

TOWNSHIP OF BEDMINSTER

COUNTY OF SOMERSET

REPORT OF AUDIT

2022

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TOWNSHIP OF BEDMINSTER

PART I

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND SUPPLEMENTARY DATA

YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2022

Independent Auditors' Report

The Honorable Mayor and Members
of the Township Committee
Township of Bedminster
Bedminster, New Jersey

Report on the Audit of the Financial Statements

Opinions

We have audited the financial statements – *regulatory basis* – of the various funds and account group of the Township of Bedminster, in the County of Somerset (the "Township") as of and for the years ended December 31, 2022 and 2021, and the related notes to the financial statements, as listed in the table of contents.

Unmodified Opinions on Regulatory Basis of Accounting

In our opinion, the accompanying financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of each fund and account group of the Township as of December 31, 2022 and 2021, and the results of operations and changes in fund balance, where applicable, of such funds and account group, thereof for the years then ended in accordance with the accounting practices prescribed or permitted, as described in Note 1, by the Division of Local Government Services, Department of Community Affairs, State of New Jersey (the "Division").

Adverse Opinion on U.S. Generally Accepted Accounting Principles

In our opinion, because of the significance of the matter discussed in the Basis for Adverse Opinion on U.S. Generally Accepted Accounting Principles section of our report, the accompanying financial statements referred to above do not present fairly, in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, the financial position of each fund and account group of the Township as of December 31, 2022 and 2021, or the changes in financial position or where applicable, cash flows thereof for the years then ended.

Basis for Opinions

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

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

As described in Note 1 of the financial statements, the financial statements are prepared by the Township on the basis of the financial reporting provisions prescribed or permitted by the Division, which is a basis of accounting other than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, to meet the requirements of the Division's regulatory basis of accounting and the budget laws of New Jersey.

The effects on the financial statements of the variances between the regulatory basis of accounting described in Note 1 and accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, although not reasonably determinable, are presumed to be material and pervasive.

Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with the financial reporting provisions of the Division of Local Government Services, Department of Community Affairs, State of New Jersey (the "Division") to demonstrate compliance with the Division's regulatory basis of accounting, and the budget laws of New Jersey. Management is also responsible for the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

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

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

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

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

Supplementary Information

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements of the various funds and account group that collectively comprise the Township's financial statements. The supplementary data schedules listed in the table of contents and the schedules of expenditures of federal and state awards, 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's OMB Circular 15-08, *Single Audit Policy for Recipients of Federal Grants, State Grants and State Aid*, are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the 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 various fund and account group financial statements. The information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the various fund and account group financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the various fund and account group financial statements or to the various fund and account group financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the supplementary data schedules and the schedules of expenditures of federal and state awards are fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the various fund and account group financial statements as a whole.

Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated May 9, 2023 on our consideration of the Township's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the Township's internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the Township's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

Mount Arlington, New Jersey
May 9, 2023

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TOWNSHIP OF BEDMINSTER
COUNTY OF SOMERSET
2022
CURRENT FUND

TOWNSHIP OF BEDMINSTER
CURRENT FUND
COMPARATIVE BALANCE SHEET - REGULATORY BASIS

	Ref.	December 31,	
		2022	2021
<u>ASSETS</u>			
Regular Fund:			
Cash and Cash Equivalents:			
Treasurer	A-4	\$ 11,501,296.13	\$ 10,403,523.17
Change Fund		550.00	550.00
		<u>11,501,846.13</u>	<u>10,404,073.17</u>
Due State of New Jersey:			
Senior Citizens' and Veterans' Deductions		17,531.98	17,812.12
		<u>11,519,378.11</u>	<u>10,421,885.29</u>
Receivables and Other Assets With Full Reserves:			
Delinquent Property Taxes Receivable	A-7	362,224.92	281,838.81
Revenue Accounts Receivable	A-9	6,963.26	9,013.46
Due Animal Control Trust Fund	B	7.81	
Due General Capital Fund	C	2,165.03	120.64
Due Flexible Spending Account		1,968.24	1,968.24
		<u>373,329.26</u>	<u>292,941.15</u>
Total Receivables and Other Assets with Full Reserves		<u>11,892,707.37</u>	<u>10,714,826.44</u>
Federal and State Grant Fund:			
Due From Current Fund	A	797,856.20	472,719.94
Grants Receivable	A-10	404,620.17	104,152.61
		<u>1,202,476.37</u>	<u>576,872.55</u>
Total Federal and State Grant Fund		<u>13,095,183.74</u>	<u>11,291,698.99</u>
TOTAL ASSETS		<u><u>\$ 13,095,183.74</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 11,291,698.99</u></u>

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COMPARATIVE BALANCE SHEET - REGULATORY BASIS
(Continued)

<u>LIABILITIES, RESERVES AND FUND BALANCE</u>	<u>Ref.</u>	<u>December 31,</u>	
		<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>
Regular Fund:			
Appropriation Reserves:			
Unencumbered	A-3; A-11	\$ 713,700.63	\$ 740,776.40
Encumbered	A-3; A-11	231,592.63	262,964.93
		<u>945,293.26</u>	<u>1,003,741.33</u>
Accounts Payable - Vendors		119,721.88	85,776.51
Due State of New Jersey:			
Department of Community Affairs Training Fees Payable		4,357.00	16,751.00
Marriage License Fees		80.00	380.00
Prepaid Taxes		484,923.52	483,974.58
Tax Overpayments		6,488.00	10,597.01
Due Federal and State Grant Fund	A	797,856.20	472,719.94
Due Animal Control Trust Fund	B		1.38
Due Other Trust Fund	B	43,307.69	27,613.34
Due to Vendors		8,249.23	7,161.62
Reserve for Pending Tax Appeals		25,000.00	20,000.00
Reserve for Litigation		23,451.33	23,451.33
Reserve for Municipal Relief Fund		45,188.58	
		<u>2,503,916.69</u>	<u>2,152,168.04</u>
Reserve for Receivables and Other Assets	A	373,329.26	292,941.15
Fund Balance	A-1	<u>9,015,461.42</u>	<u>8,269,717.25</u>
Total Regular Fund		<u>11,892,707.37</u>	<u>10,714,826.44</u>
Federal and State Grant Fund:			
Appropriated Reserves:			
Encumbered		15,389.53	13,529.82
Unencumbered	A-13	1,185,411.50	146,343.21
Unappropriated Reserves	A-14	<u>1,675.34</u>	<u>416,999.52</u>
Total Federal and State Grant Fund		<u>1,202,476.37</u>	<u>576,872.55</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES, RESERVES AND FUND BALANCE		<u>\$ 13,095,183.74</u>	<u>\$ 11,291,698.99</u>

THE ACCOMPANYING NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
ARE AN INTEGRAL PART OF THIS STATEMENT

TOWNSHIP OF BEDMINSTER
CURRENT FUND
COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS
AND CHANGE IN FUND BALANCE - REGULATORY BASIS

	Ref.	Year Ended December 31,	
		2022	2021
<u>Revenue and Other Income Realized</u>			
Fund Balance Utilized		\$ 1,600,000.00	\$ 1,663,000.00
Miscellaneous Revenue Anticipated		3,236,645.37	2,108,372.34
Receipts from:			
Delinquent Taxes		281,838.81	221,906.80
Current Taxes		34,341,125.53	34,139,877.96
Nonbudget Revenue		629,593.97	354,125.92
Other Credits to Income:			
Unexpended Balance of Appropriation Reserves		540,641.02	674,727.59
Increase in Local School District Tax Deferred		88,512.50	86,777.00
Cancellation of Appropriated Grant Reserves			40,359.66
Cancellation of Federal and State Grant Due to Grantor			4,228.18
Cancellation of Reserve for Pending Tax Appeals		20,000.00	20,000.00
Interfunds - Animal Control			2.00
Interfunds Returned and Other Receivables Returned		2,088.88	7,743.55
Total Income		<u>40,740,446.08</u>	<u>39,321,121.00</u>
<u>Expenditures</u>			
Budget Appropriations:			
Municipal Purposes		11,366,647.81	10,316,953.25
County Taxes		8,563,254.69	8,680,736.27
Local School District Taxes		18,056,538.00	17,702,488.00
Open Space Trust Taxes		379,120.33	370,307.06
Reserve for Pending Tax Appeals		25,000.00	20,000.00
Federal and State Grant Fund Grants Receivable Canceled			37,989.61
Interfunds Advanced		4,141.08	2,088.88
Total Expenditures		<u>38,394,701.91</u>	<u>37,130,563.07</u>
Excess in Revenue/Statutory Excess to Fund Balance		2,345,744.17	2,190,557.93
<u>Fund Balance</u>			
Balance January 1		<u>8,269,717.25</u>	<u>7,742,159.32</u>
		10,615,461.42	9,932,717.25
Decreased by:			
Utilized as Anticipated Revenue		<u>1,600,000.00</u>	<u>1,663,000.00</u>
Balance December 31	A	<u>\$ 9,015,461.42</u>	<u>\$ 8,269,717.25</u>

THE ACCOMPANYING NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
ARE AN INTEGRAL PART OF THIS STATEMENT

TOWNSHIP OF BEDMINSTER
CURRENT FUND
STATEMENT OF REVENUE - REGULATORY BASIS
YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2022

	Budget	Added by NISA 40A:4-87	Realized	Excess or Deficit *
Fund Balance Anticipated	\$ 1,600,000.00		\$ 1,600,000.00	
Miscellaneous Revenue:				
Licenses:				
Alcoholic Beverages	6,150.00		6,550.00	\$ 400.00
Uniform Construction Code Fees	300,000.00		369,940.00	69,940.00
Interlocal Services Agreement - Far Hills:				
Tax Collector	9,844.98		9,844.96	0.02 *
Department of Public Works	24,900.00		28,860.88	3,960.88
Library	6,000.00		8,800.96	2,800.96
Municipal Court	454,619.70		454,619.72	0.02
Fines and Costs:				
Municipal Court	100,000.00		87,911.90	12,088.10 *
Interest and Costs on Taxes	50,000.00		72,305.36	22,305.36
Interest on Investments and Deposits	15,000.00		49,599.86	34,599.86
Energy Receipts Tax	866,281.00		866,281.00	
Recreation Trust - Seasonal Employees	19,200.00		19,200.00	
Reserve for Open Space Trust	75,000.00		75,000.00	
Recreation Rentals	5,000.00		5,450.00	450.00
Recycling Tonnage Grant	10,777.56		10,777.56	
Central Jersey HIF Wellness Grant	6,500.00		6,500.00	
American Rescue Plan (ARP)	833,999.04		833,999.04	
Clean Communities Grant		\$ 23,790.14	23,790.14	
Body Armor Replacement Fund	1,081.01		1,081.01	
Bullet Proof Vests- Federal	2,032.98		2,032.98	
MEL-JIF Safety Grant	1,600.00		1,600.00	

TOWNSHIP OF BEDMINSTER
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STATEMENT OF REVENUE - REGULATORY BASIS
YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2022
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	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Added by NJSA 40A:4-87</u>	<u>Realized</u>	<u>Excess or Deficit *</u>
Miscellaneous Revenue:				
Somerset County Recreation Grant		\$ 300,000.00	\$ 300,000.00	
Municipal Youth Services		2,500.00	2,500.00	
	<u>\$ 2,787,986.27</u>	<u>326,290.14</u>	<u>3,236,645.37</u>	<u>\$ 122,368.96</u>
Receipts from Delinquent Taxes	180,000.00		281,838.81	101,838.81
Amount to be Raised by Taxes for Support of Municipal Budget:				
Local Taxes for Municipal Purposes	6,828,323.24		7,498,164.35	669,841.11
Minimum Library Tax	836,758.00		836,758.00	
	<u>7,665,081.24</u>		<u>8,334,922.35</u>	<u>669,841.11</u>
Budget Totals	<u>\$ 12,233,067.51</u>	<u>\$ 326,290.14</u>	<u>13,453,406.53</u>	<u>\$ 894,048.88</u>
Nonbudget Revenue			<u>629,593.97</u>	
			<u>\$ 14,083,000.50</u>	

TOWNSHIP OF BEDMINSTER
CURRENT FUND
STATEMENT OF REVENUE - REGULATORY BASIS
YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2022
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Allocation of Current Tax Collections:

Revenue from Collection of Current Taxes	\$ 34,341,125.53
Allocated to School, Open Space and County Taxes	26,998,913.02
Balance for Support of Municipal Budget	7,342,212.51
 Add: Appropriation "Reserve for Uncollected Taxes"	 992,709.84

Realized for Support of Municipal Budget	\$ 8,334,922.35
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Analysis of Realized for Support of Municipal Budget:

Local Taxes for Municipal Purposes	\$ 7,498,164.35
Minimum Library Tax	836,758.00
	\$ 8,334,922.35

Interest on Investments and Deposits:

Collected by Treasurer	\$ 39,943.87
Interest Earned in Animal Control Fund	23.04
Interest Earned in Other Trust Fund	2,966.91
Interest Earned in General Capital Fund	6,666.04
	\$ 49,599.86

Analysis of Nonbudget Revenue:

Miscellaneous Revenue Not Anticipated:

Fees and Permits:

Zoning Board	\$ 3,918.00
Land Use Board	2,692.50
Board of Health	19,600.00
Fire Department	46,786.00
Municipal Clerk	5,869.16
Police Department	8,838.10
Construction Department	67,365.00

State of New Jersey:

LEA Rebates	24,431.22
Senior Citizens' and Veterans'	
Deductions Administrative Reimbursement	619.67
Cable TV Franchise Fees	59,852.36
L.O.S.A.P.- Tewksbury and Far Hills Reimbursement	4,638.25
Death Certificates	4,590.00

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CURRENT FUND
STATEMENT OF REVENUE - REGULATORY BASIS
YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2022
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Analysis of Nonbudget Revenue: (Cont'd)

Miscellaneous Revenue Not Anticipated: (Cont'd)

Marriage Licenses	\$	99.00
Certified List		180.00
Miscellaneous Reimbursements		2,736.95
Bulky Waste Permits		6,445.00
Prior Year Refunds		31,638.73
Recreation Trust Administrative Fees		6,185.00
Healthcare Dividends		155,796.29
Police Department Administrative Fees		87,902.50
FEMA Reimbursements		8,398.93
Tree Removal Permit		500.00
BHHC Rent		3,300.00
Miscellaneous		35,584.21
		587,966.87
Collector:		
Miscellaneous Revenue Not Anticipated		41,627.10
		\$ 629,593.97

TOWNSHIP OF BEDMINSTER
CURRENT FUND
STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURES - REGULATORY BASIS
YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2022

	Appropriations		Expended By		Unexpended Balance Cancelled
	Budget	Budget After Modification	Paid or Charged	Reserved	
Operations Within "CAPS":					
GENERAL GOVERNMENT:					
General Administration:					
Salaries and Wages	\$ 54,880.00	\$ 54,880.00	\$ 54,498.58	\$ 381.42	
Other Expenses - Special Projects	200,000.00	200,000.00			\$ 200,000.00
Other Expenses - Miscellaneous	91,400.00	91,400.00	85,103.29	6,296.71	
Mayor and Township Committee:					
Salaries and Wages	28,755.00	28,760.00	28,755.44	4.56	
Other Expenses	2,000.00	2,000.00	770.00	1,230.00	
Municipal Clerk:					
Salaries and Wages	140,131.00	140,131.00	127,678.80	12,452.20	
Other Expenses	16,000.00	16,000.00	12,065.37	3,934.63	
Financial Administration:					
Salaries and Wages	183,370.00	183,370.00	164,604.09	18,765.91	
Other Expenses	16,240.00	16,240.00	2,489.50	13,750.50	
Annual Audit	25,515.00	25,515.00	25,515.00		
Computerized Data Processing:					
Salaries and Wages	93,540.00	93,540.00	88,065.87	5,474.13	
Other Expenses	43,500.00	48,500.00	41,787.23	6,712.77	
Revenue Administration (Tax Collection):					
Salaries and Wages	65,285.00	65,285.00	65,143.54	141.46	
Other Expenses	14,850.00	14,850.00	13,676.27	1,173.73	
Tax Assessment Administration:					
Salaries and Wages	86,325.00	86,325.00	86,320.78	4.22	
Other Expenses	27,600.00	27,600.00	23,897.68	3,702.32	
Legal Services and Costs:					
Other Expenses	140,000.00	128,400.00	76,818.41	51,581.59	

TOWNSHIP OF BEDMINSTER

CURRENT FUND

STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURES - REGULATORY BASIS

YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2022

(Continued)

	Appropriations		Expended By		Unexpended Balance Canceled
	Budget	Budget After Modification	Paid or Charged	Reserved	
Operations Within "CAPS": (Continued)					
GENERAL GOVERNMENT: (Continued)					
Engineering Services and Costs:					
Other Expenses	\$ 53,000.00	\$ 53,000.00	\$ 40,584.53	\$ 12,415.47	
Local Historian:					
Other Expenses	200.00	200.00		200.00	
Land Use Administration:					
Municipal Land Use Law (N.J.S.A. 40:55D-1):					
Planning Board:					
Salaries and Wages	33,025.00	33,025.00	33,021.39	3.61	
Other Expenses	13,865.00	9,365.00	7,977.67	1,387.33	
Preparation of Master Plan	15,000.00	24,500.00	20,112.50	4,387.50	
Township Planner:					
Other Expenses	5,000.00	5,000.00	132.00	4,868.00	
Zoning Board:					
Salaries and Wages	20,400.00	20,400.00	20,399.50	0.50	
Other Expenses	6,000.00	6,000.00		6,000.00	
Insurance (N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.3(00)):					
General Liability	347,587.00	347,587.00	337,260.00	10,327.00	
Health Benefit Waiver	41,250.00	41,250.00	35,988.96	5,261.04	
Group Insurance Plan for Employees	584,681.60	584,681.60	544,942.88	39,738.72	
PUBLIC SAFETY:					
Police:					
Salaries and Wages	2,046,450.00	2,046,450.00	1,917,370.67	129,079.33	
Other Expenses	134,300.00	134,300.00	113,914.52	20,385.48	
Purchase of Police Vehicles	36,000.00	36,000.00	35,862.10	137.90	

TOWNSHIP OF BEDMINSTER

CURRENT FUND

STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURES - REGULATORY BASIS

YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2022

(Continued)

	Appropriations		Expended By		Unexpended Balance Canceled
	Budget	Budget After Modification	Paid or Charged	Reserved	
Operations Within "CAPS": (Continued)					
PUBLIC SAFETY: (Continued)					
Emergency Management Services:					
Other Expenses	\$ 9,800.00	\$ 9,800.00	\$ 9,679.40	\$ 120.60	
Fire Hydrant Service	145,000.00	145,000.00	138,084.23	6,915.77	
Contribution to First Aid Organization:					
Far Hills First Aid Organization	23,125.00	23,125.00	23,125.00		
Aid to Fire Companies:					
Outside Township - Union Hook and Ladder Company	83,250.00	83,250.00	83,250.00		
Inside Township - Pottersville Fire Company	60,125.00	60,125.00	60,125.00		
Union Hook and Ladder Company - Firehouse	101,086.00	101,086.00	101,085.57	0.43	
Uniform Fire Safety Act:					
Fire Official:					
Salaries and Wages	73,010.00	73,010.00	62,455.40	10,554.60	
Other Expenses	5,525.00	5,525.00	2,604.00	2,921.00	
Municipal Court:					
Other Expenses	36,100.00	36,100.00	23,846.80	12,253.20	
Public Defender:					
Salaries and Wages	24,967.00	24,967.00	23,966.34	1,000.66	
Municipal Prosecutor:					
Other Expenses	97,889.00	97,889.00	71,836.00	26,053.00	
STREETS AND ROADS:					
Road Repair and Maintenance:					
Salaries and Wages	793,000.00	710,000.00	648,956.44	61,043.56	
Other Expenses	352,480.00	412,480.00	390,240.04	22,239.96	

TOWNSHIP OF BEDMINSTER

CURRENT FUND

STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURES - REGULATORY BASIS

YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2022

(Continued)

	Appropriations		Expended By		Unexpended Balance Canceled
	Budget	Budget After Modification	Paid or Charged	Reserved	
Operations Within "CAPS": (Continued)					
STREETS AND ROADS (Continued):					
Somerset County Mandatory Recycling Program:					
Other Expenses	\$ 119,616.00	\$ 119,616.00	\$ 119,616.00		
Public Building and Grounds:					
Other Expenses	94,500.00	94,500.00	87,487.97	\$ 7,012.03	
Vehicle Maintenance:					
Other Expenses	35,000.00	35,000.00	33,205.52	1,794.48	
Community Service Act:					
Street Lighting	46,128.00	46,128.00	46,127.70	0.30	
HEALTH AND WELFARE:					
Board of Health:					
Salaries and Wages	17,210.00	17,560.00	17,549.94	10.06	
Other Expenses - Contractual	66,721.00	68,321.00	68,282.58	38.42	
Other Expenses	5,675.00	5,675.00	1,532.35	4,142.65	
Environmental Commission:					
Other Expenses	1,375.00	1,375.00	625.00	750.00	
Animal Control Services:					
Other Expenses	17,040.00	17,040.00	17,040.00		

TOWNSHIP OF BEDMINSTER
CURRENT FUND
STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURES - REGULATORY BASIS
YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2022
(Continued)

	Appropriations		Expended By		Unexpended Balance Canceled
	Budget	Budget After Modification	Paid or Charged	Reserved	
Operations Within "CAPS": (Continued)					
RECREATION AND EDUCATION:					
Senior Citizens' Van:	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 8,033.85	\$ 1,966.15	
Other Expenses					
Somerset Hills Municipal Alliance and Somerset Hills Youth Services:	2,500.00	2,500.00		2,500.00	
Other Expenses					
Recreation:					
Salaries and Wages	140,350.00	140,350.00	120,689.10	19,660.90	
Other Expenses	10,620.00	10,620.00	8,922.37	1,697.63	
State Uniform Construction Code (NJSA 52:27D-120 et seq.):					
Construction Code Officials:					
Salaries and Wages	246,170.00	245,815.00	180,528.49	65,286.51	
Other Expenses	11,240.00	11,240.00	7,135.25	4,104.75	
UNCLASSIFIED:					
Utilities	211,500.00	234,500.00	198,256.56	36,243.44	
Total Operations Within "CAPS":	7,407,151.60	7,407,151.60	6,559,043.47	648,108.13	\$ 200,000.00
Detail:					
Salaries and Wages	4,021,901.00	3,938,901.00	3,595,638.53	322,862.47	
Other Expenses	3,385,250.60	3,468,250.60	2,963,404.94	325,245.66	200,000.00

TOWNSHIP OF BEDMINSTER
CURRENT FUND
STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURES - REGULATORY BASIS
YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2022
(Continued)

	Appropriations		Expended By		Unexpended Balance Canceled
	Budget	Budget After Modification	Paid or Charged	Reserved	
Deferred Charges and Statutory Expenditures - Municipal - Within "CAPS":					
Statutory Expenditures:					
Contribution to:					
Public Employees' Retirement System	\$ 270,728.00	\$ 270,728.00	\$ 270,728.00		
Social Security System (O.A.S.I.)	208,080.00	208,080.00	200,810.00	\$ 7,270.00	
Police and Firemen's Retirement System of N.J.	585,454.00	585,454.00	585,454.00		
Temporary Disability Insurance	3,060.00	3,060.00	2,164.66	895.34	
Defined Contribution Retirement Program (DCRP)	8,000.00	8,000.00	7,435.37	564.63	
Total Deferred Charges and Statutory Expenditures - Municipal Within "CAPS"	1,075,322.00	1,075,322.00	1,066,592.03	8,729.97	
Total General Appropriations for Municipal Purposes Within "CAPS"	8,482,473.60	8,482,473.60	7,625,635.50	656,838.10	\$ 200,000.00
Operations Excluded from "CAPS":					
Maintenance of Joint Free Public Library:					
Other Expenses	836,758.00	836,758.00	836,757.36	0.64	
Contributions to:					
Length of Service Awards Program (L.O.S.A.P.)	30,000.00	30,000.00	25,343.99	4,656.01	
Interlocal Municipal Service Agreements:					
Far Hills - Tax Collection	9,844.98	9,844.98	8,089.28	1,755.70	
Far Hills - Public Works	24,900.00	24,900.00	24,900.00		
Municipal Court	454,619.70	454,619.70	404,169.52	50,450.18	
DPW - Library	6,000.00	6,000.00	6,000.00		

TOWNSHIP OF BEDMINSTER
CURRENT FUND
STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURES - REGULATORY BASIS
YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2022
(Continued)

	Appropriations		Expended By		Unexpended Balance Canceled
	Budget	Budget After Modification	Paid or Charged	Reserved	
Operations Excluded from "CAPS": (Continued)					
Public and Private Programs Offset by Revenue:					
Recycling Tonnage Grant	\$ 10,777.56	\$ 10,777.56	\$ 10,777.56		
Clean Communities Grant (N.J.S.A. 40A:4-87 + \$23,790.14)		23,790.14	23,790.14		
Body Armor Replacement Fund	1,081.01	1,081.01	1,081.01		
Bullet Proof Vests- Federal	2,032.98	2,032.98	2,032.98		
MELJIF - Safety Grant	1,600.00	1,600.00	1,600.00		
American Rescue Plan Funding	833,999.04	833,999.04	833,999.04		
Central Jersey HIF Wellness Grant	6,500.00	6,500.00	6,500.00		
2022 Somerset County Recreation Grant (N.J.S.A. 40A:4-87 + \$300,000.00)		300,000.00	300,000.00		
Municipal Youth Services (N.J.S.A. 40A:4-87 + \$2,500.00)		2,500.00	2,500.00		
Total Operations Excluded from "CAPS"	2,218,113.27	2,544,403.41	2,487,540.88	\$ 56,862.53	
Detail:					
Other Expenses	2,218,113.27	2,544,403.41	2,487,540.88	56,862.53	
Capital Improvements - Excluded from "CAPS":					
Capital Improvement Fund	434,250.00	434,250.00	434,250.00		
Total Capital Improvements - Excluded from "CAPS"	434,250.00	434,250.00	434,250.00		

TOWNSHIP OF BEDMINSTER
CURRENT FUND
STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURES - REGULATORY BASIS
YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2022
(Continued)

	Appropriations		Expended By		Unexpended Balance Canceled
	Budget	Budget After Modification	Paid or Charged	Reserved	
Municipal Debt Service - Excluded from "CAPS":					
Payment of Bond Anticipation Notes	\$ 89,625.00	\$ 89,625.00	\$ 89,625.00		
Interest on Notes	350.00	350.00	350.00		
Loan Repayments for Principal and Interest	15,545.80	15,545.80	15,545.80		
Total Municipal Debt Service - Excluded from "CAPS"	105,520.80	105,520.80	105,520.80		
Total General Appropriations - Excluded from "CAPS"	2,757,884.07	3,084,174.21	3,027,311.68	\$ 56,862.53	
Subtotal General Appropriations	11,240,357.67	11,566,647.81	10,652,947.18	713,700.63	\$ 200,000.00
Reserve for Uncollected Taxes	992,709.84	992,709.84	992,709.84		
Total General Appropriations	\$ 12,233,067.51	\$ 12,559,357.65	\$ 11,645,657.02	\$ 713,700.63	\$ 200,000.00

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TOWNSHIP OF BEDMINSTER
CURRENT FUND
STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURES - REGULATORY BASIS
YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2022
(Continued)

		Analysis of	
	<u>Ref.</u>	Budget After Modification	Paid or Charged
Adopted Budget		\$ 12,233,067.51	
Added by NJSA 40A:4-87		326,290.14	
		\$ 12,559,357.65	
Reserve for Uncollected Taxes			\$ 992,709.84
Encumbrances	A		231,592.63
Transfer to Federal and State Grant Fund:			
Appropriated Grant Reserves			1,182,280.73
Cash Disbursed			9,534,355.43
			11,940,938.63
Less: Appropriation Refunds			295,281.61
			\$ 11,645,657.02

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TOWNSHIP OF BEDMINSTER
COUNTY OF SOMERSET
2022
TRUST FUNDS

TOWNSHIP OF BEDMINSTER
TRUST FUNDS
COMPARATIVE BALANCE SHEET - REGULATORY BASIS

	Ref.	December 31,	
		2022	2021
<u>ASSETS</u>			
Animal Control Fund:			
Cash and Cash Equivalents	B-1	\$ 7,538.87	\$ 4,301.50
Due State of New Jersey		25.41	25.41
Due Current Fund	A		1.38
		<u>7,564.28</u>	<u>4,328.29</u>
Other Trust Funds:			
Cash and Cash Equivalents	B-1	6,516,720.82	5,978,051.59
Due Current Fund	A	43,307.69	27,613.34
		<u>6,560,028.51</u>	<u>6,005,664.93</u>
TOTAL ASSETS		<u><u>\$ 6,567,592.79</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 6,009,993.22</u></u>
<u>LIABILITIES, RESERVES AND FUND BALANCE</u>			
Animal Control Fund:			
Prepaid Licenses		\$ 3,618.80	\$ 3,671.60
Due Current Fund	A	7.81	
Reserve for Animal Control Expenditures	B-2	3,937.67	656.69
		<u>7,564.28</u>	<u>4,328.29</u>
Other Trust Funds:			
Special Escrow Deposits		360,072.19	400,161.72
Developers' Escrow Deposits		322,817.58	187,359.22
Reserve for:			
State Unemployment Insurance		107,285.22	100,731.88
Recreation Funds		105,145.22	107,075.44
Forfeited Assets		15,292.12	15,245.47
Parking Offenses Adjudication Act		489.90	487.90
Public Defender		11,803.50	11,103.50
Affordable Housing		2,302,108.73	1,954,772.78
Open Space		3,022,094.45	2,930,231.32
Storm Recovery		51,576.90	44,617.70
Park Bench		1,504.24	1,490.35
Fire Prevention		4,689.58	8,055.89
Tax Sale Premium		58,600.00	42,700.00
Police Outside Duty		73,960.32	69,425.32
Flexible Spending		2.57	2.57
Developer Reforestation		5,092.58	5,092.58
Accumulated Absences		77,493.41	87,111.29
Self Insurance		40,000.00	40,000.00
		<u>6,560,028.51</u>	<u>6,005,664.93</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND RESERVES		<u><u>\$ 6,567,592.79</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 6,009,993.22</u></u>

THE ACCOMPANYING NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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TOWNSHIP OF BEDMINSTER
COUNTY OF SOMERSET
2022
GENERAL CAPITAL FUND

TOWNSHIP OF BEDMINSTER
GENERAL CAPITAL FUND
COMPARATIVE BALANCE SHEET - REGULATORY BASIS

	Ref.	December 31,	
		2022	2021
<u>ASSETS</u>			
Cash and Cash Equivalents	C-2	\$ 2,371,606.69	\$ 1,777,045.42
Grants Receivable:			
New Jersey Department of Transportation		282,711.65	187,336.72
Somerset County Geographic Information Systems		6,100.80	6,100.80
Accounts Receivable - Peapack Gladstone Court Project		2,050.00	2,050.00
Accounts Receivable - Borough of Bernardsville Court Project		2,242.00	2,242.00
Deferred Charges to Future Taxation:			
Funded		80,586.54	94,314.35
Unfunded	C-4	3,011,500.00	1,989,625.00
TOTAL ASSETS		\$ 5,756,797.68	\$ 4,058,714.29
<u>LIABILITIES, RESERVES AND FUND BALANCE</u>			
Green Acres Loans Payable	C-9	\$ 80,586.54	\$ 94,314.35
Bond Anticipation Notes Payable	C-7	947,000.00	89,625.00
Improvement Authorizations:			
Funded	C-5	750,704.85	502,258.36
Unfunded	C-5	2,088,182.51	1,901,111.36
Encumbrances Payable		1,305,166.26	914,542.09
Due Current Fund	A	2,165.03	120.64
Capital Improvement Fund	C-6	485,623.49	459,373.49
Reserve for:			
Construction of Sidewalks		37,393.70	37,393.70
Insurance Settlement		905.73	905.73
Fund Balance	C-1	59,069.57	59,069.57
TOTAL LIABILITIES, RESERVES AND FUND BALANCE		\$ 5,756,797.68	\$ 4,058,714.29

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TOWNSHIP OF BEDMINSTER
GENERAL CAPITAL FUND
STATEMENT OF FUND BALANCE - REGULATORY BASIS

	<u>Ref.</u>	
Balance December 31, 2021	C	<u>\$ 59,069.57</u>
Balance December 31, 2022	C	<u><u>\$ 59,069.57</u></u>

THE ACCOMPANYING NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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TOWNSHIP OF BEDMINSTER
COUNTY OF SOMERSET
2022
WATER UTILITY FUND

NOT APPLICABLE

TOWNSHIP OF BEDMINSTER
COUNTY OF SOMERSET
2022
SEWER UTILITY FUND

TOWNSHIP OF BEDMINSTER
SEWER UTILITY FUND
COMPARATIVE BALANCE SHEET - REGULATORY BASIS

	Ref.	December 31,	
		2022	2021
<u>ASSETS</u>			
Operating Fund:			
Cash and Cash Equivalents	E-4	\$ 2,397,163.01	\$ 2,240,184.55
Investments			89,625.00
Due Sewer Utility Assessment Fund	E	21.94	1.91
Due Sewer Utility Capital Fund	E	726.37	18.02
		<u>2,397,911.32</u>	<u>2,329,829.48</u>
Receivables with Full Reserves:			
Consumer Accounts Receivable	E-6	3,172.93	24,429.74
		<u>3,172.93</u>	<u>24,429.74</u>
Total Operating Fund		<u>2,401,084.25</u>	<u>2,354,259.22</u>
Assessment Fund:			
Cash and Cash Equivalents	E-4	22,513.82	22,493.79
Total Assessment Fund		<u>22,513.82</u>	<u>22,493.79</u>
Capital Fund:			
Cash and Cash Equivalents	E-4	746,173.91	677,634.06
Fixed Capital	E-7	7,210,940.63	7,143,175.63
Fixed Capital Authorized and Uncompleted	E-8	96,925.25	89,690.25
Total Capital Fund		<u>8,054,039.79</u>	<u>7,910,499.94</u>
TOTAL ASSETS		<u>\$ 10,477,637.86</u>	<u>\$ 10,287,252.95</u>

TOWNSHIP OF BEDMINSTER
SEWER UTILITY FUND
COMPARATIVE BALANCE SHEET - REGULATORY BASIS
(Continued)

	Ref.	December 31,	
		2022	2021
<u>LIABILITIES, RESERVES AND FUND BALANCE</u>			
Operating Fund:			
Appropriation Reserves:			
Unencumbered	E-3;E-9	\$ 279,703.43	\$ 160,556.45
Encumbered	E-3;E-9	31,821.15	22,578.60
		<u>311,524.58</u>	<u>183,135.05</u>
Accounts Payable		6,997.00	3,552.00
Prepaid Sewer Rents		1,820.24	1,548.58
Reserve for Tax Sale Premiums		2,500.00	2,500.00
Reserve for Sewer Connections		86,164.36	86,164.36
		<u>409,006.18</u>	<u>276,899.99</u>
Reserve for Receivables	E	3,172.93	24,429.74
Fund Balance	E-1	1,988,905.14	2,052,929.49
		<u>1,988,905.14</u>	<u>2,052,929.49</u>
Total Operating Fund		<u>2,401,084.25</u>	<u>2,354,259.22</u>
Assessment Fund:			
Due Sewer Utility Operating Fund	E	21.94	1.91
Fund Balance	E-1B	22,491.88	22,491.88
		<u>22,491.88</u>	<u>22,491.88</u>
Total Assessment Fund		<u>22,513.82</u>	<u>22,493.79</u>
Capital Fund:			
Improvement Authorizations:			
Funded	E-10	96,925.25	89,690.25
Due Sewer Utility Operating Fund	E	726.37	18.02
Reserve for Amortization	E-11	7,210,940.63	7,143,175.63
Deferred Reserve for Amortization	E-12	96,925.25	89,690.25
Reserve for:			
Capital Expenditures		95,770.55	95,770.55
Equipment Renewal and Replacement:			
Sanitary Sewer Collection System		115,000.00	110,000.00
Sanitary Sewer Treatment System		235,010.14	228,073.64
Lamington Road Pump Station		55,000.00	51,000.00
Far Hills Ordinance #17-17 Reimbursement		1,802.64	1,802.64
Encumbrances		44,660.00	
Fund Balance	E-1A	101,278.96	101,278.96
		<u>101,278.96</u>	<u>101,278.96</u>
Total Capital Fund		<u>8,054,039.79</u>	<u>7,910,499.94</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES, RESERVES AND FUND BALANCE		<u>\$ 10,477,637.86</u>	<u>\$ 10,287,252.95</u>

THE ACCOMPANYING NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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TOWNSHIP OF BEDMINSTER
SEWER UTILITY OPERATING FUND
COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS
AND CHANGE IN FUND BALANCE - REGULATORY BASIS

	Ref.	Year Ended December 31,	
		2022	2021
<u>Revenue and Other Income Realized</u>			
Fund Balance Utilized		\$ 297,631.32	\$ 175,000.00
Rents		392,442.03	347,355.34
Contribution from Far Hills		5,026.60	4,924.01
Shared Services for STAB		119,515.32	71,758.71
Nonbudget Revenue		11,114.36	2,790.62
Other Credits to Income:			
Unexpended Balance of Appropriation Reserves		126,998.69	111,160.31
Total Income		<u>952,728.32</u>	<u>712,988.99</u>
<u>Expenditures</u>			
Operating		678,524.00	531,587.25
Capital Improvements		29,000.00	29,000.00
Statutory Expenditures		11,597.35	7,140.00
Total Expenditures		<u>719,121.35</u>	<u>567,727.25</u>
Statutory Excess to Fund Balance		233,606.97	145,261.74
<u>Fund Balance</u>			
Balance January 1		2,052,929.49	2,082,667.75
Decreased by:			
Utilized by Sewer Operating Budget		297,631.32	175,000.00
Balance December 31	E	<u>\$ 1,988,905.14</u>	<u>\$ 2,052,929.49</u>

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TOWNSHIP OF BEDMINSTER
SEWER UTILITY CAPITAL FUND
STATEMENT OF FUND BALANCE - REGULATORY BASIS

	<u>Ref.</u>	
Balance December 31, 2021	E	<u>\$ 101,278.96</u>
Balance December 31, 2022	E	<u><u>\$ 101,278.96</u></u>

THE ACCOMPANYING NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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TOWNSHIP OF BEDMINSTER
SEWER UTILITY ASSESSMENT TRUST
STATEMENT OF FUND BALANCE - REGULATORY BASIS

	<u>Ref.</u>	
Balance December 31, 2021	E	<u>\$ 22,491.88</u>
Balance December 31, 2022	E	<u><u>\$ 22,491.88</u></u>

THE ACCOMPANYING NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
ARE AN INTEGRAL PART OF THIS STATEMENT

TOWNSHIP OF BEDMINSTER
SEWER UTILITY OPERATING FUND
STATEMENT OF REVENUE - REGULATORY BASIS
YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2022

	Anticipated	Realized	Excess or Deficit*
Operating Surplus Anticipated	\$ 297,631.32	\$ 297,631.32	
Sewer Rents	296,948.12	392,442.03	\$ 95,493.91
Contribution from Far Hills	5,026.60	5,026.60	
Shared Services for STAB	119,515.31	119,515.32	0.01
Non-Budget Revenue		11,114.36	11,114.36
	\$ 719,121.35	\$ 825,729.63	\$ 106,608.28

Analysis of Sewer Rents

Collector:		
Rents		\$ 390,893.45
Prepaid Rents Applied		1,548.58
		\$ 392,442.03

Analysis of Non-Budget Revenue:

Treasurer:		
Interest on Investments		\$ 6,558.12
Collector:		
Miscellaneous Revenue	\$ 90.00	
Interest on Delinquent Accounts	2,405.08	
		2,495.08
Due from Sewer Utility Assessment Fund:		
Interest on Assessments		68.81
Due from Sewer Utility Capital Fund:		
Interest on Investments		1,992.35
		\$ 11,114.36

THE ACCOMPANYING NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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TOWNSHIP OF BEDMINSTER
SEWER UTILITY OPERATING FUND
STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURES - REGULATORY BASIS
YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2022

	Appropriations		Expended by	
	Budget	Budget After Modification	Paid or Charged	Reserved
Operating:				
Salaries and Wages	\$ 81,285.00	\$ 81,285.00	\$ 36,596.66	\$ 44,688.34
Other Expenses	597,239.00	597,239.00	362,223.91	235,015.09
Capital Improvements:				
Reserve for Equipment Renewal and Replacement:				
Sanitary Sewer Collection System	5,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00	
Sanitary Sewer Treatment System	20,000.00	20,000.00	20,000.00	
Reserve for Lamington Road Pump Station	4,000.00	4,000.00	4,000.00	
Deferred Charges and Statutory Expenditures:				
Statutory Expenditures:				
Contribution to:				
Public Employees' Retirement System	6,597.35	6,597.35	6,597.35	
Social Security System (O.A.S.I.)	5,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00	
	<u>\$ 719,121.35</u>	<u>\$ 719,121.35</u>	<u>\$ 439,417.92</u>	<u>\$ 279,703.43</u>
		<u>Ref.</u>		<u>E</u>
	Cash Disbursed		\$ 407,596.77	
	Encumbrances	E	31,821.15	
			<u>\$ 439,417.92</u>	

TOWNSHIP OF BEDMINSTER
COUNTY OF SOMERSET
2022
PUBLIC ASSISTANCE FUND

TOWNSHIP OF BEDMINSTER
PUBLIC ASSISTANCE FUND
COMPARATIVE BALANCE SHEET - REGULATORY BASIS

		December 31,	
	Ref.	2022	2021
<u>ASSETS</u>			
Cash and Cash Equivalents	F-1	\$ 11,397.06	\$ 11,362.29
TOTAL ASSETS		\$ 11,397.06	\$ 11,362.29
 <u>RESERVES AND LIABILITIES</u>			
Reserve for Public Assistance Expenditures		\$ 11,397.06	\$ 11,362.29
TOTAL RESERVES AND LIABILITIES		\$ 11,397.06	\$ 11,362.29

THE ACCOMPANYING NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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TOWNSHIP OF BEDMINSTER
COUNTY OF SOMERSET
2022
GENERAL FIXED ASSETS ACCOUNT GROUP

TOWNSHIP OF BEDMINSTER
GENERAL FIXED ASSETS ACCOUNT GROUP
COMPARATIVE BALANCE SHEET - REGULATORY BASIS

	December 31,	
	2022	2021
<u>ASSETS</u>		
Land	\$ 31,108,760.00	\$ 31,108,760.00
Buildings and Improvements	8,223,100.00	8,223,100.00
Machinery and Equipment	7,772,448.00	7,768,640.00
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 47,104,308.00	\$ 47,100,500.00
 <u>RESERVES</u>		
Reserve for Fixed Assets	\$ 47,104,308.00	\$ 47,100,500.00
TOTAL RESERVES	\$ 47,104,308.00	\$ 47,100,500.00

THE ACCOMPANYING NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
ARE AN INTEGRAL PART OF THIS STATEMENT

TOWNSHIP OF BEDMINSTER
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2022

Note 1: Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

A. Reporting Entity

Except as noted below, the financial statements of the Township of Bedminster include every board, body, officer or commission supported and maintained wholly or in part by funds appropriated by the Township of Bedminster, as required by N.J.S. 40A:5-5. Accordingly, the financial statements of the Township of Bedminster do not include the operations of the Volunteer Fire and First Aid Squads and Joint Free Public Library.

Governmental Accounting Standards Board ("GASB") Codification Section 2100, "Defining the Financial Reporting Entity" establishes standards to determine whether a governmental component unit should be included in the financial reporting entity. Component units are legally separate organizations for which the elected officials of the primary government are financially accountable. In addition, component units can be other organizations for which the nature and significance of their relationship with a primary government are such that exclusion would cause the reporting entity's financial statements to be misleading. The primary government is financially accountable if it appoints a voting majority of the organization's governing body and (1) it is able to impose its will on that organization or (2) there is a potential for the organization to provide specific financial benefits to, or impose specific financial burdens on, the primary government. A legally separate, tax-exempt organization should be reported as a component unit of a reporting entity if all of the following criteria are met: (1) The economic resources received or held by the separate organization are entirely or almost entirely for the direct benefit of the primary government, its component units, or its constituents. (2) The primary government, or its component units, is entitled to, or has the ability to otherwise access, a majority of the economic resources received or held by the separate organization. (3). The economic resources received or held by an individual organization that the specific primary government, or its component units, is entitled to, or has the ability to otherwise access, are significant to that primary government. As the financial reporting entity was established in accordance with New Jersey statutes, the requirements of GASB Codification Section 2100 were not followed and, accordingly, the reporting entity could be different from accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

B. Description of Funds

The accounting policies of the Township of Bedminster conform to the accounting practices applicable to municipalities which have been prescribed or permitted by the Division of Local Government Services, Department of Community Affairs, State of New Jersey (the "Division"). Such practices are designed primarily for determining compliance with legal provisions and budgetary restrictions and as a means of reporting on the stewardship of public officials with respect to public funds. Under this method of accounting, the Township of Bedminster accounts for its financial transactions through the following separate funds:

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

TOWNSHIP OF BEDMINSTER
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2022
(Continued)

Note 1: Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Cont'd)

B. Description of Funds (Cont'd)

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

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

Sewer Utility Operating, Assessment and Capital Funds – Account for the operations, resources and expenditures for payment of assessment debt and acquisition of capital facilities of the municipally owned sewer utility.

Public Assistance Fund - Receipt and disbursement of funds that provide assistance to certain residents of the municipality pursuant to Title 44 of New Jersey Statutes. The operations of the State funded welfare program were transferred to the County in a prior year.

General Fixed Assets Account Group – Estimated values of land, buildings and certain fixed assets of the Township as discussed in Note 1E.

C. Basis of Accounting

Basis of accounting refers to when revenue and expenditures or expenses are recognized in the accounts and reported in the financial statements. Basis of accounting relates to the timing of the measurements made, regardless of the measurement focus applied.

The more significant accounting policies in New Jersey follow.

Revenue is recorded when received in cash except for certain amounts which may be due from the State of New Jersey and for the prepayment of future years' revenue. Grant revenue is realized in the operating funds when it is budgeted and in the capital funds when improvements are authorized. The amounts recorded as property taxes and consumer accounts receivable have not been included in revenue. Amounts that are due to the municipality, which are susceptible of accrual, are recorded as receivables with offsetting reserves in the Current Fund.

Expenditures are charged to operations generally based on budgeted amounts. Exceptions to this general rule include:

1. Accumulated unpaid vacation, sick pay and other employee amounts are not accrued.
2. Prepaid expenses, such as insurance premiums applicable to subsequent periods, are charged to current budget appropriations in total.
3. Principal and interest on long-term debt are recognized when due.

TOWNSHIP OF BEDMINSTER
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2022
(Continued)

Note 1: Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Cont'd)

C. Basis of Accounting (Cont'd)

Expenditures, if any, in excess of appropriations, appropriation reserves or ordinances become deferred charges which must be raised by future taxes. Outstanding encumbrances at December 31 are reported as a cash liability in the financial statements and constitute part of the statutory appropriation reserve balance. Appropriation reserves covering unexpended appropriation balances are automatically created at December 31 of each year and recorded as liabilities, except for amounts which may be cancelled 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.

Had the Township's financial statements been prepared under accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, encumbrances would not be considered as expenditures; appropriation reserves would not be recorded; revenue susceptible to accrual would have been reflected without offsetting reserves; Federal and State grants and assistance would be recognized when earned, not when awarded and inventories would not be reflected as expenditures at the time of purchase, investments would generally be stated at fair value, and the Township's net OPEB liability and net pension liability and related deferred inflows and outflows, where applicable, would be recorded.

The cash basis of accounting is followed in the Trust Funds.

D. Deferred Charges to Future Taxation

The General Capital Fund balance sheet includes both funded and unfunded deferred charges. Funded means that bonds have been issued and are being paid off on a serial basis. Unfunded means that the debt has been authorized but not permanently financed. A municipality can eliminate an unfunded deferred charge by raising it in the budget or collecting a grant. The unfunded deferred charge may also be funded by selling bonds, by loans or by financed purchases agreements.

E. Other significant accounting policies include

Management Estimates – The preparation of financial statements requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of revenue and expenditures/expenses during the period reported. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

Cash and Cash Equivalents – Amounts include petty cash, change funds, amounts on deposit, and short-term investments with original maturities of three months or less.

Investments – Investments are stated at cost.

TOWNSHIP OF BEDMINSTER
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2022
(Continued)

Note 1: Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Cont'd)

E. Other significant accounting policies include (Cont'd)

Allowance for Uncollectible Accounts – No allowance for uncollectible accounts has been recorded as all amounts are considered collectible.

Compensated Absences - Expenditures relating to unused vested accumulated vacation and sick pay are not recorded until paid.

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

Interfunds - Interfund receivables in the Current Fund are recorded with offsetting reserves which are created by charges to operations. Income is recognized in the year the receivables are liquidated. Interfund receivables in the other funds are not offset by reserves.

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

Grants Receivable - Grants receivable represent the total grant awards less amounts collected to date. Because the amount of grant funds to be collected are dependent on the total costs eligible for reimbursement, the actual amount collected may be less than the total amount awarded.

General Fixed Assets – In accordance with accounting requirements in the New Jersey Administrative Code, as promulgated by the Division of Local Government Services, the Township developed a fixed assets accounting and reporting system. General fixed assets are recorded at cost or estimated historical cost. Infrastructure assets are not included in general fixed assets, as per state directive. Major renewals and betterments are charged to the asset accounts; maintenance and minor repairs and replacements, which do not improve or extend the lives of the respective assets, are expensed currently. Donated fixed assets are valued at their fair market value on the date donated. No depreciation has been provided for on general fixed assets. The total value recorded for general fixed assets is offset by a “Reserve for Fixed Assets”. When properties are retired or otherwise disposed of, the asset and the reserve are adjusted accordingly. Assets recorded in the General Fixed Assets Account Group may also be recorded in the Current Fund, General Capital Fund and Sewer Utility Fund. The values recorded in the general fixed assets account group and the capital funds may not always agree due to differences in valuation methods, timing of recognition of assets, and the recognition of infrastructures. Fixed assets are reviewed for impairment.

Property and equipment purchased by the Sewer Utility Fund is recorded in the capital account at cost. The amount shown does not purport to represent replacement costs or current value. Contributions in aid of construction are not capitalized. The balances in the Reserve for Amortization and Deferred Reserve for Amortization accounts in the Sewer Utility Capital Fund represent charges to operations for the costs of acquisitions of property, equipment and improvements. The Sewer Utility does not record depreciation on fixed assets.

TOWNSHIP OF BEDMINSTER
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2022
(Continued)

Note 1: Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Cont'd)

- F. Budget/Budgetary Control – Annual appropriated budgets are usually prepared in the first quarter for Current operating, utility, and Open Space Trust Funds. The budgets are submitted to the governing body and the Division of Local Government Services. Budgets are prepared using the cash basis of accounting. The legal level of budgetary control is established at the line item accounts within each fund. Line item accounts are defined as the lowest (most specific) level of detail as established pursuant to the flexible chart of accounts referenced in N.J.S.A. 40A. All budget amendments/transfers must be approved by the Township during the year.

Note 2: Long-Term Debt

The Local Bond Law governs the issuance of bond to finance general Township capital expenditures. All bonds are retired in serial installments within the statutory period of usefulness. All bonds issued by the Township are general obligation bonds. The Township's full faith and credit and taxing power have been pledged to the payment of the general obligation debt principal and interest.

Summary of Municipal Debt

	December 31,		
	2022	2021	2020
<u>Issued</u>			
General:			
Bonds, Notes and Loans	\$ 1,027,586.54	\$ 183,939.35	\$ 287,021.66
	<u>1,027,586.54</u>	<u>183,939.35</u>	<u>287,021.66</u>
<u>Authorized but not Issued:</u>			
General:			
Bonds and Notes	2,064,500.00	1,900,000.00	1,900,000.00
	<u>2,064,500.00</u>	<u>1,900,000.00</u>	<u>1,900,000.00</u>
Net Bonds and Notes Issued and Authorized but not Issued	<u>\$ 3,092,086.54</u>	<u>\$ 2,083,939.35</u>	<u>\$ 2,187,021.66</u>

Summary of Statutory Debt Condition - Annual Debt Statement

The summarized statement of debt condition, which follows, is prepared in accordance with the required method of setting up the Annual Debt Statement and indicates a statutory net debt of .122%.

TOWNSHIP OF BEDMINSTER
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2022
(Continued)

Note 2: Long-Term Debt (Cont'd)

Summary of Statutory Debt Condition - Annual Debt Statement (Cont'd)

	<u>Gross Debt</u>	<u>Deductions</u>	<u>Net Debt</u>
General Debt	\$ 3,092,086.54		\$ 3,092,086.54
	<u>\$ 3,092,086.54</u>	<u>\$ -0-</u>	<u>\$ 3,092,086.54</u>

Net Debt: \$3,092,086.54 divided by Average Equalized Valuations of \$2,538,525,284.67 of Real Property = .122%.

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

3-1/2% Average Equalized Valuation of Real Property	\$ 88,848,384.96
Net Debt	<u>3,092,086.54</u>
Remaining Borrowing Power	<u>\$ 85,756,298.42</u>

Calculation of "Self-Liquidating Purpose", Sewer Utility Per N.J.S.40A:2-45

Cash Receipts from Fees, Rents or Other Charges for Year	\$ 825,729.63
Deductions:	
Operating and Maintenance Cost	\$ 719,121.35
Debt Service	<u>-0-</u>
	<u>719,121.35</u>
Excess in Revenue	<u>\$ 106,608.28</u>

Footnote: If there is an "excess in revenue," all such utility debt is deductible. If there is a "deficit," then utility debt is not deductible to the extent of 20 times such deficit amount.

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

TOWNSHIP OF BEDMINSTER
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2022
(Continued)

Note 2: Long-Term Debt (Cont'd)

Summary of Municipal Debt Issued and Outstanding

Fund	Balance 12/31/21	Additions	Retirements	Balance 12/31/22
Bond Anticipation Notes:				
General Capital Fund	\$ 89,625.00	\$ 947,000.00	\$ 89,625.00	\$ 947,000.00
Loans Payable:				
General Capital Fund:				
Green Acres Loans	94,314.35		13,727.81	80,586.54
Total	<u>\$ 183,939.35</u>	<u>\$ 947,000.00</u>	<u>\$ 103,352.81</u>	<u>\$ 1,027,586.54</u>

Fund	Balance 12/31/20	Additions	Retirements	Balance 12/31/21
Bond Anticipation Notes:				
General Capital Fund	\$ 179,250.00	\$ 89,625.00	\$ 179,250.00	\$ 89,625.00
Loans Payable:				
General Capital Fund:				
Green Acres Loans	107,771.66		13,457.31	94,314.35
Total	<u>\$ 287,021.66</u>	<u>\$ 89,625.00</u>	<u>\$ 192,707.31</u>	<u>\$ 183,939.35</u>

At December 31, 2022, the Township had debt issued and outstanding as follows:

General Capital Bond Anticipation Notes

Purpose	Issue Date	Maturity Date	Interest Rate	Balance Dec. 31, 2022
Acquisition of Vehicular Equipment	5/13/2022	5/12/2023	1.83%	\$ 947,000.00
				<u>\$ 947,000.00</u>

General Capital Green Acres Loans Payable

Purpose	Issue Date	Maturity Date	Interest Rate	Balance Dec. 31, 2022
Loan Payable # 5	2008	5/01/2028	2.00%	\$ 80,586.54
				<u>\$ 80,586.54</u>

TOTAL DEBT ISSUED AND OUTSTANDING \$ 1,027,586.54

TOWNSHIP OF BEDMINSTER
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2022
(Continued)

Note 2: Long-Term Debt (Cont'd)

Schedule of Annual Debt Service for Principal and Interest for the Next Five Years and
Thereafter for Bonded Debt and Loans Issued and Outstanding

<u>Calendar Year</u>	<u>General</u>		<u>Total</u>
	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Interest</u>	
2023	\$ 14,004	\$ 1,542	\$ 15,546
2024	14,285	1,261	15,546
2025	14,572	973	15,545
2026	14,865	680	15,545
2027	15,165	382	15,547
Thereafter:			
2028	<u>7,696</u>	<u>77</u>	<u>7,773</u>
	<u>\$ 80,587</u>	<u>\$ 4,915</u>	<u>\$ 85,502</u>

Green Acres Loans

This program was developed by the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection to provide low interest loans to local governments for the acquisition, preservation and improvement of land for recreation.

The Township entered into six loan agreements, of which one is outstanding, with the State of New Jersey for the acquisition of land and parks development. The loans are repayable over a twenty year period at a rate of interest not to exceed 2%. At December 31, 2022, the loan balances were \$80,587 and the projects financed with these loans are complete.

Note 3: Fund Balances Appropriated

The budget for 2023 has not been introduced as of the date of this report. Thus, the amount of fund balance at December 31, 2022 for the Current Fund which will be included in the 2023 budget is not known.

TOWNSHIP OF BEDMINSTER
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2022
(Continued)

Note 4: Deferred School District Taxes

Regulations provide for the deferral of not more than 50% of the annual levy when school taxes are raised for a school year and have not been requisitioned by the school district. The Township of Bedminster has elected to defer school taxes in the amount of \$4,514,134.50.

The Local School District was raised on the school year basis and the liability deferred by statute to the succeeding year. The deferred school taxes are summarized as follows:

	Balance Dec. 31, 2022	Balance Dec. 31, 2021
Balance of Tax	\$ 4,514,134.50	\$ 4,425,622.00
Less: Amount Deferred	4,514,134.50	4,425,622.00
 Tax Payable (Cash Liability)	 \$ -0-	 \$ -0-

Note 5: Pension Plans

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

A. Public Employees’ Retirement System (PERS)

Plan Description

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

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. 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

TOWNSHIP OF BEDMINSTER
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2022
(Continued)

Note 5: Pension Plans (Cont'd)

A. Public Employees' Retirement System (PERS) (Cont'd)

Plan Description (Cont'd)

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

Contributions

The contribution policy for PERS is set by N.J.S.A. 43:15A and requires contributions by active members and contributing members. The local employers' contribution amounts are based on an actuarially determined rate which includes the normal cost and unfunded accrued liability. Chapter 19, P.L. 2009 provided an option for local employers of PERS to contribute 50% of the normal and accrued liability contribution amounts certified for payments due in State fiscal year 2009. Such employers will be credited with the full payment and any such amounts will not be included in their unfunded liability. The actuaries will determine the unfunded liability of those retirement systems, by employer, for the reduced normal and accrued liability contributions provided under this law. This unfunded liability will be paid by the employer in level annual payments over a period of 15 years beginning with the payments due in the fiscal year ended June 30, 2012 and are adjusted by the rate of return on the actuarial value of assets.

Township contributions to PERS amounted to \$270,728 for 2022.

The employee contribution rate was 7.50% effective July 1, 2018.

Pension Liabilities and Pension Expense

At June 30, 2021, the Township's liability was \$2,738,566 for its proportionate share of the net pension liability. The net pension liability was measured as of June 30, 2021, and the total pension liability used to calculate the net pension liability was determined by an actuarial valuation as of July 1, 2020 which was rolled forward to June 30, 2021. The Township's proportion of the net pension liability was based on a projection of the Township's long-term share of contributions to the pension plan relative to the projected contributions of all participating members, actuarially determined. At June 30, 2021, the Township's proportion was 0.0231%, which was an decrease of 0.0009% from its proportion measured as of June 30, 2020. The Township has rolled forward the net pension liability as of June 30, 2021 with no adjustments. The State of New Jersey Public Employees' Retirement System (PERS)' valuation cycle is July 1 instead of December 31. The roll forward methodology puts them a year in arrears in terms of valuation. The Division of Local Government Services, Department of Community Affairs, State of New Jersey is permitting municipalities and counties to include the June 30, 2021 information in the Notes to the Financial Statements as the June 30, 2022 information has not been released as of the date of this audit.

TOWNSHIP OF BEDMINSTER
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2022
(Continued)

Note 5: Pension Plans (Cont'd)

A. Public Employees' Retirement System (PERS) (Cont'd)

Pension Liabilities and Pension Expense (Cont'd)

For the year ended December 31, 2022, the Township recognized actual pension expense in the amount of \$270,728.

Actuarial Assumptions

The total pension liability for the June 30, 2021 measurement date was determined by an actuarial valuation as of July 1, 2020 which was rolled forward to June 30, 2021. This actuarial valuation used the following actuarial assumptions:

Inflation Rate:	
Price	2.75%
Wage	3.25%
Salary Increases:	
Through 2026	2.00 – 6.00% based on years of service
Thereafter	3.00 – 7.00% 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 a 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, 2020 valuation were based on the results of an actuarial experience study for the period July 1, 2014 to June 30, 2018.

Long Term Expected Rate of Return

In accordance with State statute, the long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments (7.00% at June 30, 2021) is determined by the State Treasurer, after consultation with the Directors of the Division of Investments and Division of Pensions and Benefits, the Board of Trustees and the actuaries. The long-term expected rate of return was determined using a building block method in which best-estimate ranges of expected future real rates of return (expected returns, net of pension plan investment expense and inflation) are developed for each major asset class.

TOWNSHIP OF BEDMINSTER
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2022
(Continued)

Note 5: Pension Plans (Cont'd)

A. Public Employees' Retirement System (PERS) (Cont'd)

Long Term Expected Rate of Return (Cont'd)

These ranges are combined to produce the long-term expected rate of return by weighting the expected future real rates of return by the target asset allocation percentage and by adding expected inflation. Best estimates of arithmetic real rates of return for each major asset class included in PERS' target asset allocation as of June 30, 2021 are summarized in the following table:

<u>Asset Class</u>	<u>Target Allocation</u>	<u>Long-Term Expected Real Rate of Return</u>
U.S. Equity	27.00%	8.09%
Non-U.S. Developed Market Equity	13.50%	8.71%
Emerging Markets Equity	5.50%	10.96%
Private Equity	13.00%	11.30%
Real Assets	3.00%	7.40%
Real Estate	8.00%	9.15%
High Yield	2.00%	3.75%
Private Credit	8.00%	7.60%
Investment Grade Credit	8.00%	1.68%
Cash Equivalents	4.00%	0.50%
U.S. Treasuries	5.00%	0.95%
Risk Mitigation Strategies	3.00%	3.35%

Discount Rate

The discount rate used to measure the total pension liability was 7.00% as of June 30, 2021. 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 upon 100% of the actuarially determined contributions for the State employer and 100% of actuarially determined contributions for the local employers. Based on those assumptions, the plan's fiduciary net position was projected to be available to make all projected future benefit payments of current plan members. Therefore, the long-term expected rate of return on plan investments was applied to all projected benefit payments in determining the total pension liability.

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Note 5: Pension Plans (Cont'd)

A. Public Employees' Retirement System (PERS) (Cont'd)

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 collective net pension liability as of June 30, 2021 calculated using the discount rate as disclosed below, 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 or 1-percentage-point higher than the current rate:

	June 30, 2021		
	At 1% Decrease (6.00%)	At Current Discount Rate (7.00%)	At 1% Increase (8.00%)
Township's proportionate share of the Net Pension Liability	\$ 3,729,371	\$ 2,738,566	\$ 1,897,727

Pension Plan Fiduciary Net Position

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

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

Plan Description

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

Benefits Provided

The vesting and benefit provisions are set by N.J.S.A. 43:16A. The PFRS provides retirement, death and disability benefits. All benefits vest after ten years of service, except for disability benefits, which vest after 4 years of service.

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Note 5: Pension Plans (Cont'd)

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

Benefits Provided (Cont'd)

The following represents the membership tiers for PFRS:

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

Service retirement benefits are available at age 55 and are generally determined to be 2% of final compensation for each year of creditable service, as defined, up to 30 years plus 1% for each year of service in excess of 30 years. Members may seek special retirement after achieving 25 years of creditable service, in which benefits would equal 65% (tiers 1 and 2 members) and 60% (tier 3 members) of final compensation plus 1% for each year 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 policy for PFRS is set by N.J.S.A. 43:16A and requires contributions by active members and contributing members. State legislation has modified the amount that is contributed by the State. The State's contribution amount is based on an actuarially determined rate, which includes the normal costs and unfunded accrued liability. For fiscal year 2021, the State contributed an amount less than the actuarially determined amount.

The Local employers' contribution amounts are based on an actuarially determined rate, which includes the normal cost and unfunded accrued liability. Chapter 19, P.L. 2009 provided an option for local employers of PFRS to contribute 50% of the normal and accrued liability contribution amounts certified for payments due in State fiscal year 2009. Such employers will be credited with the full payment and any such amounts will not be included in their unfunded liability. The actuaries will determine the unfunded liability by employer, for the reduced normal and accrued liability contributions provided under this law. This unfunded liability will be paid by the employer in level annual amounts over a period of 15 years beginning with the payments due in the fiscal year ended June 30, 2012 and will be adjusted by the rate of return on the actuarial value of the assets.

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Note 5: Pension Plans (Cont'd)

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

Special Funding Situation

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

Township contributions to PFRS amounted to \$585,454 for the year ended December 31, 2022. During the fiscal year ended June 30, 2021, the State of New Jersey contributed \$89,706 to the PFRS for normal pension benefits on behalf of the Township, which is less than the contractually required contribution of \$115,007.

The employee contributions for PFRS are 10.00% of employees' annual compensation, as defined.

Pension Liabilities and Pension Expense

At June 30, 2021, the Township's liability for its proportionate share of the net pension liability was \$3,671,646. The net pension liability was measured as of June 30, 2021, and the total pension liability used to calculate the net pension liability was determined by an actuarial valuation as of July 1, 2020 which was rolled forward to June 30, 2021. The Township's proportion of the net pension liability was based on a projection of the Township's long-term share of contributions to the pension plan relative to the projected contributions of all participating members, actuarially determined. At June 30, 2021, the Township's proportion was 0.0502%, which was an increase of 0.0031% from its proportion measured as of June 30, 2020. The Township has rolled forward the net pension liability as of June 30, 2021 with no adjustments. The State of New Jersey Public Employees' Retirement System (PERS)' valuation cycle is July 1 instead of December 31. The roll forward methodology puts them a year in arrears in terms of valuation. The Division of Local Government Services, Department of Community Affairs, State of New Jersey is permitting municipalities and counties to include the June 30, 2021 information in the Notes to the Financial Statements as the June 30, 2022 information has not been released as of the date of this audit.

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Note 5: Pension Plans (Cont'd)

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

Pension Liabilities and Pension Expense (Cont'd)

Additionally, the State's proportionate share of the net pension liability attributable to the Township is \$1,032,650 as of June 30, 2021. The net pension liability was measured as of June 30, 2021, and the total pension liability used to calculate the net pension liability was determined by an actuarial valuation as of July 1, 2020 which was rolled forward to June 30, 2021. The State's proportionate share of the net pension liability associated with the Township was based on a projection of the Township's long-term share of contributions to the pension plan relative to the projected contributions of all participating members, actuarially determined. At June 30, 2021, the State's proportion was 0.0502%, which was an increase of 0.0031% from its proportion measured as of June 30, 2020 which is the same proportion as the Township's.

Township's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability	\$ 3,671,646
State's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability Associated with the Township	<u>1,032,650</u>
Total Net Pension Liability	<u>\$ 4,704,296</u>

For the year ended December 31, 2022, the Township recognized total pension expense of \$585,454.

Actuarial Assumptions

The total pension liability for the June 30, 2021 measurement date was determined by an actuarial valuation as of July 1, 2020 which was rolled forward to June 30, 2021. This actuarial valuation used the following actuarial assumptions:

Inflation Rate	2.75%
Salary Increases:	
Through all future years	3.25 – 15.25% based on years of service
Investment Rate of Return	7.00%

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

The actuarial assumptions used in the July 1, 2020 valuation were based on the results of an actuarial experience study for the period July 1, 2013 to June 30, 2018.

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Note 5: Pension Plans (Cont'd)

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

Long Term Expected Rate of Return

In accordance with State statute, the long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments (7.00% at June 30, 2021) is determined by the State Treasurer, after consultation with the Directors of the Division of Investments and Division of Pensions and Benefits, the Board of Trustees and the actuaries. The long-term expected rate of return was determined using a building block method in which best-estimate ranges of expected future real rates of return (expected returns, net of pension plan investment expense and inflation) are developed for each major asset class. These ranges are combined to produce the long-term expected rate of return by weighting the expected future real rates of return by the target asset allocation percentage and by adding expected inflation. Best estimates of arithmetic real rates of return for each major asset class included in PFRS' target asset allocation as of June 30, 2021 are summarized in the following table:

<u>Asset Class</u>	<u>Target Allocation</u>	<u>Long-Term Expected Real Rate of Return</u>
U.S. Equity	27.00%	8.09%
Non-U.S. Developed Market Equity	13.50%	8.71%
Emerging Markets Equity	5.50%	10.96%
Private Equity	13.00%	11.30%
Real Assets	3.00%	7.40%
Real Estate	8.00%	9.15%
High Yield	2.00%	3.75%
Private Credit	8.00%	7.60%
Investment Grade Credit	8.00%	1.68%
Cash Equivalents	4.00%	0.50%
U.S. Treasuries	5.00%	0.95%
Risk Mitigation Strategies	3.00%	3.35%

Discount Rate

The discount rate used to measure the total pension liability was 7.00% as of June 30, 2021. 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 upon 100% of the actuarially determined contributions for the State employer and 100% of actuarially determined contributions for the local employers. Based on those assumptions, the plan's fiduciary net position was projected to be available to make all projected future benefit payments of current plan members. Therefore, the long-term expected rate of return on plan investments was applied to all projected benefit payments to determine the total pension liability.

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Note 5: Pension Plans (Cont'd)

B. Police and Firemen’s Retirement System (PFRS) (Cont'd)

Sensitivity of the Total Net Pension Liability (including the State’s proportionate share of the net pension liability attributable to the Town) to Changes in the Discount Rate

The following presents the total net pension liability (including the State’s proportionate share of the net pension liability attributable to the Township) as of June 30, 2021 calculated using the discount rate as disclosed above, as well as what the collective net pension liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is 1-percentage-point lower or 1-percentage-point higher than the current rate:

	June 30, 2021		
	At 1% Decrease (6.00%)	At Current Discount Rate (7.00%)	At 1% Increase (8.00%)
Township's proportionate share of the NPL and the State's proportionate share of the Net Pension Liability associated with the Township	\$ 7,143,326	\$ 4,704,296	\$ 2,674,066

Pension Plan Fiduciary Net Position - PFRS

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

C. Defined Contribution Retirement Program (DCRP)

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

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

Employers are required to contribute at an actuarially determined rate. Employee contributions are based on percentages of 5.50% for DCRP of employees’ annual compensation, as defined. The DCRP was established July 1, 2007, under the provisions of Chapter 92, P.L. 2007 and Chapter 103, P.L. 2007 and expanded under the provisions of Chapter 89, P.L. 2008. Employee contributions for DCRP are matched by a 3% employer contribution.

For DCRP, the Township recognized pension expense of \$7,435.37 for the year ended December 31, 2022. Employee contributions to DCRP amounted to \$10,097.32 for the year ended December 31, 2022.

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Note 6: Accrued Sick and Vacation Benefits

Pursuant to the Township’s personnel policy, employees are allowed to carryover unused vacation time which must be taken as time off by July 31 of the subsequent year. Subsequent to that date upon written request and approval of the employee’s Department Head and the Administrator, an employee may take any unused portion up to December 31 of the following year. Compensation in lieu is prohibited. Unused sick days are not permitted to be carried over except for part-timers. This is partially funded in the Reserve for Accumulated Absences of \$77,493.41 on the Trust Funds balance sheet at December 31, 2022.

Note 7: Deferred Compensation

The Board offers its employees a deferred compensation plan created in accordance with Internal Revenue Code Section 457. This plan, which is administered by Lincoln Financial, is available to all Township employees and permits participants to defer a portion of their salary. Amounts deferred under the plan are not available to employees until termination, retirement, unforeseeable emergency or upon death to their beneficiaries.

Note 8: Selected Tax Information

Property taxes are levied as of January 1 on property values assessed as of the previous calendar year. The tax levy is divided into two billings. The first billing is an estimate of the current year's levy based on the prior year's taxes. The second billing reflects adjustments to the current year's actual levy. The final tax bill is usually mailed on or before June 14th, along with the first half estimated tax bills for the subsequent year. The first half estimated taxes are divided into two due dates, February 1 and May 1. The final tax bills are also divided into two due dates, August 1 and November 1. A ten-day grace period is usually granted before the taxes are considered delinquent and the imposition of interest charges. A penalty may be assessed for any unpaid taxes in excess of \$10,000 at December 31 of the current year. Unpaid taxes of the prior year may be placed in lien at a tax sale held after April 1 and through December 31. Unpaid taxes of the current year may be placed in lien at a tax sale held after December 10.

	2022	2021	2020
<u>Tax Rate</u>	\$ 1.373	\$ 1.395	\$ 1.383
 <u>Apportionment of Tax Rate</u>			
Municipal	0.304	0.307	0.309
County	0.339	0.353	0.351
Local School	0.715	0.720	0.708
Local Open Space	0.015	0.015	0.015
 <u>Assessed Valuations</u>			
2022	\$ 2,524,013,000.00		
2021		\$ 2,460,945,305.00	
2020			\$ 2,451,629,366.00

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Note 8: Selected Tax Information (Cont'd)

Comparison of Tax Levies and Collections Currently

A study of this tabulation could indicate a possible trend in future tax levies.

A decrease in the percentage of current collection could be an indication of a probable increase in future tax levies.

<u>Year</u>	<u>Tax Levy</u>	<u>Currently</u>	
		<u>Cash Collections</u>	<u>Percentage of Collections</u>
2022	\$ 34,702,360.46	\$ 34,341,125.53	98.95%
2021	34,438,523.51	34,139,877.96	99.13%
2020	33,989,147.19	33,755,363.85	99.31%

Also, increases in future tax levies can also be warranted if revenue sources outside of those directly generated by the municipality, such as federal or state aid, should decline without corresponding decreases in budgeted expenditures.

Note 9: Cash and Cash Equivalents and Investments

Cash and cash equivalents include change funds, amounts on deposit, and short-term investments with original maturities of three months or less.

Investments are stated at cost. The Township classifies certificates of deposit which have original maturity dates of more than three months but less than twelve months from the date of purchase, as investments.

GASB requires disclosure of the level of custodial credit risk assumed by the Township in its cash, cash equivalents and investments, if those items are uninsured or unregistered. Custodial risk is the risk that in the event of bank failure, the government's deposits may not be returned.

Interest Rate Risk – In accordance with its cash management plan, the Township ensures that any deposit or investment matures within the time period that approximates the prospective need for the funds, deposited or invested, so that there is not a risk to the market value of such deposits or investments.

Credit Risk – The Township limits its investments to those authorized in its cash management plan which are permitted under state statutes as detailed in the section of this note on investments.

Custodial Credit Risk – The Township's policy with respect to custodial credit risk requires that the Township ensures that Township funds are only deposited in financial institutions in which NJ municipalities are permitted to invest their funds.

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Note 9: Cash and Cash Equivalents and Investments (Cont'd)

Deposits:

New Jersey statutes require that municipalities deposit public funds in public depositories located in New Jersey which are insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, or by any other agency of the United States that insures deposits made in public depositories. Municipalities are also permitted to deposit public funds in the State of New Jersey Cash Management Fund.

New Jersey statutes require public depositories to maintain collateral for deposits of public funds that exceed insurance limits as follows:

The market value of the collateral must equal 5% of the average daily balance of public funds on deposit, and

In addition to the above collateral requirement, if public funds deposited exceed 75% of the capital funds of the depository, the depository must provide collateral having a market value at least equal to 100% of the amount exceeding 75%.

All collateral must be deposited with the Federal Reserve Bank, the Federal Home Loan Bank Board or a banking institution that is a member of the Federal Reserve System and has capital funds of not less than \$25,000,000.

Investments

New Jersey statutes permit the Township to purchase the following types of securities:

- (1) Bonds or other obligations of the United States of America or obligations guaranteed by the United States of America;
- (2) Government money market mutual funds;
- (3) Any obligation that a federal agency or a federal instrumentality has issued in accordance with an act of Congress, which security has a maturity date not greater than 397 days from the date of purchase, provided that such obligation bears a fixed rate of interest not dependent on any index or other external factor;
- (4) Bonds or other obligations of the local unit or bonds or other obligations of school districts of which the local unit is a part or within which the school district is located;
- (5) Bonds or other obligations, having a maturity date not more than 397 days from the date of purchase, issued by New Jersey school districts, municipalities, counties, and entities subject to the "Local Authorities Fiscal Control Law" P.L. 1983, c. 313 (C.40A:5A-1 et seq.) Other bonds or obligations having a maturity date not more than 397 days from the date of purchase may be approved by the Division of Local Government Services in the Department of Community Affairs for investment by local units;

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Note 9: Cash and Cash Equivalents and Investments (Cont'd)

Investments (Cont'd)

- (6) Local government investment pools;
- (7) Deposits with the State of New Jersey Cash Management Fund established pursuant to section 1 of P.L. 1977, c.281 (C.52:18A-90.4); or
- (8) Agreements for the repurchase of fully collateralized securities if:
 - (a) the underlying securities are permitted investments pursuant to paragraphs (1) and (3) of this subsection a. or are bonds or other obligations, having a maturity date not more than 397 days from the date of purchase, issued by New Jersey school districts, municipalities, counties and entities subject to the "Local Authorities Fiscal Control Law", P.L. 1983 c.313 (C.40A:5A-1 et seq.);
 - (b) the custody of collateral is transferred to a third party;
 - (c) the maturity of the agreement is not more than 30 days;
 - (d) the underlying securities are purchased through a public depository as defined in section 1 of P.L. 1970, c.236 (C.17:9-41); and
 - (e) a master repurchase agreement providing for the custody and security of collateral is executed.

As of December 31, 2022, cash and cash equivalents and investments of the Township of Bedminster consisted of the following:

<u>Fund</u>	<u>Cash on Hand</u>	<u>Checking Accounts</u>	<u>Total</u>
Current Fund	\$ 550.00	\$ 11,501,296.13	\$ 11,501,846.13
Animal Control Trust Fund		7,538.87	7,538.87
Other Trust Fund		6,516,720.82	6,516,720.82
General Capital Fund		2,371,606.69	2,371,606.69
Sewer Utility Operating Fund		2,397,163.01	2,397,163.01
Sewer Utility Assessment Fund		22,513.82	22,513.82
Sewer Utility Capital Fund		746,173.91	746,173.91
Public Assistance Fund		11,397.06	11,397.06
	<u>\$ 550.00</u>	<u>\$ 23,574,410.31</u>	<u>\$ 23,574,960.31</u>

The carrying amount of the Township's cash and cash equivalents and investments at December 31, 2022, was \$23,574,960.31 and the bank balance was \$28,700,599.14.

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Note 10: Risk Management

The Township is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts; theft of, damage to, and destruction of assets; errors and omissions; injuries to employees; and natural disasters. Health insurance is provided through the Central Jersey Health Insurance Fund (the "HIF").

The Township of Bedminster is a member of the Suburban Municipal Joint Insurance Fund, (the "Fund"). The Fund provides its members with workers' compensation, employers' liability, liability other than motor vehicles, property damages other than motor vehicles, motor vehicle and environmental insurance coverage. The Fund and the HIF are risk-sharing public entity risk pools that are both insured and self-administered groups of municipalities established for the purpose of providing low-cost insurance coverage for their members in order to keep local property taxes at a minimum.

As a member of the Fund and the HIF, the Township could be subject to supplemental assessments in the event of deficiencies. If the assets of the Fund or the HIF were to be exhausted, members would become responsible for their respective shares of the Fund's liabilities.

The Fund and the HIF can declare and distribute dividends to members upon approval of the State of New Jersey Department of Banking and Insurance. These distributions are divided amongst the members in the same ratio as their individual assessment relates to the total assessment of the membership body.

The December 31, 2022 audit reports of the Fund and the HIF have not been filed as of the date of this audit. Selected summarized financial information as of December 31, 2021 are as follows:

	<u>Fund</u>	<u>HIF</u>
Total Assets	<u>\$ 8,172,281.00</u>	<u>\$ 20,759,743.00</u>
Net Position	<u>\$ 3,944,002.00</u>	<u>\$ 16,294,412.00</u>
Total Revenue	<u>\$ 5,384,013.00</u>	<u>\$ 45,127,816.00</u>
Total Expenses	<u>\$ 5,952,080.00</u>	<u>\$ 42,838,712.00</u>
Change in Net Position	<u>\$ (568,067.00)</u>	<u>\$ 2,289,104.00</u>
Member Dividends	<u>\$ 219,981.00</u>	<u>\$ 7,247,756.00</u>

Financial statements for these pools are available at the Office of the Executive Director:

Suburban Municipal Joint Insurance Fund
PERMA Risk Management Services
9 Campus Drive, Suite 216
Parsippany, New Jersey 07054
(201) 881-7632

Central Jersey Health Insurance Fund
PERMA Risk Management Services
9 Campus Drive, Suite 216
Parsippany, New Jersey 07054
(201) 881-7632

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Note 10: Risk Management (Cont'd)

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, interest earned, employee contributions, reimbursements to the State for benefits paid and the ending balance of the Township's trust fund for the current and previous two years:

<u>Year</u>	<u>Township Contributions</u>	<u>Interest Earned</u>	<u>Employee Contributions</u>	<u>Amount Reimbursed</u>	<u>Ending Balance</u>
2022	\$ -0-	\$ 324.38	\$ 6,228.96	\$ -0-	\$ 107,285.22
2021	-0-	102.24	5,884.72	258.79	100,731.88
2020	-0-	398.91	4,882.61	19.18	95,003.71

Self-Insurance:

The Reserve for Self-Insurance was established in the Other Trust Funds to fund the Township's self-insured retention for Employment Practices Liability ("EPL") and Proof of Loss ("POL") claims should they occur. The Township's obligation or exposure on an EPL/POL claim is the first \$20,000 of the claim and then 20% of the first \$250,000 for a combined possible exposure of \$75,000 per claim.

Note 11: Interfund Receivables and Payables

The following interfund balances remain on the balance sheet at December 31, 2022:

<u>Fund</u>	<u>Interfund Receivables</u>	<u>Interfund Payables</u>
Current Fund	\$ 2,172.84	\$ 841,163.89
Federal and State Grant Fund	797,856.20	
Animal Control Fund		7.81
Other Trust Funds	43,307.69	
General Capital Fund		2,165.03
Sewer Utility Operating Fund	748.31	
Sewer Utility Assessment Fund		21.94
Sewer Utility Capital Fund		726.37
	<u>\$ 844,085.04</u>	<u>\$ 844,085.04</u>

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Note 11: Interfund Receivables and Payables (Cont'd)

The interfund receivable in the Federal and State Grant Fund due from the Current Fund is due to grant funds received in Current Fund due to the Federal and State Grant Fund. The interfund receivable in the Current Fund due from the Animal Control Fund is due to current year interest earned in the Animal Control Fund. The interfund receivable in the Current Fund due from the General Capital Fund is due to interest earned in General Capital Fund. The interfund receivable in the Sewer Utility Operating Fund is from interest earned in both the Sewer Utility Assessment Fund and the Sewer Utility Capital Fund due to the Sewer Utility Operating Fund. The interfund receivable in the Other Trust Funds is due to tax sale premiums due from the Current Fund offset by interest earned in the Other Trust Funds due to the Current Fund.

Note 12: Contingent Liabilities

The Township is periodically involved in various lawsuits arising in the normal course of business, including claims for property damage, personal injury, and various contract disputes. The Township vigorously contests these lawsuits and believes the ultimate resolutions will not have a material adverse effect on their financial position.

Amounts received or receivable from grantors, principally the federal and state governments are subject to regulatory requirements and adjustments by the agencies. Any disallowed claims, including amounts previously recognized by the Township as revenue would constitute a liability of the applicable funds.

The amount, if any, of expenditures which may be disallowed by the grantors cannot be determined at this time, although Township officials expect such amounts, if any, to be immaterial.

Various tax appeals on assessed valuations have been filed against the Township and are awaiting tax court decisions. The ultimate outcome and effect of such appeals have not been determined; however, the Township Tax Assessor will aggressively defend the Township's assessments. The Township has established a reserve in the amount of \$25,000 which it feels should be sufficient to cover these tax appeals.

Note 13: Economic Dependency

The Township of Bedminster receives a substantial amount of support from federal and state governments. A significant reduction in the level of support, if this were to occur, may have an effect on the Township's programs and activities.

Note 14: Open Space Trust Reserve

The Township created an Open Space Trust Fund with a tax levy of \$0.02 per \$100 of assessed valuation. In 2011, the Township Committee elected to lower the tax levy to \$0.014 per \$100 of assessed valuation. In 2012, the Township Committee elected to increase the tax levy to \$0.015 per \$100 of assessed valuation. In 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021 and 2022, the Township Committee elected that the tax levy remain as \$0.015 per \$100 of assessed valuation. The funds collected are used to acquire and maintain open space property in the Township. The balance of the Open Space Trust Fund as of December 31, 2022 was \$3,022,094.

The Township of Bedminster also receives grants/loans from various sources. These grants/loans are for the acquisition of open space land purchased by the Township. The intention of the municipality is to use this funding to offset the debt issued to acquire these properties.

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Note 15: Fixed Assets

	Balance December 31, 2021	Additions	Deletions	Balance December 31, 2022
Land	\$ 31,108,760.00			\$ 31,108,760.00
Buildings and Improvements	8,223,100.00			8,223,100.00
Machinery and Equipment	7,768,640.00	\$ 441,970.00	\$438,162.00	7,772,448.00
	\$ 47,100,500.00	\$ 441,970.00	\$438,162.00	\$ 47,104,308.00
	Balance December 31, 2020	Additions	Deletions	Balance December 31, 2021
Land	\$ 31,108,760.00			\$ 31,108,760.00
Buildings and Improvements	8,223,100.00			8,223,100.00
Machinery and Equipment	4,415,985.00	\$ 3,513,273.00	\$160,618.00	7,768,640.00
	\$ 43,747,845.00	\$ 3,513,273.00	\$160,618.00	\$ 47,100,500.00

Note 16. Postemployment Benefits Other Than Pensions (OPEB)

State Health Benefit Local Government Retired Employees Plan

General Information about the OPEB Plan

Plan Description

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

Benefits Provided

The Plan provides medical and prescription drug coverage to retirees and their dependents of the participating employers. Under the provisions of Chapter 88, P.L. 1974 and Chapter 48, P.L. 1999, local government employers electing to provide postretirement medical coverage to their employees must file a resolution with the Division.

TOWNSHIP OF BEDMINSTER
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Note 16. Postemployment Benefits Other Than Pensions (OPEB) (Cont'd)

State Health Benefit Local Government Retired Employees Plan (Cont'd)

Benefits Provided (Cont'd)

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

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

Contributions

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

Special Funding Situation

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

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Note 16. Postemployment Benefits Other Than Pensions (OPEB) (Cont'd)

State Health Benefit Local Government Retired Employees Plan (Cont'd)

Special Funding Situation (Cont'd)

Therefore, these employers are considered to be in a special funding situation as defined by GASB Statement No. 75 and the State is treated as a nonemployer contributing entity. For New Jersey local governments who report under the regulatory basis of accounting, the net OPEB liability and related deferred inflows are not recorded in the financial statements and there is only note disclosure of this information. Since the local participating employers do not contribute under this legislation directly to the plan, there is no net OPEB liability, deferred outflows of resources, or deferred inflows of resources to report in the financial statements of the local participating employers related to this legislation. However, the notes to the financial statements of the local participating employers must disclose the portion of the nonemployer contributing entities' total proportionate share of the collective net OPEB liability that is associated with the local participating employer.

Allocation Methodology

GASB Statement No. 75 requires participating employers in the Plan to recognize their proportionate share of the collective net OPEB liability, collective deferred outflows of resources, collective deferred inflows of resources, and collective OPEB (benefit)/expense. The special funding situation's and nonspecial funding situation's net OPEB liability, deferred outflows of resources, deferred inflows of resources, and OPEB expense are based on separately calculated total OPEB liabilities. The nonspecial funding situation's net OPEB liability, deferred outflows of resources, deferred inflows of resources, and OPEB expense are further allocated to employers based on the ratio of the plan members of an individual employer to the total members of the Plan's nonspecial funding situation during the measurement period July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021. Employer and nonemployer allocation percentages were rounded for presentation purposes; therefore, amounts presented in the schedule of OPEB amounts by employer and nonemployer may result in immaterial differences.

OPEB Expense

The Township has rolled forward the net OPEB liability as of June 30, 2021 with no adjustments. The Division of Local Government Services, Department of Community Affairs, State of New Jersey, is permitting municipalities and counties to include the June 30, 2021 OPEB information in the Notes to the Financial Statements as the June 30, 2022 information has not been released as of the date of this report.

The total OPEB liability as of June 30, 2021 was determined by an actuarial valuation as of June 30, 2020, which was rolled June 30, 2021.

The State's proportionate share of the net OPEB liability attributable to the Township at June 30, 2021 was \$5,228,008. At June 30, 2021, the State's proportion related to the Township's was .13539%. This is the percentage of the total State Share of the net OPEB liability of the Plan.

Additionally, during the year ended June 30, 2021, the State of New Jersey's OPEB benefit related to the Township was \$713,381.

The Township's actual post retirement payments in 2022 for 15 retiree employees were \$343,291.

TOWNSHIP OF BEDMINSTER
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Note 16. Postemployment Benefits Other Than Pensions (OPEB) (Cont'd)

State Health Benefit Local Government Retired Employees Plan (Cont'd)

Actuarial Assumptions and Other Inputs

The actuarial assumptions vary for each plan member depending on the pension plan the member is enrolled in. This actuarial valuation used the following actuarial assumptions, applied to all periods in the measurement.

Inflation Rate	2.50%
Salary Increases*:	
Public Employees' Retirement System (PERS)	
Initial fiscal year applied	
Rate Through 2026	2.00 % - 6.00%
Rate Thereafter	3.00 % to 7.00%
Police and Firemen's Retirement System (PFRS)	
Rate for all future years	3.25% to 15.25%

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

Mortality:

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

Actuarial assumptions used in the June 30, 2020 valuation were based on the results of the PFRS and PERS. Experience studies prepared for July 1, 2013 to June 30, 2018 and July 1, 2014 – June 30, 2018, respectively.

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

Health Care Trend Assumptions

For pre-Medicare medical benefits, the trend rate is initially is 5.65% for the fiscal year 2021 and decreases to a 4.5% long term trend rate after seven years. For PPO post 65 medical benefits, the trend rate is initially 13.08% and decreases to a 4.5% long term trend rate starting with fiscal year 2032 and later. For HMO Post 65 medical benefits, the trend rate is initially 13.76% and decreases to a 4.50% long term trend rate starting with fiscal year 2032 and later. For prescription drug benefits, the initial trend rate is 6.75% for the fiscal year 2021 and decreases to a 4.5% long term rate after seven years.

TOWNSHIP OF BEDMINSTER
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Note 16. Postemployment Benefits Other Than Pensions (OPEB) (Cont'd)

State Health Benefit Local Government Retired Employees Plan (Cont'd)

Discount Rate

The discount rate for June 30, 2021 was 2.16%. This represents the municipal bond rate as chosen by the State. The source is the Bond Buyer Go 20-Bond Municipal Bond Index, which includes tax-exempt general obligation municipal bonds with an average rating of AA/Aa or higher. As the long-term rate of return is less than the municipal bond rate, it is not considered in the calculation of the discount rate, rather the discount rate is set at the municipal bond rate.

TOWNSHIP OF BEDMINSTER

SUPPLEMENTARY DATA

TOWNSHIP OF BEDMINSTER
OFFICIALS IN OFFICE AND SURETY BONDS
YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2022

Name	Title	Amount of Bond
Lawrence F. Jacobs	Mayor	
R. Colin Hickey	Committeeman	
Gina Lisa-Fernandez	Committeewoman	
Renee M. Mareski	Committeewoman	
Douglas A. Stevinson	Committeeman	
Robin Ray	Township Clerk	(A)
	Township Administrator	(A)
Debra Stern	Chief Financial Officer	(A)
Adriana McKenna	Tax Collector	\$1,000,000
	Sewer Utility Collector	\$1,000,000
Katherine Howes	Magistrate	(A)
Teresa N. VanAllen	Court Administrator	(A)
Edwin Kerwin	Assessor	(A)
Rodney McCatharn	Public Works Manager - (to 10/17/22)	(A)
Kevin Murray	Public Works Manager - (from 10/18/22)	(A)
Karl Rock	Police Chief - (to 8/31/22)	(A)
Francesco Bernardo	Police Chief "Officer in Charge" - (from 9/1/22 - 11/7/22)	(A)
	Police Chief - (from 11/8/22)	

All bonds were examined and were properly executed.

(A) All employees, who are not specifically bonded, are covered under \$50,000 and \$950,000 Faithful Performance Bonds provided by the Suburban Municipal Joint Insurance fund and the Municipal Excess Liability Joint Insurance Fund, respectively.

TOWNSHIP OF BEDMINSTER
COUNTY OF SOMERSET
2022
CURRENT FUND

TOWNSHIP OF BEDMINSTER
CURRENT FUND
SCHEDULE OF CASH - TREASURER

	<u>Ref.</u>	
Balance December 31, 2021	A	\$ 10,403,523.17
Increased by Receipts:		
Tax Collector		\$ 34,784,327.87
Revenue Accounts Receivable		1,972,403.29
Miscellaneous Revenue Not Anticipated		587,966.87
Petty Cash Returned		200.00
Due to Vendors		1,087.61
Due Federal and State Grant Fund:		
Current Year Grants Receivable		464,813.65
Unappropriated Grants		1,675.34
Due Animal Control Fund:		
Interfund Returned		15.85
Due Other Trust Funds:		
Interfund Returned		2,761.26
Due General Capital Fund:		
Interfund Returned		4,621.65
Due State of New Jersey:		
Department of Community Affairs Training Fees Payable		18,661.00
Marriage License Fees Payable		825.00
Senior Citizens' and Veterans' Deductions		30,983.56
Reserve for Municipal Relief Fund		45,188.58
Appropriation Refunds		295,281.61
		38,210,813.14
		48,614,336.31

TOWNSHIP OF BEDMINSTER
CURRENT FUND
SCHEDULE OF CASH - TREASURER
(Continued)

	<u>Ref.</u>	
Decreased by Disbursements:		
2022 Appropriation Expenditures	\$ 9,534,355.43	
2021 Appropriation Reserve Expenditures	425,196.92	
Accounts Payable	3,958.02	
Local School Taxes	17,968,025.50	
County Taxes	8,563,254.69	
Petty Cash Advanced	200.00	
Due Federal and State Grant Fund:		
Appropriated Reserves	141,352.73	
Due Animal Control Fund:		
Interfund Returned	2.00	
Due Other Trust Funds:		
Open Space Tax Levy	379,120.33	
Tax Sale Premiums	14,600.00	
Due State of New Jersey:		
Department of Community Affairs Training Fees Payable	31,055.00	
Marriage License Fees Payable	1,125.00	
Refund of Tax Overpayments	20,703.03	
Reserve for Third Party Liens	30,091.53	
	\$ 37,113,040.18	
Balance December 31, 2022	A	\$ 11,501,296.13

TOWNSHIP OF BEDMINSTER
CURRENT FUND
SCHEDULE OF CASH - COLLECTOR
YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2022

Increased by Receipts:

Taxes Receivable	\$ 34,103,906.83
2023 Prepaid Taxes	484,923.52
Interest and Costs on Taxes	72,305.36
Tax Overpayments	20,973.53
Outside Lienholders	30,091.53
Due to Other Trust Funds:	
Tax Sale Premiums	30,500.00
Miscellaneous Revenue Not Anticipated:	
In Lieu of Taxes	33,922.78
6% Year End Penalty	4,806.76
ACH Fees	165.00
Duplicate Bills	1,607.50
Miscellaneous	1,125.06

\$ 34,784,327.87

Decreased by:

Payments to Municipal Treasurer

\$ 34,784,327.87

SCHEDULE OF CASH - GRANT FUNDS
YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2022

NOT APPLICABLE

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

Year	Balance Dec. 31, 2021	2022 Levy	Added Taxes	2021	2022	State of NJ Senior Citizens' and Veterans' Deductions	Overpayments Applied	Canceled	Balance Dec. 31, 2022
2021	\$ 281,838.81	\$ 34,702,360.46	\$ 4,886.50	\$ 483,974.58	\$ 281,838.81	\$ 30,703.42	\$ 4,379.51	\$ 3,896.51	\$ 362,224.92
2022	\$ 281,838.81	\$ 34,702,360.46	\$ 4,886.50	\$ 483,974.58	\$ 34,103,906.83	\$ 30,703.42	\$ 4,379.51	\$ 3,896.51	\$ 362,224.92

Ref. A

Analysis of 2022 Property Tax Levy

Tax Yield:

General Purpose Tax	\$ 34,654,699.88
Added and Omitted Taxes	47,660.58
	<u>\$ 34,702,360.46</u>

Tax Levy:

Local School District Taxes	\$ 18,056,538.00
Local Open Space Taxes	379,120.33
County Taxes:	
General Tax	\$ 7,793,400.53
Open Space Tax	757,965.38
Due County for Added and Omitted Taxes	11,888.78
	<u>8,563,254.69</u>
	26,998,913.02

Local Tax for Municipal Purposes Levied	6,828,323.24
Municipal Library Taxes	836,758.00
Add: Additional Tax Levied	38,366.20
	<u>7,703,447.44</u>
	<u>\$ 34,702,360.46</u>

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TOWNSHIP OF BEDMINSTER
CURRENT FUND
SCHEDULE OF TAX TITLE LIENS
YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2022

NOT APPLICABLE

TOWNSHIP OF BEDMINSTER
CURRENT FUND
SCHEDULE OF REVENUE ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE

	Balance Dec. 31, 2021	Accrued In 2022	Collected by Treasurer	Balance Dec. 31, 2022
Clerk:				
Alcoholic Beverage Licenses		\$ 6,550.00	\$ 6,550.00	
Fees and Permits:				
Construction Code Official		369,940.00	369,940.00	
Interlocal Services Agreement - Far Hills:				
Tax Collector		9,844.96	9,844.96	
Department of Public Works		28,860.88	28,860.88	
Library		8,800.96	8,800.96	
Municipal Court		454,619.72	454,619.72	
Energy Receipts Tax		866,281.00	866,281.00	
Municipal Court:				
Fines and Costs	\$ 9,013.46	85,861.70	87,911.90	\$ 6,963.26
Interest on Investments and Deposits		39,943.87	39,943.87	
Reserve for Open Space Trust		75,000.00	75,000.00	
Recreation Rentals		5,450.00	5,450.00	
Recreation Trust - Seasonal Employees		19,200.00	19,200.00	
	<u>\$ 9,013.46</u>	<u>\$ 1,970,353.09</u>	<u>\$ 1,972,403.29</u>	<u>\$ 6,963.26</u>
<u>Ref.</u>	A			A

TOWNSHIP OF BEDMINSTER
FEDERAL AND STATE GRANT FUND
SCHEDULE OF GRANTS RECEIVABLE

Grant Description	Balance Dec. 31, 2021	Accrued in 2022	Received	Balance Dec. 31, 2022
Drunk Driving Enforcement Fund	\$ 3,162.50			\$ 3,162.50
Recycling Tonnage Grant		\$ 10,777.56	\$ 10,777.56	
Clean Communities		23,790.14	23,790.14	
Body Armor Replacement Fund		1,081.01	1,081.01	
Bullet Proof Vests - Federal	5,107.11	2,032.98	3,880.32	3,259.77
MEL JIF Safety		1,600.00	1,600.00	
Highlands Water Protection & Planning Council:				
Plan Assistance Grant	70,883.00			70,883.00
Plan Conformance Consistency Review Report Grant	25,000.00			25,000.00
Somerset County Municipal Youth Service Grant		2,500.00	185.10	2,314.90
Somerset County Recreation Grant		300,000.00		300,000.00
American Rescue Plan - Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery		833,999.04	833,999.04	
Old Farm Road Maintenance Grant		6,500.00	6,500.00	
	<u>\$ 104,152.61</u>	<u>\$ 1,182,280.73</u>	<u>\$ 881,813.17</u>	<u>\$ 404,620.17</u>
	A			A
		Original Budget \$ 855,990.59		
		Added by NJSA 40A:4-87 <u>326,290.14</u>		
		<u>\$ 1,182,280.73</u>		
		Current Year Receivable \$ 464,813.65		
		Transfer from Unappropriated Reserves <u>416,999.52</u>		
		<u>\$ 881,813.17</u>		

TOWNSHIP OF BEDMINSTER
CURRENT FUND
SCHEDULE OF 2021 APPROPRIATION RESERVES
YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2022

	Balance Dec. 31, 2021	Balance After Modification	Paid or Charged	Unexpended Balance Canceled
GENERAL GOVERNMENT:				
General Administration:				
Other Expenses - Special Projects	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 1,650.00	\$ 3,350.00
Other Expenses - Miscellaneous	2,295.01	2,295.01	1,610.63	684.38
Mayor and Township Committee:				
Salaries and Wages	2,047.39	2,047.39	157.48	1,889.91
Other Expenses	26.13	26.13		26.13
Municipal Clerk:				
Other Expenses	9,457.49	9,457.49	3,576.35	5,881.14
Financial Administration:				
Salaries and Wages	43,024.52	43,024.52		43,024.52
Other Expenses	12,208.49	12,208.49	8,150.00	4,058.49
Annual Audit	24,187.00	24,187.00	24,137.00	50.00
Computerized Data Processing:				
Salaries and Wages	14,842.75	14,842.75		14,842.75
Other Expenses	5,205.68	5,205.68	4,630.44	575.24
Revenue Administration (Tax Collection):				
Other Expenses	3,977.30	3,977.30	711.00	3,266.30
Tax Assessment Administration:				
Other Expenses	4,201.02	4,201.02	2,506.14	1,694.88
Legal Services and Costs:				
Other Expenses	47,004.21	46,004.21	7,499.41	38,504.80
Municipal Court:				
Other Expenses	12,952.53	12,952.53	1,096.50	11,856.03
Public Defender:				
Other Expenses	6,122.00	6,122.00	5,224.00	898.00
Engineering Services and Costs:				
Other Expenses	7,896.45	7,896.45	4,730.93	3,165.52
Local Historian:				
Other Expenses	200.00	200.00		200.00
Land Use Administration:				
Municipal Land Use Law (NJSA 40:55D-1):				
Planning Board:				
Other Expenses	3,450.01	3,450.01	1,533.91	1,916.10
Preparation of Master Plan	9,734.30	9,734.30	3,096.00	6,638.30
Township Planner:				
Other Expenses	4,851.50	4,851.50		4,851.50
Zoning Board:				
Salaries and Wages	744.31	744.31		744.31
Other Expenses	7,012.20	7,012.20		7,012.20
Insurance:				
General Liability	96,084.22	96,084.22	94,345.97	1,738.25
Health Benefit Waiver	5,147.78	5,147.78		5,147.78
Group Insurance Plan for Employees	99,068.82	99,068.82	65,855.38	33,213.44

TOWNSHIP OF BEDMINSTER
CURRENT FUND
SCHEDULE OF 2021 APPROPRIATION RESERVES
YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2022
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	Balance Dec. 31, 2021	Balance After Modification	Paid or Charged	Unexpended Balance Canceled
PUBLIC SAFETY:				
Police:				
Salaries and Wages	\$ 107,206.78	\$ 107,206.78	\$ 5,200.39	\$ 102,006.39
Other Expenses	60,938.75	60,938.75	15,981.86	44,956.89
Purchase of Police Vehicles	35,982.00	35,982.00	33,154.05	2,827.95
Emergency Management Services:				
Other Expenses	4,740.60	4,740.60	4,135.01	605.59
Fire Hydrant Service	17,036.76	17,036.76	11,295.94	5,740.82
Aid to Fire Companies:				
Union Hook and Ladder Company - Firehouse	1,952.32	1,952.32	1,951.92	0.40
Fire Official:				
Salaries and Wages	5,142.81	5,142.81	3,975.56	1,167.25
Other Expenses	1,520.05	1,520.05	978.65	541.40
Municipal Prosecutor:				
Other Expenses	26,122.00	26,122.00	23,922.00	2,200.00
STREETS AND ROADS:				
Road Repairs and Maintenance:				
Salaries and Wages	80,508.43	80,508.43	4,953.56	75,554.87
Other Expenses	69,195.56	69,195.56	48,172.28	21,023.28
Somerset County Mandatory Recycling Program:				
Other Expenses	28.60	28.60		28.60
Public Buildings and Grounds:				
Other Expenses	17,896.13	17,896.13	9,205.80	8,690.33
Community Services Act:				
Street Lighting	18,662.69	18,662.69	18,662.69	
HEALTH AND WELFARE:				
Board of Health:				
Other Expenses	440.77	1,440.77	754.27	686.50
Environmental Commission:				
Other Expenses	700.00	700.00		700.00
Visiting Nurse Association:				
Other Expenses - Contractual	1,147.92	1,147.92		1,147.92
RECREATION AND EDUCATION:				
Senior Citizens' Van:				
Other Expenses	5,471.97	5,471.97	1,204.16	4,267.81
Somerset Hills Municipal Alliance and Somerset Hills Youth Services:				
Other Expenses	2,315.00	2,315.00		2,315.00

TOWNSHIP OF BEDMINSTER
CURRENT FUND
SCHEDULE OF 2021 APPROPRIATION RESERVES
YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2022

(Continued)

	Balance Dec. 31, 2021	Balance After Modification	Paid or Charged	Unexpended Balance Canceled
RECREATION AND EDUCATION:				
Recreation:				
Salaries and Wages	\$ 904.78	\$ 904.78		\$ 904.78
Other Expenses	1,964.22	1,964.22		1,964.22
State Uniform Construction Code - (NJSA 52:27D-120 et seq.):				
Construction Official:				
Salaries and Wages	1,324.02	1,324.02		1,324.02
Other Expenses	3,684.89	3,684.89	\$ 861.06	2,823.83
UNCLASSIFIED:				
Utilities	34,916.13	34,916.13	19,094.51	15,821.62
Statutory Expenditures:				
Contribution to:				
Social Security System (O.A.S.I.)	3,012.68	3,012.68	537.51	2,475.17
Temporary Disability Insurance	879.11	879.11	538.73	340.38
Defined Contribution Retirement Program (DCRP)	112.48	112.48		112.48
Contribution to:				
Length of Service Awards Program (L.O.S.A.P.)	11,125.81	11,125.81	5,122.00	6,003.81
Interlocal Municipal Service Agreements:				
Far Hills - Tax Collection	2,216.95	2,216.95	130.06	2,086.89
Municipal Court	59,850.01	59,850.01	22,757.16	37,092.85
	\$ 1,003,741.33	\$ 1,003,741.33	\$ 463,100.31	\$ 540,641.02

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Analysis of Balance December 31, 2021:

Unencumbered	A	\$	740,776.40
Encumbered	A		262,964.93
			\$ 1,003,741.33

Cash Disbursed	\$	425,196.92
Accounts Payable		37,903.39
		\$ 463,100.31

TOWNSHIP OF BEDMINSTER
CURRENT FUND
SCHEDULE OF LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT TAXES PAYABLE

Balance December 31, 2021:	
Local School District Taxes Deferred	\$ 4,425,622.00
Increased by:	
Levy - Fiscal Year 2023	18,056,538.00
	<u>22,482,160.00</u>
Decreased by:	
Payments to Local School District	17,968,025.50
	<u>17,968,025.50</u>
Balance December 31, 2022:	
Local School District Taxes Deferred	<u>\$ 4,514,134.50</u>

Analysis of Increase - Deferred School Tax:

Balance December 31, 2022	\$ 4,514,134.50
Balance December 31, 2021	<u>4,425,622.00</u>
Net Increase Credited to Operations	<u>\$ 88,512.50</u>

TOWNSHIP OF BEDMINSTER
FEDERAL AND STATE GRANT FUND
SCHEDULE OF APPROPRIATED RESERVES

	Balance	Prior Year	Transferred	Balance
	Dec. 31, 2021	Encumbrance Cancelled	from 2022 Budget Appropriations	Dec. 31, 2022
Recycling Tonnage Grant		\$ 1,000.00	\$ 10,777.56	\$ 11,777.56
Drunk Driving Enforcement Fund	\$ 11,252.17	179.00		\$ 9,518.68
Clean Communities	28,572.72	11,308.80	23,790.14	39,377.28
Alcohol Education and Rehabilitation Fund	2,385.79			2,385.79
Body Armor Replacement Fund	179.92		1,081.01	1,260.93
Bullet Proof Vests - Federal	790.29	823.02	2,032.98	3,646.29
D.A.R.E. Grant	3,845.92		1,013.21	2,832.71
Municipal Alliance Grant - Senior Citizen Program	500.00			500.00
MEL JIF Safety	3,680.70	219.00	1,600.00	2,285.29
Highlands Water Protection & Planning Council:				
Plan Conformance Grant	25,000.00			25,000.00
Plan Assistance Grant	70,135.70			70,135.70
Somerset County Municipal Youth Service Grant			2,500.00	1,394.14
Somerset County Recreation Grant			300,000.00	300,000.00
American Rescue Plan - Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery			833,999.04	101,728.85
Old Farm Road Maintenance Grant			6,500.00	6,500.00
	<u>\$ 146,343.21</u>	<u>\$ 13,529.82</u>	<u>\$ 1,182,280.73</u>	<u>\$ 1,185,411.50</u>

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Original Budget	\$ 855,990.59
Added by NISA 40A:4-87	326,290.14
	<u>\$ 1,182,280.73</u>

Cash Disbursed	\$ 141,352.73
Encumbrances Payable	15,389.53
	<u>\$ 156,742.26</u>

TOWNSHIP OF BEDMINSTER
FEDERAL AND STATE GRANT FUND
SCHEDULE OF UNAPPROPRIATED RESERVES

	Balance Dec. 31, 2021	Received	Transferred to 2022 Grants Receivable	Balance Dec. 31, 2022
Alcohol Education & Rehabilitation Fund		\$ 315.86		\$ 315.86
Body Armor Replacement Fund		1,359.48		1,359.48
American Rescue Plan	\$ 416,999.52		\$ 416,999.52	
	\$ 416,999.52	\$ 1,675.34	\$ 416,999.52	\$ 1,675.34
<u>Ref.</u>	A			A

TOWNSHIP OF BEDMINSTER
COUNTY OF SOMERSET
2022
TRUST FUNDS

TOWNSHIP OF BEDMINSTER
TRUST FUNDS
SCHEDULE OF CASH - TREASURER

	<u>Ref.</u>	<u>Animal Control Fund</u>	<u>Other Trust Funds</u>
Balance December 31, 2021	B	\$ 4,301.50	\$ 5,978,051.59
Increased by Receipts:			
Animal Control License Fees:			
Dog License Fees		\$ 2,559.60	
Cat License Fees		636.00	
State Dog License Fees		1,103.40	
Prepaid Licenses		3,564.00	
Late Fees		320.00	
Miscellaneous		3,791.07	
Due to Current Fund:			
Interest Income		23.04	\$ 2,966.91
Interfund Advanced		2.00	
Tax Sale Premiums			14,600.00
Deposits and Interest:			
Special Escrow Deposits			136,570.27
Developers' Escrow Deposits			155,274.58
State Unemployment Insurance			6,553.34
Recreation Funds			289,232.50
Forfeited Assets			46.65
Parking Offenses Adjudication Act			2.00
Public Defender			700.00
Affordable Housing Trust			661,818.11
Open Space Trust Fund:			
Tax Levy			379,120.30
Miscellaneous			13,667.14
Storm Recovery			10,503.15
Park Bench			8,316.39
Fire Prevention			1,749.00
Police Outside Duty			315,769.02
Flexible Spending			3,600.00
Accumulated Absences			15,000.00
Property Tax Card Escrow			2,201.20
		11,999.11	2,017,690.56
		16,300.61	7,995,742.15

TOWNSHIP OF BEDMINSTER
TRUST FUNDS
SCHEDULE OF CASH - TREASURER
(Continued)

<u>Ref.</u>	Animal Control Fund	Other Trust Funds
Decreased by Disbursements:		
Administrative Expenses	\$ 7,642.49	
Due to State of New Jersey	1,103.40	
Due to Current Fund:		
Interest Income	15.85	\$ 2,161.26
Tax Sale Premiums		14,600.00
Special Escrow Deposits		176,659.80
Developers' Escrow Deposits		19,816.22
Recreation Funds		291,262.72
Affordable Housing Trust		314,482.16
Open Space Trust Fund:		
Open Space		300,924.31
Storm Recovery		3,543.95
Park Bench		8,302.50
Fire Prevention		5,615.31
Police Outside Duty		311,234.02
Flexible Spending		3,600.00
Accumulated Absences		24,617.88
Property Tax Card Escrow		2,201.20
	\$ 8,761.74	\$ 1,479,021.33
Balance December 31, 2022	\$ 7,538.87	\$ 6,516,720.82

TOWNSHIP OF BEDMINSTER
ANIMAL CONTROL TRUST FUND
SCHEDULE OF RESERVE FOR ANIMAL CONTROL FUND EXPENDITURES

	<u>Ref.</u>	
Balance December 31, 2021	B	\$ 656.69
Increased by:		
Animal Control Fees:		
Current Year Collections - Dog and Cat Licenses		\$ 3,195.60
Prior Year Prepays Applied		3,616.80
Late Fees and Penalties		320.00
Miscellaneous Fees		<u>3,791.07</u>
		<u>10,923.47</u>
		<u>11,580.16</u>
Decreased by:		
Expenditures Under R.S. 4:19-15.11		<u>7,642.49</u>
Balance December 31, 2022	B	<u><u>\$ 3,937.67</u></u>

License Fees Collected

<u>Year</u>	<u>Amount</u>
2020	\$ 7,203.40
2021	<u>7,107.40</u>
Maximum Allowable Reserve	<u><u>\$ 14,310.80</u></u>

TOWNSHIP OF BEDMINSTER
COUNTY OF SOMERSET
2022
GENERAL CAPITAL FUND

TOWNSHIP OF BEDMINSTER
GENERAL CAPITAL FUND
SCHEDULE OF CASH

	<u>Ref.</u>	
Balance December 31, 2021	C	\$ 1,777,045.42
Increased by Receipts:		
Due Current Fund:		
Interest Income		\$ 6,666.04
Grant Receipts - NJ Department of Transportation		284,125.07
Due Open Space Trust Fund:		
Interest on Bond Anticipation Notes		350.00
2022 Budget Appropriation:		
Capital Improvement Fund		434,250.00
Deferred Charges to Future Taxation - Unfunded		89,625.00
Bond Anticipation Note Proceeds		947,000.00
		<u>1,762,016.11</u>
		<u>3,539,061.53</u>
Decreased by:		
Improvement Authorizations		1,072,858.19
Bond Anticipation Notes Payable:		
Principal		89,625.00
Interest - General		350.00
Due Current Fund		
Interest Income		4,621.65
		<u>1,167,454.84</u>
Balance December 31, 2022	C	<u><u>\$ 2,371,606.69</u></u>

TOWNSHIP OF BEDMINSTER
GENERAL CAPITAL FUND
ANALYSIS OF CASH
(Continued)

	Balance (Deficit) Dec. 31, 2021	Receipts			Disbursements			Transfers		Balance (Deficit) Dec. 31, 2022
		Bond Anticipation Notes	Budget Appropriation	Miscellaneous	Improvement Authorizations	Bond Anticipation Notes	Miscellaneous	From	To	
22-04					\$ 5,261.41			\$ 31,738.59	\$ 37,000.00	
22-05					18,000.00				18,000.00	
22-06					7,541.01			21,686.02	32,000.00	\$ 2,772.97
22-07									25,000.00	25,000.00
22-08;										
22-16					10,900.00			569.46	118,000.00	106,530.54
22-12					11,871.94			229,641.51	400,000.00	158,486.55
22-14									25,000.00	25,000.00
22-15									50,000.00	50,000.00
	\$ 1,777,045.42	\$ 947,000.00	\$ 523,875.00	\$ 291,141.11	\$ 1,072,858.19	\$ 89,625.00	\$ 4,971.65	\$ 3,007,208.35	\$ 3,007,208.35	\$ 2,371,606.69

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

Ord. No.	Improvement Description	Balance Dec. 31, 2021	Notes Paid by		Balance Dec. 31, 2022	Analysis of Balance Dec. 31, 2022	
			2022 Improvement Authorizations	Budget Appropriation		Bond Anticipation Notes	Unexpended Improvement Authorizations
12-13	Acquisition of Equipment	\$ 89,625.00		\$ 89,625.00			
16-13	Acquisition of Property	1,900,000.00			\$ 1,900,000.00		\$ 1,900,000.00
22-03	Acquisition of Vehicular Equipment		\$ 1,111,500.00		1,111,500.00	\$ 947,000.00	164,500.00
		<u>\$ 1,989,625.00</u>	<u>\$ 1,111,500.00</u>	<u>\$ 89,625.00</u>	<u>\$ 3,011,500.00</u>	<u>\$ 947,000.00</u>	<u>\$ 2,064,500.00</u>
<u>Ref.</u>							
					C		
							\$ 2,088,182.51
							<u>23,682.51</u>
							<u>\$ 2,064,500.00</u>

Improvement Authorizations - Unfunded

Less: Unexpended Proceeds of Bond Anticipation Notes Issued:
Ordinance 22-03 - Acquisition of Vehicular Equipment

TOWNSHIP OF BEDMINSTER
GENERAL CAPITAL FUND
SCHEDULE OF IMPROVEMENT AUTHORIZATIONS

Ord. No.	Improvement Description	Date	Ordinance Amount	Balance Dec. 31, 2021		Capital Improvement Fund	New Jersey Department of Transportation	Deferred Charges to Future Taxation - Unfunded	Prior Year Encumbrances Returned	Paid or Charged	Balance Dec. 31, 2022	
				Funded	Unfunded						Funded	Unfunded
12-13	Acquisition of Equipment	11/05/12	\$ 1,000,000.00	\$	1,111.36					\$	1,111.36	
16-07	Various Police Equipment	6/6/2016	33,000.00					\$ 10,279.02	\$ 10,279.02			
16-13	Acquisition of Property	6/20/2016	2,000,000.00	\$	100,000.00	1,900,000.00				100,000.00	\$	1,900,000.00
17-15	Acquisition of Various Police Equipment	7/7/2017	43,450.00					10,720.98	10,720.98			1,708.99
19-03	Road Improvements to River Road West	5/20/2019	70,000.00		1,708.99							
19-04	Acquisition of Motor Vehicles and Heavy Equipment for the Public Works Department	5/20/2019	75,000.00					13,469.13	13,469.13			
19-06	Municipal Court Improvements	5/20/2019	10,000.00		7,058.66				1,198.39			5,860.27
19-09	Acquisition of Various Police Equipment	7/15/2019	37,000.00					6,000.00	6,000.00			
20-01	Repaving to River Road West Section 1 and 2	2/18/2020	495,000.00		71,991.38				3,476.68			68,514.70
20-04	Acquisition of Motor Vehicles and Heavy Equipment for the Public Works Department	7/20/2020	100,000.00		76,036.68			23,963.32	100,000.00			
20-05	Road Management Plan	7/20/2020	158,637.00		35,795.73				5,272.88			30,522.85
20-06	Acquisition of Various Police Equipment	7/20/2020	41,700.00					1,522.78	1,522.78			
20-07	Street Lighting Upgrades and Solar Speed Signs	7/20/2020	31,000.00					3,966.00	3,966.00			
20-08	Various Technology/Computer Equipment	7/20/2020	10,000.00		6,024.00							6,024.00
20-09	Bedminster/ Far Hills Fire Department Equipment	11/16/2020	101,310.00		1,024.59				1,024.59			
20-10	Road Improvements to Black River Road	11/16/2020	30,000.00		13,161.48				13,093.20			68.28
20-11	Facility Improvements	12/7/2020	50,189.00		19,920.35				6,802.09			13,118.26
21-07	Police Department Body Camera Equipment	5/3/2021	108,000.00		35.50							
21-09	Capital Road Management Plan	6/21/2021	100,000.00		100,000.00							100,000.00
21-10	Street Lighting Upgrades	6/21/2021	25,000.00		5,678.50			107,964.50	64,953.86			43,046.14
21-13	Acquisition of Various Police Equipment	7/19/2021	31,900.00		15,375.00				19,321.50			5,678.50
21-15	Acquisition of Various Equipment for Pottersville Volunteer Fire Department	8/16/2021	37,260.00		6,300.00				6,300.00			
21-18	Road Improvements to Black River Road	9/7/2021	64,400.00		32,957.36				32,858.09			99.27
21-19	Road Improvements to Black River Road	10/6/2021	710,000.00		9,190.14			700,809.86	702,837.83			7,162.17

TOWNSHIP OF BEDMINSTER
GENERAL CAPITAL FUND
SCHEDULE OF CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND

	<u>Ref.</u>	
Balance December 31, 2021	C	\$ 459,373.49
Increased by:		
2022 Budget Appropriation		434,250.00
		<u>893,623.49</u>
Decreased by:		
Appropriated to Finance Improvement Authorizations		408,000.00
		<u>408,000.00</u>
Balance December 31, 2022	C	<u>\$ 485,623.49</u>

TOWNSHIP OF BEDMINSTER
GENERAL CAPITAL FUND
SCHEDULE OF BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES PAYABLE

Ord. No.	Improvement Description	Original Note	Date of		Interest Rate	Balance Dec. 31, 2021	Issued	Matured	Balance Dec. 31, 2022
			Issue	Maturity					
12-13	Acquisition of Equipment	12/07/12	11/26/21	11/25/22	0.39%	\$ 89,625.00	\$ 89,625.00		
22-03	Acquisition of Vehicular Equipment	05/13/22	05/13/22	05/12/23	1.83%		\$ 947,000.00		\$ 947,000.00
						<u>\$ 89,625.00</u>	<u>\$ 947,000.00</u>	<u>\$ 89,625.00</u>	<u>\$ 947,000.00</u>
					<u>Ref.</u>	<u>C</u>			<u>C</u>
		Issued for Cash				\$ 947,000.00			
		Paid by Budget Appropriation					\$ 89,625.00		
						<u>\$ 947,000.00</u>	<u>\$ 89,625.00</u>	<u>\$ 89,625.00</u>	

TOWNSHIP OF BEDMINSTER
GENERAL CAPITAL FUND
SCHEDULE OF SERIAL BONDS PAYABLE
YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2022

NOT APPLICABLE

TOWNSHIP OF BEDMINSTER
GENERAL CAPITAL FUND
SCHEDULE OF GREEN TRUST PROGRAM LOANS PAYABLE

	<u>Ref.</u>	
Balance December 31, 2021	C	\$ 94,314.35
Decreased by:		
Principal Matured		13,727.81
Balance December 31, 2022	C	\$ 80,586.54

Schedule of Principal and Interest Payments Outstanding December 31, 2022

Loan Payable #5

<u>Payment Number</u>	<u>Due</u>	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Interest</u>	<u>Loan Balance</u>
				\$ 80,586.54
29	05/01/23	\$ 6,967.03	\$ 805.87	73,619.51
30	10/31/23	7,036.70	736.19	66,582.81
31	05/01/24	7,107.07	665.83	59,475.74
32	10/31/24	7,178.14	594.76	52,297.60
33	05/01/25	7,249.92	522.98	45,047.68
34	10/31/25	7,322.42	450.48	37,725.26
35	05/01/26	7,395.65	377.25	30,329.61
36	10/31/26	7,469.60	303.30	22,860.01
37	05/01/27	7,544.30	228.60	15,315.71
38	10/31/27	7,619.74	153.16	7,695.97
39	05/01/28	7,695.97	76.93	
		\$ 80,586.54	\$ 4,915.35	

TOWNSHIP OF BEDMINSTER
GENERAL CAPITAL FUND
SCHEDULE OF BONDS AND NOTES AUTHORIZED BUT NOT ISSUED

Ord. No.	Improvement Description	Balance Dec. 31, 2021	2022 Improvement Authorizations	Bond Anticipation Notes Issued	Balance Dec. 31, 2022
16-13	Acquisition of Property	\$ 1,900,000.00			\$ 1,900,000.00
22-03	Acquisition of Vehicular Equipment		\$ 1,111,500.00	\$ 947,000.00	164,500.00
		<u>\$ 1,900,000.00</u>	<u>\$ 1,111,500.00</u>	<u>\$ 947,000.00</u>	<u>\$ 2,064,500.00</u>

TOWNSHIP OF BEDMINSTER
COUNTY OF SOMERSET
2022
WATER UTILITY FUND

NOT APPLICABLE

TOWNSHIP OF BEDMINSTER
COUNTY OF SOMERSET
2022
SEWER UTILITY FUND

TOWNSHIP OF BEDMINSTER
SEWER UTILITY OPERATING FUND
SCHEDULE OF CASH - TREASURER

<u>Ref.</u>	<u>Operating</u>	<u>Assessment</u>	<u>Capital</u>
E	\$ 2,240,184.55	\$ 22,493.79	\$ 677,634.06
Increased by Receipts:			
Sewer Utility Collector	\$ 395,208.77		
Interest on Investments	6,558.12		
Shared Service - Sewer Transmission Advisory Board	119,515.32		
Contribution from Far Hills	5,026.60		
Investment Returned	89,625.00		
Due Sewer Utility Operating Fund:			
Interest of Investments		\$ 68.81	\$ 1,992.35
Due Sewer Utility Assessment Fund:			
Interfund Returned	48.78		
Due Sewer Utility Capital Fund:			
Interfund Returned	1,284.00		
Reserve for Sewer Transmission Advisory Board			75,000.00
Reserve for Equipment Renewal and Replacement:			
Sanitary Sewer Collection System			5,000.00
Sanitary Sewer Treatment System			6,936.50
Reserve for Lamington Road Pump Station			4,000.00
	617,266.59	68.81	92,928.85
	2,857,451.14	22,562.60	770,562.91
Decreased by Disbursements:			
2022 Budget Appropriations	407,596.77		
2021 Appropriation Reserves	52,691.36		
Improvement Authorizations			23,105.00
Due Sewer Operating Fund:			
Interest on Investments		48.78	1,284.00
	460,288.13	48.78	24,389.00
E	\$ 2,397,163.01	\$ 22,513.82	\$ 746,173.91

TOWNSHIP OF BEDMINSTER
SEWER UTILITY OPERATING FUND
SCHEDULE OF CASH - COLLECTOR
YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2022

Increased by Receipts:

Consumer Accounts Receivable	\$ 390,893.45
Miscellaneous Fees	90.00
Prepaid Sewer Rents	1,820.24
Interest on Delinquent Rents	2,405.08
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	395,208.77

Decreased by Disbursements:

Paid to Treasurer	\$ 395,208.77
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TOWNSHIP OF BEDMINSTER
SEWER UTILITY ASSESSMENT FUND
ANALYSIS OF CASH

	Balance Dec. 31, 2021	<u>Receipts</u> Miscellaneous	<u>Disbursements</u> Miscellaneous	Balance Dec. 31, 2022
Assessment Fund Balance	\$ 22,491.88			\$ 22,491.88
Due Sewer Utility Operating Fund	1.91	\$ 68.81	\$ 48.78	21.94
	<u>\$ 22,493.79</u>	<u>\$ 68.81</u>	<u>\$ 48.78</u>	<u>\$ 22,513.82</u>

TOWNSHIP OF BEDMINSTER
SEWER UTILITY OPERATING FUND
SCHEDULE OF CONSUMER ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE

	<u>Ref.</u>	
Balance December 31, 2021	E	\$ 24,429.74
Increased by:		
Rents, Fees and Other Charges Levied		<u>373,590.30</u>
		398,020.04
Decreased by:		
Collections - Rents	\$ 390,893.45	
Interest on Delinquent Rents	2,405.08	
Prepaid Sewer Rents Applied	<u>1,548.58</u>	
		<u>394,847.11</u>
Balance December 31, 2022	E	<u><u>\$ 3,172.93</u></u>

TOWNSHIP OF BEDMINSTER
SEWER UTILITY ASSESSMENT FUND
SCHEDULE OF ASSESSMENTS RECEIVABLE
YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2022

NOT APPLICABLE

TOWNSHIP OF BEDMINSTER
SEWER UTILITY CAPITAL FUND
SCHEDULE OF FIXED CAPITAL

	<u>Ref.</u>	
Balance December 31, 2021	E	\$ 7,143,175.63
Increased by:		
Additions by Ordinance		<u>67,765.00</u>
Balance December 31, 2022	E	<u><u>\$ 7,210,940.63</u></u>

TOWNSHIP OF BEDMINSTER
SEWER UTILITY CAPITAL FUND
SCHEDULE OF FIXED CAPITAL AUTHORIZED AND UNCOMPLETED

Improvement Description	Ordinance		Balance Dec. 31, 2021	2022 Authorizations	Costs to Fixed Capital	Balance Dec. 31, 2022
	Date	Amount				
Lamington Farm Pump	03/18/13	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 8,996.25		\$	8,996.25
Miller Lane Pump Station	07/07/17	25,000.00	5,694.00		\$ 5,694.00	
Miller Lane Pump Station	05/03/21	75,000.00	75,000.00		62,071.00	12,929.00
Miller Lane Pump Station	08/01/22	75,000.00		\$ 75,000.00		75,000.00
			\$ 89,690.25	\$ 75,000.00	\$ 67,765.00	\$ 96,925.25

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TOWNSHIP OF BEDMINSTER
SEWER UTILITY OPERATING FUND
SCHEDULE OF 2021 APPROPRIATION RESERVES
YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2022

		<u>Balance</u> <u>Dec. 31, 2021</u>	<u>Balance</u> <u>After</u> <u>Modification</u>	<u>Paid or</u> <u>Charged</u>	<u>Balance</u> <u>Lapsed</u>
Operating:					
Salaries and Wages		\$ 3,793.45	\$ 3,793.45	\$ 996.08	\$ 2,797.37
Other Expenses		<u>179,341.60</u>	<u>179,341.60</u>	<u>55,140.28</u>	<u>124,201.32</u>
		<u>\$ 183,135.05</u>	<u>\$ 183,135.05</u>	<u>\$ 56,136.36</u>	<u>\$ 126,998.69</u>
	<u>Ref.</u>				
<u>Balance December 31, 2021:</u>			Cash Disbursed	\$ 52,691.36	
			Accounts Payable	<u>3,445.00</u>	
Appropriation Reserves:				<u>\$ 56,136.36</u>	
Unencumbered	E	\$ 160,556.45			
Encumbered	E	<u>22,578.60</u>			
		<u>\$ 183,135.05</u>			

TOWNSHIP OF BEDMINSTER
SEWER UTILITY CAPITAL FUND
SCHEDULE OF RESERVE FOR AMORTIZATION

	<u>Ref.</u>	
Balance December 31, 2021	E	\$ 7,143,175.63
Increased by:		
Transfer from Deferred Reserve for Amortization		<u>67,765.00</u>
Balance December 31, 2022	E	<u>\$ 7,210,940.63</u>

TOWNSHIP OF BEDMINSTER
SEWER UTILITY CAPITAL FUND
SCHEDULE OF DEFERRED RESERVE FOR AMORTIZATION

Improvement Description	Date of Ordinance	Balance Dec. 31, 2021	2022 Authorizations	Transferred to Reserve for Amortization	Balance Dec. 31, 2022
Lamington Farm Pump	03/18/13	\$ 8,996.25			\$ 8,996.25
Miller Lane Pump Station	07/07/17	5,694.00		\$ 5,694.00	
Miller Lane Pump Station	05/03/21	75,000.00		62,071.00	12,929.00
Miller Lane Pump Station	08/01/22		\$ 75,000.00		75,000.00
		\$ 89,690.25	\$ 75,000.00	\$ 67,765.00	\$ 96,925.25

Ref.

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TOWNSHIP OF BEDMINSTER
COUNTY OF SOMERSET
2022
PUBLIC ASSISTANCE FUND

TOWNSHIP OF BEDMINSTER
PUBLIC ASSISTANCE FUND
SCHEDULE OF CASH - TREASURER

	<u>Ref.</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>P.A.T.F. I</u>	<u>P.A.T.F. II</u>
Balance December 31, 2021	F	\$ 11,362.29	\$ 11,009.70	\$ 352.59
Increased by Receipts:				
Interest Earned		<u>34.77</u>	<u>33.69</u>	<u>1.08</u>
Balance December 31, 2022	F	<u><u>\$ 11,397.06</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 11,043.39</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 353.67</u></u>

TOWNSHIP OF BEDMINSTER

PART II

SINGLE AUDIT

YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2022

TOWNSHIP OF BEDMINSTER
SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS
YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2022

Federal Department	Federal Program	Assistance Listing Number	State Program Account Number	Grant Award	Grant Period		Grant Receipts	Grant Expenditures	MEMO Cumulative Total Expenditures	Amounts Provided to Subrecipients
					From	To				
U.S. Department of Justice: Office of Justice Program	Bulletproof Vest Partnership Grant	16.607	N/A	800.00	01/01/19	12/31/22	\$ 800.00	\$	800.00	
				1,017.01	01/01/20	12/31/22	1,017.01	\$ 32.73	1,017.01	
				3,290.10	01/01/21	12/31/22	2,063.31	1,580.58	3,290.10	
				2,032.98	01/01/22	12/31/22		2,032.98	2,032.98	
Total U.S. Department of Justice										
				3,880.32			3,880.32	3,646.29	7,140.09	-0-
U.S. Department of Treasury Passed through NI Department Department of Community Affairs	COVID-19 Coronavirus State and Local Government Fiscal Recovery Funds	21.027	100-022-8030 687-046010	833,999.04	03/03/21	12/31/24	416,999.52	101,728.85	101,728.85	
							416,999.52	101,728.85	101,728.85	-0-
Total Department of Treasury										
TOTAL FEDERAL AWARDS										
							\$ 420,879.84	\$ 105,375.14	\$ 108,868.94	\$ -0-

N/A - Not Available/Applicable

TOWNSHIP OF BEDMINSTER
 SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF STATE AWARDS
 YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2022

Name of State Agency or Department	Name of Program	State Program Account Number	Grant Award	Grant Period		Grant Receipts	Grant Expenditures	MEMO Cumulative Total Expenditures
				From	To			
Department of Environmental Protection	Clean Communities Grant	765-042-4900-004-178900	\$ 21,913.35	01/01/20	12/31/22		\$ 16,559.68	\$ 21,913.35
			23,321.84	01/01/21	12/31/23		7,734.70	7,734.70
			23,790.14	01/01/22	12/31/23	\$ 23,790.14		
	Recycling Tonnage Grant	752-042-4900-004-178840	4,975.86	01/01/21	12/31/22		1,000.00	4,975.86
			10,777.56	01/01/22	12/31/22	10,777.56	10,777.56	10,777.56
						10,777.56	11,777.56	15,753.42
	Total Department of Environmental Protection					34,567.70	36,071.94	45,401.47
Department of Law and Public Safety	Drunk Driving Enforcement Fund	100-066-1110-260-YYYY	3,072.08	01/01/18	12/31/22		662.33	3,072.08
			3,528.84	01/01/19	12/31/23		1,250.16	1,250.16
	Body Armor Replacement Fund	98-718-066-1020-001	1,482.12	01/01/20	12/31/22		179.92	1,482.12
			1,081.01	01/01/21	12/31/22	1,801.01	1,081.01	1,081.01
			1,359.48	01/01/22	12/31/23	1,359.48		
	Total Department of Law and Public Safety					3,160.49	1,260.93	2,563.13
						3,160.49	3,173.42	6,885.37
Department of Health and Senior Services	Alcohol Education, Rehabilitation and Enforcement Fund (Trust)	760-046-4240-001	315.86	01/01/22	12/31/23		315.86	
	Total Department of Health and Senior Services						315.86	
Department of Transportation	Municipal Aid: Road Improvements to Clucas Brook Road	480-078-6320-606280	\$ 379,500.00	01/01/22	12/31/23		284,125.07	241,513.45
	Total Department of Transportation					284,125.07	241,513.45	241,513.45
	TOTAL STATE AWARDS					\$ 322,169.12	\$ 280,758.81	\$ 293,800.29

SEE ACCOMPANYING NOTES TO SCHEDULES OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AND STATE AWARDS

TOWNSHIP OF BEDMINSTER
NOTES TO SCHEDULES OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AND STATE AWARDS
YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2022

Note 1. BASIS OF PRESENTATION

The accompanying schedules of expenditures of federal and state awards (the "Schedules") includes the federal and state grant activity of the Township of Bedminster under programs of the federal and state governments for the year ended December 31, 2022. The information in these schedules is presented in accordance with the requirements of the 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's OMB Circular 15-08, *Single Audit Policy for Recipients of Federal Grants, State Grants and State Aid*. Because the schedules present only a selected portion of the operations of the Township, they are not intended to and do not present the financial position, changes in fund balance or cash flows of the Township.

Note 2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Expenditures reported on the accompanying schedules of expenditures of federal and state awards are reported on the cash basis of accounting. Such expenditures are recognized following the cost principles contained in the Uniform Guidance, wherein certain types of expenditures are not allowable or are limited as to reimbursement. Negative amounts, if any, shown on the Schedules represent adjustments or credits made in the normal course of business to amounts reported as expenditures in prior years. Pass-through identifying numbers are presented where available. The Township has elected not to use the 10 percent de minimis indirect cost rate as allowed under the Uniform Guidance.

Note 3. RELATIONSHIP TO FEDERAL AND STATE FINANCIAL REPORTS

Amounts reported in the accompanying schedules agree with the amounts reported in the related federal and state financial reports.

Note 4. STATE LOANS OUTSTANDING

The Township of Bedminster has the following loans outstanding as of December 31, 2022:

General Capital Fund:	
NJ Green Acres Loans	<u>\$ 80,586.54</u>

Currently the Township is in the process of repaying these loan balances. There were no loan receipts or expenditures in the current year. The projects which relate to the loans are complete.



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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 Auditors' Report

The Honorable Mayor and Members
 of the Township Committee
 Township of Bedminster
 Bedminster, New Jersey

We have audited, in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, audit requirements prescribed by the Division of Local Government Services, Department of Community Affairs, State of New Jersey ("the Division"), and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, the financial statements - *regulatory basis* - of the various funds of the Township of Bedminster, in the County of Somerset (the "Township") as of and for the years ended December 31, 2022 and 2021, and the related notes to the financial statements and have issued our report thereon dated May 9, 2023. These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with accounting practices prescribed or permitted by the Division to demonstrate compliance with the Division's regulatory basis of accounting, and the budget laws of New Jersey, which is a basis of accounting other than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Report on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we 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 our 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 Township's financial statements will not be prevented, or detected and corrected on a timely basis. *A significant deficiency* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control that is less severe than a material weakness, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance.

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Township of Bedminster
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Our consideration of the 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 and therefore, material weakness or significant deficiencies may exist that have not been identified. Given these limitations, during our audit we did not identify any deficiencies in internal control that we consider to be material weaknesses. We identified a certain deficiency in internal control, described in the accompanying Schedule of Findings and Responses as Finding 2022-001, that we consider to be a significant deficiency.

Report on Compliance and Other Matters

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

The Township's Response to the Finding


Government Auditing Standards requires the auditor to perform limited procedures on the Township's response to the finding identified in our audit and described in the accompanying Schedule of Findings and Responses. The Township's response was not subjected to the other auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements and, accordingly, we express no opinion on the response.

Purpose of this Report

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

Mount Arlington, New Jersey
May 9, 2023

NISIVOCCIA LLP



Andrew Kucinski
Registered Municipal Accountant No. 583
Certified Public Accountant

TOWNSHIP OF BEDMINSTER
SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND RESPONSES
YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2022

Summary of Auditors' Results:

- The Independent Auditors' Report expresses an unmodified opinion on the Township's financial statements, prepared in accordance with accounting practices prescribed or permitted by the Division of Local Government Services, Department of Community Affairs, State of New Jersey to demonstrate compliance with the Division's regulatory basis of accounting and the budget laws of New Jersey.
- A significant deficiency was disclosed during the audit of the financial statements as reported in the *Independent Auditors' 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*. No material weaknesses are reported.
- No instances of noncompliance material to the financial statements of the District which would be required to be reported in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, were disclosed during the audit.
- The Township was not subject to the single audit provisions of the Uniform Guidance and New Jersey's OMB Circular 15-08 for the year ended December 31, 2022 as both state and federal grant expenditures were less than the single audit thresholds of \$750,000 identified in the Uniform Guidance and NJOMB 15-08.

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

- The audit disclosed the following significant deficiency required to be reported under Generally Accepted Government Auditing Standards:

Finding 2022-001

Segregation of Duties

Criteria

Concentration of duties and responsibilities within a limited number of individuals is not desirable from a control point of view.

Condition

The Township does not maintain an adequate segregation of duties with respect to the recording and treasury functions.

The various departments/offices of the Township are responsible for the issuance of permits and licenses; collections of taxes and permit and license fees; and recording of collections.

Cause

This is due, in part, to the limited number of personnel of the Township and the decentralized nature of governmental collection procedures.

TOWNSHIP OF BEDMINSTER
SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND RESPONSES
YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2022
(Continued)

Findings Relating to the Financial Statements which are required to be Reported in Accordance with Generally Accepted Government Auditing Standards: (Cont'd)

Finding 2022-001 (Cont'd)

Effect or Potential Effect

Segregation of duties refers to separating those functions that place too much control over a transaction or class of transactions that would enable a person to perpetuate errors and prevent detection within a reasonable period of time.

Recommendation:

It is recommended that an adequate segregation of duties be maintained with respect to the recording and treasury functions.

Management's Response:

The finding was evaluated, however, due to budgetary constraints, no resolution can be made at this time.

Findings and Questioned Costs for Federal Awards:

- Not applicable since federal expenditures were below the single audit threshold.

Findings and Questioned Costs for State Awards:

- Not applicable since state expenditures were below the single audit threshold.

TOWNSHIP OF BEDMINSTER
SUMMARY SCHEDULE OF PRIOR AUDIT FINDINGS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2022

The Township's prior year audit finding 2021-001 regarding segregation of duties has not been resolved due to budgetary constraints and is included as current year Finding 2022-001.

TOWNSHIP OF BEDMINSTER

PART III

COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2022

TOWNSHIP OF BEDMINSTER
COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

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

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

a. " When the cost or price of any contract awarded by the contracting agent in the aggregate does not exceed in a contract year the total sum of \$17,500, the contract may be awarded by a purchasing agent when so authorized by ordinance or resolution, as appropriate to the contracting unit, of the governing body of the contracting unit without public advertising for bids, except that the governing body of any contracting unit may adopt an ordinance or resolution to set a lower threshold for the receipt of public bids or the solicitation of competitive quotations. If the purchasing agent is qualified pursuant to Subsection b. of Section 9 of P.L. 1971, C.198 (N.J.S.A. 40A:11-9), the governing body of the contracting unit may establish that the bid threshold may be up to \$25,000. Such authorization may be granted for each contract or by a general delegation of the power to negotiate and award such contracts pursuant to this section.

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

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

N.J.S.A. 40A: 11-4 states: "Every contract awarded by the contracting agent for the provision or performance of any goods or services, the cost of which in the aggregate exceeds the bid threshold, shall be awarded only by resolution of the governing body of the contracting unit to the lowest responsible bidder after public advertising for bids and bidding therefore, except as is provided otherwise in this act or specifically by any other law. The governing body of a contracting unit may, by resolution approved by a majority of the governing body and subject to subsections b. and c. of this section, disqualify a bidder who would otherwise be determined to be the lowest responsible bidder, if the governing body finds that it has had prior negative experience with the bidder."

Effective July 1, 2020 and thereafter, the bid thresholds in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:11-3 are \$17,500 for a contracting unit without a qualified purchasing agent and \$44,000 for a contracting unit with a qualified purchasing agent.

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

The minutes indicated that bids were requested by public advertising per N.J.S.A. 40A:11-4. The minutes also indicated that resolutions were adopted and advertised authorizing the awarding of contracts or agreements for "Professional Services" and "Extraordinary Unspecifiable Services" per N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5.

TOWNSHIP OF BEDMINSTER
COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS
(Continued)

Contracts and Agreements Required to be Advertised for N.J.S.A. 40A:11-4 (Cont'd)

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

Collection of Interest on Delinquent Taxes and Assessments

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

On January 4, 2022, the governing body adopted the following resolution authorizing interest to be charged on delinquent taxes or assessments:

“BE IT RESOLVED that the rate of interest to be charged by the Township of Bedminster for non-payment of taxes or assessments when due, according to the statutes in such case made and provided, be and the same is hereby fixed at the rate of 8% per annum on the first \$1,500.00 of delinquency and 18% per annum on any amount on the first excess of \$1,500.00 to be computed from the date on which such taxes shall become due to the actual date of payment of same, said interest to be charged upon the whole or portion of any taxes that no interest as aforesaid shall be charged if the payment of any installment is made within ten days after the date upon which the same shall have become payable. The Tax Collector is hereby authorized to hold an annual Tax Sale in Accordance with NJSA 54:5-19.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a penalty on delinquent taxes, in excess of \$10,000.00 be charged at 6%, if not paid by the end of the year (N.J.S. 54-4-67). This penalty is in addition to the 8% per annum on the first \$1,500.00 of delinquency and 18% per annum on any amount in excess of \$1,500.00.”

Section 3 of an ordinance adopted August 15, 1977 to “Establish Service Charges for Certain Sanitary Sewerage Facilities in the Township of Bedminster, Somerset County, and to Provide for the Establishment Therein of a Sewerage Advisory Committee” states “The Annual Sewerage Charge Herein Established Shall Be Due and Payable in Equal Quarterly Installments on March 1, June 1, September 1, and December 1 of each year. Any unpaid installments shall draw the same interest from the time they become due as taxes upon real estate in the Township of Bedminster; provided that no interest shall be charged if the payment of any installment is made within ten days after the date upon which the same shall have become payable.”

It appears from an examination of the Collector’s records that interest was collected in accordance with the foregoing resolution and ordinance.

TOWNSHIP OF BEDMINSTER
COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS
(Continued)

Delinquent Taxes and Tax Title Liens

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

<u>Year</u>	<u>Tax Title Liens</u>
2022	-0-
2021	-0-
2020	-0-

Verification of Delinquent Taxes and Other Charges

A test verification of delinquent charges and current payments was made in accordance with the regulations of the Division of Local Government Services, consisting of verification notices as follows:

<u>Type</u>	<u>Number Mailed</u>
Payment of Taxes	20
Delinquent Taxes	15
Payment of Sewer Rents	20
Delinquent Sewer Rents	15

New Jersey Administrative Code Accounting Requirements

The Division of Local Government Services has established three (3) technical accounting requirements which are prescribed in the New Jersey Administrative Code. They are as follows:

1. Maintenance of an encumbrance accounting system.
2. Fixed asset accounting and reporting system.
3. General ledger accounting system.

The Township is in compliance with the requirements.

TOWNSHIP OF BEDMINSTER
COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS
(Continued)

Municipal Court

The report of the Municipal Court has been forwarded to the Division of Local Government Services and the Township's Magistrate under separate cover. Reflected below is a summary of receipts and disbursements for the year ended December 31, 2022.

RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2022

Agency	Balance 12/31/21	Receipts	Disbursements	Balance 12/31/22
State of New Jersey	\$ 13,013.02	\$ 176,095.19	\$ 179,316.06	\$ 9,792.15
County of Somerset	4,078.00	30,868.10	31,605.06	3,341.04
Township of Bedminster	9,013.46	85,861.70	87,911.90	6,963.26
Interest:				
Regular Account	1.96	26.72	13.06	15.62
P.O.A.A - Fines		6.00	4.00	2.00
Public Defender	100.00	400.00	500.00	
Fish and Game	20.00	260.00	280.00	
Weights and Measures		4,200.00	4,200.00	
Cash Bail	2,675.00	20,477.51	20,448.00	2,704.51
Total	<u>\$ 28,901.44</u>	<u>\$ 318,195.22</u>	<u>\$ 324,278.08</u>	<u>\$ 22,818.58</u>

Purchasing

During the course of our audit, it was found that purchases were made prior to the preparation/approval of purchase orders. This was an isolated incident. No formal recommendation is deemed necessary at this time.

Management Suggestions

Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statements

GASB Statement No. 94, *Public-Private and Public-Public Partnerships and Availability Arrangements*, is effective for the year ended December 31, 2023. This statement addresses issues related to public-private and public-public partnership agreements (PPP's). A PPP is an arrangement in which a government (the transferor) contracts with an operator (a governmental or nongovernmental entity) to provide public services by conveying control of the right to operate or use a nonfinancial asset, such as infrastructure or other capital asset (the underlying PPP asset), for a period of time. This statement also provides guidance for accounting and financial reporting for availability payment arrangements (APA's). An APA is an arrangement in which a government compensates an operator for services that may include designing, constructing, financing, maintaining, or operating an underlying nonfinancial asset or a period of time.

GASB Statement No. 96, *Subscription-Based Information Technology Arrangements* (SBITA's), is effective for the year ended December 31, 2023. A SBITA is a contract that conveys control of the right to use another party's (a SBITA vendor) information technology software, alone or in combination with tangible capital assets as specified in the related contract for a period of time. It is likely that a SBITA software or similar spreadsheets will need to be utilized to perform the various calculations necessary to implement this standard.

TOWNSHIP OF BEDMINSTER
COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS
(Continued)

Management Suggestions (Cont'd)

COVID-19 Federal Funding

It is possible that the Township will undergo some review of its COVID-19 funding by the federal government. We strongly suggest that the Township ensures that these funds are utilized in accordance with the applicable federal requirements especially with respect to procurement. Additionally, we strongly suggest that the Township ensures that these funds are separately accounted for in the Township's accounting records and that any applicable Township policies are current with respect to federal grant requirements.

Because of the nature of these funds, being new programs, generally of a significant dollar amount, and some of which may be expended over a period of years, they may be subject to federal or state audit several years from now. It is important that the grant files maintained by local governments be complete, self-explanatory, and fully document the program(s) undertaken as part of the funding.

Status of Prior Year Recommendations

The prior year recommendation regarding the Township establishing an adequate segregation of duties with respect to the recording and treasury functions has not been resolved and is included in the current year recommendations.

TOWNSHIP OF BEDMINSTER
SUMMARY OF RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that:

1. An adequate segregation of duties be maintained with respect to the recording and treasury functions.

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