	6,782,486.00	6,780,557.53	-	-	1,928.47
Deferred Charges - Municipal - Excluded from "CAPS"						
Emergency Authorizations	-	-	-	-	-	-
Deferred Charges and Statutory Expenditures						
Municipal - Excluded from "CAPS"						
Special Emergency Authorizations						
5 yrs (N.J.S. 40A:4-55)	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total Deferred Charges - Excluded From "CAPS"	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total Deferred Charges-Municipal - Excluded From "CAPS"	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total General Appropriations for Municipal Purposes Excluded From "CAPS"	9,058,043.75	9,854,784.90	9,841,720.28	51.26	11,084.89	1,928.47
Subtotal General Appropriations	25,466,043.75	26,262,784.90	25,209,830.99	554,981.55	496,043.89	1,928.47
Reserve for Uncollected Taxes	1,602,504.58	1,602,504.58	1,602,504.58	-	-	-
TOTAL GENERAL APPROPRIATIONS	\$ 27,068,548.33	\$ 27,865,289.48	\$ 26,812,335.57	\$ 554,981.55	\$ 496,043.89	\$ 1,928.47

TOWNSHIP OF HOPEWELL
Current Fund
Statement of Expenditures - Regulatory Basis
For the Year Ended December 31, 2024

Analysis of Budget After Modification:

Original Budget	\$ 27,068,548.33
Emergency Appropriation 40A:4-47	-
Appropriation by 40A:4-87	<u>796,741.15</u>

Total	<u><u>\$ 27,865,289.48</u></u>
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Analysis of Paid or Charged:

Reserve for Federal and State Grants - Appropriated	\$ 1,375,544.67
Reserve for Uncollected Taxes	1,602,504.58
Cash Disbursed	<u>23,834,286.32</u>

Total	<u><u>\$ 26,812,335.57</u></u>
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TOWNSHIP OF HOPEWELL
Trust Fund

Statement of Assets, Liabilities, Reserves and Fund Balance - Regulatory Basis
For the Years Ended December 31, 2024 and 2023

	<u>REFERENCE</u>	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
<u>ASSETS</u>			
Animal Control Fund:			
Cash - Treasurer	B-1	\$ 10,434.73	\$ 28,548.13
Other Funds:			
Cash - Treasurer	B-1	17,642,755.61	15,645,419.43
Due from Current Fund - Open Space Tax	A	2,202.49	-
Due from General Capital Fund	C	35,323.76	-
Loan Receivable		55,839.35	56,837.76
Total Other Funds		17,736,121.21	15,702,257.19
Total Assets		<u>\$ 17,746,555.94</u>	<u>\$ 15,730,805.32</u>
<u>LIABILITIES AND RESERVES</u>			
Animal Control Fund:			
Due to State of New Jersey		\$ 1,360.80	\$ 524.40
Reserve for Dog Fund Expenditures	B-2	9,073.93	28,023.73
Total Dog License Fund		10,434.73	28,548.13
Other Funds:			
Due to State NJ - UCC Fees	B-4	20,656.00	18,596.00
Payroll Deductions Payable	B-5	-	-
Reserve for:			
Unemployment Compensation	B-3	46,903.60	62,062.99
Trust Other	B-3	4,515,346.46	2,240,182.60
Plot Planning	B-3	86,128.31	36,944.31
Planning	B-3	863,475.70	906,046.86
Open Space Trust	B-3	3,132,238.76	2,916,006.24
Low Income Housing	B-3	337,062.87	294,057.91
Municipal Forfeiture	B-3	6,827.81	6,627.06
Off-Site Improvements	B-3	646,736.57	646,736.57
Performance Guarantees	B-3	6,950,122.32	7,154,683.14
Recreation Trust	B-3	178,803.69	215,503.29
Tax Collectors' Premium	B-3	913,100.00	1,175,100.00
Tax Title Lien	B-3	23,212.06	3,768.29
Off-Duty Police	B-3	-	-
Stream Corridor	B-3	4,295.30	13,375.50
FSA	B-3	11,211.76	12,566.43
Total Other Funds		17,736,121.21	15,702,257.19
Total Liabilities and Reserves		<u>\$ 17,746,555.94</u>	<u>\$ 15,730,805.32</u>

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TOWNSHIP OF HOPEWELL
General Capital Fund

Statement of Assets, Liabilities, Reserves and Fund Balance - Regulatory Basis
For the Years Ended December 31, 2024 and 2023

	<u>REFERENCE</u>	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
<u>ASSETS</u>			
Cash - Treasurer	C-2	\$ 10,485,128.05	\$ 11,855,158.63
State Grants Receivable	C-9	1,096,081.00	723,413.40
Deferred Charges to Future Taxation:			
Funded	C-4	35,277,000.00	41,408,000.00
Unfunded	C-5	<u>16,072,000.00</u>	<u>12,847,000.00</u>
Total		<u>\$ 62,930,209.05</u>	<u>\$ 66,833,572.03</u>
<u>LIABILITIES, RESERVES AND FUND BALANCE</u>			
Serial Bonds	C-6	\$ 35,277,000.00	\$ 41,408,000.00
Bond Anticipation Notes	C-7	15,302,000.00	12,077,000.00
Due to Open Space Trust Fnd	B	35,323.76	
Improvement Authorizations:			
Funded	C-8	1,417,063.55	2,522,037.45
Unfunded	C-8	6,372,174.30	6,140,136.99
Capital Improvement Fund	C-9	261,035.90	109,030.90
Reserve for:			
Payment of Serial Bonds and Notes		1,452,127.99	1,935,380.56
Reserve for Debt Service - Hunter		140,163.05	160,351.55
Fund Balance	C-1	<u>2,673,320.50</u>	<u>2,481,634.58</u>
Total		<u>\$ 62,930,209.05</u>	<u>\$ 66,833,572.03</u>

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TOWNSHIP OF HOPEWELL
General Capital Fund
Statement of Fund Balance - Regulatory Basis
For the Year Ended December 31, 2024

Balance December 31, 2023	\$ 2,481,634.58
Increased by:	
Improvement Authorizations Canceled	<u>191,685.92</u> 2,673,320.50
Decreased by:	
Appropriation to Finance Improvement Authorizations	<u>-</u>
Balance December 31, 2024	<u><u>\$ 2,673,320.50</u></u>

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TOWNSHIP OF HOPEWELL
Water Utility Operating Fund

Statement of Assets, Liabilities, Reserves and Fund Balance - Regulatory Basis
For the Year Ended December 31, 2024 and 2023

	<u>REFERENCE</u>	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
<u>ASSETS</u>			
Operating Fund:			
Cash	D-5	\$ 207,135.02	\$ 172,054.00
Receivables with Full Reserves:			
Consumer Accounts Receivable	D-7	1,334.69	1,305.88
		<u>1,334.69</u>	<u>1,305.88</u>
Total Operating Fund		<u>208,469.71</u>	<u>173,359.88</u>
Capital Fund:			
Cash	D-5	38,680.68	38,680.68
Fixed Capital	D-8	420,801.91	420,801.91
Fixed Capital Authorized and Uncompleted	D-9	-	-
Total Capital Fund		<u>459,482.59</u>	<u>459,482.59</u>
Total Assets		<u>\$ 667,952.30</u>	<u>\$ 632,842.47</u>
<u>LIABILITIES, RESERVES AND FUND BALANCE</u>			
Operating Fund:			
Liabilities:			
Appropriation Reserves	D-4	\$ 30,905.15	\$ 31,264.52
Encumbrances Payable	D-4	7,698.31	10,288.17
Water Rent Overpayments	D-5	23.73	13.07
Prepaid Water Rents	D-5		124.34
Accrued Interest on Bonds and Notes	D-11	146.25	219.38
Total Liabilities		<u>38,773.44</u>	<u>41,909.48</u>
Reserve for Receivables	D	1,334.69	1,305.88
Fund Balance	D-1	<u>168,361.58</u>	<u>130,144.52</u>
Total Operating Fund		<u>208,469.71</u>	<u>173,359.88</u>
Capital Fund:			
Liabilities:			
Serial Bonds	D-12	8,450.00	14,300.00
Improvement Authorizations - Funded	D-14	-	-
Capital Improvement Fund	D-15	26,351.05	26,351.05
Reserve for Amortization	D-16	412,351.91	406,501.91
Deferred Reserve for Amortization	D-17	-	-
Fund Balance	D-2	<u>12,329.63</u>	<u>12,329.63</u>
Total Capital Fund		<u>459,482.59</u>	<u>459,482.59</u>
Total Liabilities, Reserves and Fund Balance		<u>\$ 667,952.30</u>	<u>\$ 632,842.47</u>

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TOWNSHIP OF HOPEWELL
Water Utility Operating Fund

Comparative Statement of Operations and Changes in Fund Balance - Regulatory Basis
For the Years Ended December 31, 2024 and 2023

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
Revenue and Other Income Realized:		
Fund Balance Utilized	\$ 22,825.00	\$ 55,000.00
Water Rents	70,249.60	68,940.73
Interest on Investments and Deposits	7,504.45	4,477.51
Contribution from Current Fund	3,750.00	3,355.00
Other Credits to Income:		
Miscellaneous Revenue Not Anticipated	225.12	361.82
Unexpended Balance of Appropriation Reserves	<u>37,867.26</u>	<u>22,457.80</u>
Total Revenue and Other Income Realized	<u>142,421.43</u>	<u>154,592.86</u>
Expenditures:		
Operating	73,425.00	93,530.00
Deferred Charges and Statutory Expenditures	1,300.00	1,300.00
Capital Improvements	-	25,000.00
Debt Service	<u>6,654.37</u>	<u>5,976.00</u>
Total Expenditures	81,379.37	125,806.00
Less: Expenditures to be Raised by Future Taxation	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Total Expenditures	<u>81,379.37</u>	<u>125,806.00</u>
Excess in Revenue	61,042.06	28,786.86
Fund Balance January 1	<u>130,144.52</u>	<u>156,357.66</u>
Total	191,186.58	185,144.52
Decreased by Utilization by Water Utility Operating Budget	<u>22,825.00</u>	<u>55,000.00</u>
Balance December 31	<u><u>\$ 168,361.58</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 130,144.52</u></u>

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TOWNSHIP OF HOPEWELL
Water Utility Capital Fund
Statement of Fund Balance
For the Year Ended December 31, 2024

Balance December 31, 2024 and 2023

\$ 12,329.63

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TOWNSHIP OF HOPEWELL
Water Utility Operating Fund
Statement of Revenues - Regulatory Basis
For the Year Ended December 31, 2024

	<u>Anticipated</u>	<u>Realized</u>	<u>Excess (Deficit)</u>
Fund Balance Anticipated	\$ 22,825.00	\$ 22,825.00	\$ -
Water Rents	65,000.00	70,249.60	5,249.60
Interest on Investments and Deposits	3,000.00	7,504.45	4,504.45
Contribution from Current Fund	3,750.00	3,750.00	-
Miscellaneous Revenue Not Anticipated	<u>-</u>	<u>225.12</u>	<u>225.12</u>
 Total	 <u><u>\$ 94,575.00</u></u>	 <u><u>\$ 104,554.17</u></u>	 <u><u>\$ 9,979.17</u></u>

Analysis of Realized Revenues

Miscellaneous Revenue Not Anticipated:	
Water Penalties	<u>\$ 225.12</u>
	<u><u>\$ 225.12</u></u>

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TOWNSHIP OF HOPEWELL
Water Utility Operating Fund
Statement of Expenditures - Regulatory Basis
For the Year Ended December 31, 2024

	<u>Appropriations</u>			<u>Expended</u>		<u>Unexpended Balance Cancelled</u>
	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Emergency Appropriation</u>	<u>Budget After Modification</u>	<u>Paid or Charged</u>	<u>Reserved</u>	
Operating:						
Salaries and Wages	\$ 17,000.00	\$ -	\$ 17,000.00	\$ 10,888.75	\$ 6,111.25	\$ -
Other Expenses	66,425.00	-	66,425.00	32,189.94	24,235.06	10,000.00
Deferred Charges and Statutory Expenditures:						
Statutory Expenditures:						
Social Security	1,300.00	-	1,300.00	741.16	558.84	
Pension Contributions	-	-	-	-	-	
Capital Improvements:						
Capital Improvement Fund		-			-	
Debt Service:						
Payment of Bond Principal	5,850.00	-	5,850.00	5,850.00	-	-
Payment of Note Principal	-	-	-	-	-	-
Interest on Bonds	1,500.00	-	1,500.00	804.37	-	695.63
Interest on Notes	2,500.00	-	2,500.00	-	-	2,500.00
	<u>94,575.00</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>94,575.00</u>	<u>50,474.22</u>	<u>30,905.15</u>	<u>13,195.63</u>
Total	\$ 94,575.00	\$ -	\$ 94,575.00	\$ 50,474.22	\$ 30,905.15	\$ 13,195.63
 Analysis of Paid or Charged:						
Cash Disbursed				\$ 41,971.54		
Encumbrances Payable				7,698.31		
Interest on Bonds and Notes				804.37		
				<u>50,474.22</u>		
Total				\$ 50,474.22		

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TOWNSHIP OF HOPEWELL
ELSA Sewer Utility Operating Fund
Statement of Assets, Liabilities, Reserves and Fund Balance - Regulatory Basis
For the Year Ended December 31, 2024 and 2023

<u>ASSETS</u>	<u>REFERENCE</u>	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
Operating Fund:			
Cash	E-5a	\$ 330,441.23	\$ 403,812.41
Receivables with Full Reserves:			
Consumer Accounts Receivable	E-7a	<u>77,112.69</u>	<u>71,580.21</u>
Total Assets		<u><u>\$ 407,553.92</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 475,392.62</u></u>
<u>LIABILITIES, RESERVES AND FUND BALANCE</u>			
Liabilities:			
Appropriation Reserves	E-4a	\$ 29,024.63	\$ 94,641.66
Encumbrances Payable	E-4a	24,096.94	10,871.69
Sewer Rent Overpayments		6,452.97	231.39
Prepaid Sewer Rents		295.80	4,549.63
Due to Current Fund	A		1,836.10
Accrued Interest on Bonds and Notes	E-11a	3,346.30	3,769.58
Other Liability		<u>7,250.00</u>	<u>7,250.00</u>
Total Liabilities		<u>70,466.64</u>	<u>123,150.05</u>
Reserve for Receivables	Ea	77,112.69	71,580.21
Fund Balance	E-1a	<u>259,974.59</u>	<u>280,662.36</u>
Total Liabilities, Reserves and Fund Balance		<u><u>\$ 407,553.92</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 475,392.62</u></u>

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TOWNSHIP OF HOPEWELL
SBRSA Sewer Utility Operating Fund
Statement of Assets, Liabilities, Reserves and Fund Balance - Regulatory Basis
For the Year Ended December 31, 2024 and 2023

<u>ASSETS</u>	<u>REFERENCE</u>	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
Operating Fund:			
Cash	E-5b	\$ 132,029.39	\$ 123,422.84
Receivables with Full Reserves:			
Consumer Accounts Receivable	E-7b	<u>10,146.48</u>	<u>9,473.81</u>
Total Assets		<u><u>\$ 142,175.87</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 132,896.65</u></u>
<u>LIABILITIES, RESERVES AND FUND BALANCE</u>			
Liabilities:			
Appropriation Reserves	E-4b	\$ 33,693.78	\$ 9,143.25
Encumbrances Payable	E-4b	5,782.02	16,544.28
Due to Sewer Capital Fund	Ec		-
Prepaid Sewer Rent			8,165.51
Sewer Rent Overpayments		550.95	678.95
Accrued Interest on Bonds and Notes	E-11b	<u>3,015.17</u>	<u>3,664.68</u>
Total Liabilities		<u>43,041.92</u>	<u>38,196.67</u>
Reserve for Receivables	Eb	10,146.48	9,473.81
Fund Balance	E-1b	<u>88,987.47</u>	<u>85,226.17</u>
Total Liabilities, Reserves and Fund Balance		<u><u>\$ 142,175.87</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 132,896.65</u></u>

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TOWNSHIP OF HOPEWELL
Sewer Utility Capital Fund

Statement of Assets, Liabilities, Reserves and Fund Balance - Regulatory Basis
For the Year Ended December 31, 2024 and 2023

<u>ASSETS</u>	<u>REFERENCE</u>	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
Capital Fund:			
Cash	E-5c	\$ 334,648.61	\$ 280,443.20
Due from Sewer Operating Fund	Eb	-	-
Fixed Capital	E-8	3,670,911.23	3,483,535.62
Fixed Capital Authorized and Uncompleted	E-9	<u>1,949,602.47</u>	<u>2,134,489.04</u>
Total Assets		<u>\$ 5,955,162.31</u>	<u>\$ 5,898,467.86</u>
<u>LIABILITIES, RESERVES AND FUND BALANCE</u>			
Serial Bonds	E-12	702,550.00	821,700.00
Bond Anticipation Notes	E-13	108,000.00	116,000.00
Loan Advance		1,086,166.00	106,566.00
Due to SBRSA Operating Fund			
Improvement Authorizations:			
Funded	E-14	134,717.37	132,228.33
Unfunded	E-14	166,801.89	1,100,830.95
Capital Improvement Fund	E-15	10,350.00	350.00
Reserve for Debt Service		2,634.47	4,000.00
Reserve for Amortization	E-16	3,599,813.70	3,504,174.66
Deferred Reserve for Amortization	E-17	40,150.00	6,150.00
Fund Balance	E-2	<u>103,978.88</u>	<u>106,467.92</u>
Total Liabilities, Reserves and Fund Balance		<u>\$ 5,955,162.31</u>	<u>\$ 5,898,467.86</u>

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TOWNSHIP OF HOPEWELL
ELSA Sewer Utility Operating Fund
Statement of Operations and Changes in Fund Balance - Regulatory Basis
For the Year Ended December 31, 2024 and 2023

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
Revenue and Other Income Realized:		
Fund Balance Utilized	\$ 198,327.00	\$ 269,554.00
Sewer Rents	1,100,733.59	893,637.15
Interest on Investments	19,477.86	15,622.01
Debt Service Reserve		-
Miscellaneous Revenue Not Anticipated	4,778.56	2,910.93
Other Credits to Income:		
Unexpended Balance of Appropriation Reserves	<u>74,783.72</u>	<u>27,991.33</u>
Total Revenue and Other Income Realized	<u>1,398,100.73</u>	<u>1,209,715.42</u>
Expenditures:		
Operating	1,150,700.00	1,063,086.00
Deferred Charges and Statutory Expenditures	3,000.00	3,150.00
Debt Service	66,761.50	57,301.80
Deficit in Operations	<u>-</u>	<u>19,217.02</u>
Total Expenditures	1,220,461.50	1,142,754.82
Excess (Deficit) in Revenue	177,639.23	66,960.60
Adjustments to Income before Surplus:		
Expenditures Included Above Which Are by Statute Deferred		
Charges to Budget of Succeeding Year	<u></u>	<u></u>
Statutory Excess to Surplus	177,639.23	66,960.60
Fund Balance January 1	<u>280,662.36</u>	<u>483,255.76</u>
Total	458,301.59	550,216.36
Decreased by Utilization by Sewer Utility Operating Budget	<u>198,327.00</u>	<u>269,554.00</u>
Balance December 31	<u><u>\$ 259,974.59</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 280,662.36</u></u>

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TOWNSHIP OF HOPEWELL
SBRSA Sewer Utility Operating Fund
Statement of Operations and Changes in Fund Balance - Regulatory Basis
For the Years Ended December 31, 2024 and 2023

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
Revenue and Other Income Realized:		
Fund Balance Utilized	\$ 58,160.00	\$ 99,714.00
Sewer Rents	430,175.38	351,549.88
Reserve for Debt Service	-	985.60
Interest on Investments	10,668.68	7,196.76
Miscellaneous Revenue Not Anticipated	1,427.98	1,188.77
Other Credits to Income:		
Unexpended Balance of Appropriation Reserves	<u>15,853.47</u>	<u>14,051.64</u>
Total Revenue and Other Income Realized	<u>516,285.51</u>	<u>474,686.65</u>
Expenditures:		
Operating	345,885.00	333,850.00
Deferred Charges and Statutory Expenditures	1,200.00	1,000.00
Capital	20,000.00	-
Debt Service	<u>87,279.21</u>	<u>84,826.41</u>
Total Expenditures	454,364.21	419,676.41
Excess (Deficit) in Revenue	61,921.30	55,010.24
Adjustments to Income before Surplus:		
Expenditures Included Above Which Are by Statute Deferred		
Charges to Budget of Succeeding Year	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Statutory Excess to Surplus	61,921.30	55,010.24
Fund Balance January 1	<u>85,226.17</u>	<u>129,929.93</u>
Total	147,147.47	184,940.17
Decreased by Utilization by Sewer Utility Operating Budget	<u>58,160.00</u>	<u>99,714.00</u>
Balance December 31	<u><u>\$ 88,987.47</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 85,226.17</u></u>

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TOWNSHIP OF HOPEWELL
Sewer Utility Capital Fund
Statement of Fund Balance
For the Year Ended December 31, 2024

Balance December 31, 2023	\$ 106,467.92
Increased by:	
Funded Improvement Authorizations Canceled	<u>23,510.96</u>
	129,978.88
Decreased by:	
Appropriated to Finance Improvement Authorization	<u>26,000.00</u>
Balance December 31, 2024	<u><u>\$ 103,978.88</u></u>

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TOWNSHIP OF HOPEWELL
ELSA SEWER UTILITY OPERATING FUND
Statement of Revenues - Regulatory Basis
For the Year Ended December 31, 2024

	<u>Anticipated</u>	<u>Realized</u>	<u>Excess (Deficit)</u>
Fund Balance	\$ 198,327.00	\$ 198,327.00	\$ -
Sewer Rents	1,023,353.00	1,100,733.59	77,380.59
Interest on Investments	10,000.00	19,477.86	9,477.86
Miscellaneous Revenue	<u> </u>	<u>4,778.56</u>	<u>4,778.56</u>
Funded Improvement Authorizations Canceled			
Total	<u>\$ 1,231,680.00</u>	<u>\$ 1,323,317.01</u>	<u>\$ 91,637.01</u>

Analysis of Realized Revenues

Miscellaneous Revenue:	
Sewer Penalties	\$ 3,253.56
Miscellaneous	<u>1,525.00</u>
Total	<u>\$ 4,778.56</u>

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TOWNSHIP OF HOPEWELL
SBRSA SEWER UTILITY OPERATING FUND
Statement of Revenues - Regulatory Basis
For the Year Ended December 31, 2024

	<u>Anticipated</u>	<u>Realized</u>	Excess (Deficit)
Fund Balance	\$ 58,160.00	\$ 58,160.00	\$ -
Sewer Rents	400,000.00	430,175.38	30,175.38
Interest on Investments	5,000.00	10,668.68	5,668.68
Reserve for Debt Service	2,000.00		(2,000.00)
Miscellaneous Revenue Not Anticipated	<u>-</u>	<u>1,427.98</u>	<u>1,427.98</u>
Funded Improvement Authorizations Canceled			
Total	<u>\$ 465,160.00</u>	<u>\$ 500,432.04</u>	<u>\$ 35,272.04</u>

Analysis of Realized Revenues

Miscellaneous Revenue Not Anticipated:

Sewer penalties

\$ 1,427.98

Total

\$ 1,427.98

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TOWNSHIP OF HOPEWELL
ELSA Sewer Utility Operating Fund
Statement of Expenditures - Regulatory Basis
For the Year Ended December 31, 2023

	<u>Appropriations</u>		<u>Expended</u>		<u>Balance Canceled</u>
	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Budget After Modification</u>	<u>Paid or Charged</u>	<u>Reserved</u>	
Operating:					
Salaries and Wages	\$ 45,000.00	\$ 45,000.00	\$ 31,170.64	\$ 13,829.36	\$ -
Other Expenses	1,105,700.00	1,105,700.00	1,091,854.54	13,845.46	-
Deferred Charges and Statutory Expenditures:					
Statutory Expenditures:					
Social Security	3,000.00	3,000.00	1,650.19	1,349.81	-
Debt Service:					
Payment of Bond Principal	46,980.00	46,980.00	46,978.00	-	2.00
Payment of Bond Anticipation Note Principal	5,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00	-	-
Interest on Bonds	16,000.00	16,000.00	10,018.77	-	5,981.23
Interest on Notes	10,000.00	10,000.00	4,764.73	-	5,235.27
Total	<u><u>\$ 1,231,680.00</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 1,231,680.00</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 1,191,436.87</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 29,024.63</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 11,218.50</u></u>
Original Budget		<u><u>\$ 1,155,554.00</u></u>			
Analysis of Paid or Charged:					
Cash Disbursed			\$ 1,152,556.43		
Encumbrances Payable			24,096.94		
Interest on Bonds and Notes			<u>14,783.50</u>		
Total			<u><u>\$ 1,191,436.87</u></u>		

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

TOWNSHIP OF HOPEWELL
SBRSA Sewer Utility Operating Fund
Statement of Expenditures - Regulatory Basis
For the Year Ended December 31, 2024

	<u>Appropriations</u>		<u>Expended</u>		<u>Overexpended</u>	<u>Balance Canceled</u>
	<u>Budget</u>	Budget After Modification	Paid or Charged	<u>Reserved</u>		
Operating:						
Salaries and Wages	\$ 14,000.00	\$ 14,000.00	\$ 12,869.34	\$ 1,130.66	\$ -	\$ -
Other Expenses	331,885.00	331,885.00	309,629.19	22,255.81		
Deferred Charges and Statutory Expenditures:						
Statutory Expenditures:						
Public Employee Retirement System	-	-		-		
Social Security	1,200.00	1,200.00	892.69	307.31		-
Capital:						
Capital Improvement Fund	20,000.00	20,000.00	10,000.00	10,000.00		
Debt Service:						
Payment of Bond Principal	72,175.00	72,175.00	72,172.00	-		3.00
Payment of Bond Anticipation Note Principal	600.00	600.00	600.00	-		-
Interest on Bonds	19,300.00	19,300.00	13,857.78	-		5,442.22
Interest on Notes	6,000.00	6,000.00	649.43	-		5,350.57
Total	<u>\$ 465,160.00</u>	<u>\$ 465,160.00</u>	<u>\$ 420,670.43</u>	<u>\$ 33,693.78</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 10,795.79</u>
Original Budget		<u>\$ 465,160.00</u>				
Analysis of Paid or Charged:						
Cash Disbursed			\$ 400,381.20			
Deferred Charge						
Encumbrances Payable			5,782.02			
Interest on Bonds and Notes			14,507.21			
Total			<u>\$ 420,670.43</u>			

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TOWNSHIP OF HOPEWELL
Public Assistance Fund
Statement of Assets, Liabilities and Reserves
For the Years Ended December 31, 2024 and 2023

	<u>REFERENCE</u>	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
<u>ASSETS</u>			
Cash	F-1	<u>\$ 10,249.06</u>	<u>\$ 9,800.89</u>
Total		<u>\$ 10,249.06</u>	<u>\$ 9,800.89</u>
<u>LIABILITIES AND RESERVES</u>			
Reserve for Public Assistance		<u>\$ 10,249.06</u>	<u>\$ 9,800.89</u>

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

TOWNSHIP OF HOPEWELL
ACCOUNT GROUP
Statement of General Fixed Assets Group of Accounts
For the Year Ended December 31, 2024

	Balance December 31, 2023	Additions	Deletions	Balance December 31, 2024
General Fixed Assets:				
Land	\$ 48,660,797.00	\$ -	\$ 5,825,500.00	\$ 42,835,297.00
Buildings and Building Improvements	13,028,772.00	387,660.00	-	13,416,432.00
Machinery and Equipment	11,416,628.00	815,310.00	101,739.00	12,130,199.00
Total General Fixed Assets	<u>\$ 73,106,197.00</u>	<u>\$ 1,202,970.00</u>	<u>\$ 5,927,239.00</u>	<u>\$ 68,381,928.00</u>
Total Investment in General Fixed Assets	<u>\$ 73,106,197.00</u>	<u>\$ 1,202,970.00</u>	<u>\$ 5,927,239.00</u>	<u>\$ 68,381,928.00</u>

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Township of Hopewell
Notes to Financial Statements
December 31, 2024

NOTE 1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Description of Financial Reporting Entity - The Township of Hopewell is located in the western portion of Mercer County, New Jersey, midway between Philadelphia and New York City. The present population according to the 2020 census is 17,671.

The Township of Hopewell was incorporated in 1798 and operates under the Township Committee form of government. The Committee is the legislative body of the Township and consists of five members elected by popular vote to a three-year term. Each year the elected body selects one of its members to serve as Mayor for a one-year term.

Component Units – GASB Statement No. 14, *The Financial Reporting Entity*, provides guidance that all entities associated with a primary government are potential component units and should be evaluated for inclusion in the financial reporting entity. A primary government is financially accountable not only for the organizations that make up its legal entity, but also for legally separate organizations that meet the criteria established by GASB Statement No.14, as amended by GASB Statement No. 39, *Determining Whether Certain Organizations are Component Units*. There are no organizations that are considered to be component units.

Basis of Accounting, Measurement Focus and Basis of Presentation - The financial statements of the Township of Hopewell contain all funds in accordance with the "Requirements of Audit" as promulgated by the State of New Jersey, Department of Community Affairs, Division of Local Government Services. The principles and practices established by the Requirements of Audit 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. Generally, the financial statements are presented using the flow of current financial resources measurement focus and modified accrual basis of accounting with minor exceptions as mandated by these "Requirements". In addition, the prescribed accounting principles previously referred to differ in certain respects from accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America applicable to local government units. The more significant differences are explained in this Note.

In accordance with the "Requirements", the Township of Hopewell accounts for its financial transactions through the use of separate funds which are described as follows.

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

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

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

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

Public Assistance Fund - The Public Assistance Funds account for receipt and disbursement of funds that provide assistance to certain residents of the Township pursuant to Title 44 of New Jersey Statutes.

Budgets and Budgetary Accounting - The Township of Hopewell must adopt an annual budget for its current fund and utility operating funds in accordance with the N.J.S.A. 40A:4 et seq. N.J.S.A. 40A:4-5 requires the governing body to introduce and approve the annual municipal budget no later than February 10 of each year. At introduction, the governing body shall fix the time and place for a public hearing on the budget and must advertise the time and place at least ten days prior to the hearing in a newspaper published and circulating in the municipality. The public hearing must not be held less than twenty-eight days after the date the budget was introduced. After the hearing has been held, the governing body may, by majority vote, adopt the budget or may amend the budget in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:4-9. Amendments to the adopted budgets, if any, are detailed in the statements of revenues and expenditures.

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NOTE 1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

Budgets and Budgetary Accounting (Cont'd) - An extension of the statutory dates for introduction, approval and adoption of the municipal budget may be granted by the Director of the Division of Local Government Services, with the permission of the Local Finance Board.

Budgets are adopted on the same basis of accounting utilized for the preparation of the Township's financial statements.

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

New Jersey municipal units are limited as to the types of investments and types of financial institutions they may invest in. N.J.S.A. 40A:5-15.1 provides a list of permissible investments that may be purchased by New Jersey municipal units.

N.J.S.A. 17:9-41et seq. establishes the requirement for the security of deposits of governmental units. The statute requires that governmental units shall deposit public funds in public depositories protected from loss under the provisions of the Governmental Unit Deposit Protection Act. The Act was enacted in 1970 to protect governmental units from a loss of funds on deposit with a failed banking institution in New Jersey. Public depositories include State or federally chartered banks, savings banks or associations located in the State of New Jersey or state or federally chartered banks, savings banks or associations located in another state with a branch office in the State of New Jersey, the deposits of which are federally insured. All public depositories must pledge collateral, having a market value at least equal to five percent of the average daily balance of collected public funds, to secure the deposits of governmental units. If a public depository fails, the collateral it has pledged, plus the collateral of all other public depositories, is available to pay the amount of their deposits to the governmental units. The cash management plan adopted by the Township of Hopewell requires it to deposit funds in public depositories protected from loss under the provisions of the Act.

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

Inventories of Supplies - The costs of inventories of supplies for all funds are recorded as expenditures at the time individual items are purchased. The costs of inventories are not included on the various statements of assets, liabilities, reserves and fund balance.

General Fixed Assets - Accounting for Governmental Fixed Assets, as required by N.J.A.C. 5:30-5.6, differs in certain respects from accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. In accordance with the regulations, all local units, including municipalities, must maintain a general fixed assets reporting system that establishes and maintains a physical inventory of nonexpendable, tangible property as defined and limited by the U.S. Office of Management and Budget Circular A-87 (Attachment B, Section 19), except that the useful life of such property is at least five years. The Township has not adopted a capitalization threshold as required by the Circular.

Generally, assets are valued at historical cost; however, assets acquired prior to December 31, 1985 are valued at actual historical cost or estimated historical cost. Donated general fixed assets are recorded at their estimated fair market value on the acquisition date. Interest costs relative to the acquisition of general fixed assets are recorded as expenditures when paid. Public domain ("infrastructure") general fixed assets consisting of certain improvements other than buildings, such as roads, bridges, curbs and gutters, streets and sidewalks and drainage systems are not capitalized. Expenditures for construction in progress are recorded in the Capital Funds until such time as the construction is completed and put into operation. The Township is required to maintain a subsidiary ledger detailing fixed assets records to control additions, retirements and transfers of fixed assets. In addition, a Statement of General Fixed Assets, reflecting the activity for the year, must be included in the Township's basic financial statements.

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NOTE 1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

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

No depreciation of general fixed assets is recorded.

Utility Fixed Assets - Property and equipment purchased by the Water/Sewer Utility Fund are recorded in the capital account at cost and are adjusted for dispositions and abandonments. Contributions in aid of construction are capitalized, whereas those made in the form of tangible assets, such as land are not. The balance in the Reserve for Amortization and Deferred Reserve for Amortization accounts in the utility capital fund represents the costs of acquisition of property, equipment and improvements. Depreciation is not recorded on these fixed assets.

Foreclosed Property - Foreclosed property is recorded in the Current Fund at the assessed valuation when such property was acquired and is fully reserved. Ordinarily it is the intention of the municipality to resell foreclosed property in order to recover all or a portion of the delinquent taxes or assessments accrued and to return the property to a taxpaying basis. For this reason, the value of foreclosed property has not been included in the General Fixed Assets Account Group. If such property is converted to a municipal use, it will be capitalized in the General Fixed Assets Account Group.

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

Liens Sold for Other Governmental Units - Liens sold on behalf of other governmental units are not recorded on the records of the tax collector until such liens are collected. Upon their collection, such liens are recorded as a liability due to the governmental unit net of the costs of the initial sale. The related costs of sale are recognized as revenue when received.

Fund Balance - Fund Balance included in the current fund and sewer utility operating fund represents an amount available for anticipation as revenue in future year's budgets, with certain restrictions.

Revenues - Revenues are recorded when received in cash except for certain amounts which are due from other governmental units. Revenue from Federal and State grants are realized when anticipated as such in the Township's budget. Receivables for property taxes, water rents, and sewer rents are recorded with offsetting reserves on the statement of assets, liabilities, reserves and fund balance of the Township's Current Fund, Water Utility Operating Fund, and Sewer Utility Operating Fund, respectively; accordingly, such amounts are not recorded as revenue until collected. Other amounts that are due the Township which are susceptible to accrual are also recorded as receivables with offsetting reserves and recorded as revenue when received.

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

School Taxes - The Township is responsible for levying, collecting and remitting school taxes for the Hopewell Valley Regional School District. Operations are charged for the full amount required to be raised from taxation to operate the local school district for the period from January 1, 2024 to December 31, 2024.

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NOTE 1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

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

Fire District Taxes - The Township is responsible for levying, collecting and remitting fire district taxes for the Hopewell Township Fire District No. 1. Operations are charged for the full amount required to be raised from taxation to operate the fire district for the period from January 1, 2024 to December 31, 2024.

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

Expenditures - Expenditures are recorded on the "budgetary" basis of accounting. Generally, expenditures are recorded when paid. However, for charges to amounts appropriated for "other expenses", an amount is encumbered through the issuance of a numerically controlled purchase order or when a contract is executed as required by N.J.A.C. 5:30-5.2. When encumbered charges are paid, the amount encumbered is simultaneously liquidated in its original amount. Outstanding encumbrances are offset by an account entitled "Reserve for Encumbrances". The reserve is classified as a cash liability under New Jersey municipal accounting. At December 31, this reserve represents the portion of appropriation reserves that has been encumbered and is subject to the same statutory provisions as appropriation reserves.

Appropriations for principal and interest on outstanding general capital bonds and notes and for principal on outstanding sewer utility capital bonds are provided on the cash basis. Appropriations for interest on outstanding water/sewer utility capital bonds and notes are provided on the accrual basis.

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

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

Long Term Debt - Long Term Debt, relative to the acquisition of capital assets, is recorded as a liability in either the General Capital Fund or the Water/Sewer Utility Capital Fund. Where an improvement is a "local improvement", i.e. assessable upon completion, long-term debt associated with that portion of the cost of the improvement to be funded by assessments is transferred to the Trust Fund upon confirmation of the assessments or when the improvement is fully and permanently funded.

Interest on Delinquent Taxes - It is the policy of the Township to collect interest for the nonpayment of taxes, sewer or assessments on or before the date when they would become delinquent. The Tax Collector is authorized to charge eight percent (8%) per annum on the first \$1,500 of taxes becoming delinquent after due date and eighteen percent (18%) per annum on any amount of taxes in excess of \$1,500 becoming delinquent after the due date and if a delinquency is in excess of \$10,000 and remains in arrears beyond December 31st, an additional penalty of six percent (6%) shall be charged against the delinquency. There is a ten (10) day grace period.

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NOTE 1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

Comparative Data – Comparative total data for the prior year has been presented in the accompanying Balance Sheets and Statement of Operations in order to provide an understanding of changes in the Township’s financial position. However, comparative (i.e., presentation of prior year totals by fund type) data have not been presented in the statement of revenues – regulatory basis and the statement of expenditures – regulatory basis since their inclusion would make the statements unduly complex and difficult to read.

Impact of Recently Issued Accounting Principles

The Township implemented the following GASB Statement for the year ended December 31, 2024:

Statement No. 101, Compensated Absences. The objective of this Statement is to better align the recognition and measurement guidance for compensated absences with the concept of a liability, and to simplify the guidance for certain types of leave. As a result of the regulatory basis of accounting described in Note 1, the implementation of this Statement did not impact the Township’s financial statements.

NOTE 2. CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS

Custodial Credit Risk Related to Deposits – Custodial credit risk refers to the risk that, in the event of a bank failure, the Municipality’s deposits may not be recovered. Although the Municipality does not have a formal policy regarding custodial credit risk, N.J.S.A. 17:9-41 et seq. requires that governmental units shall deposit public funds in public depositories protected from loss under the provisions of the Governmental Unit Deposit Protection Unit. Under the Act, the first \$250,000 of governmental deposits in each insured depository is protected by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC). Public funds owned by the municipality in excess of FDIC insured amounts are protected by GUDPA. However, GUDPA does not protect intermingled trust funds such as salary withholdings or funds that may pass to the Municipality relative to the happening of a future condition. Such funds are shown as uninsured and uncollateralized. Of the Municipality’s amount on deposit of \$40,553,532 as of December 31, 2024, \$517,932 was insured under FDIC and the remaining balance of \$40,035,600 was collateralized under GUDPA.

NOTE 3. INVESTMENTS

New Jersey municipalities are limited as to the types of investments and types of financial institutions they may invest in. N.J.S.A. 40A:5-15.1 provides a list of permissible investments that may be purchased by New Jersey municipalities. These permissible investments generally include bonds or other obligations of the United States of America or obligations guaranteed by the United States of America, government money market funds, any obligation that a federal agency or a federal instrumentality has issued in accordance with an act of Congress, bonds or other obligations of the local unit or other obligations approved by the Division of Investment in the Department of Treasury for investment by local units, local government investment pools, deposits with the State of New Jersey Cash Management Fund, and agreements for the repurchase of fully collateralized securities with certain provisions. The Township has no investment policy that would further limit its investment choices.

Custodial Credit Risk Related to Investments – For an investment, custodial credit risk is the risk that, in the event of failure of the counterparty, the Township will not be able to recover the value of its investments or collateral securities that are in the possession of an outside party. Investment securities are exposed to custodial credit risk if the securities are uninsured, are not registered in the name of the Township, and are held by either the counterparty or the counterparty’s trust department or agent but not in the Township’s name.

As of December 31, 2024, the Township had the following investments:

<u>Investment</u>	<u>Maturities</u>	<u>Credit Rating</u>	<u>Fair Value</u>
NJ ARM	Less than 1 Year	AAAm	\$ 6,157,305
Cash Management	Less than 1 Year		4,280

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NOTE 4. PROPERTY TAXES

The following is a five-year comparison of certain statistical information relative to property taxes and property tax collections for the current and previous four years.

<u>Comparative Schedule of Tax Rates</u>	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>
Total Tax Rate	<u>\$ 3.157</u>	<u>\$ 3.056</u>	<u>\$ 2.993</u>	<u>\$ 3.059</u>	<u>\$ 2.985</u>
Apportionment of Tax Rate:					
Municipal	.443	.435	.438	.437	.410
County	.764	.727	.673	.674	.703
Regional School	1.804	1.752	1.743	1.809	1.740
Fire District	.116	.112	.109	.109	.102
Municipal Open Space	.030	.030	.030	.030	.030

<u>Assessed Valuation</u>	<u>Amount</u>
2024	\$ 3,994,610,481
2023	3,988,214,565
2022	3,884,121,556
2021	3,816,199,773
2020	3,924,848,132

<u>Comparison of Tax Levies and Collections</u>			
<u>Year Ended</u>	<u>Tax Levy</u>	<u>Collections</u>	<u>Percentage Of Collections</u>
2024	\$ 127,483,286	\$ 126,592,512	99.30 %
2023	122,048,246	119,561,478	97.96
2022	118,978,587	118,232,937	99.37
2021	116,808,474	115,661,661	99.02
2020	117,155,619	115,832,713	98.58

<u>Delinquent Taxes and Tax Title Liens</u>				
<u>Year Ended</u>	<u>Tax Title Liens</u>	<u>Delinquent Taxes</u>	<u>Total Delinquent</u>	<u>Percentage of Tax Levy</u>
2024	\$ 446,323	\$ 571,929	\$ 1,018,252	.80 %
2023	382,547	2,344,181	2,726,728	2.23
2022	385,716	614,306	1,000,022	.84
2021	318,563	1,008,058	1,326,621	1.14
2020	310,332	1,444,356	1,754,688	1.50

<u>Year Ended</u>	<u>Number</u>
2024	17
2023	15
2022	15
2021	15
2020	16

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NOTE 5. 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 valuation of such properties, for the current and previous four years was as follows:

<u>Year Ended</u>	<u>Amount</u>
2024	-
2023	-
2022	-
2021	-
2020	-

NOTE 6. WATER/SEWER UTILITY LEVY

The following is a five-year comparison of water and sewer utility charges (rent) and collections for the current and previous four years.

Water Utility Levy:

<u>Year</u>	<u>Balance Jan. 1,</u>	<u>Water Levy</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Cash Collections</u>	<u>Percentage</u>
2024	\$ 1,306	\$ 70,278	\$ 71,584	\$ 70,249	98.14 %
2023	3,727	66,519	70,246	68,940	98.14
2022	2,853	71,597	74,449	70,722	94.99
2021	3,327	71,791	75,118	72,265	96.20
2020	1,738	74,485	76,223	72,896	95.64

ELSA Sewer Utility Levy:

<u>Year</u>	<u>Balance Jan. 1,</u>	<u>Sewer Levy</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Cash Collections</u>	<u>Percentage</u>
2024	\$ 71,580	\$ 1,106,266	\$ 1,177,846	\$ 1,100,733	93.45 %
2023	48,250	916,967	965,217	893,637	92.58
2022	35,506	926,106	961,612	913,361	94.98
2021	271,552	841,250	1,112,801	1,077,295	96.81
2020	52,715	977,571	1,030,286	758,734	73.64

SBRSA Sewer Utility Levy:

<u>Year</u>	<u>Balance Jan. 1</u>	<u>Sewer Levy</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Cash Collections</u>	<u>Percentage</u>
2024	\$ 9,474	\$ 430,848	\$ 440,322	\$ 430,175	97.70 %
2023	7,373	353,651	361,024	351,550	97.38
2022	10,604	329,441	340,045	332,671	97.83
2021	9,429	330,422	339,851	329,247	96.88
2020	6,111	337,368	343,479	334,050	97.25

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NOTE 7. FUND BALANCES APPROPRIATED

The following schedule details the amount of fund balances available at the end of the current year and four previous years and the amounts utilized in the subsequent year's budgets.

<u>Current Fund</u>	<u>Balance December 31</u>	<u>Utilized In Budget of Succeeding Year</u>	<u>Percentage of Fund Balance Used</u>
2024	\$ 14,277,467	\$ 3,350,000	23.46 %
2023	10,143,560	800,000	7.89
2022	11,808,778	1,995,000	16.89
2021	8,722,873	1,311,000	15.03
2020	8,979,773	1,730,000	19.27

<u>Water Utility Operating Fund</u>	<u>Balance December 31</u>	<u>Utilized In Budget of Succeeding Year</u>	<u>Percentage of Fund Balance Used</u>
2024	\$ 168,362	\$ 28,840	17.13 %
2023	130,145	22,825	17.54
2022	156,358	55,000	35.18
2021	230,488	104,260	45.23
2020	205,817	91,400	44.41

<u>ELSA Sewer Utility Operating Fund</u>	<u>Balance December 31</u>	<u>Utilized In Budget of Succeeding Year</u>	<u>Percentage of Fund Balance Used</u>
2024	\$ 259,975	\$ 220,000	84.62 %
2023	280,662	198,327	70.66
2022	483,256	269,554	55.78
2021	616,827	99,275	16.09
2020	588,348	356,416	60.58

<u>SBRSA Sewer Utility Operating Fund</u>	<u>Balance December 31</u>	<u>Utilized In Budget of Succeeding Year</u>	<u>Percentage of Fund Balance Used</u>
2024	\$ 88,987	\$ 27,000	30.34 %
2023	85,226	58,160	68.24
2022	129,930	99,714	76.74
2021	229,677	136,172	59.29
2020	281,692	92,992	33.01

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NOTE 8. PENSION PLANS

Substantially all of the Township's employees participate in one of the following pension plans which have been established by State statute and are administered by the New Jersey Division of Pensions and Benefits (Division): the Police and Firemen's Retirement System (PFRS), the Public Employees' Retirement System (PERS) or the Defined Contribution Retirement Program (DCRP). Each plan has a Board of Trustees that is primarily responsible for its administration. The Division issues a publicly available financial report that includes financial statements and required supplementary information. That report may be obtained by writing to or at the following website: the State of New Jersey, Division of Pensions and Benefits, P.O. Box 295, Trenton, New Jersey, 08625-0295, <https://www.state.nj.us/treasury/pensions/financial-reports.shtml>

Police and Firemen's Retirement System (PFRS)

Plan Description - The Police and Firemen's Retirement System is a cost sharing multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan which was established as of July 1, 1944. The PFRS provides retirement, death and disability, and medical benefits to certain qualified members. Membership in the PFRS is mandatory for substantially all full-time police and firemen of the Township.

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

The following represents the membership tiers for PFRS:

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

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

Contributions - The contribution requirements of plan members are determined by N.J.S.A. 43:16A and requires contributions by active members and contributing employers. Pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 78, P.L. 2011, the active member contribution rate is 10.0%. Employers' contributions are based on an actuarially determined amount, which includes the normal cost and unfunded accrued liability.

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

The Township's contractually required contribution rate for the year ended December 31, 2024, was 33.97% of the Township's covered payroll. This amount was actuarially determined as the amount that, when combined with employee contributions, is expected to finance the costs of benefits earned by employees during the year, including an additional amount to finance any unfunded accrued liability.

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NOTE 8. PENSION PLANS (Continued)

Police and Firemen's Retirement System (PFRS) (Continued)

Based on the most recent PFRS measurement date of June 30, 2024, the Township's contractually required contribution to the pension plan for the year ended December 31, 2024, is \$1,097,667 and is payable by April 1, 2025. Due to the basis of accounting described in Note 1, no liability has been recorded in the financial statements for this amount.

The amount of contractually required contribution for the State of New Jersey's proportionate share, associated with the Township, for the year ended December 31, 2024, was 5.75% of the Township's covered payroll.

Based on the most recent PFRS measurement date of June 30, 2024, the State's contractually required contribution, on-behalf of the Township, to the pension plan for the year ended December 31, 2024, is \$185,857 and is payable by April 1, 2025. Based on the PFRS measurement date of June 30, 2023, the State's contractually required contribution, on-behalf of the Township, to the pension plan for the year ended December 31, 2023, was \$197,439, which was paid on April 1, 2024.

The Township is billed annually for its normal contributions plus any accrued liability. These contributions, equal to the required contributions are detailed below.

Fiscal Year	Normal Contributions	Accrued Liability	Non Contributory Life	Employer Retro	Total Liability Paid by Township
2024	\$ 356,373	\$ 737,137	\$ 35,370	\$ 343	\$ 1,129,223
2023	342,236	706,903	32,265	471	1,081,875
2022	313,222	647,801	33,411	18,636	1,013,070

Pension Liabilities, Pension Expense, and Deferred Outflow of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources Related to Pensions - For purposes of measuring the net pension liability, deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions, and pension expense, information about the fiduciary net position of the PFRS and additions to/deductions from PFRS fiduciary net position have been determined on the same basis as they are reported by PFRS. For this purpose, benefit payments (including refunds of employee contributions) are recognized when due and payable in accordance with the benefit terms. Investments are reported at fair value.

For the year ended December 31, 2024, the Township's proportionate share of pension expense is \$203,411. This expense is not recognized by the Township because of the regulatory basis of accounting as described in Note 1.

At December 31, 2024, the Township proportionate share of the net pension liability is \$8,194,653 and deferred outflows of resources related to PFRS from the following sources:

	Deferred Outflows of Resources	Deferred Inflows of Resources
Differences between expected and actual experience	\$ 516,257	\$ 280,539
Changes of assumptions	12,954	240,663
Net Difference between projected and actual earnings on pension plan investments	-	64,138
Changes in proportion	133,781	863,666
Township contributions subsequent to the measurement date	1,097,667	
Total	\$ 1,760,659	\$ 1,449,006

\$1,097,667 included in deferred outflows of resources will be included as a reduction of the net pension liability in the year ending December 31, 2025.

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NOTE 8. PENSION PLANS (Continued)

Police and Firemen's Retirement System (PFRS) (Continued)

Other amounts reported as deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions will be recognized in pension expense as follows:

For the year ended:	Net Deferred Outflows (Inflows) of Resources
2025	\$ (516,780)
2026	337,507
2027	(234,641)
2028	(173,156)
2029	(72,428)
Thereafter	(126,516)
Total	\$ (786,014)

The amortization of the above other deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions will be over the following number of years:

	Deferred Outflows of Resources	Deferred Inflows of Resources
Differences between expected and actual experience		
Year of Pension Plan Deferral:		
June 30, 2018	5.73	-
June 30, 2019	-	5.92
June 30, 2020	5.90	-
June 30, 2021	-	6.17
June 30, 2022	6.22	-
June 30, 2023	6.16	-
June 30, 2024	6.09	-
Changes of assumptions		
June 30, 2018	-	5.73
June 30, 2019	-	5.92
June 30, 2020	-	5.90
June 30, 2021	6.17	-
June 30, 2022	-	6.22
June 30, 2023	-	-
June 30, 2024	-	-
Differences between projected and actual investment earnings on pension plan investments		
June 30, 2018	5.00	-
June 30, 2019	5.00	-
June 30, 2020	-	5.00
June 30, 2021	-	5.00
June 30, 2022	-	5.00
June 30, 2023	-	5.00
June 30, 2024	-	5.00

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NOTE 8. PENSION PLANS (Continued)

Police and Firemen's Retirement System (PFRS) (Continued)

Additional Information

Collective balances at June 30, 2024 and 2023 are as follows:

	<u>6/30/2024</u>	<u>6/30/2023</u>
Collective deferred outflows of resources	\$ 1,350,388,724	\$ 1,753,080,638
Collective deferred inflows of resources	\$ 1,421,121,200	\$ 1,966,439,601
Collective net pension liability	\$ 10,326,599,453	\$ 11,048,782,843
Township's Proportion	.0793548500%	.0848016100%

Actuarial assumptions - The total pension liability for the June 30, 2024 measurement date was determined by an actuarial valuation as of July 1, 2023, which was rolled forward to June 30, 2024. This actuarial valuation used the following actuarial assumptions:

Inflation rate:	
Price	2.75%
Wage	3.25%
Salary Increases:	
Through all future years	3.25 – 16.25%
	based on years of service
Investment Rate of Return:	7.00%

Additional Information

Employee mortality rates were based on the PubS-2010 amount-weighted mortality table with a 105.6% adjustment for males and 102.5% adjustment for females. For healthy annuitants, mortality rates were based on the PubS-2010 amount-weighted mortality table with a 96.7% adjustment for males and 96.0% adjustment for females. Disability rates were based on the PubS-2010 amount-weighted mortality table with a 152% adjustment for males and 109.3% adjustment for females. Mortality improvement is based on Scale MP-2021.

The actuarial assumptions used in the July 1, 2023 valuation were based on the results of an actuarial experience study for the period July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2021.

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NOTE 8. PENSION PLANS (Continued)

Police and Firemen's Retirement System (PFRS) (Continued)

Long-Term Expected Rate of Return - In accordance with State statute, the long-term expected rate of return on plan investments (7.00% at June 30, 2024) is determined by the State Treasurer, after consultation with the Directors of the Division of Investment 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 PFRS's target asset allocation as of June 30, 2024 are summarized in the following table:

Asset Class	Target Allocation	Long-Term Expected Real Rate of Return
US Equity	28.00%	6.25%
Non-U.S. Developed Market Equity	11.50%	6.35%
Emerging Market Equity	7.50%	7.65%
Private Equity	10.00%	9.55%
Real Estate	7.00%	3.05%
Core Fixed Income	17.00%	1.45%
High Yield	6.00%	3.25%
Private Credit	8.00%	5.85%
Cash Equivalents	2.00%	0.65%
Infrastructure	3.00%	5.65%
	100.00%	

Discount rate. The discount rate used to measure the total pension liability was 7.00% as of June 30, 2024. The projection of cash flows used to determine the discount rate assumed that contributions from plan members will be made at the current member contribution rates and that contributions from employers and the nonemployer contributing entity will be based on 100% of the actuarially determined contributions for the State employer and 100% of actuarially determined contributions for local employers. Based on those assumptions, the plan's fiduciary net position was projected to be available to make all projected future benefit payments of current plan members. Therefore, the long-term expected rate of return on plan investments was applied to all projected benefit payments to determine the total pension liability.

Sensitivity of the Township's proportionate share of the net pension liability to changes in the discount rate.

The following presents the Township's and State's proportionate share of the net pension liability measured as of June 30, 2024, calculated using the discount rate of 7.00%, as well as what the Township's proportionate share of the net pension liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is 1-percentage point lower (6.00%) or 1-percentage point higher (8.00%) than the current rate:

	1% Decrease (6.00%)	Current Discount Rate (7.00%)	1% Increase (8.00%)
Township's proportionate share of the net pension liability	\$ 11,708,336	\$ 8,194,653	\$ 5,268,525
State's proportionate share of the net pension liability associated with the Township	1,892,869	1,615,558	1,384,399
	<u>\$ 13,601,205</u>	<u>\$ 9,810,211</u>	<u>\$ 6,652,924</u>

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NOTE 8. PENSION PLANS (Continued)

Public Employees' Retirement System (PERS)

Plan Description - The Public Employees' Retirement System is a cost-sharing multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan which was established on January 1, 1955. The PERS provides retirement, death and disability, and medical benefits to certain qualified members. Vesting Membership in the PERS is mandatory for substantially all full-time employees of the Township, provided the employee is not required to be a member of another state-administered retirement system or other state pension fund or local jurisdiction's pension fund. The PERS's Board of Trustees is primarily responsible for the administration of the PERS. For additional information about PERS, please refer to Division's annual financial statements, which can be found at <http://www.state.nj.us/treasury/pensions/annual-reports.shtml>.

Vesting and Benefit Provisions - 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 medical benefits, which vest after 25 years of service or under the disability provisions of PERS.

The following represents the membership tiers for PERS:

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

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

Contributions - The contribution requirements of plan members are determined by N.J.S.A 43:15A and requires contributions by active members and contributing employers. Members contribute at a uniform rate. The member contribution rate was 7.50% in State fiscal year 2024. Employers' contribution amounts are based on an actuarially determined rate. The Township's contribution amounts are based on an actuarially determined rate which included the normal cost and unfunded accrued liability.

The Township's contractually required contribution rate for the year ended December 31, 2024 was 16.88% of the Township's covered payroll. This amount was actuarially determined as the amount that, when combined with employee contributions, is expected to finance the costs of benefits earned by employees during the year, including an additional amount to finance any unfunded accrued liability.

Based on the most recent PERS measurement date of June 30, 2024, the Township's contractually required contribution to the pension plan for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2024 was \$782,997 and is payable by April 1, 2025. Based on the PERS measurement date of June 30, 2023, the Township's contractually required contribution to the pension plan for the year ended December 31, 2023 was \$734,255, which was paid by April 1, 2024. Employee contributions to the pension plan during the year ended December 31, 2024 were \$355,266.

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NOTE 8. PENSION PLANS (Continued)

Public Employees' Retirement System (PERS) (Continued)

The Township is billed annually for its normal contributions plus any accrued liability. These contributions, equal to the required contributions are detailed below.

Fiscal Year	Normal Contributions	Accrued Liability	Non Contributory Life	Long-Term Disability	Employer Retro	Total Liability Paid by Township
2024	\$ 130,315	\$ 572,942	\$ 30,998	\$ -	\$ 431	\$ 734,686
2023	107,733	568,965	30,628	-	2,979	710,305
2022	82,132	564,904	31,265	-	3,344	681,645

Pension Liabilities, Pension Expense, and Deferred Outflow of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources Related to Pensions – For purposes of measuring the net pension liability, deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions, and pension expense, information about the fiduciary net position of the PERS and additions to/deductions from PERS fiduciary net position have been determined on the same basis as they are reported by PERS. For this purpose, benefit payments (including refunds of employee contributions) are recognized when due and payable in accordance with the benefit terms. Investments are reported at fair value.

At December 31, 2024, the Township's proportionate share of the PERS net pension liability was \$7,818,945. The net pension liability was measured as of June 30, 2024, and the total pension liability used to calculate the net pension liability was determined by an actuarial valuation as of July 1, 2023. The Township's proportion of the 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 employers, actuarially determined.

For the year ended December 31, 2024, the Township's proportionate share of the PERS pension expense, calculated by the plan as of the June 30, 2024 measurement date is \$219,995. This expense is not recognized by the Township because of the regulatory basis of accounting as described in note 1.

At December 31, 2024, the Township's proportionate share of the PERS net pension liability was \$7,818,945 and deferred outflows of resources related to PERS from the following sources:

	Deferred Outflows of Resources	Deferred Inflows of Resources
Differences between expected and actual experience	\$ 156,628	\$ 20,816
Changes of assumptions	9,714	88,962
Net Difference between projected and actual earnings on pension plan investments	-	362,543
Changes in proportion	343,823	371,504
Township contributions subsequent to the measurement date	782,997	-
Total	\$ 1,293,162	\$ 843,825

\$782,997 included in deferred outflows of resources, will be included as a reduction of the net pension liability in the year ending December 31, 2025.

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NOTE 8. PENSION PLANS (Continued)

Public Employees' Retirement System (PERS) (Continued)

Other amounts reported as deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions will be recognized in pension expense as follows:

For the year ended:		Net Deferred Outflows (Inflows) of Resources
2025	\$	(337,422)
2026		251,422
2027		(153,232)
2028		(90,763)
2029		(3,665)
Total	\$	(333,660)

The amortization of the above other deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions will be over the following number of years:

	Deferred Outflows of Resources	Deferred Inflows of Resources
Differences between expected and actual experience		
Year of Pension Plan Deferral:		
June 30, 2019	5.21	-
June 30, 2020	5.16	-
June 30, 2021	-	5.13
June 30, 2022	-	5.04
June 30, 2023	5.08	-
June 30, 2024	5.08	-
Changes of assumptions		
June 30, 2019	-	5.21
June 30, 2020	-	5.16
June 30, 2021	5.13	-
June 30, 2022	-	5.04
June 30, 2023	-	-
June 30, 2024	-	-
Differences between projected and actual investment earnings on pension plan investments		
June 30, 2019	5.00	-
June 30, 2020	5.00	-
June 30, 2021	-	5.00
June 30, 2022	-	5.00
June 30, 2023	-	5.00
June 30, 2024	-	5.00

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NOTE 8. PENSION PLANS (Continued)

Public Employees' Retirement System (PERS) (Continued)

Additional Information

Collective balances at June 30, 2024 and 2023 are as follows:

	<u>6/30/2024</u>	<u>6/30/2023</u>
Collective deferred outflows of resources	\$ 1,079,580,780	\$ 1,080,204,730
Collective deferred inflows of resources	\$ 1,611,322,898	\$ 1,780,216,457
Collective net pension liability	\$ 13,588,045,796	\$ 14,484,374,047
Township's Proportion	.0575428250%	.0549375252%

Actuarial assumptions – The total pension liability for the June 30, 2024 measurement date was determined by an actuarial valuation as of July 1, 2023, which was rolled forward to June 30, 2024.

This actuarial valuation used the following actuarial assumptions, applied to all periods in the measurement:

Inflation rate:
 Price 2.75%
 Wage 3.25%
 Salary Increases:
 2.75 – 6.55% based on years of service
 Investment Rate of Return: 7.00%

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

The actuarial assumptions used in the July 1, 2023 valuation were based on the results of an actuarial experience study for the period July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2021.

Long-Term Expected Rate of Return - In accordance with State statute, the long-term expected rate of return on plan investments (7.00% at June 30, 2024) is determined by the State Treasurer, after consultation with the Directors of the Division of Investment 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.

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NOTE 8. PENSION PLANS (Continued)

Public Employees' Retirement System (PERS) (Continued)

Best estimates of arithmetic rates of return for each major asset class included in PERS's target asset allocation as of June 30, 2024 are summarized in the following table:

<u>Asset Class</u>	<u>Target Allocation</u>	<u>Long-Term Expected Real Rate of Return</u>
US Equity	28.00%	8.63%
Non-U.S. Developed Market Equity	12.75%	8.85%
International Small Cap Equity	1.25%	8.85%
Emerging Markets Equity	5.50%	10.66%
Private Equity	13.00%	12.40%
Real Estate	8.00%	10.95%
Real Assets	3.00%	8.20%
High Yield	4.50%	6.74%
Private Credit	8.00%	8.90%
Investment Grade Credit	7.00%	5.37%
Cash Equivalents	2.00%	3.57%
U.S. Treasuries	4.00%	3.57%
Risk Mitigation Strategies	3.00%	7.10%

Discount rate. The discount rate used to measure the State's total pension liability was 7.00% as of June 30, 2024. 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 nonemployer contributing entity will be made 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 all projected benefit payments to determining the total pension liability.

Sensitivity of the Township's proportionate share of the net pension liability to changes in the discount rate.

The following presents the Township's proportionate share of the net pension liability measured as of June 30, 2024, calculated using the discount rate of 7.00%, as well as what the Township's proportionate share of the net pension liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is 1 percentage point lower (6.00%) or 1 percentage point higher (8.00%) than the current rate:

	<u>1% Decrease (6.00%)</u>	<u>Current Discount Rate (7.00%)</u>	<u>1% Increase (8.00%)</u>
Township's proportionate share of the net pension liability	\$ 10,389,456	\$ 7,818,945	\$ 5,631,455

Pension Plan fiduciary net position. Detailed information about the pension plan's fiduciary net position is available in the separately issued State of New Jersey Division of Pensions and Benefits financial report.

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NOTE 8. PENSION PLANS (Continued)

Defined Contribution Retirement Program (DCRP)

The Defined Contribution Retirement Program was established in 2007, under the provisions of Chapter 92, P.L. 2007 and Chapter 103, P.L. 2007 (N.J.S.A.43:15C-1 et. seq), and expanded under the provisions of Chapter 89, P.L. 2008 and Chapter 1, P.L. 2010. The Defined Contribution Retirement Program Board oversees the DCRP, which is administered by Empower on behalf of the Divisions of Pensions and Benefits. The DCRP provides eligible members, and their beneficiaries, with a tax-sheltered, defined contribution retirement benefit, along with life insurance and disability coverage. Vesting and benefit provisions are established by N.J.S.A. 43:15C-1 et. seq.

The contribution requirements of plan members are determined by State statute. In accordance with Chapter 92, P.L. 2007 and Chapter 103, P.L. 2007, plan members are required to contribute 5.5% of their annual covered salary. Pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 78 P.L. 2011, the active member contribution rate was increased to 6.5% plus an additional 1.0% phased-in over seven years beginning in the first year. The phase-in of the additional incremental member contribution amount will take place in July of each subsequent year. The State Treasurer has the right under the current law to make temporary reductions in rates based on the existence of surplus pension assets in the retirement system; however, state statute also requires the return to the normal rate when such surplus pension assets no longer exist. The employee contributions along with the Township's contribution for each pay period are transmitted to Empower not later than the fifth business day after the date on which the employee is paid for that pay period.

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

	<u>Employer</u>
2024	\$ 2,226
2023	-
2022	-

NOTE 9. POST EMPLOYMENT BENEFITS OTHER THAN PENSIONS (OPEB)

Plan Description

The Township provides postretirement benefits other than pension benefits to active employees who retire from the Township and meet certain eligibility criteria. These are known as other postemployment benefits (OPEB). OPEB include postemployment healthcare benefits provided separately from a pension plan, excluding benefits defined as termination offers and benefits.

Benefit Eligibility

An employee is eligible to receive postretirement health benefits through the Hopewell Township health plan by meeting the following criteria:

For PBA and SOA, retire from active employment with Hopewell Township with at least 25 years of service with Hopewell Township, 25 years in PERS/PFRS and meet PFRS retirement criteria.

For all others, (1) retire from active employment with Hopewell Township at age 60 or later and have at least 25 years of service in PERS, with at least 10 years of service with Hopewell Township, (2) retire from active employment with Hopewell Township at age 55 or later and have at least 25 years of service with Hopewell Township and 25 years in PERS, or (3) retire from active employment with Hopewell Township with at least 25 years of service with Hopewell Township and 25 years in PERS.

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NOTE 9. POST EMPLOYMENT BENEFITS OTHER THAN PENSIONS (OPEB) (Continued)

Employees Covered by Benefit Terms – At December 31, 2024, the following employees were covered by the benefit terms:

<u>Participation Data</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Active Employees	85
Retirees	<u>69</u>
Total	<u><u>154</u></u>

Total OPEB Liability

The Total OPEB Liability as of December 31, 2024 is \$57,157,512 based upon a discount rate of 4.08% per annum and the plan provisions in effect on December 31, 2024.

Net OPEB Liability

The Net OPEB Liability as of December 31, 2024 is \$57,157,512 based upon a discount rate of 4.08% per annum and the plan provisions in effect on December 31, 2020. There are no plan assets to offset the liability. The liability is broken out as follows:

Total OPEB Liability Active	\$ 22,925,241
Total OPEB Liability Retired	<u>34,232,271</u>
Net OPEB Liability	<u><u>\$ 57,157,512</u></u>

Basis of Valuation

This valuation has been conducted based upon census, plan design and financial information provided by the Township. The census includes 69 participants currently receiving retiree benefits, and 85 active participants of whom 11 are eligible to retire as of the valuation date. The average age of the active population is 43 and the average age of the retiree population is 66.

Actuarial assumptions were selected with the intention of satisfying the requirements of New Jersey Local Finance Notice 2007-15 in addition to Statement of Government Accounting Standard Number 75.

Demographic assumptions were selected based on those used by the State Division of Pensions and Benefits in calculating pension benefits taken from the July 1, 2023 report from Cheiron. While some assumptions were simplified to reflect the smaller population, and to simplify the valuation process, the valuation results reasonably conform to the requirements of LFN 2007-15.

Health care (economic) assumptions were selected based on those used by the State Health Benefits Program in calculating SHBP member OPEB requirements taken from the July 1, 2023 report from Aon Consultants.

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NOTE 9. POST EMPLOYMENT BENEFITS OTHER THAN PENSIONS (OPEB) (Continued)

Key Actuarial Assumptions

Mortality	PUB 2010 "General" classification headcount weighted mortality with generational improvement using Scale MP-2021
Turnover	NJ State Pensions Ultimate Withdrawal Rates - prior to benefits eligibility
Assumed Retirement Age	At first eligibility after completing 25 years of service
Full Attribution Period	Service to Assumed Retirement Age
Annual Discount Rate	3.72% Based on the Bond Buyer 20 Index December 31, 2022
	3.26% Based on the Bond Buyer 20 Index December 31, 2023
	4.08% Based on the Bond Buyer 20 Index December 31, 2024
CPI Increase	2.50%
Rate of Salary Increase	2.50%
Medical Trend	Medical: 6.5% in 2024, reducing by 0.25% per annum, leveling at 4.5% per annum in 2032 Drug: 14.0% in 2024, 10.0% in 2025, 7.5% in 2026, reducing by 0.75% per annum, leveling at 4.5% per annum in 2030 Medicare Advantage: 4.5% per annum Dental and Vision: 3.5% per annum
Medical Cost Aging Factor	NJ SHBP Medical Morbidity Rates

Attribution period – The attribution period begins with the date of hire and ends with full benefits eligibility date.

Per capita cost methods – The valuation reflects per capita net premium costs based on actual 2024 medical, prescription drug and dental premiums and the plan option selected. Plan selections are assumed to remain unchanged in retirement. The age specific cost was derived based on per person costs at the average age of the active population (43) and scaled to each age up to age 65 based on the medical cost aging factors. At age 65, Medicare becomes the primary payor of medical benefits and consequentially, per capita plan costs are offset by Medicare payments. Thus, post 65 costs were decreased using the assumption that Medicare picks up 66.7% of medical costs.

Retiree Contributions – NJ Chapter 78 requires that certain future retirees contribute toward the cost of their benefits. Specifically, those who had retired prior to passage of Chapter 78 and those employees that had more than 25 years of service on the date of passage are grandfathered. All others are subject to the contribution rates in effect when they retire, but not less than 1.5% of their annual retirement allowance from the Public Employees Retirement System. For purposes of this valuation and for conservatism, we have assumed that future retiree contributions percentage rates will not increase. Thus, we assumed that a future retiree will contribute his/her current employee contribution as reported by The Township increased annually by the rate of medical trend.

Employer contributions for retiree benefits as reported by the Township were \$1,052,735 for 2022, \$1,323,236 for 2023, and \$1,321,460 for 2024.

Actuarial valuation method – Entry Age Normal Funding Method based on a level percentage of salary. 2024 salaries were reported by the Township as \$7,168,000.

For the total OPEB Liability calculation as of December 31, 2024, the discount rate utilized was 4.08%

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NOTE 9. POST EMPLOYMENT BENEFITS OTHER THAN PENSIONS (OPEB) (Continued)

Total OPEB Expense – The Total OPEB Expense is the measure of annual cost based on the actuarial funding method utilized. It is comprised of the “Service Cost” which is the portion of future liabilities attributable to the measurement year, plus the recognized portion of gains and losses and interest on the Net OPEB Liability during the year. As of the measurement date, the plan had no assets to offset any portion of the Net OPEB Liability.

The Total OPEB Expense as of December 31, 2024 is \$4,091,331 based upon a discount rate of 4.08% per annum and the plan provisions in effect on December 31, 2024.

Sensitivity of the total OPEB liability to changes in the discount rate - Actuarial measurements are sensitive to changes in actuarial assumptions and where actual experience differs from assumptions. The following represents the Total OPEB Liability if it were calculated using a discount rate that is 1 percentage point lower or 1 percentage point higher than the current discount rate:

	1% Decrease	Current Discount Rate	1% Increase
	3.08%	4.08%	5.08%
Total OPEB Liability	\$ 64,555,695	\$ 57,157,512	\$ 51,227,408

Sensitivity of the total OPEB liability to changes in the healthcare cost trend rates - Actuarial measurements are sensitive to changes in actuarial assumptions and where actual experience differs from assumptions. The following represents the Total OPEB Liability if it were calculated using a medical trend is that 1 percentage point lower or 1 percentage point higher than the current discount rate:

	1% Decrease	Healthcare Cost Trend Rates	1% Increase
Total OPEB Liability	\$ 51,860,997	\$ 57,157,512	\$ 63,690,797

Summary of Deferred Outflows and Inflows to OPEB Expense

	Deferred Outflows of Resources	Deferred Inflows of Resources
Differences between expected and actual experience	\$ 8,666,662	\$ -
Changes of assumptions	9,323,196	(4,524,485)
Total	\$ 17,989,858	\$ (4,524,485)

Other amounts reported as deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions will be recognized in pension expense as follows:

For the year ended:	
2025	\$ 1,552,930
2026	1,552,930
2027	1,552,930
2028	1,552,930
2029	1,552,930
Thereafter	5,700,723
Total	\$ 13,465,373

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NOTE 10. COMPENSATED ABSENCES

All twelve-month Township employees are entitled to paid sick leave and vacation days in various amounts. Unused sick leave may be accumulated, and upon retirement the employee may be compensated up to fifty percent of accumulated unused sick leave with a maximum Township payout of \$15,000. Vacation days not used during the year may be accumulated for two years and upon leaving, will be compensated by the Township in full.

The Township does not accrue expenses related to compensated absences. Despite the limitations disclosed above, and in accordance with *Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement 101* (GASB 101), the accrued benefits for compensated absences at December 31, 2024, are estimated to be valued at \$1,561,510.

NOTE 11. RISK MANAGEMENT

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

The Township is a member of the Mid Jersey Municipal Joint Insurance Fund (JIF). The Fund provides the following coverage:

- Comprehensive General Liability
- Auto Liability
- Property Coverage
- Worker's Compensation
- Boiler and Machinery
- Public Officials Liability
- Employment Related Practices
- Public Employee Bonds

Contributions to the JIF are calculated based on actuarial and budgetary needs. Each participant is proportionately obligated for any deficiency in the amount available to pay all JIF claims. The Township has paid its current JIF obligations. No deficiency payments have been assessed by the JIF.

New Jersey Unemployment Compensation Insurance - The Township has elected to fund its New Jersey Unemployment Compensation Insurance under the "Benefit Reimbursement Method." Under this plan, the Township is required to reimburse the New Jersey Unemployment Trust Fund for benefits paid to its former employees and charged to its account with the State. The Township is billed quarterly for amounts due to the State. The following is a summary of Township contributions, employee contributions, reimbursements to the State for benefits paid and the ending balance of the Township's trust fund for the current and previous four years:

<u>Year</u>	<u>Interest Earned/Refund</u>	<u>Employee Contributions</u>	<u>Amount Reimbursed</u>	<u>Ending Balance</u>
2024	\$ 2,862	\$ 14,166	\$ 32,187	\$ 46,904
2023	925	12,859	31,689	62,063
2022	504	12,066	4,978	79,968
2021	276	10,970	3,861	72,376
2020	9,228	10,606	7,760	64,991

Township of Hopewell
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NOTE 12. CAPITAL DEBT

Summary of Municipal Debt

	<u>Year 2024</u>	<u>Year 2023</u>	<u>Year 2022</u>
<u>Issued:</u>			
General Bonds and Notes	\$ 50,579,000	\$ 53,485,000	\$ 56,112,000
Water Utility Bonds and Notes	8,450	14,300	19,250
Sewer Utility Bonds and Notes	810,550	937,700	1,047,750
Loans	-	-	-
Total Issued	<u>51,398,000</u>	<u>54,437,000</u>	<u>57,179,000</u>
<u>Less:</u>			
Self-Liquidating Debt	1,989,000	2,122,000	312,086
Reserve for Debt	271,820	755,072	946,988
Bond Funds Held to Pay Notes	-	-	-
Open Space Bonds and Notes	<u>5,588,817</u>	<u>6,538,080</u>	<u>7,566,746</u>
Net Debt Issued	<u>43,548,363</u>	<u>45,021,848</u>	<u>48,353,180</u>
<u>Authorized But Not Issued:</u>			
General Bonds and Notes	770,000	770,000	770,000
Water Utility Bonds and Notes	-	-	-
Sewer Utility Bonds and Notes	<u>1,170,000</u>	<u>1,170,000</u>	<u>170,000</u>
 Net Debt	 <u>\$ 45,488,363</u>	 <u>\$ 46,961,848</u>	 <u>\$ 49,293,180</u>

Serial Bonds are authorized in accordance with State law. All bonds are retired in serial installments within the statutory period of usefulness. Serial Bonds payable at December 31, 2024 consisted of the following issues:

<u>Purpose</u>	<u>Date of Maturity</u>	<u>Interest Rate</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Refunding Bonds of 2017	02/15/2030	2.00% - 4.00%	\$ 6,680,000
Refunding Bonds of 2014	10/01/2026	4.00% - 5.00%	1,990,000
General Obligation Bonds of 2015	04/01/2032	3.00% - 5.00%	3,932,000
Refunding Bonds of 2020	02/01/2034	.249% - 2.143%	9,775,000
General Obligation Bonds of 2020	02/01/2030	2.00%	12,900,000
Water Utility Refunding Bonds of 2014	10/01/2026	4.00% - 5.00%	8,450
Sewer Utility Bonds of 2014	10/01/2026	4.00% - 4.25%	121,550
Sewer Utility Bonds of 2015	04/01/2032	2.00% - 3.00%	446,000
Sewer Utility Bonds of 2020	06/01/2030	2.00%	<u>135,000</u>
 Total			 <u>\$ 35,988,000</u>

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December 31, 2024

NOTE 12. CAPITAL DEBT (Continued)

Bond Anticipation Notes Payable

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 from the date of issuance however the Notes may be renewed from time to time for a period not to exceed 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 which such notes were issued be paid or retired.

As of December 31, 2024, the Township had the following outstanding Bond Anticipation Notes:

	<u>Date of Maturity</u>	<u>Interest Rate</u>	<u>Amount</u>
General Capital Fund	09/23/2025	4.00%	\$ 15,302,000
Sewer Utility Capital Fund	09/23/2025	4.00%	<u>108,000</u>
Total			<u><u>\$ 15,410,000</u></u>

General Capital Fund

Summary of Statutory Debt Condition - Annual Debt Statement

The summarized statement of debt condition which follows is prepared in accordance with required method of setting up the Annual Debt Statement and indicates a statutory net debt of 0.926%.

	<u>Gross Debt</u>	<u>Deductions</u>	<u>Net Debt</u>
Regional School District Debt	\$ 22,825,200	\$ 22,825,200	\$ -
Water and Sewer Utility Debt	1,989,000	1,989,000	-
General Debt	<u>51,349,000</u>	<u>5,860,637</u>	<u>45,488,363</u>
Total	<u><u>\$ 76,163,200</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 30,674,837</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 45,488,363</u></u>

Net Debt, \$45,488,363 divided by Equalized Valuation Basis per N.J.S.A. 40A:2-2, as amended, \$4,543,489,818 equals 0.926%.

2022	\$ 4,576,404,661
2023	4,840,208,822
2024	<u>5,317,946,548</u>
Average	<u><u>\$ 4,911,520,010</u></u>

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

3 1/2% of Equalized Valuation Basis (Municipal)	\$ 171,903,200
Net Debt	<u>45,488,363</u>
Remaining Borrowing Power	<u><u>\$ 126,414,837</u></u>

Township of Hopewell
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NOTE 12. CAPITAL DEBT (Continued)

**Calculation of “Self-Liquidating Purpose”
Water Utility Per N.J.S.A. 40A:2-45**

Cash Receipts from Fees, Rents or Other Charges for the Year		\$ 104,577
Deductions:		
Operating and Maintenance Costs	\$ 84,725	
Debt Service Costs	<u>6,654</u>	
		<u>91,379</u>
Total Excess in Revenues		<u><u>\$ 13,198</u></u>

**Calculation of “Self-Liquidating Purpose”
Sewer Utility Per N.J.S.A. 40A:2-45**

Cash Receipts from Fees, Rents or Other Charges for the Year		\$ 1,817,598
Deductions:		
Operating and Maintenance Costs	\$ 1,500,785	
Debt Service Costs	<u>154,041</u>	
		<u>1,654,826</u>
Total Excess (Deficit) in Revenues		<u><u>\$ 162,772</u></u>

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

Schedule of Annual Debt Service for Principal and Interest for Bonded Debt Issued and Outstanding

Serial Bonds Payable

General Capital Fund			
Calendar Year	Principal	Interest	Total
2025	\$ 6,000,000	\$ 832,574	\$ 6,832,574
2026	5,965,000	665,158	6,630,158
2027	5,170,000	487,729	5,657,729
2028	4,255,000	370,610	4,625,610
2029	4,290,000	269,916	4,559,916
2030-2034	<u>9,597,000</u>	<u>372,842</u>	<u>9,969,842</u>
	<u><u>\$ 35,277,000</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 2,998,829</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 38,275,829</u></u>

Serial Bonds Payable

Water Utility			
Calendar Year	Principal	Interest	Total
2025	\$ 5,850	\$ 585	\$ 6,435
2026	<u>2,600</u>	<u>130</u>	<u>2,730</u>
	<u><u>\$ 8,450</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 715</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 9,165</u></u>

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December 31, 2024

NOTE 12. CAPITAL DEBT (Continued)

Serial Bonds Payable

Sewer Utility			
Calendar Year	Principal	Interest	Total
2025	\$ 119,150	\$ 20,720	\$ 139,870
2026	122,400	16,613	139,013
2027	85,000	11,630	96,630
2028	85,000	9,330	94,330
2029	85,000	7,030	92,030
2030-2032	206,000	8,100	214,100
	<u>\$ 702,550</u>	<u>\$ 73,423</u>	<u>\$ 775,973</u>

NOTE 13. DEFERRED COMPENSATION SALARY PLAN

The Township offers its employees a Deferred Compensation Plan in accordance with Internal Revenue Code Section 457, which has been approved by the Director of the Division of Local Government Services. The Plan, available to all full- time employees at their option, permits employees to defer a portion of their salary to future years. The deferred compensation is not available to participants until termination, retirement, death, unforeseeable emergency.

Amounts deferred under Section 457 plans must be held in trust for the exclusive benefit of participating employees and are not accessible by the Township or its creditors.

NOTE 14. INTERFUND RECEIVABLES AND PAYABLES

The following interfund balances were recorded on the various statements of assets, liabilities, reserves and fund balances as of December 31, 2024:

Fund	Interfund Receivables	Interfund Payables
Current Fund	\$ -	\$ 2,202
Federal & State Grant Fund	-	-
Trust Fund:		
Other Trust Funds	37,526	-
General Capital Fund	<u>-</u>	<u>35,324</u>
	<u>\$ 37,526</u>	<u>\$ 37,526</u>

NOTE 15. CONTINGENCIES

The Township participates in a number of state and federally assisted grant programs. The programs are subject to compliance audits under the single audit approach. Such audits could lead to requests for reimbursement by the grantor agency for expenditures disallowed under terms of the grants. Management believes that the amount from future audits, if any, would not be material.

NOTE 16. LITIGATION

The Township is a defendant in several legal proceedings that are in various stages of litigation. The outcome of this litigation is not presently known.

**Township of Hopewell
Notes to Financial Statements
December 31, 2024**

NOTE 17. COMMITMENTS – TAX APPEALS

The Township has several tax appeals pending in New Jersey State Tax Court as of December 31, 2024. The potential loss from these tax appeals is unknown.

NOTE 18. SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

Subsequent to December 31, 2024, the Township of Hopewell authorized additional Bonds and Notes as follows:

<u>Purpose</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Various Capital Improvements	3/19/2025	<u>\$ 5,402,000</u>
Hiohela Pond Project	5/5/2025	<u>\$ 1,230,000</u>

SUPPLEMENTAL EXHIBITS

CURRENT FUND

TOWNSHIP OF HOPEWELL
Current Fund
Statement of Cash - Treasurer
For the Year Ended December 31, 2024

	CURRENT FUND	FEDERAL AND STATE GRANT FUND
Balance December 31, 2023	\$ 13,439,943.16	950,470.56
Receipts:		
Taxes Receivable	\$ 128,063,213.88	\$ -
Tax Title Liens Receivable	-	
2024 Prepaid taxes	809,535.15	
Tax Overpayments	803,679.41	
Revenue Accounts Receivable	7,203,340.65	
Due State of New Jersey:		
Marriage License Fees	1,500.00	
Burial Permits	180.00	
Due from State of New Jersey for Senior		
Citizens and Veterans Deductions	64,250.00	
Miscellaneous Revenues Not Anticipated	263,258.86	
Due from Sewer Utility Fund	1,836.10	
Federal and State Grants Receivable	-	1,738,379.62
Unappropriated Reserves	-	12,033.00
Budget Refunds	1,226,881.09	
Contra	480.00	1,060.74
Petty Cash	700.00	
Total Receipts	138,438,855.14	1,751,473.36
Subtotal	151,878,798.30	2,701,943.92
Disbursements:		
2024 Appropriations	23,834,286.32	
Appropriation Reserves	799,375.16	
Accounts Payable	55,307.64	
Refund of Tax Overpayments	916,648.54	
Reserve for Master Plan	170.00	
County Taxes	30,543,865.39	
County Taxes - PILOT		
Regional School Taxes	72,058,759.00	
Fire District Tax Payable	4,602,666.46	
Municipal Open Space Tax Payable	1,198,383.00	
Reserve for Historic Building Repairs		
Due State of New Jersey:		
Marriage License Fees	1,350.00	
Burial Permits	195.00	
Appropriated Reserves		1,803,197.57
Contra	480.00	1,060.74
Budget Refunds	1,226,881.09	
Petty Cash	700.00	-
Total Disbursements	135,239,067.60	1,804,258.31
Balance December 31, 2024	\$ 16,639,730.70	\$ 897,685.61

TOWNSHIP OF HOPEWELL
Current Fund
Schedule of Change Funds
For the Year Ended December 31, 2024

	<u>Analysis by Office</u>	
Tax Collector		\$ 200.00
Construction Code		50.00
Health		200.00
Municipal Clerk		50.00
Municipal Court		200.00
Public Works		<u>50.00</u>
Total		<u><u>\$ 750.00</u></u>

TOWNSHIP OF HOPEWELL
Current Fund
Schedule of Taxes Receivable and Analysis of Property Tax Levy
For the Year Ended December 31, 2024

Year	Balance Dec. 31, 2023	2024 Levy	Added Taxes	COLLECTIONS BY CASH		State Share of 2024 Senior Citizens and Veterans Deductions Allowed	Transferred To Tax Title Lien	Overpayments Applied	Canceled	Balance Dec. 31, 2024
				2023	2024					
2023	\$ 2,344,181.21	\$ -	\$ 31,900.54	\$ -	\$ 2,340,290.12	\$ -	\$ 4,530.87	\$ 26,264.79	\$ 4,995.97	\$ -
Subtotal	2,344,181.21	-	31,900.54	-	2,340,290.12	-	4,530.87	26,264.79	4,995.97	-
2024	-	127,483,285.62		802,725.16	125,722,923.76	64,750.00	55,777.88	2,113.32	263,066.02	571,929.48
Total	<u>\$ 2,344,181.21</u>	<u>\$ 127,483,285.62</u>	<u>\$ 31,900.54</u>	<u>\$ 802,725.16</u>	<u>\$ 128,063,213.88</u>	<u>\$ 64,750.00</u>	<u>\$ 60,308.75</u>	<u>\$ 28,378.11</u>	<u>\$ 268,061.99</u>	<u>\$ 571,929.48</u>

Analysis of Property Tax Levy

Tax Yield:

General Purpose Tax	\$ 126,038,704.07
Added and Omitted Taxes	1,379,331.55
Senior Citizens and Veterans Deductions Allowed	
Per Original Levy	<u>65,250.00</u>
Total	<u>\$ 127,483,285.62</u>

Tax Levy:

Regional High School Tax (Abstract)	\$ 72,058,759.00
Fire District Tax (Abstract)	4,602,666.46
County Tax (Abstract)	30,502,361.88
County Added Taxes	54,969.71
Local Open Space Tax (Abstract)	1,198,383.00
Local Open Space Added Tax	2,202.49
Local Tax for Municipal Purposes	\$ 17,684,866.58
Additional Tax Levies	<u>1,379,076.50</u>
	<u>19,063,943.08</u>
Total	<u>\$ 127,483,285.62</u>

TOWNSHIP OF HOPEWELL
Current Fund
Schedule of Tax Title Liens
For the Year Ended December 31, 2024

Balance December 31, 2023			\$	382,546.55
Increased by:				
Transfer from Taxes Receivable	\$	60,308.75		
Prior Year Adjustment		2,860.01		
Interest and Costs from Tax Sale		<u>607.97</u>		<u>63,776.73</u>
Decreased by:				
Redeemed				<u> </u>
Balance December 31, 2024			\$	<u><u>446,323.28</u></u>

TOWNSHIP OF HOPEWELL
Current Fund
Schedule of Revenue Accounts Receivable
For the Year Ended December 31, 2024

	Balance Dec. 31, 2023	Accrued in 2024	Collected By Treasurer	Balance Dec. 31, 2024
Alcoholic Beverage Licenses	\$ -	\$ 30,250.00	\$ 30,250.00	\$ -
Fees and Permits	-	425,028.17	425,028.17	-
Municipal Court - Fines and Costs	11,582.17	162,921.92	166,716.89	7,787.20
Interest and Costs on Taxes	-	502,093.56	502,093.56	-
Payment in Lieu of Taxes	-	1,074,889.94	1,074,889.94	-
Interest Earned on Investments and Deposits	-	1,104,730.74	1,104,730.74	-
Cable TV Franchise Fees	-	219,528.96	219,528.96	-
CHS Settlement Agreement	-	350,346.43	350,346.43	-
Cell Tower	-	45,919.48	45,919.48	-
CHS Staffing Support	-	50,000.00	50,000.00	-
Energy Receipts Tax	-	1,620,661.12	1,620,661.12	-
Garden State Trust Fund	-	40,137.00	40,137.00	-
Shared Services - Police Services	-	548,583.23	548,583.23	-
Shared Services - Police Dispatch Services	-	77,746.00	77,746.00	-
Shared Services - Senior Services	-	10,400.00	10,400.00	-
Shared Services - Animal Control	-	25,500.00	25,500.00	-
Shared Services - Health Services	-	93,840.00	93,840.00	-
Shared Services - Electronic Recycling	-	4,000.00	4,000.00	-
Reserve for Debt Service	-	670,000.00	670,000.00	-
Reserve for Debt Service - Affordable Housing	-	20,000.00	20,000.00	-
Police Extra Duty Administration Fees	-	50,144.00	50,144.00	-
Construction Code Administrative Fees	-	20,000.00	20,000.00	-
Local Cannabis Tax Revenue	-	52,825.13	52,825.13	-
Total	<u><u>\$ 11,582.17</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 7,199,545.68</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 7,203,340.65</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 7,787.20</u></u>

Township of Hopewell
Appropriation Reserves - Current Fund
For the Year Then Ended December 31, 2024

	Balance December 31, 2023				
	Appropriation Reserve	Balance after Transfers	Reserve for Encumbrances	Paid or Charged	Balance Lapsed
Salaries and Wages - Within Caps					
Governing Body	\$ 80.10	\$ 80.10	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 80.10
Administrator's Office	70,728.53	45,728.53	-	-	45,728.53
Clerk's Office	2,512.58	2,512.58	-	-	2,512.58
Financial Administration	7,271.60	7,271.60	-	-	7,271.60
Assessment of Taxes	703.14	703.14	-	-	703.14
Collection of Taxes	7,519.94	7,519.94	-	-	7,519.94
Community Development	20,511.43	20,511.43	-	-	20,511.43
Police	126,463.49	126,463.49	-	126,336.48	127.01
Prosecutor/Legal	187.30	187.30	-	-	187.30
Public Buildings and Grounds	43,930.96	18,930.96	-	-	18,930.96
Fleet Maintenance	28,120.00	28,120.00	-	146.72	27,973.28
Streets and Roads	261,016.00	61,016.00	-	2,597.50	58,418.50
Public Health Services	77,303.47	27,303.47	-	4,372.17	22,931.30
Senior Services	4,007.88	4,007.88	-	297.92	3,709.96
Recreation	8,540.39	8,540.39	-	-	8,540.39
Parks & Maintenance	30,000.00	30,000.00	-	-	30,000.00
Municipal Court	3,772.87	3,772.87	-	-	3,772.87
Subtotal	692,669.68	392,669.68	-	133,750.79	258,918.89
Salaries and Wages - Excluded from Caps					
Health Services	42.16	42.16	-	-	42.16
Police Dispatch Services	127,863.52	127,863.52	-	127,863.52	-
Subtotal	127,905.68	127,905.68	-	127,863.52	42.16
Other Expenses - Within Caps					
Administrative & Executive:					
Governing Body	7,428.13	7,428.13	798.94	1,187.89	7,039.18
Administrator's Office	32,815.54	32,815.54	9,641.73	8,529.08	33,928.19
Clerk's Office	15,476.53	15,476.53	6,694.59	5,740.72	16,430.40
Financial Administration	3,340.00	3,340.00	2,639.93	522.34	5,457.59
Assessment of Taxes	5,475.31	5,475.31	9,460.00	6,435.62	8,499.69
Collection of Taxes	475.30	475.30	488.30	488.30	475.30
Legal Services and Costs	19,250.00	19,250.00	68,245.07	44,890.95	42,604.12
Engineering	30,500.00	30,500.00	69,805.09	31,990.08	68,315.01
Historic Preservation Committee	1,100.00	1,100.00	200.00	-	1,300.00
Community Development	15,355.15	15,355.15	26,353.66	23,202.85	18,505.96
Police	1,316.07	1,316.07	39,409.47	40,318.08	407.46
Prosecutor/Legal	-	-	2,100.00	2,100.00	-
Public Buildings and Grounds	8,916.82	8,916.82	34,443.63	32,096.32	11,264.13
Fleet Maintenance	6,683.93	6,683.93	28,212.78	24,418.45	10,478.26
Streets and Roads	113,015.27	13,015.27	57,405.40	39,052.35	31,368.32
Sanitation	4,947.72	4,947.72	14,986.88	12,938.39	6,996.21
Insurance					
Liability Insurance	-	-	-	-	-
Medical Insurance	192,272.71	142,272.71	230.00	300.00	142,202.71
Health Benefit Waiver	8,650.23	8,650.23	-	-	8,650.23
Disability Insurance	1,823.59	1,823.59	-	-	1,823.59
Public Health Services	7,834.04	7,834.04	4,917.37	1,781.37	10,970.04
Senior Services	1,302.99	1,302.99	773.31	779.42	1,296.88
Environmental Commission	1,679.94	1,679.94	102.72	106.17	1,676.49
Recreation	2,105.53	2,105.53	-	-	2,105.53
Parks & Maintenance	2,679.92	2,679.92	3,936.36	2,006.73	4,609.55
Municipal Court	3,640.29	3,640.29	962.34	723.27	3,879.36
Public Defender	1,600.00	1,600.00	1,800.00	1,998.50	1,401.50
Contribution to Storm Recovery Trust	1,000.00	351,000.00	-	351,000.00	-
Utilities:					
Utilities	10,475.31	10,475.31	29,141.43	21,920.69	17,696.05
Street Lighting	8,428.91	8,428.91	29,019.10	26,449.38	10,998.63
Telephone	7,691.54	7,691.54	2,097.74	4,684.58	5,104.70
Motor Fuels	42,942.81	42,942.81	22,612.52	21,864.03	43,691.30
Accumulated Absences	2,000.00	52,000.00	-	52,000.00	-
Subtotal	562,223.58	812,223.58	466,478.36	759,525.56	519,176.38
Statutory Expenditures - Within Caps					
Social Security System	21,296.63	21,296.63	-	852.21	20,444.42
Police and Fireman's Retirement System	9,000.00	9,000.00	-	-	9,000.00
Defined Contribution Retirement Program	5,000.00	5,000.00	-	-	5,000.00
Subtotal	35,296.63	35,296.63	-	852.21	34,444.42
Other Expenses - Excluded from Caps					
Animal Control Services	-	50,000.00	-	50,000.00	-
Health Services	17,551.00	17,551.00	-	-	17,551.00
Recycling Tonnage Tax	850.00	850.00	44.67	-	894.67
Insurance					
Medical Insurance	38,426.00	38,426.00	-	-	38,426.00
Subtotal	56,827.00	106,827.00	44.67	50,000.00	56,871.67
Grand Total	\$ 1,474,922.57	\$ 1,474,922.57	\$ 466,523.03	\$ 1,071,992.08	\$ 869,453.52
			Cash Disbursed	\$ 799,375.16	
			Accounts Payable	272,616.92	
			Total	<u>\$ 1,071,992.08</u>	

TOWNSHIP OF HOPEWELL
Current Fund
Schedule of Prepaid Taxes
For the Year Ended December 31, 2024

Balance December 31, 2023	\$ 802,725.16
Increased by:	
Collected	<u>809,535.15</u>
Subtotal	1,612,260.31
Decreased by:	
Applied to 2024 Taxes	<u>802,725.16</u>
Balance December 31, 2024	<u><u>\$ 809,535.15</u></u>

Schedule of Tax Overpayments
For the Year Ended December 31, 2024

Balance December 31, 2023		\$ 155,378.65
Increased by:		
Collected	\$ 803,679.41	
Prior Year Overpayments Created	<u>32,238.91</u>	<u>835,918.32</u>
Subtotal		991,296.97
Decreased by:		
Refunded	916,648.54	
Applied to 2024 Taxes	<u>28,378.11</u>	<u>945,026.65</u>
Balance December 31, 2024		<u><u>\$ 46,270.32</u></u>

TOWNSHIP OF HOPEWELL
Current Fund
Schedule of Reserve for Tax Appeals Pending
For the Year Ended December 31, 2024

Balance December 31, 2024 and 2023	\$ 100,000.00
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EXHIBIT A-13

Schedule of Reserve for Revaluation
For the Year Ended December 31, 2024

Balance December 31, 2024 and 2023	\$ 12,353.25
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EXHIBIT A-14

Schedule of Reserve for Preparation of Master Plan
For the Year Ended December 31, 2024

Balance December 31, 2023	\$ 3,290.00
Decreased by:	
Cash Disbursed	170.00
	170.00
Balance December 31, 2024	\$ 3,120.00

EXHIBIT A-15

Schedule of Reserve for Historic Building Repairs
For the Year Ended December 31, 2024

Balance December 31, 2024 and 2023	\$ 9,735.00
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TOWNSHIP OF HOPEWELL
Current Fund
Schedule of Due to/(from) State of New Jersey
for Senior Citizens and Veterans Deductions
For the Year Ended December 31, 2024

Balance December 31, 2023 - Due to/(from)		\$ 500.00
Increased by:		
Collected		64,250.00
Subtotal		<u>64,750.00</u>
Senior Citizen Deductions per Duplicate	4,250.00	
Veterans Deductions per Duplicate	61,000.00	
Senior Citizen Deductions and Veterans Deductions Allowed by Collector	<u>1,250.00</u>	
Subtotal	66,500.00	
Less:		
Senior Citizen and Veterans Deductions Disallowed by Collector	1,750.00	
Senior Citizen Deductions Disallowed by Collector - 2023 Taxes	<u>750.00</u>	
Subtotal		<u>64,000.00</u>
Balance December 31, 2024 - Due to/(from)		<u><u>\$ 750.00</u></u>

EXHIBIT A-17

Schedule of Due to State of New Jersey
for Marriage License Fees/Domestic Partnership Fees
For the Year Ended December 31, 2024

Balance December 31, 2023		\$ 250.00
Increased by:		
State Portion of 2024 Marriage Licenses Fees		<u>1,500.00</u>
Subtotal		1,750.00
Decreased by:		
Disbursed to State of New Jersey		<u>1,350.00</u>
Balance December 31, 2024		<u><u>\$ 400.00</u></u>

TOWNSHIP OF HOPEWELL
Current Fund
Schedule of County Taxes Payable
For the Year Ended December 31, 2024

Balance December 31, 2023		\$ 41,503.51
Increased by:		
2024 Levy:		
General County	\$ 26,566,047.45	
Library Tax	2,477,459.61	
County Open Space Preservation	1,458,854.82	
Added and Omitted Taxes	<u>54,969.71</u>	
Subtotal		<u>30,557,331.59</u>
		30,598,835.10
Decreased by:		
Disbursed to County of Mercer		<u>30,543,865.39</u>
Balance December 31, 2024		<u><u>\$ 54,969.71</u></u>

Schedule of Fire District Taxes Payable
For the Year Ended December 31, 2024

Balance December 31, 2023		\$ -
Increased by:		
2024 Levy		<u>4,602,666.46</u>
Subtotal		4,602,666.46
Decreased by:		
Disbursed to Hopewell Township Fire District No. 1		<u>4,602,666.46</u>
Balance December 31, 2024		<u><u>\$ -</u></u>

TOWNSHIP OF HOPEWELL
Current Fund
Schedule of Regional School Tax Payable
For the Year Ended December 31, 2024

Balance December 31, 2023	\$ -
Increased by:	
Levy - Calendar Year	<u>72,058,759.00</u>
Subtotal	72,058,759.00
Decreased by:	
Disbursed to Hopewell Valley Regional School District	<u>72,058,759.00</u>
Balance December 31, 2024	<u><u>\$ -</u></u>

Schedule of Municipal Open Space Tax Payable
For the Year Ended December 31, 2024

Balance December 31, 2023		\$ -
Increased by:		
Levy - Calendar Year	\$ 1,198,383.00	
Added and Omitted Taxes	<u>2,202.49</u>	<u>1,200,585.49</u>
Subtotal		1,200,585.49
Decreased by:		
Disbursed to Open Space Trust Fund		<u>1,198,383.00</u>
Balance December 31, 2024		<u><u>\$ 2,202.49</u></u>

TOWNSHIP OF HOPEWELL
Federal and State Grant Fund
Schedule of Federal, State and Local Grants Receivable
For the Year Ended December 31, 2024

	Balance Dec. 31, 2023	Accrued	Received	Transfer from Unapprop. Res.	Canceled	Balance Dec. 31, 2024
Federal Grants:						
TAP - LHT Project	\$ 808,499.22		\$ 26,259.51			\$ 782,239.71
Click it or Ticket	-	7,000.00	4,375.00		2,625.00	
NJ Dept. of Environmental Protection	4,460.00				4,460.00	
Mercer County ARPA Ambulance		500,000.00				500,000.00
ARP Recovery Funds Sr Community Center	2,000,000.00		500,000.00			1,500,000.00
Total Federal Grants	2,812,959.22	507,000.00	530,634.51	-	7,085.00	2,782,239.71
State Grants:						
Body Armor Grant	-	2,483.63		2,483.63		-
Body Worn Camera Grant	-					-
Clean Communities Grant	-	71,921.80	71,921.80			-
DOT - Pennington Titusville Road	299,234.04		69,910.04		229,324.00	-
DOT - Harbourn Rocktown	165,190.15		152,603.35		12,586.80	-
DOT - Harbourn Rocktown North 2022	280,000.00				280,000.00	-
DOT - Pennington Rocky Hill II	569,500.00		351,534.85			217,965.15
DOT - Denow Road		526,581.00				526,581.00
DVRPC - Mt Rose Distillery West	3,946.61					3,946.61
DVRPC - Mt Rose Distillery Construction	280,801.00					280,801.00
Enhancing Local Public Health Infrastructure	94,746.45		48,012.48			46,733.97
Historic Sites Committee	-					-
It pays to plug in - NJDEP	-					-
Lead Assistance Program	-					-
Local Recreation Improvement Grant	73,000.00		73,000.00			-
Municipal Alliance on Alcoholism & Drug Abuse	9,467.00		2,422.82			7,044.18
Municipal Alliance on Alcoholism & Drug Abuse	-					-
Municipal Alliance on Alcoholism & Drug Abuse		17,058.00				17,058.00
Township Match		14,000.00	14,000.00			-
NJACCHO Sustaining Local Public Health		168,049.00	25,287.14			142,761.86
NJDCA - Woolsey Park Bandshell Grant	125,000.00					125,000.00
NJDCA - 911 Upgrades Grant	150,000.00					150,000.00
NJ Community Energy Plan		10,000.00				10,000.00
NJ Strengthening Local Public Health	-					-
Opioid Settlement Fund	-	25,031.96	19,770.35	5,261.61		0.00
Recycling Tonnage Grant	-	27,419.28	27,419.28			-
Spotted Lanternfly Reduction Grant		20,000.00				20,000.00
Strengthening Local Public Health	406,046.00		321,863.00		84,183.00	-
Stormwater Assistance Grant	10,000.00					10,000.00
Total State Grants	2,466,931.25	882,544.67	1,177,745.11	7,745.24	606,093.80	1,557,891.77
Local Grants						
Mercer County Community Investment Initiative	60,000.00		30,000.00			30,000.00
Total	\$ 5,339,890.47	\$ 1,389,544.67	\$ 1,738,379.62	\$ 7,745.24	\$ 613,178.80	\$ 4,370,131.48
Cash Receipts			<u>\$ 1,738,379.62</u>			

TOWNSHIP OF HOPEWELL
Federal and State Grant Fund

Schedule of Reserve For Federal and State Grants - Unappropriated
For the Year Ended December 31, 2024

	Balance Dec. 31, 2023	Received	Appropriated in Budget 2024	Appropriated In Current Fund Budget	Balance Dec. 31, 2024
Federal Grants:					
American Rescue Plan	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -		\$ -
Total Federal Grants	-	-	-	-	-
State Grants:					
National Opioid Settlement	5,261.61	9,317.98	5,261.61		9,317.98
Body Armor Grant	2,483.63	2,715.02	2,483.63		2,715.02
Woolsey Park Band Shell	-			-	-
Total State Grants	7,745.24	12,033.00	7,745.24	-	12,033.00
Total Unappropriated Reserves	\$ 7,745.24	\$ 12,033.00	\$ 7,745.24	\$ -	\$ 12,033.00

TOWNSHIP OF HOPEWELL
Federal and State Grant Fund
Schedule of Reserve For Federal, State and Local Grants - Appropriated
For the Year Ended December 31, 2024

	Balance Dec. 31, 2023	Transferred From 2024 Budget Appropriation	Appropriation by N.J.S.A. 40A:4-87	Expended	Adjustment	Canceled	Balance Dec. 31, 2024
Federal Grants:							
ARP Recovery Funds Sr Community Center	\$ 2,000,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 97,733.53	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,902,266.47
NJDOT TAP Grant - LHT Project	742,552.86	-	-	35,874.86	-	-	706,678.00
Click it or Ticket	-	-	7,000.00	4,375.00	-	2,625.00	-
Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant - II	4,460.00	-	-	-	-	4,460.00	-
Enhancing Local Public Health Infrastructure	89,503.45	-	-	42,769.48	-	-	46,733.97
Strengthening Local Public Health -2023	338,723.47	-	-	254,540.47	-	84,183.00	-
Sustaining Public Health	-	-	168,049.00	25,287.14	-	-	142,761.86
Mercer County ARPA Ambulance	-	-	500,000.00	-	-	-	500,000.00
	<u>3,175,239.78</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>675,049.00</u>	<u>460,580.48</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>91,268.00</u>	<u>3,298,440.30</u>
State Grants:							
Body Armor Grant	2,458.79	2,483.63	-	2,458.56	-	-	2,483.86
Clean Communities Grant	52,914.03	-	71,921.80	59,306.84	-	-	65,528.99
Clean Communities Grant	487,669.68	-	-	886.98	-	-	486,782.70
Community Energy Plan	-	-	10,000.00	-	-	-	10,000.00
DOT - Titus Mill Road	255,055.56	-	-	25,731.56	-	229,324.00	-
DOT - Pennington Rocky Hill II	569,500.00	-	-	465,387.82	-	-	104,112.18
DOT - Harbortown Rocktown Road 2021	48,233.48	-	-	35,646.68	-	12,586.80	-
DOT - Harbortown Rocktown Road 2022	280,000.00	-	-	-	-	280,000.00	-
DOT - Denow Road	-	526,581.00	-	-	-	-	526,581.00
Drunk Driving Enforcement Fund	9,960.66	-	-	5,019.44	-	-	4,941.22
Historic Sites Committee	7,500.00	-	-	-	-	-	7,500.00
It Pays to Plug In - NJDEP	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Lead Assistance Program	7,800.00	-	-	1,776.00	-	-	6,024.00
Local Recreation Improvement Grant	73,000.00	-	-	73,000.00	-	-	-
Municipal Alliance on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse:	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
State Share	9,467.00	17,058.00	-	2,422.82	-	-	24,102.18
Township Match	-	14,000.00	-	14,000.00	-	-	-
NJDCA - Woolsey Park Bandshell Grant	332,424.70	-	-	304,415.86	-	-	28,008.84
NJDCA - 911 Upgrades Grant	591,250.00	-	-	231,663.60	-	-	359,586.40
Opioid Settlement Fund	9,707.84	5,261.61	19,770.35	9,000.00	-	-	25,739.80
Pandemic Influenza Program	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Recycling Tonnage Grant	1,338.98	27,419.28	-	26,831.18	-	-	1,927.08
Spotted Lanternfly Reduction Grant	-	-	20,000.00	-	-	-	20,000.00
Sustainable NJ - Green Team	421.30	-	-	-	-	-	421.30
Sustainable NJ - Solar Challenge	268.38	-	-	-	-	-	268.38
Stormwater Assistance Grant	22,798.00	-	-	22,798.00	-	-	-
	<u>2,761,768.40</u>	<u>592,803.52</u>	<u>121,692.15</u>	<u>1,280,345.34</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>521,910.80</u>	<u>1,674,007.93</u>
Local Grants:							
ANJEC	860.00	-	-	-	-	-	860.00
BMS Water Main Surveying	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
DVRPC - Mt Rose Distillery West	3,946.61	-	-	2,271.75	-	-	1,674.86
DVRPC - Mt Rose Distillery Construction	280,801.00	-	-	-	-	-	280,801.00
Mercer County Community Investment Initiative	60,000.00	-	-	60,000.00	-	-	-
	<u>345,607.61</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>62,271.75</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>283,335.86</u>
Total	<u>\$ 6,282,615.79</u>	<u>\$ 592,803.52</u>	<u>\$ 796,741.15</u>	<u>\$ 1,803,197.57</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 613,178.80</u>	<u>\$ 5,255,784.09</u>
		Cash Disbursed		<u>\$ 1,803,197.57</u>			

TRUST FUND

TOWNSHIP OF HOPEWELL
Trust Fund
Schedule of Cash - Treasurer
For the Year Ended December 31, 2024

	<u>ANIMAL CONTROL</u>	<u>OTHER TRUST</u>
Balance December 31, 2023	\$ 28,548.13	15,645,419.43
Receipts:		
Dog License Clerk:		
2024 Budget Appropriation	25,500.00	-
Municipal Licenses	39,278.00	-
Miscellaneous Fees	14,594.62	-
State Registration Fees	2,601.60	-
Due to Current Fund	100,400.62	387,524.67
Due State UCC Fees	-	192,391.00
Accounts Receivable	-	998.41
Exchange	-	128,412,686.47
FSA	-	11,653.38
Low Income Housing	-	137,215.27
Municipal Forfeiture	-	200.75
Open Space Trust	-	1,818,179.87
Off-Site Improvements	-	36,971.40
Net Payroll	-	5,733,764.77
Payroll Deductions Payable	-	4,637,356.14
Performance Guarantee	-	363,944.42
Planning Escrow Deposits	-	772,976.96
Plot Plan Escrow Fees	-	67,522.25
Recreation	-	307,435.36
Stream Corridor	-	750.00
Tax Collector Premium	-	232,200.00
Tax Title Lien	-	494,228.58
Unemployment Compensation	-	17,028.31
Other Trust:		
Allocated Escrow	-	33,222.55
Deer Management Task Force	-	3,710.00
Due to Exchange	-	2,690,479.59
Historic Book Sales	-	210.00
K-9 Programs	-	6,000.00
Parking Adjudication (POAA)	-	16.00
Police Found Money	-	200.75
Public Defender	-	3,066.50
Ride Provide	-	12,990.00
Retirement Reserve	-	53,000.00
Security Deposit	-	6,902.66
Snow Removal	-	352,000.00
Special Duty Police	-	27,035.00
Uniform Construction Code	-	2,707,340.80
Contra	-	4,311,260.53
Total Trust Other Funds	182,374.84	153,832,462.39
Total Forward	210,922.97	169,477,881.82

TOWNSHIP OF HOPEWELL
Trust Fund
Schedule of Cash - Treasurer
For the Year Ended December 31, 2024

	<u>ANIMAL CONTROL</u>	<u>OTHER TRUST</u>
Total Brought Forward	<u>\$ 210,922.97</u>	<u>\$ 169,477,881.82</u>
Disbursements:		
Expenditures Under RS4:19-15.11	98,405.22	-
Exchange	-	128,412,686.47
FSA	-	13,008.05
Low Income Housing	-	94,210.31
Off Site Improvements	-	36,971.40
Open Space Trust	-	1,639,473.60
Net Payroll	-	5,733,764.77
Payroll Deductions Payable	-	4,637,356.14
Performance Guarantee	-	568,505.24
Planning Escrow Fees	-	815,548.12
Plot Plan Escrow Fees	-	18,338.25
Recreation	-	344,134.96
Redemption of Tax Title Lien	-	474,784.81
Stream Corridor	-	9,830.20
Tax Collector Premium	-	494,200.00
Unemployment Compensation	-	32,187.70
Other Trust:		
Allocated Escrow Fees	-	31,878.90
Due to Exchange	-	2,690,479.59
Historic Book Sales	-	30.00
K-9 Programs	-	597.35
Public Defender	-	2,484.50
Ride Provide	-	11,647.25
Security Deposit	-	13,525.58
Senior Services	-	3,475.70
Snow Removal	-	36,833.42
Special Duty Police	-	11,516.65
Uniform Construction Code	-	818,541.05
Contra	-	4,311,260.53
Due to Current Fund	100,400.62	387,524.67
Due State UCC Fees	-	190,331.00
Due State Department of Health	<u>1,682.40</u>	<u>-</u>
Total Disbursements	<u>200,488.24</u>	<u>151,835,126.21</u>
Balance December 31, 2024	<u><u>\$ 10,434.73</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 17,642,755.61</u></u>

TOWNSHIP OF HOPEWELL
Trust Fund

Schedule of Reserve for Animal Control Fund Expenditures
For the Year Ended December 31, 2024

Balance December 31, 2023		\$ 28,023.73
Increased by:		
License Fees Collected	\$ 39,278.00	
Late Fees Collected	5,390.00	
2024 Budget Appropriation	25,500.00	
Prior Year Adjustment	82.80	
Miscellaneous	9,204.62	79,455.42
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Total		107,479.15
Decreased by:		
Expenditures Under R.S. 4:19-15.11:		
Cash Disbursed		98,405.22
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Balance December 31, 2024		\$ 9,073.93
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LICENSE FEES COLLECTED

<u>Year</u>	<u>Amount</u>
2022	\$ 39,900.00
2023	43,706.00
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	\$ 83,606.00
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TOWNSHIP OF HOPEWELL
Trust - Other Funds
Schedule of Reserve Balances
For the Year Ended December 31, 2024

Account Title	Reserve Balance December 31, 2023	Revenues	Expenditures	Reserve Balance December 31, 2024
Reserve for Trust Other:				
Allocated Escrow Deposits	\$ 244,027.43	\$ 33,222.55	\$ 31,878.90	\$ 245,371.08
American Chestnut Tree	100.00	-	-	100.00
Background ID Check	6,645.50	-	-	6,645.50
Books Harts School House	15,000.00	-	-	15,000.00
Deer Management Task Force	12,025.87	3,710.00	-	15,735.87
DOT Reserve	7,444.72	-	-	7,444.72
Employee Safety Program	57.91	-	-	57.91
Federal Forfeiture	900.00	-	-	900.00
Green Team Lions	100.00	-	-	100.00
Historic Book Sales	1,455.75	210.00	30.00	1,635.75
K-9 Programs	-	6,000.00	597.35	5,402.65
Lovero	5,538.00	-	-	5,538.00
Mercer County JIF	21,919.42	-	-	21,919.42
Parking Adjudication (POAA)	126.61	16.00	-	142.61
Police Found Money	4,899.94	200.75	-	5,100.69
Public Defender	68.00	3,066.50	2,484.50	650.00
Reed Road Escrow	1,632.00	-	-	1,632.00
Retirement Reserve	186,885.77	53,000.00	-	239,885.77
Ride Provide	6,286.70	12,990.00	11,647.25	7,629.45
Security Deposits	6,622.92	6,902.66	13,525.58	-
Senior Services	12,344.60	-	3,475.70	8,868.90
Snow Removal	81,470.79	352,000.00	36,833.42	396,637.37
Special Duty Police	8,272.43	27,035.00	11,516.65	23,790.78
Special Escrow	103,538.38	-	-	103,538.38
Uniformed Construction Code	1,512,819.86	2,707,340.80	818,541.05	3,401,619.61
Reserve for Plot Plan Escrow	36,944.31	67,522.25	18,338.25	86,128.31
Reserve for FSA	12,566.43	11,653.38	13,008.05	11,211.76
Reserve for Planning	906,046.86	772,976.96	815,548.12	863,475.70
Reserve for Open Space Trust	2,916,006.24	1,855,706.12	1,639,473.60	3,132,238.76
Reserve for Low Income Housing	294,057.91	137,215.27	94,210.31	337,062.87
Reserve for Municipal Forfeiture	6,627.06	200.75	-	6,827.81
Reserve for Off-Site Improvements	646,736.57	36,971.40	36,971.40	646,736.57
Reserve for Performance Guarantees	7,154,683.14	363,944.42	568,505.24	6,950,122.32
Reserve for Recreation	215,503.29	307,435.36	344,134.96	178,803.69
Reserve for Tax Sale Premium	1,175,100.00	232,200.00	494,200.00	913,100.00
Reserve for Tax Title Lien	3,768.29	494,228.58	474,784.81	23,212.06
Reserve for Unemployment Compensation	62,062.99	17,028.31	32,187.70	46,903.60
Reserve for Stream Corridor	13,375.50	750.00	9,830.20	4,295.30
Total	\$ 15,683,661.19	\$ 7,503,527.06	\$ 5,471,723.04	\$ 17,715,465.21

TOWNSHIP OF HOPEWELL
Trust - Other Funds
Schedule of Due to State of NJ - UCC Fees
For the Year Ended December 31, 2024

Balance December 31, 2023	\$ 18,596.00
Increased by:	
Cash Received	192,391.00
	<u>210,987.00</u>
Decreased by:	
Disbursements	190,331.00
	<u>190,331.00</u>
Balance December 31, 2024	<u><u>\$ 20,656.00</u></u>

Trust - Other Funds
Schedule of Payroll Deductions Payable
For the Year Ended December 31, 2024

Balance December 31, 2023	\$ -
Increased by:	
Payroll deductions withheld	4,637,356.14
	<u>4,637,356.14</u>
Decreased by:	
Payroll deductions disbursed	4,637,356.14
	<u>4,637,356.14</u>
Balance December 31, 2024	<u><u>\$ -</u></u>

GENERAL CAPITAL FUND

TOWNSHIP OF HOPEWELL
General Capital Fund
Schedule of Cash - Treasurer
For the Year Ended December 31, 2024

Balance December 31, 2023		\$ 11,855,158.63
Receipts:		
Budget Appropriation - Capital Improvement Fund	\$ 360,000.00	
Due to Current Fund	262,736.24	
Due from Other Trust Fund	-	
Due to Open Space Trust Fund	50,309.52	
State Grant Receivable	23,954.91	
Bond Anticipation Notes	3,850,000.00	
Reserve for Debt Service	<u>186,747.43</u>	
Total Receipts		<u>4,733,748.10</u>
Subtotal		16,588,906.73
Disbursements:		
Improvement Authorizations	4,735,868.18	
Bond Anticipation Notes	400,000.00	
Due to Current Fund - Budget Revenue	690,188.50	
Due to Current Fund	262,736.24	
Due to Open Space Trust Fund	<u>14,985.76</u>	
Total Disbursements		<u>6,103,778.68</u>
Balance December 31, 2024		<u><u>\$ 10,485,128.05</u></u>

TOWNSHIP OF HOPEWELL**General Capital Fund**

Analysis of General Capital Cash and Investments
For the Year Ended December 31, 2024

Fund Balance		\$ 2,673,320.50
Capital Improvement Fund		261,035.90
Reserve for Payment of Debt		1,592,291.04
Due to Open Soace Trust Fund		35,323.76
Improvement Authorizations:		
Ordinance		
<u>Number</u>		
08-1425/1431	Various Capital Improvements	7,390.97
13-1576	Various Capital Improvements	100,000.00
13-1586	Construction of Trails for the Lawrence Hopewell Trail System	290,071.45
14-1596	Various Capital Improvements	46,000.00
17-1662	Various Capital Improvements	23,363.00
18-1692/20-1737	Various Capital Improvements	351,927.18
19-1712/20-1737	Various Capital Improvements	69,743.91
19-1713	Planning and Design Pond Dredging	(120,000.00)
20-1725/20-1737	Various Capital Improvements	334,355.89
21-1743	Various Capital Improvements	232,207.61
21-1763	Pond Dredging Project	(26,412.13)
22-1767	Various Capital Improvements	407,524.86
22-1793	Salt Barn Remediation	23,103.90
23-1794	Various Capital Improvements	1,583,484.46
23-1808	Design of Stormwater Management Plan	20,717.93
23-1809	Various Capital Improvements	32,826.80
23-1813	Design of Services Related to Hopewell Senior and Community Center	11,300.00
24-1819	Various Capital Improvements	2,396,461.70
24-1823	911 Communications Center	139,089.32
Total		<u>\$ 10,485,128.05</u>

TOWNSHIP OF HOPEWELL
General Capital Fund
Statement of Deferred Charges To Future Taxation - Funded
For the Year Ended December 31, 2024

Balance December 31, 2023	\$ 41,408,000.00
Decreased by:	
2024 Budget Appropriations:	
Serial Bond Payments	<u>6,131,000.00</u>
Balance December 31, 2024	<u><u>\$ 35,277,000.00</u></u>

TOWNSHIP OF HOPEWELL
General Capital Fund
Schedule of Deferred Charges to Future Taxation - Unfunded
For the Year Ended December 31, 2024

Ordinance Number	Improvement Description	Balance Dec. 31, 2023	2024 Authorizations	Notes Paid By Current Budget Appropriation	Cancelled	Reappropriated	Balance Dec. 31, 2024	ANALYSIS OF BALANCE		
								Funded by Bond Anticipation Notes	Expenditures	Unexpended Improvement Authorizations
19-1713	Planning and Design Expenses for Pennytown Pond Dredging	\$ 120,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 120,000.00	\$ -	\$ 120,000.00	\$ -
21-1743	Various Capital Improvements	3,431,180.00		225,000.00			3,206,180.00	3,206,180.00		
21-1763	Pond Dredging Project	650,000.00					650,000.00		26,412.13	623,587.87
22-1767	Various Capital Improvements	4,185,820.00			400,000.00		3,785,820.00	3,785,820.00		
23-1794	Various Capital Improvements	4,363,000.00					4,363,000.00	4,363,000.00		
23-1809	Various Capital Improvements	97,000.00					97,000.00	97,000.00		
24-1819	Various Capital Improvements		3,948,000.00		98,000.00		3,850,000.00	3,850,000.00		
	Total	<u>\$ 12,847,000.00</u>	<u>\$ 3,948,000.00</u>	<u>\$ 225,000.00</u>	<u>\$ 498,000.00</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 16,072,000.00</u>	<u>\$ 15,302,000.00</u>	<u>\$ 146,412.13</u>	<u>\$ 623,587.87</u>
Improvement Authorizations Unfunded										\$ 6,372,174.30
Less Unexpended Proceeds of Bond Anticipation Notes Issued:										
								Ordinance		
								21-1743/22-1783	\$ 232,207.61	
								22-1767	407,524.86	
								23-1794	2,152,984.46	
								23-1809	32,826.80	
								24-1819	2,923,042.70	5,748,586.43
										<u>\$ 623,587.87</u>

Township of Hopewell
General Capital Fund
Schedule of General Serial Bonds
For the Year Ended December 31, 2024

Purpose	Date of Issue	Original Issue	Maturity of Bonds Outstanding		Interest Rate	Balance December 31, 2023	Increased	Decreased	Balance December 31, 2024
			Date	Amount					
Refunding Bonds	12/21/2017	\$ 12,500,000.00	2/15/2025	\$ 1,520,000.00	3.00%	\$ 8,165,000.00	\$ -	\$ 1,485,000.00	\$ 6,680,000.00
			2/15/2026	1,520,000.00	4.00%				
			2/15/2027	1,620,000.00	4.00%				
			2/15/2028	680,000.00	4.00%				
			2/15/2029	680,000.00	4.00%				
			2/15/2030	660,000.00	4.00%				
				<u>6,680,000.00</u>					
Refunding Bonds of 2014	10/1/2017	9,380,000.00	10/1/2025	1,040,000.00	5.000%	3,025,000.00		1,035,000.00	1,990,000.00
			10/1/2026	950,000.00	5.000%				
				<u>1,990,000.00</u>					
General Obligation Bonds of 2014	02/01/15	25,013,000.00				1,196,000.00		1,196,000.00	
Balance Forward						<u>\$ 12,386,000.00</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 3,716,000.00</u>	<u>\$ 8,670,000.00</u>

Township of Hopewell
General Capital Fund
Schedule of General Serial Bonds
For the Year Ended December 31, 2024

Purpose	Date of Issue	Original Issue	Maturity of Bonds Outstanding		Interest Rate	Balance December 31, 2023	Increased	Decreased	Balance December 31, 2024
			Date	Amount					
Balance Brought Forward						\$ 12,386,000.00	\$ -	\$ 3,716,000.00	\$ 8,670,000.00
General Obligation Bonds of 2015	04/09/15	\$ 7,492,000.00	4/1/2025	\$ 455,000.00	3.000%	4,362,000.00		430,000.00	3,932,000.00
			4/1/2026	480,000.00	3.000%				
			4/1/2027	500,000.00	3.000%				
			4/1/2028	500,000.00	3.000%				
			4/1/2029	500,000.00	3.250%				
			4/1/2030	500,000.00	3.250%				
			4/1/2031	500,000.00	3.500%				
			4/1/2032	497,000.00	3.500%				
				<u>3,932,000.00</u>					
Refunding Bonds of 2020	12/30/2020	11,780,000.00	2/1/2025	835,000.00	0.907%	10,625,000.00		850,000.00	9,775,000.00
			2/1/2026	865,000.00	1.128%				
			2/1/2027	900,000.00	1.278%				
			2/1/2028	925,000.00	1.593%				
			2/1/2029	960,000.00	1.693%				
			2/1/2030	1,030,000.00	1.793%				
			2/1/2031	1,095,000.00	1.893%				
			2/1/2032	1,075,000.00	1.993%				
			2/1/2033	1,060,000.00	2.093%				
			2/1/2034	1,030,000.00	2.143%				
				<u>9,775,000.00</u>					
General Improvement Bonds of 2020	11/12/2020	17,370,000.00	6/1/2025	2,150,000.00	2.00%	14,035,000.00		1,135,000.00	12,900,000.00
			6/1/2026	2,150,000.00	2.00%				
			6/1/2027	2,150,000.00	2.00%				
			6/1/2028	2,150,000.00	2.00%				
			6/1/2029	2,150,000.00	2.00%				
			6/1/2030	2,150,000.00	2.00%				
				<u>12,900,000.00</u>					
Total						<u>\$ 41,408,000.00</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 6,131,000.00</u>	<u>\$ 35,277,000.00</u>

TOWNSHIP OF HOPEWELL
General Capital Fund
Schedule of Bond Anticipation Notes
For the Year Ended December 31, 2024

Ordinance Number	Improvement Description	Date of Issue of Original Note	Date of Issue	Date of Maturity	Interest Rate	Balance Dec. 31, 2023	Increased	Decreased	Balance Dec. 31, 2024
21-1743/23-1794	Various Capital Improvements	09/29/21	09/26/23	09/25/24	4.75%	\$ 4,489,000.00	\$ -	\$ 4,489,000.00	\$ -
21-1743/23-1794	Various Capital Improvements	09/29/21	09/24/24	09/23/25	4.00%		4,264,000.00		4,264,000.00
22-1767/23-1809	Various Capital Improvements	09/29/22	09/26/23	09/25/24	4.75%	4,200,000.00		4,200,000.00	-
22-1767/23-1809	Various Capital Improvements	09/29/22	09/24/24	09/23/25	4.00%		3,800,000.00		3,800,000.00
23-1794	Various Capital Improvements	09/26/23	09/26/23	09/25/24	4.75%	3,388,000.00		3,388,000.00	
23-1794	Various Capital Improvements	09/26/23	09/24/24	09/23/25	4.00%		3,388,000.00		3,388,000.00
24-1819	Various Capital Improvements	09/24/24	09/24/24	09/23/25	4.00%		3,850,000.00		3,850,000.00
						<u>\$ 12,077,000.00</u>	<u>\$ 15,302,000.00</u>	<u>\$ 12,077,000.00</u>	<u>\$ 15,302,000.00</u>
							Issued for Cash	\$ 3,850,000.00	\$ -
							Budget Appropriation		225,000.00
							Reserve for Debt		400,000.00
							Renewals	11,452,000.00	11,452,000.00
							Total	<u>\$ 15,302,000.00</u>	<u>\$ 12,077,000.00</u>

TOWNSHIP OF HOPEWELL
General Capital Fund
Schedule of Improvement Authorizations
For the Year Ended December 31, 2024

Ordinance Number	Improvement Description	Ordinance		Balance		Reappropriated	2024 Authorizations				Paid or Charged	Authorizations Canceled	Balance	
				December 31, 2023			Future Taxation -		State	Capital			December 31, 2024	
		Date	Amount	Funded	Unfunded		Unfunded	Grants	Improvement Fund	Funded			Unfunded	
08-1425/1431	Various Capital Improvements	04/14/08	\$ 5,359,172.66	\$ 7,390.97	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -		\$ 7,390.97	\$ -	
10-1493	Village of Titusville Sidewalks	08/23/10	331,222.00	-	-							-	-	
13-1576	Various Capital Improvements	04/22/13	2,629,578.00	100,000.00	-							100,000.00	-	
13-1586	Construction of Trails for the Lawrence Hopewell Trail System	11/12/13	400,000.00	290,071.45	-							-	-	
14-1596	Various Capital Improvements	03/24/14	2,951,016.00	46,000.00	-							290,071.45	-	
16-1630	Various Capital Improvements	05/24/16	4,498,680.00	-	-							46,000.00	-	
17-1662	Various Capital Improvements	06/26/17	610,121.56	35,038.50	-					11,675.50		-	-	
18-1692	Various Capital Improvements	04/23/18	3,581,887.00	351,927.18	-							23,363.00	-	
19-1712	Various Capital Improvements	06/17/19	4,615,249.00	101,810.00	-						32,066.09	-	-	
19-1713	Planning and Design Pond Dredging	06/17/19	120,000.00	-								69,743.91	-	
21-1763	Pond Dredging Project	12/20/21	650,000.00		644,173.18					20,585.31			623,587.87	
20-1725	Various Capital Improvements	11/23/20	5,094,426.00	437,507.80	-					69,851.91	33,300.00 A	334,355.89		
21-1743	Various Capital Improvements	03/15/21	5,377,850.00		430,696.66	(150,000.00)				48,489.05			232,207.61	
22-1767	Various Capital Improvements	03/21/22	5,929,075.00	-	1,314,055.21					376,571.86	529,958.49 B		407,524.86	
22-1788	2022 Road Program	10/03/22	663,000.00	133,130.57	-					18,843.60	114,286.97 A	-		
22-1793	Salt Barn Remediation	12/19/22	60,000.00	25,053.90	-					1,950.00		23,103.90		
23-1794	Various Capital Improvements	03/06/23	5,111,000.00		3,718,385.14					1,565,400.68			2,152,984.46	
23-1803/23-1805	Twins Pines Turf Replacement	06/26/23	715,000.00	706,663.50						662,564.55	44,098.95 A	-		
23-1808	Design of Stormwater Management Plan	09/05/23	40,000.00	37,443.58						16,725.65		20,717.93		
23-1809	Various Capital Improvements	09/05/23	97,000.00		32,826.80								32,826.80	
23-1813	Deigns of Services Related to Hopewell Senior and Community Center	10/06/23	250,000.00	250,000.00						238,700.00		11,300.00		
24-1819	Various Capital Improvements		4,682,576.00				3,948,000.00	526,581.00	207,995.00	1,661,533.30	98,000.00 B		2,923,042.70	
24-1823	911 Communications Center		150,000.00			150,000.00				10,910.68		139,089.32		
Total				\$ 2,522,037.45	\$ 6,140,136.99	\$ -	\$ 3,948,000.00	\$ 526,581.00	\$ 207,995.00	\$ 4,735,868.18	\$ 819,644.41	\$ 1,417,063.55	\$ 6,372,174.30	
										\$ 4,735,868.18				

TOWNSHIP OF HOPEWELL
General Capital Fund
Schedule of Capital Improvement Fund
For the Year Ended December 31, 2024

Balance December 31, 2023	\$ 109,030.90
Increased by:	
2024 Current Budget Appropriation	<u>360,000.00</u>
Subtotal	469,030.90
Decreased by:	
Appropriated to Finance Improvement Authorizations	<u>207,995.00</u>
Balance December 31, 2024	<u><u>\$ 261,035.90</u></u>

TOWNSHIP OF HOPEWELL
General Capital Fund
Statement of Bonds and Notes Authorized But Not Issued
For the Year Ended December 31, 2024

Ordinance Number	Improvement Description	Balance Dec. 31, 2023	2024 Authorizations	Notes Issued	Canceled	Balance Dec. 31, 2024
19-1713	Planning and Design Pond Dredging	\$ 120,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 120,000.00
21-1763	Pond Dredging Project	650,000.00				650,000.00
24-1819	Various Capital Improvements		3,948,000.00	3,850,000.00	98,000.00	-
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	Total	<u>\$ 770,000.00</u>	<u>\$ 3,948,000.00</u>	<u>\$ 3,850,000.00</u>	<u>\$ 98,000.00</u>	<u>\$ 770,000.00</u>

WATER UTILITY FUND

TOWNSHIP OF HOPEWELL
Water Utility Operating Fund
Schedule of Cash - Treasurer
For the Year Ended December 31, 2024

	<u>OPERATING</u>	<u>CAPITAL</u>
Balance December 31, 2023	\$ 172,054.00	38,680.68
Receipts:		
Consumer Accounts Receivable	\$ 70,112.19	
Water Rent Overpayments	23.73	
Prepaid Water Rents	-	
Interest on Investments	7,504.45	
Current Fund Budget Appropriation	3,750.00	
Water Operating Budget Appropriation		
Miscellaneous Revenue	225.12	
Contra - Budget Refunds	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Total Receipts	<u>81,615.49</u>	<u>-</u>
Subtotal	253,669.49	38,680.68
Disbursements:		
2024 Appropriations	41,971.54	
2023 Appropriation Reserves	3,685.43	
Interest on Bonds and Notes	877.50	
Improvement Authorizations		
Contra - Budget Refunds	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Total Disbursements	<u>46,534.47</u>	<u>-</u>
Balance December 31, 2024	<u><u>\$ 207,135.02</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 38,680.68</u></u>

TOWNSHIP OF HOPEWELL
Water Utility Capital Fund
Analysis of Cash - Capital Fund
At December 31, 2024

Fund Balance	\$ 12,329.63
Capital Improvement Fund	26,351.05
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Total	<u><u>\$ 38,680.68</u></u>

TOWNSHIP OF HOPEWELL
Water Utility Operating Fund
Statement of Consumer Accounts Receivable
For the Year Ended December 31, 2024

Balance December 31, 2023		\$ 1,305.88
Increased by:		
2024 Billing		<u>70,278.41</u>
Total		71,584.29
Decreased by:		
Collections	\$ 70,112.19	
Overpayments Applied	13.07	
Prepays Applied	<u>124.34</u>	<u>70,249.60</u>
Balance December 31, 2024		<u><u>\$ 1,334.69</u></u>

TOWNSHIP OF HOPEWELL
Water Utility Capital Fund
Schedule of Fixed Capital
At December 31, 2024

Ordinance Number	Improvement Description	Balance Dec. 31, 2023	Additions Ordinance	Balance Dec. 31, 2024
93-950	Construction of Pumping Station McConkey Way	\$ 176,704.30	\$ -	\$ 176,704.30
97-1065	Various Capital Improvements	15,137.00		15,137.00
01-1253	Various Capital Improvements	11,400.00		11,400.00
02-1253	Various Capital Improvements	27,263.04		27,263.04
03-1281	Various Capital Improvements	3,251.33		3,251.33
04-1322	Various Capital Improvements	49,805.26		49,805.26
05-1336	Various Capital Improvements	7,859.40		7,859.40
07-1396	Improvements to Water Utility	10,500.00		10,500.00
11-1532	Repairs to Washington Crossing Estates Water Utility	9,620.00		9,620.00
13-1575	Painting of the WCE Tank	49,908.50		49,908.50
21-1751	Purchase of Equipment	2,353.08		2,353.08
22-1780	WCE Pipe Project	57,000.00		57,000.00
	Total	<u>\$ 420,801.91</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 420,801.91</u>

TOWNSHIP OF HOPEWELL
Water Utility Capital Fund
Schedule of Fixed Capital Authorized and Uncompleted
For the Year Ended December 31, 2024

Ordinance Number	Improvement Description	Date of Ordinance	Amount	Balance Dec. 31, 2023	2024 Authorizations		Costs to Fixed Capital	Authorizations Canceled	Balance Dec. 31, 2024
					Deferred Reserve for Amortization	Deferred Charges To Future Revenue			
			\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -		\$ -
									-
	Total			<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>

TOWNSHIP OF HOPEWELL
Water Utility Operating Fund
Statement of 2023 Appropriation Reserves
For the Year Ended December 31, 2024

	<u>Balance Dec. 31, 2023</u>	<u>Balance After Transfers</u>	<u>Reserve for Encumbrances</u>	<u>Paid or Charged</u>	<u>Balance Lapsed</u>
Operating:					
Salaries and Wages	\$ 5,795.92	\$ 5,795.92	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 5,795.92
Other Expenses	24,949.23	24,949.23	10,288.17	3,685.43	31,551.97
Statutory Expenditures:					
Social Security	519.37	519.37	-	-	519.37
Pension Contribution	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
 Total	 <u>\$ 31,264.52</u>	 <u>\$ 31,264.52</u>	 <u>\$ 10,288.17</u>	 <u>\$ 3,685.43</u>	 <u>\$ 37,867.26</u>
Paid or Charged: Cash Disbursed				<u>\$ 3,685.43</u>	

TOWNSHIP OF HOPEWELL
Water Utility Operating Fund
Schedule of Accrued Interest on Bonds and Notes
and Analysis of Balance
For the Year Ended December 31, 2024

Balance December 31, 2023		\$ 219.38
Increased By:		
Budget Appropriation for:		
Interest on Bonds	\$ 804.37	
Interest on Notes	-	804.37
	-	804.37
Subtotal		1,023.75
Decreased By:		
Interest Paid on Bonds	877.50	
Interest Paid on Notes	-	877.50
	-	877.50
Balance December 31, 2024		\$ 146.25

Analysis of Accrued Interest, December 31, 2024

<u>Principal Outstanding</u> <u>December 31, 2024</u>	<u>Interest</u> <u>Rate</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>	<u>Amount</u>
<u>Serial Bonds:</u>				
\$ 8,450.00	Various	10/1/2024	12/31/2024	\$ 146.25
<u>Bond Anticipation Note:</u>				
\$ -				-
Total				\$ 146.25

TOWNSHIP OF HOPEWELL
Water Utility Capital Fund
Schedule of Serial Bonds
For the Year Ended December 31, 2024

<u>Purpose</u>	<u>Date of Issue</u>	<u>Original Issue</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Interest Rate</u>	<u>Balance Dec. 31, 2023</u>	<u>Increased</u>	<u>Decreased</u>	<u>Balance Dec. 31, 2024</u>
2014 Refunding Bonds	06/05/14	\$ 48,500.00	10/01/25	\$ 5,850.00	5.00%	\$ 14,300.00	\$ -	\$ 5,850.00	\$ 8,450.00
			10/01/26	2,600.00	5.00%				
				<u>\$ 8,450.00</u>					
Total						<u>\$ 14,300.00</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 5,850.00</u>	<u>\$ 8,450.00</u>

TOWNSHIP OF HOPEWELL
Water Utility Capital Fund
Schedule of Capital Improvement Fund
For the Year Ended December 31, 2024

Balance December 31, 2024 and 2023	<u>\$ 26,351.05</u>
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Water Utility Capital Fund
Schedule of Reserve for Amortization
For the Year Ended December 31, 2024

Balance December 31, 2023	\$ 406,501.91
Increased by:	
Payment of Serial Bonds	<u>5,850.00</u>
Balance December 31, 2024	<u>\$ 412,351.91</u>

SEWER UTILITY FUND

TOWNSHIP OF HOPEWELL
ELSA Sewer Utility Operating Fund
Schedule of Cash - Treasurer
For the Year Ended December 31, 2024

Balance December 31, 2023		\$ 403,812.41
Receipts:		
Consumer Accounts Receivable	\$ 1,096,126.94	
Sewer Rent Overpayments	6,452.97	
Prepaid Sewer Rents	295.80	
Interest on Investments	19,477.86	
Miscellaneous Revenue Not Anticipated	<u>4,778.56</u>	
Total Receipts		<u>1,127,132.13</u>
Subtotal		1,530,944.54
Disbursements:		
2024 Appropriations	1,152,556.43	
Reserve for Encumbrances	30,729.63	
Interest on Bonds and Notes	15,206.78	
Due to Current Fund	1,836.10	
Refund of Overpayments	<u>174.37</u>	
Total Disbursements		<u>1,200,503.31</u>
Balance December 31, 2024		<u><u>\$ 330,441.23</u></u>

TOWNSHIP OF HOPEWELL
SBRSA Sewer Utility Operating Fund
Schedule of Cash - Treasurer
For the Year Ended December 31, 2024

Balance December 31, 2023		\$ 123,422.84
Receipts:		
Consumer Accounts Receivable	\$ 421,330.92	
Sewer Rent Overpayments	550.95	
Reserve for Debt Service	2,000.00	
Interest on Investments	8,668.68	
Miscellaneous Revenue Not Anticipated	1,427.98	
Contra	<u>25,000.00</u>	
Total Receipts		<u>458,978.53</u>
Subtotal		582,401.37
Disbursements:		
2024 Appropriations	400,381.20	
Reserve for Encumbrances	9,834.06	
Interest on Bonds and Notes	15,156.72	
Contra	<u>25,000.00</u>	
Total Disbursements		<u>450,371.98</u>
Balance December 31, 2024		<u><u>\$ 132,029.39</u></u>

TOWNSHIP OF HOPEWELL
Sewer Utility Capital Funds
Schedule of Cash - Treasurer
For the Year Ended December 31, 2024

Balance December 31, 2023		\$ 280,443.20
Receipts:		
Due to Sewer Operating Fund	\$ 11,529.63	
Premium on Sale of Bond Anticipation Note	1,034.47	
2024 Budget Appropriation	10,000.00	
Contra	624,000.00	
I-Bank Loan Advance	<u>979,600.00</u>	
Total Receipts		<u>1,626,164.10</u>
Subtotal		1,906,607.30
Disbursements:		
Improvement Authorizations	934,029.06	
Budget Appropriation - Reserve for Debt	2,400.00	
Contra	624,000.00	
Due to Sewer Operating Fund	<u>11,529.63</u>	
Total Disbursements		<u>1,571,958.69</u>
Balance December 31, 2024		<u><u>\$ 334,648.61</u></u>

TOWNSHIP OF HOPEWELL
Sewer Utility Capital Fund
 Analysis of Cash - Capital Fund
 at December 31, 2024

Fund Balance		\$ 103,978.88
Capital Improvement Fund		10,350.00
Reserve for Debt Service		2,634.47
Improvement Authorizations:		
Ordinance		
<u>Number</u>		
07-1394	Various Capital Improvements	67,238.00
14-1595	Various Improvements to the Sewer Utilities	41,479.37
19-1706	Planning & Design Costs - Princeton Farms	9,269.40
19-1707	Engineering & Design - Princeton Farms	(47,750.99)
21-1748	Various Improvements to the Sewer Utilities	104,992.00
23-1804	Various Improvements - Princeton Farms and Hopewell Hunt	16,457.48
24-1834	Brandon Farms Pump Station	<u>26,000.00</u>
Total		<u>\$ 334,648.61</u>

TOWNSHIP OF HOPEWELL
ELSA Sewer Utility Operating Fund
Statement of Consumer Accounts Receivable
For the Year Ended December 31, 2024

Balance December 31, 2023		\$ 71,580.21
Increased by:		
2024 Billing		<u>1,106,266.07</u>
Total		1,177,846.28
Decreased by:		
Collections	\$ 1,096,126.94	
Overpayments Applied	<u>4,606.65</u>	<u>1,100,733.59</u>
Balance December 31, 2024		<u><u>\$ 77,112.69</u></u>

TOWNSHIP OF HOPEWELL
SBRSA Sewer Utility Operating Fund
Statement of Consumer Accounts Receivable
For the Year Ended December 31, 2024

Balance December 31, 2023		\$ 9,473.81
Increased by:		
2024 Billing		<u>430,848.05</u>
Total		440,321.86
Decreased by:		
Collections	\$ 421,330.92	
Prepaid Applied	8,165.51	
Overpayments Applied	<u>678.95</u>	<u>430,175.38</u>
Balance December 31, 2024		<u><u>\$ 10,146.48</u></u>

TOWNSHIP OF HOPEWELL
Sewer Utility Capital Fund
Schedule of Fixed Capital
For the Year Ended December 31, 2024

Improvement Description	Balance Dec. 31, 2023	Additions by Ordinance	Balance Dec. 31, 2024
Princeton Farms Sewer Lines	\$ 403,320.00	\$ -	\$ 403,320.00
Improvements and Extension of Sewer System	1,708,910.30		1,708,910.30
Various Capital Improvements	891,396.56	35,969.63	927,366.19
General Equipment	<u>479,908.76</u>	<u>151,405.98</u>	<u>631,314.74</u>
Total	<u><u>\$ 3,483,535.62</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 187,375.61</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 3,670,911.23</u></u>

TOWNSHIP OF HOPEWELL
Sewer Utility Capital Fund
Schedule of Fixed Capital Authorized and Uncompleted
For the Year Ended December 31, 2024

Ordinance Number	Improvement Description	Date of Ordinance	Amount	Balance Dec. 31, 2023	2024 Authorizations		Costs To Fixed Capital	Authorizations Canceled	Balance Dec. 31, 2024
					Deferred Reserve for Amortization	Deferred Charges To Future Revenue			
07-1394	Acquisition of Various Equipment	05/14/07	\$ 334,703.00	\$ 310,452.47	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 310,452.47
14-1595	Various Improvements	03/24/14	327,800.00	327,800.00				6,800.00	321,000.00
16-1629	Various Improvements	07/19/16	42,750.00	39,185.12			35,969.63	3,215.49	0.00
17-1661	Replacement of Pump	07/26/17	150,000.00	104,901.45			104,901.45		-
19-1706	Planning & Design - Princeton Farms	04/15/19	105,000.00	105,000.00					105,000.00
19-1707	Engineering & Design - Princeton Farms	04/15/19	65,000.00	65,000.00					65,000.00
19-1711/ 20-1731	Acquisition & Installation of Fans Upgrades to Society Hill Pump Station	06/17/19 7/20/2020	60,000.00	60,000.00			46,504.53	13,495.47	
21-1748	Various Improvements to the Sewer Utilities	5/17/2021	123,000.00	122,150.00					122,150.00
23-1804	Various Improvements - Princeton Farms and Hopewell Hunt	5/15/2023	100,000.00	1,000,000.00					1,000,000.00
24-1834	Brandon Farms Pump Station	10/7/2024	26,000.00		26,000.00				26,000.00
	Total			<u>\$ 2,134,489.04</u>	<u>\$ 26,000.00</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 187,375.61</u>	<u>\$ 23,510.96</u>	<u>\$ 1,949,602.47</u>

TOWNSHIP OF HOPEWELL
ELSA Sewer Utility Operating Fund
Statement of 2023 Appropriation Reserves
For the Year Ended December 31, 2024

	<u>Balance Dec. 31, 2023</u>	<u>Balance After Transfers</u>	<u>Reserve for Encumbrances</u>	<u>Paid or Charged</u>	<u>Balance Lapsed</u>
Operating:					
Salaries and Wages	\$ 16,072.92	\$ 16,072.92	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 16,072.92
Other Expenses	76,866.66	76,866.66	10,871.69	30,729.63	57,008.72
Statutory Expenditures:					
Social Security System	<u>1,702.08</u>	<u>1,702.08</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,702.08</u>
 Total	 <u>\$ 94,641.66</u>	 <u>\$ 94,641.66</u>	 <u>\$ 10,871.69</u>	 <u>\$ 30,729.63</u>	 <u>\$ 74,783.72</u>
				Paid or Charged:	
				Cash Disbursed	<u>\$ 30,729.63</u>

TOWNSHIP OF HOPEWELL
SBRSA Sewer Utility Operating Fund
Statement of 2023 Appropriation Reserves
For the Year Ended December 31, 2024

	<u>Balance Dec. 31, 2023</u>	<u>Balance After Transfers</u>	<u>Reserve for Encumbrances</u>	<u>Paid or Charged</u>	<u>Balance Lapsed</u>
Operating:					
Salaries and Wages	\$ 1,411.18	\$ 1,411.18	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,411.18
Other Expenses	7,580.34	7,580.34	16,544.28	9,834.06	14,290.56
Statutory Expenditures:					
Public Employee Retirement System		-			-
Social Security System	<u>151.73</u>	<u>151.73</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>151.73</u>
 Total	 <u>\$ 9,143.25</u>	 <u>\$ 9,143.25</u>	 <u>\$ 16,544.28</u>	 <u>\$ 9,834.06</u>	 <u>\$ 15,853.47</u>
			Paid or Charged:		
			Cash Disbursed	<u>\$ 9,834.06</u>	

TOWNSHIP OF HOPEWELL
ELSA Sewer Utility Operating Fund
Schedule of Accrued Interest on Bonds and Notes
and Analysis of Balance
For the Year Ended December 31, 2024

Balance December 31, 2023		\$ 3,769.58
Increased By:		
Budget Appropriation for:		
Interest on Bonds	\$ 10,018.77	
Interest on Notes	<u>4,764.73</u>	<u>14,783.50</u>
Subtotal		18,553.08
Decreased By:		
Interest Paid on Bonds	10,379.10	
Interest Paid on Notes	<u>4,827.68</u>	<u>15,206.78</u>
Balance December 31, 2024		<u><u>\$ 3,346.30</u></u>

Analysis of Accrued Interest, December 31, 2024

<u>Principal Outstanding</u> <u>December 31, 2024</u>	<u>Interest</u> <u>Rate</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>	<u>Amount</u>
<u>Serial Bonds:</u>				
\$ 121,550.00	various	10/01/24	12/31/24	\$ 473.20
446,000.00	various	10/01/24	12/31/24	1,524.60
135,000.00	2.00%	10/01/24	12/31/24	141.51
<u>Bond Anticipation Note:</u>				
\$ 108,000.00	4.75%	09/26/23	12/31/23	<u>1,206.99</u>
Total				<u><u>\$ 3,346.30</u></u>

TOWNSHIP OF HOPEWELL
SBRSA Sewer Utility Operating Fund
Schedule of Accrued Interest on Bonds and Notes
and Analysis of Balance
For the Year Ended December 31, 2024

Balance December 31, 2023		\$ 3,664.68
Increased By:		
Budget Appropriation for:		
Interest on Bonds	\$ 13,857.78	
Interest on Notes	<u>649.43</u>	<u>14,507.21</u>
Subtotal		18,171.89
Decreased By:		
Interest Paid on Bonds	14,498.40	
Interest Paid on Notes	<u>658.32</u>	<u>15,156.72</u>
Balance December 31, 2024		<u><u>\$ 3,015.17</u></u>

Analysis of Accrued Interest, December 31, 2024

<u>Principal Outstanding</u> <u>December 31, 2024</u>	<u>Interest</u> <u>Rate</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>	<u>Amount</u>
<u>Serial Bonds:</u>				
\$ 121,550.00	various	10/01/24	12/31/24	\$ 1,005.55
446,000.00	various	10/01/24	12/31/24	1,651.65
135,000.00	2.00%	10/01/24	12/31/24	187.59
<u>Bond Anticipation Note:</u>				
\$ 108,000.00	4.00%	09/24/24	12/31/24	<u>170.38</u>
Total				<u><u>\$ 3,015.17</u></u>

TOWNSHIP OF HOPEWELL
Sewer Utility Capital Fund
Schedule of Serial Bonds
For the Year Ended December 31, 2024

<u>Purpose</u>	<u>Date of Issue</u>	<u>Original Issue</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Interest Rate</u>	<u>Balance Dec. 31, 2023</u>	<u>Increased</u>	<u>Decreased</u>	<u>Balance Dec. 31, 2024</u>
2014 Refunding Bonds	06/05/14	\$ 521,950.00	10/1/2025	\$ 59,150.00	4.25%	\$ 180,700.00	\$ -	\$ 59,150.00	\$ 121,550.00
			10/1/2026	62,400.00	4.25%				
				121,550.00					
Sewer Utility Bonds	04/29/15	791,000.00	4/1/2025	45,000.00	2.00%	491,000.00		45,000.00	446,000.00
			4/1/2026	45,000.00	2.50%				
			4/1/2027	60,000.00	3.00%				
			4/1/2028	60,000.00	3.00%				
			4/1/2029	60,000.00	3.00%				
			4/1/2030	60,000.00	3.00%				
			4/1/2031	60,000.00	3.00%				
			4/1/2032	56,000.00	3.00%				
				446,000.00					
Sewer Utility Bonds	11/12/20	196,000.00	6/1/2025	15,000.00	2.00%	150,000.00	-	15,000.00	135,000.00
			6/1/2026	15,000.00	2.00%				
			6/1/2027	25,000.00	2.00%				
			6/1/2028	25,000.00	2.00%				
			6/1/2029	25,000.00	2.00%				
			6/1/1930	30,000.00	2.00%				
				135,000.00					
Total						\$ 821,700.00	\$ -	\$ 119,150.00	\$ 702,550.00

TOWNSHIP OF HOPEWELL
Sewer Utility Capital Fund
Schedule of Bond Anticipation Notes
For the Year Ended December 31, 2024

<u>Ordinance Number</u>	<u>Improvement Description</u>	<u>Date of Issue of Original Note</u>	<u>Date of Issue</u>	<u>Date of Maturity</u>	<u>Interest Rate</u>	<u>Balance Dec. 31, 2023</u>	<u>Increased</u>	<u>Decreased</u>	<u>Balance Dec. 31, 2024</u>
21-1748	Various Improvements to the Sewer Utilities	09/29/21	09/26/23	09/25/24	4.75%	\$ 116,000.00	\$ -	\$ 116,000.00	\$ -
21-1748	Various Improvements to the Sewer Utilities	09/29/21	09/24/24	09/23/25	4.00%		108,000.00		108,000.00
Total						<u>\$ 116,000.00</u>	<u>\$ 108,000.00</u>	<u>\$ 116,000.00</u>	<u>\$ 108,000.00</u>
Renewals							\$ 108,000.00	\$ 108,000.00	
Reserve for Debt Service								2,400.00	
Paid by Budget Appropriation								5,600.00	
Total							<u>\$ 108,000.00</u>	<u>\$ 116,000.00</u>	

TOWNSHIP OF HOPEWELL
Sewer Utility Capital Fund
Schedule of Improvement Authorizations
For the Year Ended December 31, 2024

						2024 Authorizations						
Ordinance Number	Improvement Description	Ordinance		Balance December 31, 2023		Down Payment of Capital Improvement Fund	Capital Fund Balance	Deferred Charges to Future Revenue	Paid or Charged	Canceled	Balance December 31, 2024	
		Date	Amount	Funded	Unfunded						Funded	Unfunded
07-1394	Various Capital Improvements	5/14/2007	334,703.00	67,238.00	-						67,238.00	
14-1595	Various Capital Improvements	3/24/2014	327,800.00	48,279.37	-					6,800.00	41,479.37	
16-1629	Various Capital Improvements	7/19/2016	42,750.00	3,215.49	-					3,215.49	-	
19-1706	Planning and Design Costs - Princeton Farms	4/15/2019	105,000.00	-	13,756.90				4,487.50			9,269.40
19-1707	Engineering and Design Costs - Princeton Farms	4/15/2019	65,000.00	-	17,249.01							17,249.01
19-1711/ 20-1731	Acquisition and Installation of Fans - Brandon Farms Upgrades to Society Hill Pump Station	6/17/2019 7/20/2020	60,000.00	13,495.47	-					13,495.47	-	
21-1748	Various Improvements to the Sewer Utilities	5/17/2021	123,000.00	-	105,600.00				608.00			104,992.00
23-1804	Various Improvements - Princeton Farms and Hopewell Hunt	5/15/2023	1,000,000.00	-	964,225.04				928,933.56			35,291.48
24-1834	Brandon Farms Pump Station	10/7/2024	26,000.00				26,000.00				26,000.00	
Total				\$ 132,228.33	\$ 1,100,830.95	\$ -	\$ 26,000.00	\$ -	\$ 934,029.06	\$ 23,510.96	\$ 134,717.37	\$ 166,801.89

TOWNSHIP OF HOPEWELL
Sewer Utility Capital Fund
Schedule of Capital Improvement Fund
For the Year Ended December 31, 2024

Balance December 31, 2023	\$ 350.00
Increased by:	
Sewer Operating Budget Appropriation	<u>10,000.00</u>
Balance December 31, 2024	<u><u>\$ 10,350.00</u></u>

TOWNSHIP OF HOPEWELL
Sewer Utility Capital Fund
Schedule of Reserve for Amortization
For the Year Ended December 31, 2024

Balance December 31, 2023		\$ 3,504,174.66
Increased by:		
Transfer from Deferred Reserve for Amortization	\$ -	
Serial Bond Payment	<u>119,150.00</u>	
		<u>119,150.00</u>
		3,623,324.66
Decreased By:		
Improvement Authoriztions Canceled		<u>23,510.96</u>
Balance December 31, 2024		<u><u>\$ 3,599,813.70</u></u>

TOWNSHIP OF HOPEWELL
Sewer Utility Capital Fund
Schedule of Deferred Reserve for Amortization
For the Year Ended December 31, 2024

Ordinance Number	Improvement Description	Date of Ordinance	Balance Dec. 31, 2023	Fixed Capital Authorized	Paid From Operating Budget Notes	Transfer to Reserve for Amortization	Canceled	Balance Dec. 31, 2024
21-1748	Various Improvements to the Sewer Utilities	5/17/2021	\$ 6,150.00	\$ -	\$ 8,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 14,150.00
24-1834	Brandon Farms Pump Station			26,000.00				26,000.00
			<u>\$ 6,150.00</u>	<u>\$ 26,000.00</u>	<u>\$ 8,000.00</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 40,150.00</u>

TOWNSHIP OF HOPEWELL
Sewer Utility Capital Fund
Statement of Bonds and Notes Authorized But Not Issued
For the Year Ended December 31, 2024

<u>Ordinance Number</u>	<u>Improvement Description</u>	<u>Balance Dec. 31, 2023</u>	<u>2024 Authorizations</u>	<u>Bond Anticipation Notes Issued</u>	<u>Canceled</u>	<u>Balance Dec. 31, 2024</u>
19-1706	Planning & Design - Princeton Farms	\$ 105,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 105,000.00
19-1707	Engineering - Princeton Farms	65,000.00		-		65,000.00
23-1804	Various Improvements - Princeton Farms and Hopewell Hunt	<u>1,000,000.00</u>	<u></u>	<u>-</u>	<u></u>	<u>1,000,000.00</u>
	Total	<u>\$ 1,170,000.00</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 1,170,000.00</u>

PUBLIC ASSISTANCE FUND

TOWNSHIP OF HOPEWELL
Public Assistance Fund
Schedule of Cash - Treasurer
For the Year Ended December 31, 2024

	PATF I	PATF II	Fund Total
Balance December 31, 2023	\$ 8,297.18	\$ 1,503.71	\$ 9,800.89
Increased by:			
Interest Earned	448.17	-	448.17
Balance December 31, 2024	<u>\$ 8,745.35</u>	<u>\$ 1,503.71</u>	<u>\$ 10,249.06</u>

TOWNSHIP OF HOPEWELL
Public Assistance Fund
Schedule of Public Assistance Cash and Reconciliation
For the Year Ended December 31, 2024

Balance December 31, 2023	\$ 9,800.89
Increased by:	
Interest Earned	<u>448.17</u>
Balance December 31, 2024	<u><u>\$ 10,249.06</u></u>

Reconciliation December 31, 2024

Balance on deposit per statement of:	
The Bank of Princeton	
Checking Account	\$ 825.17
Certificate of Deposit	<u>9,423.89</u>
Balance December 31, 2024	<u><u>\$ 10,249.06</u></u>

TOWNSHIP OF HOPEWELL

PART II

Statistical Section

For the Year Ended December 31, 2024

Table 1

Township of Hopewell
Current Fund Expenditures by Function
Last Ten Years
Unaudited

Year	General Government	Public Safety	Public Works	Health and Welfare	Unclassified	Deferred Charges and Statutory Expenditures	State and Federal Grants	Capital Improvements	Debt Service	Reserve for Uncollected Taxes	Total
2024	\$ 6,442,613	\$ 4,697,804	\$ 2,953,055	\$ 473,040	\$ 628,950	\$ 2,489,910	\$ 1,394,926	\$ 400,000	\$ 6,780,558	\$ 1,602,505	\$ 27,863,361
2023	5,760,573	4,402,350	2,403,442	416,094	566,461	2,367,433	3,391,623	670,000	6,381,843	1,210,372	27,570,191
2022	6,194,222	4,398,200	2,453,625	453,000	748,000	2,512,735	1,773,982	258,000	6,080,859	1,205,450	26,078,073
2021	5,929,201	3,916,021	2,514,124	420,934	497,275	2,382,604	1,123,102	250,000	6,326,325	1,258,711	24,618,297
2020	6,166,050	3,655,865	2,151,921	397,528	447,264	1,991,536	1,073,026	254,721	5,707,844	1,137,494	22,983,249
2019	6,285,230	4,098,003	1,718,064	341,985	531,450	2,089,876	1,081,030	241,135	5,645,510	1,092,668	23,124,951
2018	6,532,282	4,243,391	1,902,278	312,651	568,500	1,870,799	1,459,679	223,742	5,161,647	1,059,251	23,334,220
2017	6,547,924	4,138,615	1,790,310	317,141	564,000	1,856,753	1,379,329	1,603,310	5,221,759	1,258,078	24,677,219
2016	5,964,454	4,247,757	2,177,456	348,468	641,190	1,770,108	432,426	229,032	5,328,934	1,224,050	22,363,875
2015	6,291,059	4,134,634	2,281,328	312,195	803,250	1,763,108	696,123	729,093	6,460,493	1,489,367	24,960,650

Table 2a

Township of Hopewell
Water Utility Operating Fund Expenditures By Function
Last Ten Years
Unaudited

Year	Operating	Debt Service	Capital	Deferred Charges and Statutory Expenditures	Total
2024	\$ 73,425	\$ 6,654	\$ -	\$ 1,300	\$ 81,379
2023	93,530	5,976	25,000	1,300	125,806
2022	168,225	6,174	-	2,000	176,399
2021	73,425	6,372	-	1,000	80,797
2020	66,972	7,034	-	1,000	75,006
2019	47,345	6,323	13,331	1,000	67,999
2018	50,150	16,535	1,896	13,110	81,691
2017	61,710	16,862	11,386	725	90,683
2016	55,731	17,267	220	725	73,943
2015	45,602	16,391	13,945	695	76,633

Table 2b

Sewer Utility Operating Fund Expenditures By Function
Last Ten Years
Unaudited

Year	Operating	Debt Service	Capital	Deferred Charges and Statutory Expenditures	Total
2024	\$ 1,496,585	\$ 154,041	\$ 20,000	\$ 4,200	\$ 1,674,826
2023	1,396,936	161,345	-	4,150	1,562,431
2022	1,392,247	142,108	-	6,900	1,541,255
2021	1,308,611	145,275	6,100	90,461	1,550,447
2020	1,290,046	132,223	-	3,030	1,425,299
2019	1,249,157	117,335	-	4,095	1,370,587
2018	1,189,975	125,445	-	2,350	1,317,770
2017	1,246,831	126,559	-	2,350	1,375,740
2016	1,269,280	118,145	-	7,350	1,394,775
2015	1,151,806	79,961	-	8,009	1,239,776

Table 3

Township of Hopewell
Current Revenues By Source
Last Ten Years
Unaudited

Year	Taxes (1)	Delinquent Taxes	Fees, Permits, Interest, Fines and Licenses	State Aid	State and Federal Grants	Surplus Anticipated	Non Budget Revenues, Shared Services, and Other Items	Total
2024	\$ 19,775,674	\$ 2,366,555	\$ 2,274,739	\$ 1,835,393	\$ 1,375,545	\$ 800,000	\$ 3,531,062	\$ 31,958,968
2023	16,248,389	659,611	1,524,896	1,728,771	4,301,552	1,995,000	2,019,768	28,477,987
2022	19,515,688	1,523,165	1,400,967	1,634,154	1,755,661	1,311,000	2,769,002	29,909,637
2021	16,866,129	1,485,544	1,273,108	1,651,756	1,115,781	1,730,000	1,608,826	25,731,144
2020	15,891,049	966,077	1,330,438	1,634,157	1,038,745	1,183,500	1,400,036	23,444,002
2019	15,845,461	821,557	1,442,665	1,634,157	1,069,229	1,360,000	1,321,608	23,494,677
2018	15,475,423	667,127	1,599,526	1,634,157	1,447,878	1,900,000	942,341	23,666,452
2017	15,386,048	617,719	1,567,267	1,634,157	1,352,528	4,084,148	2,018,509	26,660,376
2016	15,044,922	597,346	1,560,115	1,634,157	420,022	2,068,558	1,995,052	23,320,172
2015	15,123,139	805,259	1,580,036	1,634,157	655,432	2,265,811	3,904,495	25,968,329

(1) Excludes taxes allocated to county and school.

Table 4

Township of Hopewell
Assessed Value and Estimate of Total Value
Last Ten Years
Unaudited

Year	Net Assessed Valuation Taxable	Estimated Full Cash Valuation	Percentage of Net Assessed Value to Estimated Full Cash Valuation
2024	\$ 3,994,610,481	\$ 4,864,346,624	82.12%
2023	3,988,214,565	4,716,126,208	84.57%
2022	3,884,121,556	4,304,996,070	90.22%
2021	3,816,199,773	4,061,465,387	93.96%
2020	3,924,848,132	4,182,000,782	93.85%
2019	3,964,774,232	4,232,416,307	93.68%
2018	3,966,384,383	4,303,529,599	92.17%
2017	3,969,467,988	4,190,664,752	94.72%
2016	3,958,731,853	4,054,739,536	97.63%
2015	3,968,475,958	3,983,615,416	99.62%

Table 5

Township of Hopewell
Schedule of Ten Largest Taxpayers
Unaudited

Taxpayer	Assessed Valuation 2024	As a Percent of Total Net Assessed Valuation Taxable
1) American Blvd SPV3	\$ 108,763,504	2.72%
2) Cole Hopewell Twp	92,400,000	2.31%
3) Janssen Pharmaceutica	91,230,100	2.28%
4) Beigene Hopewell Urban Renewal	75,000,000	1.88%
5) AREP Hopewell LLC	72,035,000	1.80%
6) Hopewell Campas Owner LLC	60,000,000	1.50%
7) US Home Corp DBA Lennar	52,800,000	1.32%
8) One Talent LLC	49,583,400	1.24%
9) Trustees of Princeton University	35,770,100	0.90%
10) Hopewell TC Associates	24,646,100	0.62%
Total	<u>\$ 662,228,204</u>	<u>16.58%</u>

Table 6

Township of Hopewell
Ratio of Bonded Debt, Bond Anticipation Notes, and Loans To Equalized Value
and Per Capita
Last Ten Years
Unaudited

Year	Population (1)	Average Equalized Valuation	Gross Debt	Gross Debt Per Capita	Ratio of Gross Debt To Equalized Valuation	Net Debt	Ratio of Net Bonded Debt To Equalized Valuation	Net Bonded Debt Per Capita
2024	17,383	\$ 4,911,520,010	\$ 74,993,200	\$ 4,314	1.53%	\$ 45,488,363	0.93%	\$ 2,617
2023	17,383	4,543,489,818	81,731,062	4,702	1.80%	46,961,848	1.03%	2,702
2022	17,410	4,317,219,259	86,036,635	4,942	1.99%	49,293,180	1.14%	2,831
2021	17,371	4,194,651,432	87,976,958	5,065	2.10%	52,095,658	1.24%	2,999
2020	17,671	4,196,092,264	110,803,848	6,270	2.64%	51,271,247	1.22%	2,901
2019	17,791	4,239,206,266	96,901,969	5,447	2.29%	48,910,901	1.15%	2,749
2018	17,953	4,224,036,777	100,820,352	5,616	2.39%	48,494,694	1.15%	2,701
2017	17,992	4,167,416,079	105,390,366	5,858	2.53%	48,879,095	1.17%	2,717
2016	18,404	4,066,224,323	115,008,273	6,249	2.83%	52,079,987	1.28%	2,830
2015	18,442	4,030,350,464	89,566,539	4,857	2.22%	49,229,105	1.22%	2,669
2014	18,406	3,954,601,508	97,742,775	5,310	2.47%	55,219,006	1.40%	3,000
2013	18,295	3,994,903,658	100,504,046	5,494	2.52%	55,003,379	1.38%	3,006

(1) Per the State of New Jersey Department of Labor.

Table 7

Township of Hopewell
Ratio of Annual Debt Service Expenditures - Current Fund
Last Ten Years
Unaudited

Year	Principal	Interest	Total Debt Service	Total Current Fund Governmental Expenditures	Ratio of Debt Service to Current Fund Expenditures
2024	\$ 5,406,737	\$ 1,373,821	\$ 6,780,558	\$ 27,863,361	24.34%
2023	5,104,119	1,277,724	6,381,843	29,045,113	21.97%
2022	4,988,520	1,092,567	6,081,087	26,078,073	23.32%
2021	4,970,139	1,356,186	6,326,325	25,243,081	25.06%
2020	4,232,733	1,475,111	5,707,844	23,565,543	24.22%
2019	4,044,562	1,600,948	5,645,510	23,124,951	24.41%
2018	3,699,689	1,461,958	5,161,647	23,334,220	22.12%
2017	3,531,029	1,690,730	5,221,759	24,677,219	21.16%
2016	3,559,167	1,769,767	5,328,934	22,363,545	23.83%
2015	4,623,312	1,837,181	6,460,493	24,960,650	25.88%

Table 8a

Township of Hopewell
Water Utility - Self Liquidating Calculation
Per N.J.S.A. 40A:2-45
Last Ten Years
Unaudited

Year	Fees, Rents and Other Charges	Operating and Maintenance	Debt Service	Liquidating (Nonliquidating)
2024	\$ 104,554	\$ 74,725	\$ 6,654	\$ 23,175
2023	132,135	94,830	5,976	31,329
2022	180,759	170,225	6,174	4,360
2021	168,565	74,425	6,372	87,768
2020	167,421	67,972	7,034	92,415
2019	82,854	48,345	6,323	28,186
2018	80,762	63,260	16,535	967
2017	76,667	62,435	16,862	(2,630)
2016	81,320	56,456	17,267	7,597
2015	76,058	46,297	16,391	13,370

Table 8b

Sewer Utility - Self Liquidating Calculation
Per N.J.S.A. 40A:2-45
Last Ten Years
Unaudited

Year	Fees, Rents and Other Charges	Operating and Maintenance	Debt Service	Liquidating (Nonliquidating)
2024	\$ 1,823,749	\$ 1,500,785	\$ 154,041	\$ 168,923
2023	1,642,359	1,401,086	161,345	79,928
2022	1,479,138	1,399,147	142,108	(62,117)
2021	1,886,062	1,311,642	145,275	429,145
2020	1,268,868	1,293,076	132,223	(156,431)
2019	1,436,772	1,252,186	117,335	67,251
2018	1,410,792	1,192,325	125,445	93,022
2017	1,633,894	1,249,181	126,559	258,154
2016	1,580,982	1,271,630	118,000	191,352
2015	1,295,881	1,154,105	79,961	61,815

Table 9

Township of Hopewell
 Unemployment Rate and Per Capita Income - Last Ten Years
 Last Ten Years
 Unaudited

Year	Unemployment Rate (1)	Mercer County Per Capita Income
2024	(2)	(2)
2023	2.4%	(2)
2022	2.1%	79,354
2021	3.2%	77,911
2020	4.5%	74,218
2019	1.9%	70,675
2018	2.3%	68,052
2017	2.6%	65,247
2016	2.7%	63,905
2015	2.9%	62,788

(1) Per State of New Jersey.

(2) Not Available.

Table 10

Township of Hopewell
Miscellaneous Statistics
Unaudited

Date of Incorporation	1798
Form of Government	Township Committee
Area in Square Miles	58
Miles of Streets	155

TOWNSHIP OF HOPEWELL

PART III

Single Audit Section

For the Year Ended December 31, 2024

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**REPORT ON COMPLIANCE FOR EACH MAJOR PROGRAM AND
 REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER COMPLIANCE
 REQUIRED BY NEW JERSEY CIRCULAR 15-08-OMB**

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

The Honorable Mayor and
 Members of the Township Committee
 Township of Hopewell
 County of Mercer
 Hopewell, New Jersey 08560

Report on Compliance for Each Major State Program***Opinion on Each Major State Program***

I have audited the Township of Hopewell, in the County of Burlington, State of New Jersey ("Township"), compliance with the types of compliance requirements identified as subject to audit in the New Jersey State Grant Compliance Supplement that could have a direct and material effect on the Township's major state programs for the year ended December 31, 2024. The Township's major state program is identified in the Summary of Auditor's Results section of the accompanying Schedule of Findings and Questioned costs.

In my opinion, the Township complied, in all material respects, with the types of compliance requirements referred to above that could have a direct and material effect on each of its major state programs for the year ended December 31, 2024.

Basis for Opinion on Each Major State Program

I conducted my audit of compliance in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America; the standards applicable to financial audits contained in Government Auditing Standards, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States; audit requirements as prescribed by the Division of Local Government Services, Department of Community Affairs, State of New Jersey ("Division") and New Jersey State Grant Compliance Supplement (Circular 15-08-OMB). My responsibilities under those standards and the Circular 15-08-OMB are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of Compliance section of my report.

I am required to be independent of the Township and to meet my other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with relevant ethical requirements relating to my audit. I believe that the audit evidence I have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for my opinion on compliance for each major state program. My audit does not provide a legal determination of the Township's compliance with the compliance requirements referred to above.

Responsibilities of Management for Compliance

Management is responsible for compliance with the requirements referred to above and for the design, implementation, and maintenance of effective internal control over compliance with the requirements of laws, statutes, regulations, rules, and provisions of contracts or grant agreements applicable to the Township's state programs.

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of Compliance

My objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether material noncompliance with the compliance requirements referred to above occurred, whether due to fraud or error, and express an opinion on the Township's compliance based on my audit. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards, Government Auditing Standards, and the Circular 15-08-OMB will always detect material noncompliance when it exists. The risk of not detecting material noncompliance resulting from fraud is higher than for that resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Noncompliance with the compliance requirements referred to above is considered material if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, it would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user of the report on compliance about the Township's compliance with the requirements of each major state program as a whole.

In performing an audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards, Government Auditing Standards, and the Circular 15-08-OMB, I:

- Exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- Identify and assess the risks of material noncompliance, 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 Township's compliance with the compliance requirements referred to above and performing such other procedures as I considered necessary in the circumstances.
- Obtain an understanding of the Township's internal control over compliance relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances and to test and report on internal control over compliance in accordance with the Circular 15-08-OMB, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Township's internal control over compliance. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.

I am required to communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and any significant deficiencies and material weaknesses in internal control over compliance that I identified during the audit.

Report on Internal Control over Compliance

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

My consideration of internal control over compliance was for the limited purpose described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of Compliance section above and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control over compliance that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies in internal control over compliance. Given these limitations, during my audit I did not identify any deficiencies in internal control over compliance that I consider to be material weaknesses, as defined above. However, material weaknesses or significant deficiencies in internal control over compliance may exist that were not identified.

My audit was not designed for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of internal control over compliance. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.

The purpose of this report on internal control over compliance is solely to describe the scope of my testing of internal control over compliance and the results of that testing based on the requirements of the State of New Jersey Circular 15-08-OMB. Accordingly, this report is not suitable for any other purpose.

INVERSO & STEWART, LLC
Certified Public Accountants

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'R. Inverso', written in a cursive style.

Robert P. Inverso
Certified Public Accountant
Registered Municipal Accountant

Marlton, New Jersey
June 30, 2025

TOWNSHIP OF HOPEWELL

Schedule of Expenditures of State Financial Assistance
For the Year Ended December 31, 2024

State Grantor/Program Title	State GMIS Number	Program or Award Amount	Program Funds Received	Grant Period		Balance December 31, 2023	Revenue Realized	Adjustment/ Cancel	Disbursements/ Expenditures	Balance December 31, 2024
				From	To					
<u>State Department of Transportation</u>										
State Aid - NJ Transportation Trust Fund										
Authority Act :										
NJDOT - Titusville Road	2020-MA-00592	\$ 504,361.00	\$ 275,037.00	01/01/20	Present	\$ 255,055.56	\$ -	\$ 229,324.00	\$ 25,731.56	\$ -
NJDOT - Harbortown Rocktown Road	2021-MA-00176	515,000.00	502,413.20	01/01/21	Present	48,233.48		12,586.80	35,646.68	0.00
NJDOT - Harbortown Rocktown North Road	2022-MA-00105	280,000.00	150,041.51	01/01/22	Present	280,000.00		129,958.49	150,041.51	0.00
NJDOT - Pennington Rocky Hill Road	2023-MA-00259	569,500.00	351,534.85	01/01/23	Present	569,500.00			465,387.82	104,112.18
NJDOT - Denow Road	2024-MA-00114	526,581.00		01/01/24	Present			526,581.00		526,581.00
						1,152,789.04	526,581.00	371,869.29	676,807.57	630,693.18
<u>State Department of Law and Public Safety</u>										
Body Armor Grant	1020-718-066-1020-001-YCJS-6120	4,595.15	4,595.15	01/01/22	Present	2,458.79	2,483.63		2,458.56	2,483.86
Drunk Driving Enforcement Grant (Over the Limit)	6400-100-078-6400	8,590.79	8,590.79	01/01/17	Present	9,960.66			5,019.44	4,941.22
Municipal Drug Alliance Program	100-082-2000-044	26,525.00	2,422.82	07/01/23	06/30/25	9,467.00	17,058.00		2,422.82	24,102.18
						21,886.45	19,541.63		9,900.82	31,527.26
<u>State Department of Community Affairs</u>										
Historic Sites Committee	Not Available	15,000.00	15,000.00	01/01/20	Present	7,500.00				7,500.00
NJDCA - Woolsey Park Bandshell	2022-04973-0105-05	500,000.00	375,000.00	12/01/21	06/30/25	332,424.70			304,415.86	28,008.84
NJDCA - 911 Upgrades	2023-09002-0097-00	600,000.00	450,000.00	12/15/22	06/30/25	591,250.00			231,663.60	359,586.40
Local Recreation Improvement Grant	2023-04960-0597-00	73,000.00	73,000.00	05/17/23	12/31/24	73,000.00			73,000.00	
						1,004,174.70			609,079.46	395,095.24

TOWNSHIP OF HOPEWELL

Schedule of Expenditures of State Financial Assistance
For the Year Ended December 31, 2024

<u>State Grantor/Program Title</u>	<u>State GMIS Number</u>	<u>Program or Award Amount</u>	<u>Program Funds Received</u>	<u>Grant Period</u>		<u>Balance December 31, 2023</u>	<u>Revenue Realized</u>	<u>Adjustment/ Cancel</u>	<u>Disbursements/ Expenditures</u>	<u>Balance December 31, 2024</u>
				<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>					
<u>State Department of Health</u>										
Opioid Settlement Fund	Not Available	34,739.80	34,739.80	01/01/23	Present	\$ 9,707.84	\$ 25,031.96	\$ -	\$ 9,000.00	\$ 25,739.80
						9,707.84	25,031.96		9,000.00	25,739.80
<u>State Department of Environmental Protection</u>										
Clean Communities Program	4900-765-042-4900-004-V42Y-6020	571,922.70	571,922.70	1/1/07	Present	540,583.71	71,921.80		60,193.82	552,311.69
Municipal Stormwater Regulation Program	100-042-4850-099	25,000.00	15,000.00	03/01/24	Present	22,798.00			22,798.00	0.00
Community Energy Plan	Not Available	10,000.00	0.00	01/01/24	Present		10,000.00			10,000.00
Spotted Lanternfly Reduction Grant	Not Available	20,000.00	0.00	01/01/24	11/30/26		20,000.00			20,000.00
Lead Assistance Program	Not Available	7,800.00	7,800.00	01/01/23	Present	7,800.00			1,776.00	6,024.00
Recycling Tonnage Grant	4910-100-042-4910-224-V42Y-6020	83,052.96	83,052.96	01/01/20	Present	1,338.98	27,419.28		26,831.18	1,927.08
Sustainable NJ - Green Team	Not Available	2,000.00	2,000.00	01/01/20	Present	421.30				421.30
Sustainable NJ - Solar Challenge	Not Available	3,000.00	3,000.00	01/01/16	Present	268.38				268.38
						573,210.37	129,341.08		111,599.00	590,952.45
Total State Financial Assistance						\$ 2,761,768.40	\$ 700,495.67	\$ 371,869.29	\$ 1,416,386.85	\$ 1,674,007.93
<u>Analysis of Balance December 31, 2024</u>										
Current Fund:										
Reserve for State Grants - Appropriated										\$ 1,674,007.93

The accompanying Notes to Schedule of Expenditures of Awards and Financial Assistance are an integral part of this schedule.

Township of Hopewell
Notes to Schedules of Expenditures of State Financial Assistance
For the Year Ended December 31, 2024

1. GENERAL

The accompanying schedule of expenditures state financial assistance present the activity of all state financial assistance programs of the Township of Hopewell, County of Mercer, State of New Jersey. The Township is defined in the Notes to the Financial Statements, Note I.

2. BASIS OF ACCOUNTING

The accompanying schedules of expenditures of state financial assistance is presented using the modified accrual basis of accounting as promulgated by the State of New Jersey, Department of Community Affairs, Division of Local Government Services, which is described in the Notes to the Financial Statements, Note I.

3. RELATIONSHIP TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Amounts reported in the accompanying schedules agree with amounts reported in the Township's financial statements. Expenditures from awards are reported in the Township's financial statements as follows:

	<u>State</u>
Federal and State Grant Fund	\$ <u><u>1,416,386.85</u></u>

4. MAJOR PROGRAMS

Major programs are identified in the "Summary of Auditor's Results" section of the Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs.

**TOWNSHIP OF HOPEWELL
SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024**

Section I --Summary of Auditor's Results

Financial Statements

Type of auditor's report issued:

Regulatory Basis

Unmodified

Internal control over financial reporting:

1) Material weaknesses identified?

_____ yes X no

2) Significant deficiencies identified?

_____ yes X none reported

Noncompliance material to basic financial
statements noted?

_____ yes X no

Federal Awards

Internal Control over major programs:

Not Applicable

1) Material weakness(es) identified?

_____ yes _____ no

2) Significant deficiencies identified that are
not considered to be a material weakness?

_____ yes _____ none reported

Type of auditor's report on compliance for major programs:

Any audit findings disclosed that are required to be reported
in accordance with 2 CFR 200 section .516 of the Uniform
Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit
Requirements for Federal Awards (Uniform Guidance)?

_____ yes _____ no

Identification of major programs:

AL Number(s)

Name of Federal Program or Cluster

Dollar threshold used to distinguish between type A and type B programs:

Auditee qualified as low-risk auditee?

_____ yes _____ no

Section I --Summary of Auditor's Results

Not Applicable

Identification of major programs:

Name of State Program

TOWNSHIP OF HOPEWELL
Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs
For the Year Ended December 31, 2024

Schedule of Financial Statement Findings

This section identifies the reportable conditions, material weaknesses, and instances of noncompliance related to the financial statements that are required to be reported in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* and with requirements as prescribed by the Division of Local Government Services, Department of Community Affairs, State of New Jersey.

None noted.

TOWNSHIP OF HOPEWELL
Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs
For the Year Ended December 31, 2024

Schedule of Federal Awards and State Financial Assistance
Findings and Questioned Costs

This section identifies the significant deficiencies, material weaknesses and instances of noncompliance, including questioned costs, related to the audit of major federal and state programs, as required by Title 2 U.S. Code of Federal Regulations Part 200, *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards* (Uniform Guidance) and New Jersey Circular 15-08-OMB.

FEDERAL AWARDS

A federal single audit was not required.

STATE AWARDS

No findings identified.

TOWNSHIP OF HOPEWELL
Summary Schedule of Prior Year Audit Findings
And Recommendations as Prepared by Management

This section identifies the status of prior year findings related to the financial statements and federal and state grant awards that are required to be reported in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* and New Jersey OMB's Circular 15-08.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT FINDINGS

There were no prior year findings.

FEDERAL AWARDS

There were no prior year findings.

STATE AWARDS

A state single audit was not required.

TOWNSHIP OF HOPEWELL

OFFICIALS IN OFFICE AND SURETY BONDS

The following officials were in office during the year ended December 31, 2024

<u>Name</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Term</u>	<u>Amount of Bond</u>	<u>Name Of Surety</u>
Courtney Peters-Manning	Mayor	12/31/2025		
Uma Purandare	Deputy Mayor	12/31/2027		
David Chait	Committee Member	12/31/2025		
Kevin Kuchinski	Committee Member	12/31/2026		
Michael Ruger	Committee Member	12/31/2026		
Sean Canning	Qualified Purchasing Agent		1,000,000	(A)
Katherine Fenton-Newman	Municipal Clerk		1,000,000	(A)
Jessalyn Walters	Deputy Municipal Clerk		1,000,000	(A)
James Rosso	Chief of Police		1,000,000	(A)
Daniel Keough	Tax Assessor		1,000,000	(A)
Kevin Oswald	Municipal Construction Official		1,000,000	(A)
Gary Dorsi	Health Officer		1,000,000	(A)
Karin Poveromo	Recreation Director		1,000,000	(A)
Eric Perkins	Municipal Court Judge		1,000,000	(A)
Margaret Umbro	Court Administrator		1,000,000	(A)
Christine Irizarry	Deputy Court Administrator		1,000,000	(A)
Susan Newman	Human Resources Director		1,000,000	(A)
Mary Kennedy-Nadzak	Tax Collector		1,000,000	(A)
George Synder	Township Administrator/Director of Public Works		1,000,000	(A)
Julie Troutman	Chief Financial Officer/ Treasurer		1,000,000	(A)
Martin Hillman	Municipal Prosecutor			

(A) - Blanket Surety Coverage of \$50,000 provided by the Mid Jersey Municipal Joint Insurance Fund and \$950,000 provided by the Municipal Excess Liability Joint Insurance Fund.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT

We express our appreciation for the assistance and courtesies extended to us by the Township Officials during the course of the audit.

Respectfully submitted,

INVERSO & STEWART, LLC



Robert P. Inverso
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Registered Municipal Accountant

June 30, 2025