

PRELIMINARY OFFICIAL STATEMENT DATED MARCH 5, 2026

NEW ISSUE
BOOK-ENTRY ONLY

RATINGS: S&P: "AA" (Bonds)
S&P: "SP-1+" (Notes)
(See "RATINGS" herein)

In the opinion of Malamut & Associates, LLC, Bond Counsel to the Township, based on certifications of the Township (as hereinafter defined) and assuming continuing compliance with their respective covenants pertaining to provisions of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code"), and subject to certain provisions of the Code which are described herein, under laws, regulations, rulings and judicial decisions existing on the date of the original delivery of the Tax-Exempt Bonds and Notes (as hereinafter defined), interest on the Tax-Exempt Bonds and Notes is excludable from gross income of the owners thereof for federal income tax purposes and will not be treated as an item of tax preference for purposes of calculating the alternative minimum tax, however, interest on the Tax-Exempt Bonds and Notes is included in the "adjusted financial statement income" of certain corporations that are subject to alternative minimum tax under Section 55 of the Code. Based upon existing law, interest on the Bonds and Notes and any gain on the sale thereof are not included in gross income under the New Jersey Gross Income Tax Act. See "TAX MATTERS" herein for a full discussion.

TOWNSHIP OF BORDENTOWN
IN THE COUNTY OF BURLINGTON, NEW JERSEY

\$7,070,000*

\$4,700,000*

GENERAL IMPROVEMENT BONDS,
SERIES 2026A

AFFORDABLE HOUSING TRUST FUND BONDS,
SERIES 2026B

(Book-Entry-Only) (Callable)

(FEDERALLY TAXABLE)
(Book-Entry-Only) (Callable)

Dated: Date of Delivery

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Due: March 15, as shown on the inside front cover

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\$23,870,000

BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES, SERIES 2026A

(Book-Entry-Only) (Non-Callable)

Dated: Date of Delivery

Due: March 25, 2027

The \$7,070,000* General Improvement Bonds, Series 2026A (the "Tax-Exempt Bonds"), the \$4,700,000* Affordable Housing Trust Fund Bonds, Series 2026B (the "Taxable Bonds" and together with the Tax-Exempt Bonds, the "Bonds") and the \$23,870,000 Bond Anticipation Notes, Series 2026A (the "Notes") of the Township, all dated the date of delivery, are general obligations of the Township and the full faith and credit and unlimited ad valorem taxing power of the Township are pledged to the payment of the principal thereof and the interest thereon.

The Bonds and Notes will be issued in fully registered book-entry only form and, when issued, will be registered in the name of and held by Cede & Co., as nominee of The Depository Trust Company, Brooklyn, New York ("DTC"). DTC, an automated depository for securities and clearing house for securities transactions, will act as securities depository for the Bonds and the Notes. Individual purchases of the Bonds will be made in book entry form, in the denomination of \$5,000 each or any integral multiple of \$1,000 in excess thereof. Individual purchases of the Notes will be made in book-entry form in the principal amount of \$1,000 with a minimum purchase of \$5,000.

The Bonds shall bear interest from the date of delivery thereof, as shown below, payable semi-annually on March 15 and September 15 of each year, commencing March 15, 2027, at such rates of interest, as shown on the inside front cover page hereof until maturity or earlier redemption. The Bonds will be payable as to principal upon presentation and surrender thereof at the offices of the Township or a duly designated paying agent, if any. Interest on the Bonds will be paid by check, draft or wire transfer mailed, delivered or transmitted by the Township to the registered owner thereof as of the Record Dates (as defined herein).

The Notes will bear interest at the rate per annum and reoffering yield, as shown on the inside front cover page, commencing from their date of delivery, as shown below. Interest on the Notes will be payable at maturity, as on the inside front cover page hereof. Principal of and interest on the Notes will be payable by the Township or a duly designated paying agent at the date of maturity. While DTC is acting as securities depository for the Bonds and the Notes, the principal of and interest on the Bonds and the Notes will be payable by wire transfer to DTC or its nominee, which is obligated to remit such principal and interest payments to DTC Participants. DTC Participants and Indirect Participants will be responsible for remitting such principal and interest payments to the Beneficial Owners of the Bonds or the Notes. See "BOOK-ENTRY ONLY SYSTEM" herein.

The Bonds are subject to optional redemption prior to their stated maturities. See "THE BONDS" under the subheading entitled "Redemption Provisions". The Notes are not subject to redemption prior to their stated maturity.

The Bonds and Notes are not debt or obligations, legal, moral or otherwise of the State of New Jersey, or any county, municipality or political subdivision thereof other than the Township.

This cover page contains certain information for quick reference only. It is not a summary of the issue. Investors must read the entire Official Statement, including all appendices, to obtain information essential to making an informed investment decision.

The Bonds and Notes are offered when, as and if issued and delivered to the Underwriters, subject to withdrawal or modification of the offer without notice, to the prior approval of legality by the law firm of Malamut & Associates, LLC, Cherry Hill, New Jersey, Bond Counsel, and certain other conditions described herein. Certain legal matters will be passed upon for the Township by its counsel. Phoenix Advisors, a division of First Security Municipal Advisors, Inc., Hamilton, New Jersey, served as Municipal Advisor to the Township in connection with the Bonds and Notes. It is expected that delivery of the Bonds and Notes in book-entry only form will be made at DTC, on or about March 26, 2026.

BIDS FOR THE BONDS AND NOTES, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE NOTICES OF SALE, WILL BE RECEIVED ON MARCH 12, 2026.

* Preliminary; subject to change

This is a Preliminary Official Statement and the information contained herein is subject to completion, amendment or other change without notice. The securities described herein may not be sold nor may offers to buy be accepted prior to the time the Official Statement is delivered in final form. Under no circumstances shall this Preliminary Official Statement constitute an offer to sell or the solicitation of an offer to buy nor shall there be any sale of these securities in any jurisdiction in which such offer, solicitation or sale would be unlawful prior to registration or qualification under the applicable securities laws of any such jurisdiction.

**TOWNSHIP OF BORDENTOWN
IN THE COUNTY OF BURLINGTON, NEW JERSEY
MATURITIES, AMOUNTS, INTEREST RATES, YIELDS AND CUSIPS****

\$7,070,000* GENERAL IMPROVEMENT BONDS, SERIES 2026A (TAX-EXEMPT)

<u>Year</u>	<u>General Principal Amount*</u>	<u>Interest Rate</u>	<u>Yield</u>	<u>CUSIP**</u>
2027	\$165,000	%	%	099671__
2028	165,000			099671__
2029	185,000			099671__
2030	200,000			099671__
2031	220,000			099671__
2032	250,000			099671__
2033	275,000			099671__
2034	330,000			099671__
2035	330,000			099671__
2036	330,000			099671__
2037	330,000			099671__
2038	330,000			099671__
2039	330,000			099671__
2040	330,000			099671__
2041	330,000			099671__
2042	330,000			099671__
2043	330,000			099671__
2044	330,000			099671__
2045	330,000			099671__
2046	330,000			099671__
2047	330,000			099671__
2048	330,000			099671__
2049	330,000			099671__
2050	330,000			099671__

\$4,700,000* AFFORDABLE HOUSING TRUST FUND BONDS, SERIES 2026B (FEDERALLY TAXABLE)

<u>Year</u>	<u>Principal Amount*</u>	<u>Interest Rate</u>	<u>Yield</u>	<u>CUSIP**</u>
2027	\$150,000	%	%	099671__
2028	150,000			099671__
2029	175,000			099671__
2030	185,000			099671__
2031	190,000			099671__
2032	200,000			099671__
2033	210,000			099671__
2034	220,000			099671__
2035	230,000			099671__
2036	235,000			099671__
2037	245,000			099671__
2038	255,000			099671__
2039	265,000			099671__
2040	275,000			099671__
2041	275,000			099671__
2042	275,000			099671__
2043	280,000			099671__
2044	290,000			099671__
2045	295,000			099671__
2046	300,000			099671__

\$23,870,000 BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES, SERIES 2026A

<u>Maturity Date:</u>	<u>Interest Rate:</u>	<u>Yield:</u>	<u>CUSIP**:</u>
March 25, 2027	___%	___%	099671__

*Preliminary, subject to change.

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**TOWNSHIP OF BORDENTOWN
IN THE COUNTY OF BURLINGTON, NEW JERSEY**

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References in this Official Statement to laws, rules, regulations, resolutions, agreements, reports and documents do not purport to be comprehensive or definitive. All references to such documents are qualified in their entirety by reference to the particular document, the full text of which may contain qualifications of and exceptions to statements made herein, and copies of which may be inspected at the office of the Township Clerk during normal business hours.

This Official Statement does not constitute an offer to sell or the solicitation of an offer to buy, nor shall there be any sale of the Bonds and Notes in any jurisdiction in which it is unlawful for any person to make such an offer, solicitation or sale. No dealer, broker, salesman or other person has been authorized to give any information or to make any representations other than as contained in this Official Statement. If given or made, such other information or representations must not be relied upon as having been authorized by the Township or the Purchasers. The Purchasers have reviewed the information in this official statement pursuant to their responsibilities to investors under the federal securities laws, but the Purchasers do not guarantee the accuracy or completeness of such information.

Upon issuance, the Bonds and Notes will not be registered under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, will not be listed on any stock or other securities exchange and neither the Securities and Exchange Commission nor any other federal, state, municipal or other governmental entity, other than the Township, will have passed upon the accuracy or adequacy of this Official Statement.

IN CONNECTION WITH THIS OFFERING, THE PURCHASERS MAY OVER-ALLOT OR EFFECT TRANSACTIONS THAT STABILIZE OR MAINTAIN THE MARKET PRICE OF THE BONDS AND NOTES AT A LEVEL ABOVE THAT WHICH MIGHT OTHERWISE PREVAIL IN THE OPEN MARKET. SUCH STABILIZING, IF COMMENCED, MAY BE DISCONTINUED AT ANY TIME WITHOUT PRIOR NOTICE. THE PUBLIC OFFERING YIELDS STATED ON THE COVER HEREOF MAY BE CHANGED FROM TIME TO TIME BY THE PURCHASERS WITHOUT PRIOR NOTICE.

The order and placement of materials in this Official Statement, including the Appendices, are not to be deemed to be a determination of relevance, materiality or importance, and this Official Statement, including the Appendices, must be considered in its entirety.

THIS OFFICIAL STATEMENT IS SUBMITTED IN CONNECTION WITH THE SALE OF THE BONDS AND NOTES, AND MAY NOT BE REPRODUCED OR BE USED, IN WHOLE OR IN PART, FOR ANY OTHER PURPOSE.

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**OFFICIAL STATEMENT
RELATING TO

TOWNSHIP OF BORDENTOWN
IN THE COUNTY OF BURLINGTON, NEW JERSEY

\$7,070,000*
GENERAL IMPROVEMENT BONDS, SERIES 2026A

\$4,700,000* AFFORDABLE HOUSING TRUST FUND BONDS,
SERIES 2026B (FEDERALLY TAXABLE)

and

\$23,870,000
BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES, SERIES 2026A**

INTRODUCTION

This Official Statement, which includes the cover page and the appendices attached hereto, has been prepared by the Township of Bordentown (the “Township”), in the County of Burlington (the “County”), in the State of New Jersey (the “State”) in connection with the sale and issuance of the \$7,070,000* General Improvement Bonds, Series 2026A (the “Tax-Exempt Bonds”), the \$4,700,000* Affordable Housing Trust Fund Bonds, Series 2026B (the “Taxable Bonds” and together with the Tax-Exempt Bonds, the “Bonds”) and the \$23,870,000 Bond Anticipation Notes, Series 2026A (the “Notes”).

THE BONDS

General Description

The Bonds will be dated the date of delivery and will mature in the years and in the principal amounts as shown on the inside front cover page hereof. The interest on the Bonds will be payable semi-annually on each March 15 and September 15, beginning March 15, 2027. The record dates for the Bonds are each preceding March 1 and September 1, respectively (the “Record Dates”). The Bonds will be issued in book-entry form only.

The Bonds are general obligations of the Township and are secured by a pledge of the full faith and credit of the Township for the payment of the principal thereof and interest thereon. The Township is obligated to levy ad valorem taxes upon all of the taxable property within the Township for the payment of principal of and interest on the Bonds without limitation as to rate or amount.

Redemption Provisions

Tax-Exempt Bonds

The Tax-Exempt Bonds maturing prior to March 15, 2034, are not subject to redemption prior to their stated maturities. The Tax-Exempt Bonds maturing on or after March 15, 2034 are redeemable at the option of the Township, in whole or in part, on any date on or after March 15, 2033 at a redemption price equal to 100% of the principal amount thereof (the “Redemption Price”), plus accrued interest to the date fixed for redemption.

* Preliminary, subject to change.

Taxable Bonds

The Taxable Bonds maturing prior to March 15, 2034, are not subject to redemption prior to their stated maturities. The Taxable Bonds maturing on or after March 15, 2034 are redeemable at the option of the Township, in whole or in part, on any date on or after March 15, 2033 at a redemption price equal to 100% of the principal amount thereof (the “Redemption Price”), plus accrued interest to the date fixed for redemption.

Notice of Redemption

Notice of redemption shall be given by mailing by first class mail in a sealed envelope with postage prepaid to the registered owners of the Bonds not less than thirty (30) days, nor more than sixty (60) days prior to the date fixed for redemption. Such mailing shall be to the owners of such Bonds at their respective addresses as they last appear on the registration books kept for that purpose by the Township or a duly appointed Bond Registrar. So long as the Depository Trust Company (“DTC”) (or any successor thereto) acts as securities depository for the Bonds (“Securities Depository”), such Notice of Redemption shall be sent directly to such depository and not to the Beneficial Owners (as defined herein) of the Bonds. Any failure of the depository to advise any of its participants or any failure of any participant to notify any beneficial owner of any Notice of Redemption shall not affect the validity of the redemption proceedings. If the Township determines to redeem a portion of the Bonds prior to maturity, the Bonds to be redeemed shall be selected by the Township; the Bonds to be redeemed having the same maturity shall be selected by the Securities Depository in accordance with its regulations.

If Notice of Redemption has been given as provided herein, the Bonds or the portion thereof called for redemption shall be due and payable on the date fixed for redemption at the Redemption Price, together with accrued interest to the date fixed for redemption. Interest shall cease to accrue on and after such redemption date.

AUTHORIZATION AND PURPOSE OF THE BONDS

The Bonds are authorized by, and are issued pursuant to, the provisions of the Local Bond Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:2-1 et seq., as amended and supplemented (the “Local Bond Law”), and are authorized by various bond ordinances duly adopted by the Township Committee on the dates set forth in the charts on the following page and published and approved as required by law, and by Resolutions 2026-65 and 2026-66, duly adopted by the Township Committee on February 24, 2026.

The bond ordinances authorizing the Bonds were published in full or in summary after their final adoption along with the statement that the twenty (20) day period of limitation within which a suit, action or proceeding questioning the validity of such bond ordinances could be commenced began to run from the date of the first publication of such statement. The Local Bond Law provides, that after issuance, all obligations shall be conclusively presumed to be fully authorized and issued by all laws of the State, and all persons shall be estopped from questioning their sale, execution or delivery by the Township. Such estoppel period has concluded as of the date of this Official Statement.

Tax-Exempt Bonds

The proceeds of the Tax-Exempt Bonds will be used to: (i) permanently finance a \$5,000,000 portion of the Bond Anticipation Notes, Series 2025 of the Township originally issued in the aggregate principal amount of \$25,000,000, dated March 28, 2025 and maturing March 27, 2026 (the “Prior Notes”); (ii) provide new money in the amount of \$2,070,000 to finance various general improvements in and by the Township; and (iii) pay the costs associated with the issuance of the Tax-Exempt Bonds.

The purposes for which the Bonds are to be issued have been authorized by duly adopted, approved and published bond ordinances of the Township, which bond ordinances are described in the following tables:

General Improvement Bonds

Ordinance No.	Purpose	Amount of Prior Notes Being Refunded by Bond Proceeds	New Money	Total Bond Proceeds
2022-08	Various Capital Improvements	\$3,500,000	\$0	\$3,500,000
2023-08	Various Capital Improvements	<u>1,500,000</u>	<u>2,070,000</u>	<u>3,570,000</u>
TOTAL:		<u>\$5,000,000</u>	<u>\$2,070,000</u>	<u>\$7,070,000</u>

Taxable Bonds

The proceeds of the Taxable Bonds will be used to: (i) provide new money in the amount of \$4,700,000 to finance various general improvements in and by the Township; and (ii) pay the costs associated with the issuance of the Taxable Bonds.

The purposes for which the Taxable Bonds are to be issued have been authorized by duly adopted, approved and published bond ordinances of the Township, which bond ordinances are described in the following table:

Ordinance No.	Purpose	New Money
2025-07	Affordability Controls (Bradford Point)	\$4,700,000
TOTAL:		\$4,700,000

Payment of Bonds

The Bonds are general obligations of the Township for which the full faith and credit of the Township will be pledged. The Township is authorized and required by law to levy ad valorem taxes on all taxable property within the Township for the payment of principal and interest on Bonds without limitation as to rate or amount. See “SECURITY AND SOURCE OF PAYMENT.”

Denominations and Place of Payment

The Bonds are issuable only as fully registered bonds without coupons, and when issued will be in the form of one certificate per maturity for the Tax-Exempt Bonds and one certificate per maturity for the Taxable Bonds and will be registered in the name of Cede & Co., as registered owner and nominee for the Depository Trust Company (“DTC”), New York, New York. DTC will act as Securities Depository for the Bonds. Purchase of the Bonds will be made in book entry form, in the denomination of \$5,000 each or any integral multiple thereof. Purchasers will not receive certificates representing their interest in Bonds purchased. So long as Cede & Co. is the registered owner, as nominee of DTC, references herein to the registered owners shall mean Cede & Co. and shall not mean the Beneficial Owners (as defined herein) of the Bonds. See “Book-Entry-Only System” herein.

THE NOTES

General Description

The Notes shall be dated and shall bear interest from their dated date and will mature on the date and in the amount, all as shown on the inside front cover page hereof. The Notes shall bear interest, which is payable at maturity, at the interest rate set forth on the inside front cover page hereof. The Notes may be purchased in book-entry-only form in the amount of \$1,000, with a minimum purchase of \$5,000, through book-entries made on the books and the records of DTC and its participants. See “Book-Entry-Only System”. The Township will act as the “Note Registrar/Paying Agent” for the Notes.

Redemption Provisions

The Notes are not subject to redemption prior to maturity.

AUTHORIZATION AND PURPOSE OF THE NOTES

The Notes are being issued to: (i) temporarily finance a \$20,000,000 aggregate portion of the Prior Notes; (ii) provide new money in the amount of \$3,870,000 to finance various general improvements in and by the Township; and (iii) pay the costs associated with the issuance of the Notes. The Notes have been authorized by bond ordinances duly adopted by the Township, which ordinances are described in the following table by ordinance number, purpose and amount of the Notes being refunded with the Notes:

Ordinance No.	Purpose	Amount of Prior Notes Being Refunded	New Money	Total Notes
2022-08	Various Capital Improvements	\$15,545,000	\$0	\$15,545,000
2024-10	Various Capital Improvements	0	725,000	725,000
2024-11	Construction and Furnishing of a Building for Use as Municipal Offices	4,455,000	3,145,000	7,600,000
TOTAL:		<u>\$20,000,000</u>	<u>\$3,870,000</u>	<u>\$23,870,000</u>

Payment of Notes

As hereinafter stated, the Notes are general obligations of the Township for which the full faith and credit of the Township will be pledged. The Township is authorized and required by law to levy *ad valorem* taxes on all taxable property within the Township for the payment of principal of and interest on Notes without limitation as to rate or amount.

BOOK-ENTRY-ONLY SYSTEM*

The description which follows of the procedures and record keeping with respect to beneficial ownership interests in the Bonds and Notes, payment of principal and interest, and other payments on the Bonds and Notes to DTC Participants or Beneficial Owners, confirmation and transfer of beneficial ownership interests in the Bonds and Notes and other related transactions by and between DTC, DTC Participants and Beneficial Owners, is based on certain information furnished by DTC to the Township. Accordingly, the Township does not make any representations as to the completeness or accuracy of such information.

* Source: The Depository Trust Company

The Depository Trust Company ("DTC"), New York, New York, will act as securities depository for the Bonds and Notes. The Bonds and Notes will be issued as fully-registered securities registered in the name of Cede & Co. (DTC's partnership nominee) or such other name as may be requested by an authorized representative of DTC. A fully-registered Bond certificate and Note certificate will be issued for the maturity of the Bonds and Notes, respectively, in the aggregate principal amount of such issue, and will be deposited with DTC.

DTC, the world's largest securities depository, is a limited-purpose trust company organized under the New York Banking Law, a "banking organization" within the meaning of the New York Banking Law, a member of the Federal Reserve System, a "clearing corporation" within the meaning of the New York Uniform Commercial Code, and a "clearing agency" registered pursuant to the provisions of Section 17A of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. DTC holds and provides asset servicing for over 3.5 million issues of U.S. and non-U.S. equity issues, corporate and municipal debt issues, and money market instruments (from over 100 countries) that DTC's participants ("Direct Participants") deposit with DTC. DTC also facilitates the post-trade settlement among Direct Participants of sales and other securities transactions in deposited securities, through electronic computerized book-entry transfers and pledges between Direct Participants' accounts. This eliminates the need for physical movement of securities certificates. Direct Participants include both U.S. and non-U.S. securities brokers and dealers, banks, trust companies, clearing corporations, and certain other organizations. DTC is a wholly owned subsidiary of The Depository Trust & Clearing Corporation ("DTCC"). DTCC is the holding company for DTC, National Securities Clearing Corporation and Fixed Income Clearing Corporation, all of which are registered clearing agencies. DTCC is owned by the users of its regulated subsidiaries. Access to the DTC system is also available to others such as both U.S. and non-U.S. securities brokers and dealers, banks, trust companies, and clearing corporations that clear through or maintain a custodial relationship with a Direct Participant, either directly or indirectly ("Indirect Participants"). DTC has a Standard & Poor's rating of AA+. The DTC Rules applicable to its Participants are on file with the Securities and Exchange Commission. More information about DTC can be found at www.dtcc.com.

Purchases of the Bonds and Notes under the DTC system must be made by or through Direct Participants, which will receive a credit for the Bonds and Notes on DTC's records. The ownership interest of each actual purchaser of the Bonds and Notes ("Beneficial Owners") is in turn to be recorded on the Direct and Indirect Participants' records. Beneficial Owners will not receive written confirmation from DTC of their purchase. Beneficial Owners are, however, expected to receive written confirmations providing details of the transaction, as well as periodic statements of their holdings, from the Direct or Indirect Participant through which the Beneficial Owner entered into the transaction. Transfers of ownership interests in the Bonds and Notes are to be accomplished by entries made on the books of Direct and Indirect Participants acting on behalf of Beneficial Owners. Beneficial Owners will not receive certificates representing their ownership interests in Bonds and Notes, except in the event that use of the book-entry system for the Bonds and Notes is discontinued.

To facilitate subsequent transfers, all Bonds and Notes deposited by Direct Participants with DTC are registered in the name of DTC's partnership nominee, Cede & Co., or such other name as may be requested by an authorized representative of DTC. The deposit of Bonds and Notes with DTC and their registration in the name of Cede & Co. or such other DTC nominee do not effect any change in beneficial ownership. DTC has no knowledge of the actual Beneficial Owners of the Bonds and Notes; DTC's records reflect only the identity of the Direct Participants to whose accounts such Bonds and Notes are credited, which may or may not be the Beneficial Owners. The Direct and Indirect Participants will remain responsible for keeping account of their holdings on behalf of their customers.

Conveyance of notices and other communications by DTC to Direct Participants, by Direct Participants to Indirect Participants, and by Direct Participants and Indirect Participants to Beneficial Owners will be governed by arrangements among them, subject to any statutory or regulatory requirements as may be in effect from time to time.

Redemption notices shall be sent to DTC. If less than all of the Bonds and Notes within an issue are being redeemed, DTC's practice is to determine by lot the amount of the interest of each Direct Participant in such issue to be redeemed.

Neither DTC nor Cede & Co. (nor any other DTC nominee) will consent or vote with respect to the Bonds and Notes unless authorized by a Direct Participant in accordance with DTC's MMI Procedures. Under its usual procedures, DTC mails an Omnibus Proxy to the Township as soon as possible after the record date. The Omnibus Proxy assigns Cede & Co.'s consenting or voting rights to those Direct Participants to whose accounts the Bonds and Notes are credited on the record date (identified in a listing attached to the Omnibus Proxy).

Redemption proceeds and distributions on the Bonds and Notes will be made to Cede & Co., or such other nominee as may be requested by an authorized representative of DTC. DTC's practice is to credit Direct Participants' accounts upon DTC's receipt of funds and corresponding detail information from the Township, on payable date in accordance with their respective holdings shown on DTC's records. Payments by Participants to Beneficial Owners will be governed by standing instructions and customary practices, as is the case with securities held for the accounts of customers in bearer form or registered in "street name," and will be the responsibility of such Participant and not of DTC, or the Township, subject to any statutory or regulatory requirements as may be in effect from time to time. Payment of redemption proceeds and distributions to Cede & Co. (or such other nominee as may be requested by an authorized representative of DTC) is the responsibility of the Township, disbursement of such payments to Direct Participants will be the responsibility of DTC, and disbursement of such payments to the Beneficial Owners will be the responsibility of Direct and Indirect Participants.

DTC may discontinue providing its services as depository with respect to the Bonds and Notes at any time by giving reasonable notice to the Township. Under such circumstances, in the event that a successor depository is not obtained, Bond and Note certificates are required to be printed and delivered.

The Township may decide to discontinue use of the system of book-entry-only transfers through DTC (or a successor securities depository). In that event, Note certificates will be printed and delivered to DTC.

The information in this section concerning DTC and DTC's book-entry system has been obtained from sources that the Township believes to be reliable, but neither the Township nor the Underwriters take any responsibility for the accuracy thereof.

NEITHER THE TOWNSHIP NOR ANY PAYING AGENT WILL HAVE ANY RESPONSIBILITY OR OBLIGATION TO SUCH DTC PARTICIPANTS OR THE PERSONS FOR WHOM THEY ACT AS NOMINEES WITH RESPECT TO THE PAYMENTS TO OR PROVIDING OF NOTICE FOR THE DTC PARTICIPANTS OR THE INDIRECT PARTICIPANTS, OR BENEFICIAL OWNERS.

SO LONG AS CEDE & CO. IS THE REGISTERED OWNER OF THE BONDS AND NOTES, AS NOMINEE OF DTC, REFERENCES HEREIN TO THE NOTEHOLDERS OR REGISTERED OWNERS OF THE BONDS AND NOTES (OTHER THAN UNDER THE CAPTION "TAX MATTERS") SHALL MEAN CEDE & CO. AND SHALL NOT MEAN THE BENEFICIAL OWNERS OF THE BONDS AND NOTES.

Discontinuation of Book-Entry-Only System

If the Township, in its sole discretion, determines that DTC is not capable of discharging its duties, or if DTC discontinues providing its services with respect to the Bonds and Notes at any time, the Township will attempt to locate another qualified Securities Depository. If the Township fails to find such a Securities Depository, or if the Township determines, in its sole discretion, that it is in the best interest of the Township or that the interest of the Beneficial Owners might be adversely affected if the book-entry-only system of transfer is continued (the Township undertakes no obligation to make an investigation to determine the occurrence of any events that would permit it to make such determination), the Township shall notify DTC of the termination of the book-entry-only system.

SECURITY FOR THE BONDS AND NOTES

The Bonds and Notes are general obligations of the Township, and the Township has pledged its full faith and credit for the payment of the principal, redemption premium, if any, and the interest on the Bonds and Notes. The Township is required by law to levy *ad valorem* taxes on all taxable real property in the Township for the payment of the principal, redemption premium, if any, of and the interest on the Bonds and Notes, without limitation as to rate or amount.

The Township

The Township is located in Burlington County, New Jersey. See Appendix “A” for demographic and statistical information concerning the Township.

MARKET PROTECTION

The Township does not expect to issue additional bonds but may issue additional bond anticipation notes, as necessary, during calendar year 2026.

CERTAIN RISK FACTORS

Coronavirus and Other Infectious Disease

In early March of 2020, the World Health Organization declared a pandemic following the global outbreak of COVID-19, a respiratory disease caused by a newly discovered strain of coronavirus. On March 13, 2020, the President of the United States declared a national public health emergency to unlock federal funds and assistance to help states and local governments fight the pandemic. The Governor of the State declared a state of emergency and a public health emergency on March 9, 2020. In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, federal and State legislation and executive orders were implemented to, among other things, provide relief to state and local governments, including the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (the "Plan"). The pandemic and certain mitigation measures, which altered the behavior of businesses and people, have had and may continue to have negative impacts on regional, State and local economies. The national public health emergency and the State public health emergency have since ended, while the state of emergency declared by the State and several executive orders signed by the Governor remain to manage COVID-19 on an endemic level.

To date, the overall finances and operations of the Township have not been materially adversely affected by the COVID-19 pandemic. Nonetheless, there can be no assurance regarding the extent to which the COVID-19 pandemic, or any other national health crisis or pandemic, may impact the national, State or local economies in the future, nor how any such event may materially adversely impact municipalities, including the Township. The Township cannot quantify any such impacts at this time.

The Plan, signed into law on March 12, 2021, provided \$1.9 trillion in relief designed to provide funding to address the COVID-19 pandemic and alleviate the economic and health effects of the COVID-19 pandemic. The Township has received \$1,247,021.16 from the Plan. The deadline to spend the funds was December 31, 2024 and such funds can only be spent on certain allowable uses as set forth in the Plan.

Cyber Security

The Township relies on a complex technology environment to conduct its various operations. As a result, the Township faces certain cyber security threats at various times including, but not limited to, hacking, phishing, viruses, malware and other attacks on its computing and digital networks and systems. To mitigate the risks of

business operations impact and/or damage from cybersecurity incidents or cyber-attacks, the Township has invested in multiple forms of cybersecurity and operational safeguards, including an off-site backup server, annual cyber security training for employees and a cyber incident response plan. In addition, the Township maintains insurance coverage for cyberattacks and related events. No assurances can be given that the Township's efforts to manage cyber threats and attacks will be successful or that any such attacked will not materially impact the operations or finances of the Township.

Climate

The State is naturally susceptible to the effects of extreme weather events and natural disasters including floods and hurricanes, which could result in negative economic impacts on communities. Such effects can be exacerbated by a longer term shift in the climate over several decades (commonly referred to as "climate change"), including increasing global temperatures and rising sea levels. The occurrence of such extreme weather events could damage local infrastructure that provides essential services to the Township as well as resulting in economic impacts such as loss of *ad valorem* tax revenue, interruption of municipal services and escalated recovery costs. No assurance can be given as to whether future extreme weather events will occur that could materially adversely affect the financial condition of the Township.

PROVISIONS FOR THE PROTECTION OF GENERAL OBLIGATION DEBT

Local Bond Law

General - The Local Bond Law governs the issuance of bonds and notes by counties and municipalities for the financing of capital improvements. Among its provisions are the following: (i) the power and obligation to pay any and all bonds and notes issued pursuant to the Local Bond Law shall be unlimited; (ii) the county or municipality shall levy ad valorem taxes upon all taxable property therein for the payment of the principal of and interest on such bonds or notes without limitation as to rate or amount; (iii) generally, a down payment that is not less than five percent (5%) of the amount of debt obligations authorized must be appropriated in addition to the amount of debt obligations authorized; (iv) all non-special-assessment bonds shall mature within the period of usefulness or average period of usefulness of the improvements being financed; and (v) after issuance, all bonds and notes shall be conclusively presumed to be fully authorized and issued by all of the laws of the State, and all persons shall be estopped from questioning their sale, execution or delivery.

Debt Limits - The authorized bonded indebtedness of the Township is limited by statute, subject to the exceptions noted below, to an amount equal to three and one-half percent (3.5%) of its equalized valuation basis. The equalized valuation basis of the Township is set by statute as the average for the last three years of the equalized value of all taxable real property and improvements as annually determined by the New Jersey State Board of Taxation. Certain categories of debt are permitted by statute to be deducted for purposes of computing the statutory debt limit.

Bonds, notes and long-term loans are included in the computation of debt for the statutory debt limit. As shown in Appendix "A", as of December 31, 2025, the Township has not exceeded its statutory debt limit. The Township will not exceed its statutory debt limit with the issuance of the Bonds and Notes.

Exceptions to Debt Limits – Extensions of Credit – The Township may exceed its debt limit with the approval of the Local Finance Board, a State regulatory agency, and as permitted by other statutory exceptions. If all or any part of a proposed debt authorization would exceed its debt limit, the Township may apply to the Local Finance Board for an extension of credit. If the Local Finance Board determines that a proposed debt authorization would not materially impair the credit of the Township or substantially reduce the ability of the Township to meet its obligations or to provide essential public improvements and services, or make certain other statutory determinations, approval may be granted.

In addition, debt in excess of the statutory limit may be issued by the Township to fund certain notes, to provide for purposes in an amount not exceeding two-thirds (2/3) of the amount budgeted in such fiscal year for the retirement of outstanding obligations (exclusive of utility and assessment obligations).

Short-Term Financing – When approved by bond ordinance, the Township may issue bond anticipation notes to temporarily finance capital improvements. Such notes may not be issued in an aggregate amount exceeding that specified by the ordinance. The notes may not be issued for periods of more than one year, renewable with the final maturity occurring no later than the first day of the fifth month following the close of the tenth fiscal year next following the date of the original note. After the third year, the amount of the notes that may be renewed annually must be decreased by the minimum amount required for the first year’s principal payment for the bond issue in anticipation of which the notes are issued.

Refunding Bonds – Refunding Bonds may be issued pursuant to the Local Bond Law for the purpose of paying and/or funding outstanding notes, including emergency appropriations, the actuarial liabilities of a non-state administered public employee pension system and amounts owing to others for taxes levied in the local unit, or any renewals or extensions thereof, and for paying the cost of issuance of such refunding bonds.

Local Fiscal Affairs Law

The Local Fiscal Affairs Law, Chapter 5 of Title 40A of the New Jersey State Statutes, as amended and supplemented (“Local Fiscal Affairs Law”), governs audits, auditors, public moneys and financial statements of local governmental units, including the Township.

Each municipality is required to cause an annual audit of its books, accounts and financial transactions to be made and completed within eight months after the close of its fiscal year by either a Registered Municipal Accountant or, by agreement with the Director (“Director”) of the Division of Local Government Services (“Division”) in the Department of Community Affairs, by qualified employees of the Division.

An independent examination of the Township’s books, accounts and financial transactions must be performed annually by a Registered Municipal Accountant who is licensed by the State Board of Public Accountants. The audit, conforming to the Division’s “Requirements of Audit”, includes recommendations for improvement of the municipality’s financial procedures and must be filed with the report, together with all recommendations made. A Summary of Audit, together with recommendations, must be published in a local newspaper within 30 days of its submission. The entire annual audit report for the December 31, 2024 year ended is on file with the Township Clerk and is available for review during business hours.

The Local Fiscal Affairs Law also requires that the chief financial officer of the municipality file annually with the Director a verified statement of the financial condition of the municipality as of the close of the fiscal year to be made not later than March 10 for December 31 fiscal year end municipalities and August 10 for June 30 fiscal year end municipalities. The Annual Compiled Financial Statement for the most recent fiscal year ended is on file with the Township Clerk and is available for review during business hours.

Local Budget Law

The Local Budget Law, Chapter 4 of Title 40A of the NJ State statutes, as amended and supplemented (“Local Budget Law”), governs the budgeting and appropriation of funds by local governmental units.

The Local Budget Law requires local governmental units to adopt a “cash basis” budget in such form that there will be sufficient cash collected to meet all debt service requirements, necessary operations of the local governmental units for the fiscal year and any mandatory payments required to be met during the fiscal year.

No budget shall be adopted unless the Director shall have previously certified their approval thereof.

Each local governmental unit must include in its budget an appropriation for the payment of debt service. The Director is required to examine such appropriation to determine whether it is properly set forth, in addition to determining whether all estimates of revenue contained in the budget are reasonable, accurate and correctly stated.

A statute passed in 1976, as amended (N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.1 et seq.), commonly known as the “Cap Law”, imposed limitations on increases in municipal appropriations subject to various exceptions. On August 20, 1990, the Governor signed into law P.L. 1990, c. 89, which revised and made permanent the “Cap Law”. Since its inception, the “Cap Law” has been amended and modified several times, most recently on July 13, 2010. While the revised “Cap Law” is more restrictive on the ability of a municipality to increase its overall appropriations, it does not limit the obligation of the Township to levy ad valorem taxes upon all taxable real property within the Township to pay debt service on the Bonds and Notes. The Cap Law provides that a municipality shall limit any increase of its budget to 2.5% or the index rate, whichever is less, over the previous year’s final appropriations subject to certain exceptions. The “index rate” is the rate of annual percentage increase in the Implicit Price Deflator for State and Local Government Purchases of Goods and Services computed by the United States, Department of Commerce. Among the exceptions to the limitations imposed by the Cap Law are capital expenditures; debt service; extraordinary expenses approved by the Local Finance Board for implementation of an interlocal services agreement; expenditures mandated as a result of certain emergencies; and certain expenditures for services mandated by law.

Additionally, legislation constituting P.L. 2010, c. 44, was adopted on July 13, 2010, which, among other things, imposes a two percent (2%) cap on the tax levy that municipalities, counties, fire districts and solid waste collection districts may impose, with very limited exceptions and subject to certain adjustments.

Exclusions from the two percent (2%) tax levy cap include: (i) increases required to be raised by taxation for capital expenditures, including debt service as defined by law; (ii) increases in pension contributions and accrued liability for pension contributions in excess of 2.0%; (iii) increases in health care costs equal to that portion of the actual increase in total health care costs for the budget year that is in excess of 2.0% of the total health care costs in the prior year, but is not in excess of the product of the total health care costs in the prior year and the average percentage increase of the State Health Benefits Program, P.L.1961, c.49 (C.52:14-17.25 et seq.), as annually determined by the Division of Pensions and Benefits in the Department of the Treasury; and (iv) and extraordinary costs incurred by a local unit directly related to a declared emergency, as defined by regulation promulgated by the Commissioner of the Department of Community Affairs, in consultation with the Commissioner of Education, as appropriate. The amendments to the tax levy sections of the “Cap Law” (specifically, N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45-46) in 2011 no longer permit Municipalities, counties, fire districts and solid waste collection districts to request approval from the Local Finance Board for a waiver to increase the amount to be raised by taxation in excess of the two percent (2%) cap. However, counties, municipalities, fire districts and solid waste collection districts may request, through a public question submitted to the voters, an increase in the amount to be raised by taxes above the two percent (2%) tax levy cap. Such approval must be achieved by an affirmative vote in excess of fifty percent (50%) of those voting on such public question.

Neither the tax levy limitation nor the “Cap Law” limits the obligation of the Township to levy ad valorem taxes upon all taxable real property within the Township to pay debt service on its bonds or notes, including the notes.

Miscellaneous Revenues

N.J.S.A. 40A:4-26 provides that: “No miscellaneous revenues from any source shall be included as an anticipated revenue in the budget in an amount in excess of the amount actually realized in cash from the same source during the next preceding fiscal year, unless the Director shall determine upon application by the governing body that the facts clearly warrant the expectation that such excess amount will actually be realized in cash during

the fiscal year and shall certify such determination, in writing, to the local unit.” Such determination may be made by the governing body and the Chief Financial Officer in any year during which the municipality is subject to local examination.

No budget or amendment shall be adopted unless the Director has previously certified the approval of such anticipated revenues.

Real Estate Taxes

Receipts from Delinquent Taxes – Revenues are permitted by N.J.S.A. 40A:4-29 to be anticipated in the annual budget for collection of delinquent taxes of prior years. The maximum amount permitted to be anticipated is determined by applying the collection rate of the prior year’s delinquent taxes to the total amount of delinquent taxes outstanding at the beginning of the current year.

Current Year Tax Levy and Reserve for Uncollected Taxes – The current year’s taxes to be levied are determined by adding the sums of the cash required from taxes to support the municipal, school, county and special district budgets, if any, together with the amount of an appropriation required to be included in the annual municipal budget entitled “Reserve for Uncollected Taxes”, less the total of anticipated revenues. The inclusion of the “Reserve for Uncollected Taxes” appropriation in the current year’s budget protects the municipality from taxes currently unpaid. The “Reserve for Uncollected Taxes” is required to be, at a minimum, an amount “sufficient to provide for the ”same percentage of uncollected taxes in the current year as was experienced in the immediately preceding year, the average of the previous three years in accordance with P.L. 2000, c. 126, or the previous year collection percentage after reducing the previous year levy by tax appeal judgments of the county tax board pursuant to R.S.54:3-21 et seq., or the State tax court pursuant to R.S.54:48-1 et seq. in accordance with Chapter 56 of P.L. 2010.

Deferral of Current Expenses

Emergency appropriations (i.e., those made after the adoption of the budget and determination of the tax rate for an unforeseen event or purpose) may be authorized by the governing body of the local governmental units. With minor exceptions, however, such appropriations must be included in full in the following year’s budget. When such appropriations exceed three percent (3%) of the adopted operating budget, consent of the Director of Local Government Services must be obtained.

The exceptions are certain enumerated projects to cover the cost of the extraordinary expense for the repair, or reconstruction of streets, roads or bridges, or other public property damaged by snow, ice, frost or flood, where such expense was not foreseen at the time of the adoption of the budget, which may be amortized over three years; and tax map preparations, revision of ordinances, revaluations, master plan preparation, studies and planning necessary for the installation and construction of a sanitary sewer system, and payments of accumulated sick and vacation time which may be amortized over five years.

Budget Transfers

Budget transfers provide a degree of flexibility and afford a control mechanism. Transfers between major appropriation accounts are prohibited until the last two months of the year and, although subaccounts within an appropriation are not subject to the same year-end transfer restriction, they are subject to internal review and approval.

Capital Budget

In accordance with the Local Budget Law, each local unit shall prepare and adopt a capital budget, in conjunction with its annual operating budget, for any year in which it proposes to undertake a capital project. Every local unit which adopts a capital budget must also adopt a three (3) year capital program unless the local unit's population exceeds 10,000 where a six (6) year capital program is required.

Related Constitutional and Statutory Provisions

In the general election of January 2, 1976, as amended by the general election of January 6, 1984, the following Article 8, Section 1, Paragraph 7, with respect to a state income tax, was added to the State Constitution:

No tax shall be levied on personal incomes of individuals, estates and trusts of this State unless the entire net receipts therefrom shall be received into the treasury, placed in a perpetual fund and be annually appropriated, pursuant to formulas established from time to time by the Legislature, to the several counties, municipalities and school districts of this State exclusively for the purpose of reducing or offsetting property taxes. In no event, however, shall a tax so levied on personal income be levied on payments received under the Federal Social Security Act, the Federal Railroad Retirement Act, or any federal law which substantially reenacts the provisions of either of those laws.

A progressive state income tax is currently in effect in the State.

The State Constitution may only be amended after: (i) approval of a proposed amendment by three fifths (3/5) of all of the members of each house of the State Legislature and approval by a majority vote in a statewide referendum; or (ii) approval in two successive legislative years by a majority of all of the members of each house and approval by a majority vote in a statewide referendum. Amendments failing to receive voter approval may not be resubmitted for voter approval before the third succeeding general election after such disaffirmance.

Rights and Remedies of Owners of Bonds and Notes

The State Municipal Finance Commission Act, Chapter 27 of Title 52 of the State Statutes, as amended and supplemented ("Act"), provides that when it has been established, by court proceedings, that a municipality has defaulted for over sixty days in the payment of the principal of or interest on any of its outstanding bonds or notes, the Local Finance Board of the State Department of Community Affairs (which, pursuant to the Act, is constituted the Municipal Finance Commission and shall hereinafter be referred to as the "Commission") shall take control of the fiscal affairs of the defaulting municipality.

The Act provides that the Commission shall remain in control of the municipality until all bonds or notes of the municipality that have fallen due and all bonds or notes that will fall due within one year, and the interest thereon, have been paid, funded or refunded, or the payment thereof in cash shall have been adequately provided for by a cash reserve.

The Act empowers the Commission to direct the municipality to provide for the funding or refunding of bonds or notes of the municipality and the interest thereon, which the Commission shall have found to be outstanding and unpaid and to be due or become due. The Act further authorizes the Commission to bring and maintain an appropriate proceeding for the assessment, levy or collection of taxes by the municipality for the payment of principal or of interest on such indebtedness.

Under Article 6 of the Act, while the Commission functions in the municipality, no judgment, levy, or execution against the municipality or its property for the recovery of the amount due on any bonds, notes or other obligations of the municipality in the payment of which it has defaulted, shall be enforced unless otherwise directed by Court Order. However, Article 6 of the Act also provides that upon application of any creditor made upon notice

to the municipality and the Commission, a court may vacate, modify or restrict any such statutory stay contained therein.

Limitation of Remedies Under Federal Bankruptcy Code

The rights and remedies of the registered owners of the Bonds and Notes are subject to the provisions of Chapter 9 of the Federal Bankruptcy Code of the United States (“Bankruptcy Code”). In general, Chapter 9 permits, under prescribed circumstances, but only after an authorization by the applicable state legislature or by a governmental officer or organization empowered by state law to give such authorization, a political subdivision of a state to file a petition for relief in a bankruptcy court of the United States if it is insolvent or unable to meet its debts as they mature and desires to effect a plan to adjust its debts.

The State has authorized the political subdivisions thereof to file such petitions for relief under the Bankruptcy Code pursuant to and subject to Article 8 of the Act. The Act provides that such petitions may not be filed without the prior approval of the Commission and that no plan of readjustment of the municipality’s debts may be filed or accepted by the petitioner without express authority from the Commission to do so.

THE ABOVE REFERENCES TO THE BANKRUPTCY CODE ARE NOT TO BE CONSTRUED AS AN INDICATION THAT THE TOWNSHIP EXPECTS TO RESORT TO THE PROVISIONS OF SUCH BANKRUPTCY CODE OR THAT, IF IT DID, SUCH ACTION WOULD BE APPROVED BY THE COMMISSION, OR THAT ANY PROPOSED PLAN WOULD INCLUDE A DILUTION OF THE SOURCE OF PAYMENT OF AND SECURITY OF THE BONDS AND NOTES.

THE SUMMARIES OF AND REFERENCES TO THE STATE CONSTITUTION AND OTHER STATUTORY PROVISIONS ABOVE ARE NOT AND SHOULD NOT BE CONSTRUED AS COMPREHENSIVE OR DEFINITIVE. ALL REFERENCES TO SUCH DOCUMENTS ARE QUALIFIED IN THEIR ENTIRETY BY REFERENCE TO THE PARTICULAR DOCUMENT, THE FULL TEXT OF WHICH MAY CONTAIN QUALIFICATIONS OF AND EXCEPTIONS TO STATEMENTS MADE HEREIN.

TAX MATTERS

Exclusion of Interest on the Tax-Exempt Bonds and Notes from Gross Income for Federal Tax Purposes

The Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the “Code”), imposes certain requirements that must be met on a continuing basis subsequent to the issuance of the Tax-Exempt Bonds and Notes in order to assure that interest on the Tax-Exempt Bonds and Notes will be excluded from gross income for federal income tax purposes under Section 103 of the Code. Failure of the Township to comply with such requirements may cause interest on the Tax-Exempt Bonds and Notes to lose the exclusion from gross income for federal income tax purposes, retroactive to the date of issuance of the Tax-Exempt Bonds and Notes. The Township will make certain representations in its Arbitrage and Tax Certificate, which will be executed on the date of issuance of the Tax-Exempt Bonds and Notes, as to various tax requirements. The Township has covenanted to comply with the provisions of the Code applicable to the Tax-Exempt Bonds and Notes and has covenanted not to take any action or fail to take any action that would cause interest on the Tax-Exempt Bonds and Notes to lose the exclusion from gross income under Section 103 of the Code. Bond Counsel (as defined herein) will rely upon the representations made in the arbitrage and Tax Certificate and will assume continuing compliance by the Township with the above covenants in rendering its federal income tax opinions with respect to the exclusion of interest on the Tax-Exempt Bonds and Notes from gross income for federal income tax purposes and with respect to the treatment of interest on the Tax-Exempt Bonds and Notes for the purposes of alternative minimum tax.

Assuming the Township observes its covenants with respect to compliance with the Code, Malamut & Associates, LLC, Bond Counsel to the Township, is of the opinion that, under existing law, interest on the Tax-Exempt Bonds and Notes is excluded from gross income of the owners thereof for federal income tax purposes pursuant to Section 103 of the Code, and interest on the Bonds is not an item of tax preference under Section 57 of the Code for purposes of computing the alternative minimum tax, however, for tax years beginning after December 31, 2022, interest on the Notes is included in the "adjusted financial statement income" of "applicable corporations" subject to alternative minimum tax under Section 55 of the Code.

The opinion of Bond Counsel is based on current legal authority and covers certain matters not directly addressed by such authority. It represents Bond Counsel's legal judgment as to exclusion of interest on the Tax-Exempt Bonds and Notes from gross income for federal income tax purposes but is not a guaranty of that conclusion. The opinion is not binding on the Internal Revenue Service ("IRS") or any court. Bond Counsel expresses no opinion about the effect of future changes in (i) the Code and the applicable regulations under the Code or (ii) the interpretation and enforcement of the Code or those regulations by the IRS.

Bond Counsel's engagement with respect to the Tax-Exempt Bonds and Notes ends with the issuance of the Tax-Exempt Bonds and Notes, and, unless separately engaged, Bond Counsel is not obligated to defend the Township or the owners of the Tax-Exempt Bonds and Notes regarding the tax status of interest thereon in the event of an audit examination by the IRS. The IRS has a program to audit tax-exempt obligations to determine whether the interest thereon is includible in gross income for federal income tax purposes. If the IRS does audit the Tax-Exempt Bonds and Notes, under current IRS procedures, the IRS will treat the Township as the taxpayer and the beneficial owners of the Tax-Exempt Bonds and Notes will have only limited rights, if any, to obtain and participate in judicial review of such audit. Any action of the IRS, including, but not limited to, selection of the Tax-Exempt Bonds and Notes for audit, or the course or result of such audit, or an audit of other obligations presenting similar tax issues, may affect the market value of the Tax-Exempt Bonds and Notes.

Payments of interest on tax-exempt obligations, including the Tax-Exempt Bonds and Notes, are generally subject to IRS Form 1099-INT information reporting requirements. If a Bond or Note owner is subject to backup withholding under those requirements, then payments of interest will also be subject to backup withholding. Those requirements do not affect the exclusion of such interest from gross income for federal income tax purposes.

Original Issue Premium

The Bonds or Notes may be sold at an initial offering price in excess of the amount payable at the respective maturity dates. The excess, if any, of the tax basis of the Tax-Exempt Bonds and Notes to a purchaser (other than a purchaser who holds such Tax-Exempt Bonds and Notes as inventory, as stock-in-trade or for sale to customers in the ordinary course of business) over the amount payable at maturity is amortizable bond premium, which is not deductible from gross income for federal income tax purposes. Amortizable bond premium, as it amortizes, will reduce the owner's tax cost of the Tax-Exempt Bonds and Notes used to determine, for federal income tax purposes, the amount of gain or loss upon the sale, redemption at maturity or other disposition of the Tax-Exempt Bonds and Notes. Accordingly, an owner of the Tax-Exempt Bonds and Notes may have taxable gain from the disposition of the Tax-Exempt Bonds and Notes, even though the Tax-Exempt Bonds and Notes are sold, or disposed of, for a price equal to the owner's original cost of acquiring the Bonds or Notes. Bond premium amortizes over the term of the Tax-Exempt Bonds and Notes under the "constant yield method" described in regulations interpreting Section 1272 of the Code. Owners of the Tax-Exempt Bonds and Notes should consult their own tax advisors with respect to the calculation of the amount of bond premium that will be treated for federal income tax purposes as having amortized for any taxable year (or portion thereof) of the owner and with respect to other federal, state and local tax consequences of owning and disposing of the Tax-Exempt Bonds and Notes.

Original Issue Discount

The Bonds or Notes may be sold at an initial offering price less than the principal amount payable on such Bonds at maturity (the “Discount Obligations”). The difference between the initial public offering price of the Discount Obligations at which a substantial amount of each of the Discount Obligations was sold and the principal amount payable at maturity of each of the Discount Obligations constitutes the original issue discount. Bond Counsel is of the opinion that the appropriate portion of the original issue discount allocable to the original and each subsequent owner of the Discount Obligations will be treated for federal income tax purposes as interest not includable in gross income under Section 103 of the Code to the same extent as stated interest on the Discount Obligations. Under Section 1288 of the Code, the original issue discount on the Discount Obligations accrues on the basis of economic accrual. The basis of an initial purchaser of a Discount Obligation acquired at the initial public offering price of the Discount Obligations will be increased by the amount of such accrued discount. Owners of the Discount Obligations should consult their own tax advisors with respect to the determination for federal income tax purposes of the original issue discount properly accruable with respect to the Discount Obligations and the tax accounting treatment of accrued interest.

Bank-Qualification

The Bonds and the Notes **will not** be designated as qualified under Section 265 of the Code by the Township for an exemption from the denial of deduction for interest paid by financial institutions to purchase or to carry tax-exempt obligations.

The Code denies the interest deduction for certain indebtedness incurred by banks, thrift institutions and other financial institutions to purchase or to carry tax-exempt obligations. The denial to such institutions of one hundred percent (100%) of the deduction of interest paid on funds allocable to tax-exempt obligations applies to those tax-exempt obligations acquired by such institutions after August 7, 1986. For certain issues, which are eligible to be designated and which are designated by the issuer as qualified under Section 265 of the Code, eighty percent (80%) of such interest may be deducted as a business expense by such institutions.

Additional Federal Income Tax Consequences of Holding the Tax-Exempt Bonds and Notes

Prospective purchasers of the Tax-Exempt Bonds and Notes should be aware that ownership of, accrual or receipt of interest on or disposition of tax-exempt obligations, such as the Tax-Exempt Bonds and Notes, may have additional federal income tax consequences for certain taxpayers, including, without limitation, taxpayers eligible for the earned income credit, recipients of certain Social Security and certain Railroad Retirement benefits, taxpayers that may be deemed to have incurred or continued indebtedness to purchase or carry tax-exempt obligations, financial institutions, property and casualty companies, foreign corporations and certain S corporations.

Bond Counsel expresses no opinion regarding any federal tax consequences other than its opinion with regard to the exclusion of interest on the Tax-Exempt Bonds and Notes from gross income pursuant to Section 103 of the Code and interest on the Tax-Exempt Bonds and Notes not constituting an item of tax preference under Section 57 of the Code. Prospective purchasers of the Tax-Exempt Bonds and Notes should consult their tax advisors with respect to all other tax consequences (including, but not limited to, those listed above) of holding the Tax-Exempt Bonds and Notes.

Changes in Federal Tax Law Regarding the Tax-Exempt Bonds and Notes

Legislation affecting tax-exempt obligations is regularly considered by the United States Congress and may also be considered by the State of New Jersey. Court proceedings may also be filed, the outcome of which could modify the tax treatment of obligations such as the Tax-Exempt Bonds and Notes. There can be no assurance that legislation enacted or proposed, or actions by a court, after the date of issuance of the Tax-Exempt Bonds and Notes will not have an adverse effect on the tax status of interest on the Tax-Exempt Bonds and Notes or the market value

or marketability of the Tax-Exempt Bonds and Notes. These adverse effects could result, for example, from changes to federal or state income tax rates, changes in the structure of federal or state income taxes (including replacement with another type of tax) or repeal (or reduction in the benefit) of the exclusion of interest on the Tax-Exempt Bonds and Notes from gross income for federal or state income tax purposes for all or certain taxpayers.

State Taxation

Bond Counsel is of the opinion that, based upon existing law, interest on the Tax-Exempt Bonds and Notes and any gain on the sale thereof are not included in gross income under the New Jersey Gross Income Tax Act.

THE OPINIONS EXPRESSED BY BOND COUNSEL WITH RESPECT TO THE TAX-EXEMPT BONDS AND NOTES ARE BASED UPON EXISTING LAWS AND REGULATIONS AS INTERPRETED BY RELEVANT JUDICIAL AND REGULATORY CHANGES AS OF THE DATE OF ISSUANCE OF THE TAX-EXEMPT BONDS AND NOTES, AND BOND COUNSEL HAS EXPRESSED NO OPINION WITH RESPECT TO ANY LEGISLATION, REGULATORY CHANGES OR LITIGATION ENACTED, ADOPTED OR DECIDED SUBSEQUENT THERETO. PROSPECTIVE PURCHASERS OF THE TAX-EXEMPT BONDS AND NOTES SHOULD CONSULT THEIR OWN TAX ADVISERS REGARDING THE POTENTIAL IMPACT OF ANY PENDING OR PROPOSED FEDERAL OR STATE TAX LEGISLATION, REGULATIONS OR LITIGATION.

TAXABLE BONDS

General

In the opinion of Bond Counsel, interest on the Taxable Bonds is includable in gross income for federal income tax purposes.

The following is a summary of certain United States federal income tax consequences of the ownership of the Taxable Bonds as of the date hereof. Each prospective investor should consult with its own tax advisor regarding the application of United States federal income tax laws, as well as any state, local, foreign or other tax laws, to its particular situation.

This summary is based on the Code, as well as Treasury Regulations and administrative and judicial rulings and practice. Legislative, judicial and administrative changes may occur, possibly with retroactive effect, that could alter or modify the continued validity of the statements and conclusions set forth herein. This summary is intended as a general explanatory discussion of the consequences of holding the Taxable Bonds generally and does not purport to furnish information in the level of detail or with the investor's specific tax circumstances that would be provided by an investor's own tax advisor. For example, this summary is addressed only to original purchasers of the Taxable Bonds that are "U.S. holders" (as defined below), deals only with the Taxable Bonds held as a capital asset within the meaning of Section 1221 of the Code and does not address tax consequences to holders that may be relevant to investors subject to special rules. In addition, this summary does not address alternative minimum tax issues or the indirect consequences to a holder of an equity interest in the Taxable Bonds.

As used herein, a "U.S. holder" is a "U.S. person" that is a beneficial owner of the Taxable Bonds. A "non-U.S. investor" is a holder (or beneficial owner) of the Taxable Bonds that is not a U.S. person. For these purposes, a "U.S. person" is a citizen or resident of the United States, a corporation or partnership created or organized in or under the laws of the United States or any political subdivision thereof (except, in the case of a partnership, to the extent otherwise provided in Treasury Regulations), an estate the income of which is subject to United States federal income taxation regardless of its source or a trust if (i) a United States court is able to exercise primary supervision over the trust's administration, and (ii) one or more United States persons have the authority to control all of the trust's substantial decisions.

Sale or Redemption of the Taxable Bonds

A note owner's tax basis for the Taxable Bonds is the price such owner pays for the Taxable Bonds plus amounts of any original issue discount included in income, reduced on account of any payments received (other than "qualified periodic interest" payments) and any amortized premium. Gain or loss recognized on a sale, exchange or redemption of the Taxable Bonds, measured by the difference between the amount realized and the Taxable Bonds' basis as so adjusted, will generally give rise to capital gain or loss if the Taxable Bonds are held as a capital asset.

Possible Recognition of Taxable Gain or Loss Upon Defeasance of Taxable Bonds

Defeasance of any Taxable Bonds may result in a deemed exchange under Section 1001 of the Code, in which event the holder of such Taxable Bonds will recognize taxable gain or loss in an amount equal to the difference between the amount realized from the deemed exchange (less any accrued qualified stated interest which will be taxable as such) and the holder's adjusted basis in such Taxable Bonds.

Backup Withholding

A noteholder may, under certain circumstances, be subject to "backup withholding" (currently the rate of this withholding tax is 28%, but may change in the future) with respect to interest or original issue discount on the Taxable Bonds. This withholding generally applies if the owner of the Taxable Bonds (a) fails to furnish the Township or its paying agent with its taxpayer identification number; (b) furnishes the Township or its paying agent an incorrect taxpayer identification number; (c) fails to report properly interest, dividends or other "reportable payments" as defined in the Code; or (d) under certain circumstances, fails to provide the Township or its paying agent with a certified statement, signed under penalty of perjury, that the taxpayer identification number provided is its correct number and that the holder is not subject to backup withholding. Backup withholding will not apply, however, with respect to certain payments made to note owners, including payments to certain exempt recipients (such as certain exempt organizations) and to certain Nonresidents (as defined below). Owners of the Taxable Bonds should consult their tax advisors as to their qualification for exemption from backup withholding and the procedure for obtaining the exemption.

The amount of "reportable payments" for each calendar year and the amount of tax withheld, if any, with respect to payments on the Taxable Bonds will be reported to the note owners and to the Internal Revenue Service (the "IRS").

Foreign Note Owners

Under the Code, interest and original issue discount income with respect to the Taxable Bonds held by nonresident alien individuals, foreign corporations or other non-United States persons ("Nonresidents") generally will not be subject to the United States withholding tax (or backup withholding) if the Township or the Paying Agent (or other person who would otherwise be required to withhold tax from such payments) is provided with an appropriate statement that the beneficial owner of the Taxable Bonds is a Nonresident. The withholding tax may be reduced or eliminated by an applicable tax treaty, if any. Notwithstanding the foregoing, if any such payments are effectively connected with a United States trade or business conducted by a Nonresident note owner, they will be subject to regular United States income tax, but will ordinarily be exempt from United States withholding tax.

ERISA

The Employees Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, as amended (“ERISA”), and the Code generally prohibit certain transactions between a qualified employee benefit plan under ERISA (an “ERISA Plan”) and persons who, with respect to that plan, are fiduciaries or other “parties in interest” within the meaning of ERISA or “disqualified persons” within the meaning of the Code. All fiduciaries of ERISA Plans, in consultation with their advisors, should carefully consider the impact of ERISA and the Code on an investment in the Taxable Bonds.

In all events, all investors should consult their own tax advisors in determining the federal, state, local and other tax consequences to them of the purchase, ownership and disposition of Taxable Bonds.

State Taxation

Bond Counsel is of the opinion that, based upon existing law, interest on the Taxable Bonds and any gain on the sale thereof are not included in gross income under the New Jersey Gross Income Tax Act.

THE OPINIONS EXPRESSED BY BOND COUNSEL WITH RESPECT TO THE TAXABLE BONDS ARE BASED UPON EXISTING LAWS AND REGULATIONS AS INTERPRETED BY RELEVANT JUDICIAL AND REGULATORY CHANGES AS OF THE DATE OF ISSUANCE OF THE BONDS AND NOTES, AND BOND COUNSEL HAS EXPRESSED NO OPINION WITH RESPECT TO ANY LEGISLATION, REGULATORY CHANGES OR LITIGATION ENACTED, ADOPTED OR DECIDED SUBSEQUENT THERETO. PROSPECTIVE PURCHASERS OF THE BONDS AND NOTES SHOULD CONSULT THEIR OWN TAX ADVISERS REGARDING THE POTENTIAL IMPACT OF ANY PENDING OR PROPOSED FEDERAL OR STATE TAX LEGISLATION, REGULATIONS OR LITIGATION.

LEGALITY FOR INVESTMENT

The State and all public officers, municipalities, counties, political subdivisions and public bodies, and agencies thereof, all banks, bankers, trust companies, savings and loan associations, savings banks and institutional building and loan associations, investment companies, and other persons carrying on banking business, all insurance companies, and all executors, administrators, guardians, trustees, and other fiduciaries may legally invest any sinking funds, moneys or other funds belonging to them or within their control in any obligations of the Township including the Bonds and Notes, and such Bonds and Notes are authorized security for any and all public deposits.

LITIGATION

Upon delivery of the Bonds and Notes, the Township shall furnish a certification of its counsel, Eileen K. Fahey, Esq. (the "Township Attorney"), dated the date of delivery of the Bonds and Notes, to the effect that to his knowledge there is no litigation of any nature, pending or threatened, to restrain or enjoin the issuance, sale, execution or delivery of the Bonds and Notes, or in any way contesting or affecting the validity of the Bonds and Notes or any of the proceedings taken with respect to the issuance and sale thereof or the application of moneys to the payment of the Bonds and Notes. In addition, such certification shall state that, to the Township Attorney's knowledge and information, there is no litigation of any nature now pending or threatened by or against the Township wherein an adverse judgment or ruling could have a material and adverse impact on the Township's ability to meet its obligations for the payment of the Bonds and Notes.

SECONDARY MARKET DISCLOSURE

The Township has agreed to undertake for the benefit of the Bondholders and the Noteholders and the beneficial owners of the Bonds and the Notes to provide certain secondary market disclosure information pursuant to Rule 15c2-12. Specifically, the Township will do the following for the benefit of the holders of the Bonds and the Notes and the beneficial owners thereof:

- (a) as detailed in a Continuing Disclosure Certificate to be executed on behalf of the Township by its Chief Financial Officer, in the forms appearing in Appendix “F” and Appendix “G” attached hereto (the “Continuing Disclosure Certificates”), provide to the Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board (“MSRB”) through the Electronic Municipal Market Access data port (“EMMA”), certain financial information and operating data with respect to the Township to comply with the provisions of the Rule promulgated by the Securities and Exchange Commission pursuant to the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended and supplemented;
- (b) provide or cause to be provided to the MSRB notice of the occurrence of any of the following events within 10 business days of such occurrence with respect to the Bonds and Notes:
 - (i) Principal or interest payment delinquencies on the Bonds and Notes.
 - (ii) Non-payment related defaults, if material.
 - (iii) Unscheduled draws on debt service reserves reflecting financial difficulties.
 - (iv) Unscheduled draws on credit enhancements reflecting financial difficulties.
 - (v) Substitution of credit or liquidity providers, or their failure to perform.
 - (vi) Adverse tax opinions, the issuance by the Internal Revenue Service of proposed or final determinations of taxability, Notices of Proposed Issue (IRS Form 5701-TEB) or other material notices of determinations with respect to the tax status of the Notes, or other material events affecting the tax status of the Bonds and Notes.
 - (vii) Modifications to the rights of Bondholders and Noteholders, if material.
 - (viii) Bond and Note calls, if material, and tender offers.
 - (ix) Defeasances.
 - (x) Release, substitution or sale of property securing repayment of the Bonds and Notes, if material.
 - (xi) Rating changes.
 - (xii) Bankruptcy, insolvency, receivership or similar event of the Township.
 - (xiii) The consummation of a merger, consolidation, or acquisition involving the Township or the sale of all or substantially all of the assets of the Township, other than in the ordinary course of business, the entry into a definitive agreement to undertake such an action or the termination of a definitive agreement relating to any such actions, other than pursuant to its terms, if material.
 - (xiv) Appointment of a successor or additional trustee or the change of name of a trustee, if material.
 - (xv) Incurrence of a Financial Obligation of the Township, if material, or agreement to covenants, events of default, remedies, priority rights or other similar terms of a Financial Obligation, any of which affect holders of the Bonds and Notes, if material; and
 - (xvi) Default, event of acceleration, termination event, modification of terms or other similar events under a Financial Obligation of the Township, if any such event reflects financial difficulties.

“Financial Obligation” shall mean a (i) debt obligation; (ii) derivative instrument entered into in connection with or pledged as security or a source of payment for, an existing or planned debt obligation; or (iii) guarantee of (i) or (ii).

For the purposes of the event identified in subparagraph (12) above, the event is considered to occur when any of the following occur: the appointment of a receiver, fiscal agent or similar officer for an obligated person in a proceeding under the U.S. Bankruptcy Code or in any other proceeding under state or federal law in which a court or governmental authority has assumed jurisdiction over substantially all of the assets or business of the obligated

person, or if such jurisdiction has been assumed by leaving the existing governing body and officials or officers in possession but subject to the supervision and orders of a court or governmental authority, or the entry of an order confirming a plan of reorganization, arrangement or liquidation by a court or governmental authority having supervision or jurisdiction over substantially all of the assets or business of the obligated person.

(c) in a timely manner to the MSRB, notice of failure of the Township to provide required annual financial information on or before the date specified in the Continuing Disclosure Certificates.

In the event that the Township fails to comply with the above-described undertaking and covenants, the Township shall not be liable for any monetary damages, remedy of the beneficial owners of the Bonds and Notes being specifically limited in the undertaking to specific performance of the covenants.

The undertaking may be amended by the Township from time to time, without the consent of the Bondholders and Noteholders or the beneficial owners of the Bonds and Notes, in order to make modifications required in connection with a change in legal requirements or change in law, which in the opinion of nationally recognized bond counsel complies with the Rule.

The Township has previously entered into secondary market disclosure undertakings in accordance with SEC Rule 15c2-12 with respect to its own obligations and obligations of the Burlington County Bridge Commission, and the obligations of the Bordentown Sewerage Authority, for which the Township is an obligated person. The Township appointed Phoenix Advisors, Hamilton, New Jersey to serve as continuing disclosure agent to assist in the filing of certain information on EMMA as required under its prior secondary market disclosure undertakings.

There can be no assurance that there will be a secondary market for the sale or purchase of the Bonds and Notes. Such factors as prevailing market conditions, financial condition or market position of firms who may make the secondary market and the financial condition of the Township may affect the future liquidity of the Bonds and Notes.

APPROVAL OF LEGAL PROCEEDINGS

All legal matters incident to the authorization, the issuance, sale and delivery of the Bonds and Notes are subject to the approval of Bond Counsel, whose approving legal opinion will be delivered with the Bonds and Notes substantially in the forms set forth as Appendices "C", "D" and "E" hereto. Certain legal matters will be passed on for the Township by the Township Attorney.

The various legal opinions to be delivered concurrently with the delivery of the Bonds and Notes express the professional judgment of the attorneys rendering the opinions as to the legal issues explicitly addressed therein. In rendering a legal opinion, the attorney does not become an insurer or guarantor of that expression of professional judgment, of the transaction opined upon, or the future performance of parties to the transaction. Nor does the rendering of an opinion guarantee the outcome of any legal dispute that may arise out of the transaction.

NO DEFAULT

There is no record of default in the payment of the principal of or interest on the bonds or notes of the Township.

RATINGS

S&P Global Ratings, acting through Standard & Poor's Financial Services LLC ("S&P"), has assigned a long-term rating of "AA" to the Bonds and a short-term rating of "SP-1+" to the Notes.

The ratings reflect only the view of S&P and an explanation thereof may be obtained only from S&P. Certain information and materials, including information and materials not included in this Official Statement, were furnished by the Township to S&P. Generally, S&P bases its ratings on the information and materials so furnished and, on its investigations, studies and assumptions.

There is no assurance any such rating will remain in effect for any given period of time or that any such rating will not be revised downward, suspended or withdrawn entirely by S&P if, in the judgment of S&P, circumstances so warrant. Any such downward revision, suspension or withdrawal of a rating may have an adverse effect on the market price or the marketability of the Bonds and Notes. The Township has not undertaken any responsibility to oppose any such downward revision, suspension or withdrawal of a rating.

UNDERWRITING

Tax-Exempt Bonds

The Tax-Exempt Bonds have been purchased from the Township at a public sale by ____ (the “Tax-Exempt Bonds Underwriter”) at a price of \$ _____. The purchase price reflects the par amount of the Tax-Exempt Bonds plus an original issue premium of \$ ____ and less an underwriter’s discount of \$ _____.

The Tax-Exempt Bonds Underwriter may offer and sell the Tax-Exempt Bonds to certain dealers (including dealers depositing the Bonds into investment trusts) at yields higher than the public offering yields stated on the inside front cover page hereof.

Taxable Bonds

The Taxable Bonds have been purchased from the Township at a public sale by ____ (the “Taxable Bonds Underwriter”) at a price of \$ _____. The purchase price reflects the par amount of the Taxable Bonds plus an original issue premium of \$ ____ and less an underwriter’s discount of \$ _____.

The Taxable Bonds Underwriter may offer and sell the Taxable Bonds to certain dealers (including dealers depositing the Bonds into investment trusts) at yields higher than the public offering yields stated on the inside front cover page hereof.

Notes

The Notes have been purchased from the Township at a public sale by ____ (the “Notes Underwriter” and together with the Tax-Exempt Bonds Underwriter and the Taxable Bonds Underwriter, the “Underwriters”) at a price of \$ _____. The purchase price reflects the par amount of the Notes plus an original issue premium of \$ ____ and less an underwriter’s discount of \$ _____.

The Notes Underwriter may offer and sell the Notes to certain dealers (including dealers depositing the Notes into investment trusts) at a yield higher than the public offering yield stated on the inside front cover page hereof.

MUNICIPAL ADVISOR

Phoenix Advisors, a division of First Security Municipal Advisors, Inc., Hamilton, New Jersey, has served as Municipal Advisor to the Township in connection with the issuance of the Bonds and Notes (the “Municipal Advisor”) and has assisted in matters related to the planning, structuring and terms of the Bonds and Notes. The Municipal Advisor is not obligated to undertake, and has not undertaken, either to make an independent verification

of, or to assume responsibility for the accuracy, completeness, or fairness of the information contained in the Official Statement and the Appendices hereto. The Municipal Advisor is an Independent Registered Municipal Advisor pursuant to the Dodd-Frank Act and is not engaged in the business of underwriting, trading or distributing municipal securities or other public securities.

PREPARATION OF OFFICIAL STATEMENT

The Township hereby states that the descriptions and statements herein, including financial statements, are true and correct in all material respects and it will confirm same to the purchasers of the Bonds and Notes, by certificates signed by various Township officials.

All other information has been obtained from sources that the Township considers to be reliable and it makes no warranty, guaranty or other representation with respect to the accuracy and completeness of such information.

Bond Counsel has not participated in the preparation of this Official Statement, nor has such firm verified the accuracy, completeness or fairness of the information contained herein (except under the heading "TAX MATTERS") and, accordingly, will express no opinion with respect thereto.

The Municipal Advisor has participated in the preparation and review of the information contained in this Official Statement, including the collection of financial, statistical and demographic information; however, it has not verified the accuracy, completeness or fairness thereof, and, accordingly, expresses no opinion or other assurance with respect thereto. Certain information set forth herein has been obtained from the Township and other sources, which are deemed reliable, but no warranty, guaranty or other representation as to the accuracy or completeness is made as to such information contained herein. There is no assurance that any of the assumptions or estimates contained herein will be realized.

The Auditor has compiled this Official Statement from information obtained from Township management and other various sources they consider to be reliable and makes no warranty, guaranty or other representation with respect to the accuracy and completeness of such information (except for the financial statements appearing in Appendix B hereto) and, accordingly, will express no opinion with respect thereto. See "APPENDIX B - FINANCIAL DATA OF THE TOWNSHIP".

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Appendix B contains the audited financial data of the Township for the years ending December 31, 2024 and 2023. The audited financial data was extracted from the report prepared by Bowman & Company LLP (the "Auditor") to the extent and for the period set forth in their report appearing in Appendix B to this Official Statement. PKF O'Connor Davies, LLP, successor to Bowman & Company LLP, Voorhees, New Jersey, has consented to the inclusion of their report in this Official Statement.

CERTIFICATES OF THE TOWNSHIP

Upon the delivery of the Bonds and Notes, the original purchaser shall receive a certificate, in form satisfactory to Bond Counsel and signed by officials of the Township, stating to the best knowledge of said officials, that this Official Statement as of its date did not contain any untrue statement of a material fact, or omit to state a material fact necessary to make the statements therein, in light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading; and stating, to the best knowledge of said officials, that there has been no material adverse change in the condition, financial or otherwise, of the Township from that set forth in or contemplated by this Official Statement. In addition, the original purchaser of the Bonds and Notes shall also receive certificates in form

satisfactory to Bond Counsel evidencing the proper execution and delivery of the Bonds and Notes and receipt of payment therefore, and a certificate dated as of the date of the delivery of the Bonds and Notes and signed by the officers who signed the Bonds and Notes, stating that no litigation is then pending or, to the knowledge of such officers, threatened to restrain or enjoin the issuance or delivery of the Bonds and Notes or the levy or collection of taxes to pay the Bonds and Notes or the interest thereon, or questioning the validity of the statutes or the proceedings under which the Bonds and Notes, are issued, and that neither the corporate existence or boundaries of the Township, nor the title of any of the said officers to the respective offices, is being contested.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Inquiries regarding this Official Statement, including any information additional to that contained herein, may be directed to Debra Latshaw-Adams, Chief Financial Officer, Township of Bordentown, 1 Municipal Drive, Bordentown, NJ 08505, (609) 298-2800 or its Municipal Advisor, Phoenix Advisors, a division of First Security Municipal Advisors, Inc., 2000 Waterview Drive, Suite 101, Hamilton, NJ 08691, (609) 291-0130.

All quotations from and summaries and explanations of provisions of laws of the State herein do not purport to be complete and are qualified in their entirety by reference to the official compilation thereof.

MISCELLANEOUS

This Official Statement is not to be construed as a contract or agreement between the Township and the purchasers or holders of any of the Bonds and Notes. Any statements made in this Official Statement involving matters of opinion, whether or not expressly so stated, are intended merely as opinions and not as representations of fact. The information and expressions of opinion contained herein are subject to change without notice and neither the delivery of this Official Statement nor any sale of Bonds and Notes made hereunder shall, under any circumstances, create any implication that there has been no change in the affairs of the Township since the date hereof. The information contained in this Official Statement is not guaranteed.

TOWNSHIP OF BORDENTOWN, IN THE COUNTY OF BURLINGTON, NEW JERSEY

By: _____
Debra Latshaw-Adams,
Chief Financial Officer

Dated: March __, 2026

APPENDIX A
CERTAIN ECONOMIC, FINANCIAL AND DEMOGRAPHIC INFORMATION
REGARDING THE TOWNSHIP

INFORMATION REGARDING THE TOWNSHIP

The following material presents certain economic and demographic information of the Township.

General Information

The Township of Bordentown, in the County of Burlington (the "Township"), incorporated in 1852, is located in the center of New Jersey approximately seven miles from Trenton. The population according to the 2020 census is 11,791 with a land area of 10 square miles. The Township provides to its citizens the following services: public safety, sanitation, recreation, public improvements, planning and zoning and general administrative services.

Government Structure

The Township is governed by an elected committee ("Committee") consisting of 5 members who serve three-year terms. The Mayor is chief executive officer of the Township and is annually appointed by the Committee at the beginning of each fiscal year. The functions of the Committee, as the governing body, are legislative.

Administrative responsibilities are assigned to the Township Administrator. The Committee establishes policy. The Administrator is responsible for the day-to-day operations of the Township and implementing and administering policy.

Fire Protection and Emergency Services

The Township has two fire districts. Fire District No. 1 is located in the northern part of the Township encompassing approximately two square miles. Fire District No. 2 is centrally located and provides protection for seven and one-half square miles. Each district has one fire company, both with modern firefighting apparatus. District No. 2 also houses one ladder truck. The combined number of paid fire fighters is approximately 18 and there are approximately 20 volunteers.

The Township is serviced by Robert Wood Johnson EMS for emergency medical services which also provides service to the City of Bordentown. This service is 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, for 365 days.

Hospital services for Township residents are provided by Capital Health Regional Medical Center and Saint Francis Medical Center located in Trenton, Virtua Memorial in Mount Holly, Lourdes Medical Center in Willingboro and the Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital in Hamilton. All offer excellent medical care in modern facilities. The renowned Deborah Heart and Lung Center located in Browns Mills is just twelve miles south of the Township. Additional medical facilities are available within a 30-minute drive to Philadelphia, PA and a 60-minute drive to New York City.

Library

The Township participates in the Burlington County Library System which maintains a branch library in the heart of the City of Bordentown.

Police

The Police Department consists of twenty-eight full-time officers and one part-time officer. In addition, the Police Department is supported by two full-time secretaries and one part-time secretary. The dispatch system is operated by the County of Burlington and is manned on a twenty-four hour basis.

The New Jersey State Police maintains a station and barracks within the Township and provides additional police services in the Township and on the major highways that traverse the Township.

Public Works

The Department of Public Works has fourteen employees and one secretary that are supervised by a Director of Public Works. The Department of Public Works cleans, repairs and maintains streets, roads and storm drains, and maintains all parks, playgrounds and public areas. The collection and disposal of garbage, trash and other solid waste is provided for by contract with a private firm.

County and State roads running through the Township are maintained by the Burlington County Road Department, New Jersey State Department of Transportation and the New Jersey Turnpike Authority.

Recreation

There are separate youth programs that operate independent of the Township that supervise a year-round program of recreation and leisure time activities for children and adults. The Township Department of Public Works handles the scheduling of the park and field maintenance. Indoor and outdoor facilities are provided and operated by the Community District Alliance under the auspices of the Board of Education of the Regional School District.

A 6,500 square foot Senior Community Center is utilized by various groups for socials, meetings, dances and crafts. The Bordentown Township Senior's, a group of about 300 senior citizens, meets at the center twice a month and have an active itinerary of socials, trips and programs.

Municipal Open Space

The Township has completed a multi-phased recreation enhancement program through a Municipal Open Space Tax. In 2022, the Township was successful in obtaining voter approval for a dedicated tax of \$.02 per \$100 of assessed valuation for the purpose of re-establishing an Open Space Trust to the year 2042. This funding, along with the Township's capital funding, allows the Township to maintain and operate six parks and playground areas totaling 94 acres including two large multi-use community parks.

Utilities

Utilities are provided to Township residents by Verizon, Public Service Electric and Gas Company and Comcast Cable Television, all privately owned.

The Bordentown Sewerage Authority, of which the Township is a member, provides sanitary sewerage to most of the Township. A water supply and distribution system operated by the City of Bordentown as a water utility, supplies water to the developed areas of the Township and 80% of the Township as a whole. The water is pumped from deep wells and processed through a water treatment plant.

Township Employees

	<u>2025</u>	<u>2024</u>	<u>December 31,</u> <u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>
Permanent	64	62	73	71	65
Part-time	<u>20</u>	<u>22</u>	<u>31</u>	<u>38</u>	<u>44</u>
Total	<u>84</u>	<u>84</u>	<u>104</u>	<u>109</u>	<u>109</u>

Employee Collective Bargaining Units

There are four collective bargaining units between the Township and certain of its employees, as follows:

The Bordentown Township Police Officers are covered by three contracts, one for the Sergeants, one for the Patrolmen, and one for the Command Staff. These three contracts cover all police officers except for the Chief, who has his own contract. Membership is limited to full-time law enforcement officers. The three police officer contracts expired December 31, 2024. The Chief's contract expired December 31, 2025.

Public Works employees are represented by AFSCME and their contract expired December 31, 2024.

Negotiations are nearly complete with all units and are scheduled to be approved by the Committee in the coming month.

Compensated Absences

Full-time employees are entitled to fifteen paid sick leave days each year. Unused sick leave may be accumulated and carried forward to the subsequent year. Vacation days not used during the year may not be accumulated and carried forward.

The Township compensates employees for unused sick leave upon termination or retirement. The current policy provides one compensated day for every two days accumulated. There is a maximum pay-out of fifty days pay, and is paid at the rate of pay upon termination or retirement. For additional information regarding compensated absences, see Appendix B: Financial Statements of the Township, Note 9 to Financial Statements.

Retirement Systems

All full-time permanent or qualified Township employees who began employment after 1944 must enroll in one of two retirement systems depending upon their employment status. These systems were established by acts of the State Legislature. Benefits, contributions, means of funding and the manner of administration are set by State law. The Division of Pensions within the New Jersey Department of Treasury is the administrator of the funds with the benefit and contribution levels set by the State. The Township employees are enrolled in either the Public Employees' Retirement System or the Police and Firemen's Retirement System.

Pension Information

Employees, who are eligible to participate in a pension plan, are enrolled in the Public Employees' Retirement System ("PERS") or the Police and Firemen's Retirement System ("PFRS"), Department of Treasury, State of New Jersey. The State Division of Pensions annually charges municipalities and other participating governmental units for their respective contributions to the plans based upon actuarial calculations. The employees contribute a portion of the cost. The Township's share of pension costs in 2024, which is based upon the annual billings received from the State, amounted to \$373,138 for PERS and \$832,858 for PFRS.

Township Population(1)

2020 Federal Census	11,791
2010 Federal Census	11,367
2000 Federal Census	8,380
1990 Federal Census	7,683
1980 Federal Census	7,170

Selected Census 2024 Data for the Township (1)

Median household income	\$109,832
Per capita income	\$49,174

Township Labor Force (2)

The following table discloses annual average labor force data for the Township.

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>
Township					
Labor Force	6,836	6,764	6,639	6,497	6,362
Employed	6,555	6,531	6,421	6,137	5,868
Unemployed	281	233	218	360	494
Unemployment Rate	4.1%	3.4%	3.3%	5.5%	7.8%
County					
Labor Force	248,122	246,548	240,684	235,227	232,816
Employment	237,708	236,845	232,054	221,531	213,811
Unemployment	10,414	9,703	8,630	13,696	19,005
Unemployment Rate	4.2%	3.9%	3.6%	5.8%	8.2%
State					
Labor Force	4,898,008	4,867,113	4,756,002	4,654,243	4,643,700
Employment	4,676,064	4,676,779	4,572,879	4,342,075	4,204,301
Unemployment	221,944	207,334	183,123	312,168	439,399
Unemployment Rate	4.5%	4.3%	3.9%	6.7%	9.5%

Building, Zoning and Development Codes

The Township has established development regulations governing the size of lots for various types of construction. The land requirements are based on the type and nature of the building. The Township building codes conform to standards of the New Jersey Uniform Construction Code. These codes and other Municipal Codes are codified as basis for improved administration and regulation.

In August 1990, the Township adopted a new land development and zoning ordinance under the Municipal Land Use Law. In this way, the Township is able to promote orderly development and to protect the character and maintain the stability of residential, business and manufacturing areas and secure and protect open space and recreation areas within the Township.

(1) Source: U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of Census.

(2) Source: New Jersey Department of Labor

Building Permits Issued(1)

<u>Year</u>	<u>Number of Permits Issued</u>	<u>Value of Construction</u>
2025	660	\$29,846,585
2024	765	54,706,492
2023	1,042	82,991,308
2022	880	41,673,246
2021	761	36,461,839

Tax Exemptions and Tax Abatements

In recent years, the Township has experienced success in expanding the commercial activity in the Township as a direct result of the dedicated efforts of the Township Committee and Administrative Staff. In addition to other features that make the Township attractive to commercial businesses, the Township has utilized New Jersey’s Long Term Tax Exemption Law and Five-Year Exemption and Abatement Law to help make a variety of projects successful, including a warehouse distribution center and an upscale apartment complex. Financial agreements entered into with property owners in connection with these programs typically require payments in lieu of taxes (PILOT) to be made to the Township. In 2024, the Township received approximately \$2.4 million in PILOT revenue and, from that amount received, remitted approximately \$248,028.12 to the Bordentown Regional School District and \$103,258.18 to Burlington County.

GENERAL INFORMATION ON THE SCHOOL DISTRICT (2)

Overview

The Bordentown Regional School District is a Type II (Grades Pre-K through 12th) regional school district consisting of the municipalities of the City of Bordentown, the Township of Bordentown, and the Borough of Fieldsboro (the “Constituent Municipalities”). Students from the New Hanover School District attend the existing Bordentown Regional High School on a tuition basis. The School District operates five school buildings: three elementary schools, junior school, one middle school and a high school. The Bordentown Regional School District is located in the County of Burlington, New Jersey.

Staff

The Superintendent of Schools is the chief administrative officer of the School District. The Board Secretary/Business Administrator oversees the Board’s business functions and reports through the Superintendent to the Board. There are approximately 406 full-time employees of the Board, of which 230 are teaching professionals. The balance are administrative, facilities, pupil transportation and support personnel.

(1) Source: Township Construction Official

(2) Source: School District officials

**BORDENTOWN REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
SCHOOL ENROLLMENTS (1)**

Grade	<u>2025</u>	<u>2024</u>	<u>October 15, 2023</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>
PreK 4 Yr: Full Day		10	10	10	11
Kindergarten: Full Day		125	104	118	132
1		114	122	138	116
2		109	134	118	150
3		121	121	136	147
4		138	124	134	131
5		128	136	130	136
6		125	131	134	151
7		138	135	148	178
8		140	154	176	135
9		134	179	133	160
10		157	141	154	175
11		183	160	172	175
12		148	170	183	159
Special Education		420	405	401	386
State Facility		<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Totals		<u>2,190</u>	<u>2,226</u>	<u>2,285</u>	<u>2,342</u>
Bordentown Township Enrollment(2)	<u>1,718</u>	<u>1,693</u>	<u>1,722</u>	<u>1,756</u>	<u>1,793</u>

PRESENT SCHOOL FACILITIES, ENROLLMENT AND CAPACITY(1)

<u>Name of School</u>	<u>Date Constructed</u>	<u>Grades</u>	<u>Enrollment Oct. 15, 2025</u>	<u>Functional Capacity</u>
Clara Barton Elementary	1953	K-2		346
Peter Muschal Elementary	1953	PreK 4YR - 5		517
Mac Farland Intermediate	1924	3-5		334
Bordentown Regional Middle School	1965	6-8		545
Bordentown Regional High School	2006	9-12		<u>1,102</u>
Totals			<u>1,718</u> (3)(4)	<u>2,844</u>

(1) Source: School District officials

(2) Bordentown Township total enrollment figure is shown. Enrollment by grade is not available

(3) Bordentown Township total enrollment figure is shown. Enrollment by school is not available

(4) Excludes State Facility

HIGHER EDUCATION FACILITIES

Rowan College at Burlington County (Formerly Burlington County College)

Rowan College at Burlington County (formerly Burlington County College) (“RCBC” or “County College”) is a comprehensive, publicly supported, coeducational, two-year institution developed by the County and the State and accredited by the Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools. The County College was founded in October 1965 and opened in September 1969. The Board of County Commissioners (formally Board of Chosen Freeholders) sponsors the County College, appointing nine of the twelve Trustees.

In June 2015, the Rowan University Board of Trustees approved a resolution to partner with the County College thereby allowing students to obtain a bachelor's degree from Rowan University on the County College's Mount Laurel Campus. The unique partnership provides students the opportunity to seamlessly transition from the community college to the university. RCBC is the first community college in the region to offer junior-level courses as part of the “3+1” program in which students complete 75 percent of a Rowan University degree with the community college before completing their senior year at the university.

In July 2015, RCBC announced a transition from its original Pemberton Campus to the more accessible and modern Mount Laurel Campus. Located at the intersection of Route 38 and I-295, the 100-acre Mount Laurel campus is already home to the Technology and Engineering Center. Joining it as part of the transformed Mount Laurel campus is a new Health Sciences Center as well as a new Student Success Center – a 78,000 square foot, \$25.4 million state-of-the-art building that features a one-stop for student services from enrollment to academic planning, social spaces, library, bookstore, dining area and state-of-the-art technology. This building serves as the gateway to the newly transformed Mount Laurel campus with a total investment of \$55 million and renovation of 240,000 square feet.

RCBC's academic year 2024-2025 enrollment was 6,620 students. In addition, the County College serves thousands of other County residents each semester through youth programs, Learning is for Everyone classes, workforce development, theatrical productions, guest speakers, and art exhibitions.

The Board of Trustees governs the County College and certain fiscal matters are subject to review by the Board of School Estimate. The County College is not permitted to borrow for capital expenditures. Instead, the Board of Trustees and the Board of School Estimate certify the need for funding to the Board of County Commissioners, which either currently appropriates the amount certified or authorizes the issuance of County Debt, generally in accordance with the provisions of the Local Bond Law except that no down payment is required.

Burlington County Institute of Technology

The Burlington County Board of Vocational Education was created by the Board in 1962 after a favorable referendum. The enrollment for the two campuses, Westampton and Medford, for academic year 2023-2024 was 2,070 students.

The Burlington County Institute of Technology (“BCIT”) is governed by a consolidated Board of Education of the Special Services School District and the Vocational School District of the County of Burlington and certain fiscal matters are subject to the review of the Board of School Estimate. BCIT is not permitted to borrow for capital expenditures. Instead, the Board of Education and the Board of School Estimate certify the need for funding to the Board which either currently appropriates the amount certified or authorizes the issuance of County debt, generally in accordance with the provisions of the Local Bond Law except that no down payment is required.

BCIT contributes to the County workforce each year an average of 462 high school seniors certified in one of thirty-three career and technical programs and, through its Adult School Division, approximately 760 adults who have completed either a certification or licensing program in one of the thirty-five career programs offered. The Superintendent of BCIT is the liaison between the education community of the County and business and industry.

Burlington County Special Services School District

The Burlington County Special Services School District (“Special Services School District”) was created by the Board in June, 1972. The Special Services School District is comprised of state-of-the-art facilities located in the Townships of Westampton, Lumberton, and Mount Laurel which provide comprehensive educational and therapeutic programs for preschool and school-age students, ranging in age from three to eighteen, as well as young adults, ranging in age from eighteen to twenty-one. Students at the Special Services School District have access to the following programs: Sensory, Autism, Multiple Disabilities, Behavior Disabilities, Preschool Disabilities, Auditory Impaired, Career and Technical Education, and Transitions, a program designed to prepare students to be a self-sufficient, productive members of the community. The enrollment for the Special Services School District for the 2025-2026 academic year was 455 students.

CERTAIN TAX INFORMATION

TEN LARGEST TAXPAYERS (1)

<u>Name of Taxpayer</u>	<u>Nature of Business</u>	<u>2026 Assessed Valuation</u>
WW Grainger, Inc. c/o Marvin Poer	Distributor of Industrial Equipment	\$112,606,900
MATRIX Bordentown Lot 2 LLC	Warehouse	28,116,100
DCT Midline, LLC	Commerce Center	17,580,400
Rising Sun Meadows LLC	Apartments	17,564,800
Anchor Bordentown Owner LLC	Medical Center	15,135,700
FR 301 Bordentown LLC	Warehouse	15,047,700
Pool 3 Industrial NJ Old York LLC	Warehouse	14,700,000
First Industrial	Business Park	13,740,000
Mosholu Realty LLC	Apartments	11,000,000
HPT PSC Properties Trust	Truck Stop	11,000,000
SAAJ Urban Renewal LLC	Holiday Inn Express	9,299,700

CURRENT TAX COLLECTIONS (2)

<u>Year</u>	<u>Total Levy</u>	<u>Collected in Year of Levy</u>		<u>Outstanding Dec. 31</u>	
		<u>Amount</u>	<u>Percentage</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Percentage</u>
2024	\$ 50,150,625	\$ 49,069,336	97.84%	\$ 445,102	0.89%
2023	46,509,453	44,699,234	96.11%	346,609	0.75%
2022	45,827,570	44,776,993	97.71%	392,443	0.86%
2021	43,719,713	42,919,490	98.17%	616,811	1.41%
2020	43,038,365	42,308,120	98.30%	626,668	1.46%

(1) Source: Township Tax Assessor

(2) Source: Annual Reports of Audit

CERTAIN TAX INFORMATION (CONT'D)

DELINQUENT TAXES (1)

<u>Year</u>	<u>Outstanding</u>		<u>Collected</u>		<u>Transferred to Liens</u>	<u>Other Credits</u>	<u>Outstanding Dec. 31</u>
	<u>Jan. 1</u>	<u>Added</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Percentage</u>			
2024	\$ 346,609	\$ 1,250	\$ 347,859	100.00%	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
2023	488,326	1,741	389,166	79.41%	98,562	2,339	
2022	694,569	4,573	294,616	42.14%	49,865	258,780	95,882
2021	695,558	3,750	513,410	73.42%		108,140	77,758
2020	548,458	1,494	481,063	87.47%			68,889

TAX TITLE LIENS (1)

<u>Year</u>	<u>Balance</u>	<u>Added by</u>	<u>Collected</u>	<u>Balance</u>
	<u>Jan. 1</u>	<u>Sales and Transfers</u>		<u>Dec. 31</u>
2024	\$ 239,496	\$ 13,731	\$ -	\$ 253,227
2023	520,373	277,879	557,411	240,841
2022	368,054	241,583	89,264	520,373
2021	294,183	85,239	11,368	368,054
2020	229,829	88,037	23,683	294,183

FORECLOSED PROPERTY (1)(2)

<u>Year</u>	<u>Balance Dec. 31</u>
2024	\$ 515,200
2023	515,200
2022	515,200
2021	515,200
2020	515,200

(1) Source: Annual Reports of Audit

(2) These amounts are reflected on the basis of assessed value in the year of acquisition in accordance with the regulation of the Division of Local Government Services.

CERTAIN TAX INFORMATION (CONT'D)

NET ASSESSED VALUATIONS AND ANNUAL TAX RATES (1)

<u>Year</u>	<u>Net Valuation Taxable</u>	<u>Tax Rate (2)</u>				
		<u>Total Rate</u>	<u>Regional</u>			<u>Municipal Open Space</u>
			<u>County</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>Municipal</u>	
2025	\$ 1,359,811,045	\$ 3.469	\$ 0.583	\$ 2.215	\$ 0.651	\$ 0.020
2024	1,325,560,177	3.364	0.549	2.172	0.623	0.020
2023	1,369,345,514	3.094	0.465	2.026	0.583	0.020
2022	1,327,870,268	3.128	0.509	2.056	0.563	(3)
2021	1,209,192,397	3.273	0.519	2.196	0.558	(3)

RATIO OF ASSESSED VALUATION TO TRUE VALUE AND TRUE VALUE PER CAPITA (4)

<u>Year</u>	<u>Real Property Assessed Valuation</u>	<u>Percentage of True Value</u>	<u>True Value</u>	<u>True Value per Capita (5)</u>
2025	\$ 1,359,810,925	59.85%	\$ 2,272,031,621	\$ 192,692
2024	1,325,560,025	65.84%	2,013,305,020	170,749
2023	1,369,345,362	76.44%	1,791,398,956	151,929
2022	1,324,759,767	75.46%	1,755,578,806	148,891
2021	1,205,997,627	79.46%	1,517,741,791	128,720

REAL PROPERTY CLASSIFICATION (6)

<u>Year</u>	<u>Assessed Value of Land and Improvements</u>						
	<u>Improvements</u>	<u>Vacant Land</u>	<u>Residential</u>	<u>Commercial</u>	<u>Industrial</u>	<u>Apartments</u>	<u>Farmland</u>
2025	\$ 1,359,810,925	\$ 52,728,000	\$ 868,279,048	\$ 189,337,500	\$ 193,793,777	\$ 54,047,200	\$ 1,625,400
2024	1,325,560,025	54,172,300	859,128,948	301,585,500	66,486,877	42,482,400	1,704,000
2023	1,369,345,362	26,437,700	858,937,748	355,973,925	77,674,389	48,649,300	1,672,300
2022	1,324,759,767	34,505,700	859,129,523	329,851,855	65,219,089	34,393,400	1,660,200
2021	1,205,997,627	33,495,410	857,742,973	228,196,855	50,171,389	34,707,800	1,683,200

(1) Source: Township's Tax Collector

(2) Per \$100 of assessed valuation; does not include fire district

(3) The authorization for the Municipal Open Space Tax expired in 2021 and in 2022 the Township obtained voter approval for a dedicated open space tax of \$.02 per \$100 of assessed valuation beginning in 2023.

(4) Source: State of New Jersey, Department of Treasury, Division of Taxation

(5) Based upon the 2020 Federal Census of 11,791

(6) Source: Township's Tax Assessor

**TOWNSHIP OF BORDENTOWN
STATEMENT OF INDEBTEDNESS (1)**

The following table summarizes the direct debt of the Township as of December 31, 2025, in accordance with the requirements of the Local Bond Law. The gross debt comprises short and long-term debt issued, and debt authorized but not issued, including General and debt of the Regional School District. Deductions from gross debt to arrive at net debt include deductible regional school district debt as well as reserves for payment of debt and accounts receivable. The resulting net debt of \$58,245,313 represents 2.617% of the average of equalized valuations for the Township for the last three years, which is within the 3.5% limit imposed by N.J.S.A. 40A:2-6.

	Debt Issued		Debt Auth. But Not Issued	Gross Debt	Deductions			Net Debt
	Bonds	Notes			School District	Reserve for Payment of Debt Service	Accounts Receivable	
General	\$ 23,500,000	\$ 25,000,000	\$ 13,567,500	\$ 62,067,500		\$ 803,271	\$ 3,018,916	\$ 58,245,313
School District	12,302,013			12,302,013	\$ 12,302,013			
	<u>\$ 35,802,013</u>	<u>\$ 25,000,000</u>	<u>\$ 13,567,500</u>	<u>\$ 74,369,513</u>	<u>\$ 12,302,013</u>	<u>\$ 803,271</u>	<u>\$ 3,018,916</u>	<u>\$ 58,245,313</u>

(1) As of December 31, 2025

DEBT RATIOS AND VALUATIONS (1)

Average of Equalized Valuations of Real Property with Improvements for 2023, 2024 and 2025	\$	2,225,633,671
Statutory Net debt as a Percentage of the Average of Equalized Valuations of Real Property with Improvements for 2023, 2024 and 2025		2.62%
2025 Net Valuation Taxable	\$	1,359,811,045
2025 Equalized Valuation of Real Property and Taxable Personal Property Used in Communications	\$	2,272,031,741
Gross Debt (2)		
As a Percentage of 2025 Net Valuation Taxable		5.47%
As a Percentage of 2025 Equalized Valuation of Real Property and Taxable Personal Property Used in Communications		3.27%
Net Debt (2)		
As a Percentage of 2025 Net Valuation Taxable		4.28%
As a Percentage of 2025 Equalized Valuation of Real Property and Taxable Personal Property Used in Communications		2.56%
Gross Debt per Capita (3)	\$	6,307
Net Debt per Capita (3)	\$	4,940

TOWNSHIP BORROWING CAPACITY(1)

3.5% of Average (2023-25) Equalized Valuation of Real Property with Improvements and Second Class Railroad Property (\$2,225,633,671)	\$	77,897,178
Net Debt		<u>(58,245,313)</u>
Remaining Borrowing Capacity	\$	<u>19,651,866</u>

- (1) As of December 31, 2025
(2) Excluding overlapping debt
(3) Based on 2020 Federal Census of 11,791

REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT BORROWING CAPACITY(1)

4% of Average (2023-2025) Equalized Valuation of Real Property including improvements (\$2,833,148,057)	\$ 113,325,922
Gross Debt (2)	<u>(15,660,000)</u>
Remaining Borrowing Capacity	<u>\$ 97,665,922</u>

**TOWNSHIP OF BORDENTOWN
OVERLAPPING DEBT
AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2024**

	<u>DEBT ISSUED</u>				Debt Auth. but not Issued
	<u>Debt Outstanding</u>	<u>Deductions</u>	<u>Net Debt Outstanding</u>	<u>Net Debt Outstanding Allocated to the Issuer</u>	
County of Burlington:					
General					
Bonds	\$ 129,015,000	\$ 17,421,051 (3)	\$ 111,593,949	\$ 3,664,518 (4)	
Notes				(4)	\$ 58,025,107
Loans	3,457,864		3,457,864	113,549 (4)	
Bonds Issued by Other Public Bodies					
Guaranteed by the County	361,231,900	361,231,900 (5)			
Solid Waste Utility	22,565,000	22,565,000			37,394,130
	<u>\$ 516,269,764</u>	<u>\$ 401,217,951</u>	<u>\$ 115,051,813</u>	<u>\$ 3,778,067</u>	<u>\$ 95,419,237</u>

(1) As of December 31, 2025

(2) Debt portion allocated to the Township is \$12,302,013

(3) Includes cash on hand, accounts receivable and County College Bonds paid with State Aid.

(4) Such debt is allocated as a proportion of the Issuer's share of the total 2024 Net Valuations on which County taxes are apportioned, which is 3.28%.

(5) Deductible in accordance with N.J.S. 40:37A-80.

**TOWNSHIP OF BORDENTOWN
SCHEDULE OF DEBT SERVICE(1)**

<u>Year</u>	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Interest</u>	<u>Total</u>
2026	\$ 1,870,000	\$ 584,663	\$ 2,454,663
2027	1,890,000	536,713	2,426,713
2028	1,570,000	495,138	2,065,138
2029	1,610,000	457,303	2,067,303
2030	1,640,000	417,756	2,057,756
2031	1,680,000	375,613	2,055,613
2032	1,720,000	331,406	2,051,406
2033	1,760,000	286,031	2,046,031
2034	1,335,000	239,706	1,574,706
2035	1,050,000	211,031	1,261,031
2036	1,090,000	185,731	1,275,731
2037	1,140,000	159,156	1,299,156
2038	1,160,000	131,231	1,291,231
2039	1,190,000	102,531	1,292,531
2040	1,225,000	71,725	1,296,725
2041	1,255,000	39,625	1,294,625
2042	315,000	6,300	321,300
	<u>\$ 23,500,000</u>	<u>\$ 4,631,660</u>	<u>\$ 28,131,660</u>

(1) As of December 31, 2025

**TOWNSHIP OF BORDENTOWN
2025 MUNICIPAL BUDGET(1)**

CURRENT FUND

Anticipated Revenues:	
Fund Balance	\$ 3,500,000
Miscellaneous Revenues:	
Local Revenues	588,900
State Aid without Offsetting Appropriations	905,473
Dedicated Uniform Construction Code Fees Offset with Appropriations	590,000
Director of Local Government Services--Shared Service Agreements	413,382
Public and Private Programs Offset with Appropriations	103,543
Other Special Items of Revenue	2,299,363
Receipts from Delinquent Taxes	300,000
Amount to be Raised by Taxation for Municipal Purposes	8,849,339
Total Anticipated Revenues	\$ 17,550,000
Appropriations:	
Within CAPS:	
Operations	\$ 10,789,106
Deferred Charges and Statutory Expenditures	1,786,000
Excluded from CAPS:	
Other Operations	11,037
Shared Service Agreements	532,256
Public and Private Programs	103,543
Capital Improvements	200,000
Debt Service	2,663,000
Deferred Charges	20,000
Reserve for Uncollected Taxes	1,445,058
Total Appropriations	\$ 17,550,000

(1) Adopted

**TOWNSHIP OF BORDENTOWN
CAPITAL BUDGET
PROJECTS SCHEDULED FOR THE YEARS 2025 - 2030 (1)**

	Estimated <u>Total Cost</u>	Capital Improvement <u>Fund</u>	Bonds and Notes <u>General</u>
Road Maintenance	\$ 4,250,000	\$ 212,500	\$ 4,037,500
Public Works Equipment / Building Improvements	240,000	12,000	228,000
Public Works Vehicles / Equipment	180,000	9,000	171,000
Municipal Complex Improvements	125,000	6,250	118,750
Police Vehicles / Equipment	400,000	20,000	380,000
OEM Equipment	125,000	6,250	118,750
Park Improvements	1,000,000	50,000	950,000
Purchase of Land / Building	600,000	30,000	570,000
Stormwater Improvements	600,000	30,000	570,000
	\$ 7,520,000	\$ 376,000	\$ 7,144,000

(1) Adopted

APPENDIX B
FINANCIAL DATA OF THE TOWNSHIP

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

The Honorable Mayor and
Members of the Township Committee
Township of Bordentown
Bordentown, New Jersey 08505

Report on the Audit of the Financial Statements

Opinions

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

Unmodified Opinions on Regulatory Basis of Accounting

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

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

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

Basis for Opinions on Regulatory Basis of Accounting

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America; and in compliance with audit requirements as prescribed by the Division of Local Government Services, Department of Community Affairs, State of New Jersey, which is a basis of accounting other than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, to meet the requirements of the State of New Jersey. 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.

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

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

Emphasis of Matter

Change in Accounting Principle

As discussed in note 1 to the financial statements, during the year ended December 31, 2024, the Township adopted new accounting guidance, Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement No. 101, *Compensated Absences*. The adoption of this new accounting principle resulted in an updated measurement of compensated absences in accordance with the Statement (note 9). As a result of the regulatory basis of accounting, described in the previous paragraph, the implementation of this Statement only impacted financial statement disclosures. Our opinions are not modified with respect to this matter.

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

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

Auditor's 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 auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America 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 auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, 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.

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements (Cont'd)

In performing an audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, we (cont'd):

- 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.

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.

Respectfully submitted,



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Registered Municipal Accountant

Voorhees New Jersey
October 24, 2025

TOWNSHIP OF BORDENTOWN
CURRENT FUND

Statements of Assets, Liabilities, Reserves and Fund Balance - Regulatory Basis
 As of December 31, 2024 and 2023

<u>ASSETS</u>	<u>Ref.</u>	<u>Dec. 31, 2024</u>	<u>Dec. 31, 2023</u>
Regular Fund:			
Cash - Treasurer	SA-1	\$ 11,033,345.45	\$ 6,983,156.35
Cash - Change Fund	A	950.00	950.00
Cash - Certificate of Deposit	A		2,000,000.00
Total Regular Fund		<u>11,034,295.45</u>	<u>8,984,106.35</u>
Receivables and Other Assets with Full Reserves:			
Delinquent Property Taxes Receivable	SA-3	445,101.63	346,609.37
Tax Title Liens Receivable	SA-4	253,226.64	240,841.44
Property Acquired for Taxes - Assessed Valuation	A	515,200.00	515,200.00
Revenue Accounts Receivable	SA-6		128,045.50
Due from General Capital Fund	SB-3	6,434.67	
Due from Trust - Animal Control Fund	SB-3	15,273.31	7,924.15
Total Receivable & Other Assets With Full Reserves		<u>1,235,236.25</u>	<u>1,238,620.46</u>
Deferred Charges:			
Special Emergency Authorizations:			
Codification of Ordinances	A	60,000.00	80,000.00
Total Regular Fund		<u>12,329,531.70</u>	<u>10,302,726.81</u>
Federal and State Grant Fund:			
Federal & State Grants Receivable	SA-16	2,993,301.40	2,184,183.90
Due from Current Fund	A	662,443.30	342,266.47
Total Federal and State Grant Fund		<u>3,655,744.70</u>	<u>2,526,450.37</u>
Total Assets		<u>\$ 15,985,276.40</u>	<u>\$ 12,829,177.18</u>

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**TOWNSHIP OF BORDENTOWN
CURRENT FUND**

Statements of Assets, Liabilities, Reserves and Fund Balance - Regulatory Basis
As of December 31, 2024 and 2023

	<u>Ref.</u>	<u>Dec. 31, 2024</u>	<u>Dec. 31, 2023</u>
LIABILITIES, RESERVES AND FUND BALANCE			
Regular Fund:			
Liabilities:			
Appropriation Reserves	A-3 & SA-8	\$ 1,312,015.16	\$ 957,619.08
Encumbrances Payable	A-3 & SA-8	384,843.28	229,310.49
Due to State of New Jersey:			
Senior Citizens' and Veterans' Deductions	SA-2	35,197.55	36,197.55
Training Fees for New Construction	SA-9	8,573.00	33,031.00
Marriage License Fees	SA-10	475.00	450.00
Prepaid Taxes	SA-11	1,263,100.86	780,350.76
Accounts Payable	SA-8	21,355.31	67,151.28
Payroll Deductions Payable	SA-32	26,166.93	24,067.64
Due County for PILOT and Added and Omitted Taxes	SA-14	224,046.80	2,643.12
Due Regional School District for PILOT	SA-15	248,028.13	
Reserve for:			
Due to Outside Lien Holder	SA-7	22,244.12	33,708.50
Tax Sale Premiums	SA-7	28,700.00	256,100.00
Municipal Relief Fund Aid	SA-7		92,881.31
Opioid Settlement	SA-7	62,178.92	29,620.65
Codification of Ordinance	SA-7	17,124.02	31,550.27
Tax Appeals	SA-7	235,644.19	235,644.19
Due to:			
Federal & State Grant Fund	A	662,443.30	342,266.47
Trust - Open Space Fund	SA-12	268,932.78	
Trust - Other Fund	SB-3	249,797.71	363,965.59
Total Liabilities		5,070,867.06	3,516,557.90
Reserves for Receivables and Other Assets	A	1,235,236.25	1,238,620.46
Fund Balance	A-1	6,023,428.39	5,547,548.45
Total Regular Fund		12,329,531.70	10,302,726.81
Federal and State Grant Fund:			
Unappropriated Reserves	SA-17	11,376.22	2,771.96
Encumbrances Payable	SA-18	11,445.57	3,660.00
Appropriated Reserves	SA-18	3,632,922.91	2,520,018.41
Total Federal and State Grant Fund		3,655,744.70	2,526,450.37
Total Liabilities, Reserves & Fund Balance		\$ 15,985,276.40	\$ 12,829,177.18

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

TOWNSHIP OF BORDENTOWN
CURRENT FUND

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

	<u>Year 2024</u>	<u>Year 2023</u>
<u>Revenue and Other Income Realized</u>		
Fund Balance Utilized	\$ 3,102,355.66	\$ 2,850,000.00
Miscellaneous Revenues Anticipated	7,438,850.06	6,118,986.30
Receipts from Delinquent Taxes	347,859.37	946,576.81
Receipts from Current Taxes	49,069,336.17	44,785,995.78
Non-Budget Revenue	1,088,781.13	1,654,589.84
Other Credits to Income:		
Unexpended Balance of Appropriation Reserves	654,201.17	617,592.90
Statutory Excess from Animal Control	7,739.48	7,924.15
Liquidation of Reserves for:		
Due from Animal Control Fund		3,057.40
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Total Income	61,709,123.04	56,984,723.18
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<u>Expenditures</u>		
Budget & Emergency Appropriations:		
Appropriations - Within "CAPS":		
Operations:		
Salaries and Wages	5,422,150.00	5,242,909.00
Other Expenses	5,065,392.00	4,515,422.00
Deferred Charges and Statutory Expenditures Municipal - Within "CAPS"	1,696,583.70	1,520,796.00
Operations - Excluded from "CAPS":		
Salaries and Wages	297,709.00	470,365.00
Other Expenses	1,482,285.94	334,798.87
Capital Improvements - Excluded from "CAPS"	200,000.00	500,000.00
Municipal Debt Service - Excluded from "CAPS"	2,541,410.55	2,537,454.98
Deferred Charges and Statutory Expenditures:		
Deferred Charges to Future Taxation	20,000.00	20,000.00
County Taxes Payable	7,275,150.77	6,358,118.09
Due County for Added and Omitted	106,512.26	2,643.12
Regional School District Taxes	28,791,296.00	27,739,578.00
Special District Taxes Payable:		
Fire District No 1 & 2	4,949,680.61	4,275,943.00
Municipal Open Space Taxes	265,039.12	273,878.00
Municipal Open Space Taxes for Added and Omitted	3,893.66	108.73
Prior Year Deductions Disallowed		1,741.10
Refund of Prior Year Revenue		283,573.47
Creation of Reserves for:		
Due from General Capital Fund	6,434.67	
Due from Trust - Animal Control Fund	7,349.16	
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Total Expenditures	58,130,887.44	54,077,329.36
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Statutory Excess to Fund Balance (Carried Forward)	3,578,235.60	2,907,393.82
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TOWNSHIP OF BORDENTOWN
CURRENT FUND
 Statements of Operations and Changes in Fund Balance - Regulatory Basis
 For the Years Ended December 31, 2024 and 2023

	<u>Year 2024</u>	<u>Year 2023</u>
Statutory Excess to Fund Balance (Brought Forward)	\$ 3,578,235.60	\$ 2,907,393.82
Fund Balance January 1	<u>5,547,548.45</u>	<u>5,490,154.63</u>
Total	9,125,784.05	8,397,548.45
Decreased by:		
Utilized as Revenue	<u>3,102,355.66</u>	<u>2,850,000.00</u>
Fund Balance December 31	<u><u>\$ 6,023,428.39</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 5,547,548.45</u></u>

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

TOWNSHIP OF BORDENTOWN
CURRENT FUND
 Statement of Revenues - Regulatory Basis
 For the Year Ended December 31, 2024

	Anticipated Budget	Special N.J.S.A. 40A:4-87	Realized	Excess or (Deficit)
Fund Balance Anticipated	\$ 3,102,355.66	\$ -	\$ 3,102,355.66	\$ -
Miscellaneous Revenues:				
Licenses - Clerk	27,000.00		62,355.00	35,355.00
Fees and Permits - Other	47,800.00		47,236.00	(564.00)
Fines and Costs - Municipal Court	184,000.00		169,516.97	(14,483.03)
Interest and Costs on Taxes	110,000.00		81,634.39	(28,365.61)
Interest on Investments and Deposits	153,713.70		556,481.18	402,767.48
Energy Receipts Tax (P.L. 1997, Chapters 162 & 167)	901,092.00		901,092.08	0.08
Garden State Trust Fund	4,381.00		4,381.00	
Municipal Relief Fund Aid	92,881.31		92,881.31	
Dedicated Uniform Construction Code Fees Offset with Appropriations (N.J.S. 40A:4-36 and N.J.A.C. 5:23-4.17)				
Uniform Construction Code Fees	800,000.00		575,410.00	(224,590.00)
Special Items of General Revenue Anticipated with Prior Written Consent of Director of Local Government Services:				
Shared Service Agreements Offset With Appropriations:				
Municipal Court	108,100.00		118,838.33	10,738.33
School Safe Resource Officer	70,000.00		70,000.00	
Special Law Enforcement Officer	23,409.00		28,160.00	4,751.00
EMS	152,250.00		64,000.00	(88,250.00)
UCC	177,125.00		103,404.00	(73,721.00)
Public and Private Revenues Offset with Appropriations:				
Recycle Tonnage	14,590.41		14,590.41	
Emergency Management Assistance Grant	10,000.00		10,000.00	
Body Armor Replacement	2,355.66		2,355.66	
Municipal Alcohol Education & Rehabilitation Program		1,225.84	1,225.84	
JAG - Body Armor	758.35		758.35	
Clean Communities Program		31,723.68	31,723.68	
National Opioid Settlement	25,000.00		25,000.00	
NJDCA - Municipal Bldg Complex Improvement Grant	500,000.00		500,000.00	

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TOWNSHIP OF BORDENTOWN
CURRENT FUND
 Statement of Revenues - Regulatory Basis
 For the Year Ended December 31, 2024

	Anticipated Budget	Special N.J.S.A. 40A:4-87	Realized	Excess or (Deficit)
Miscellaneous Revenues (Continued):				
Public and Private Revenues Offset with Appropriations (Cont'd):				
NJDOT - Municipal Aid:				
Williamsburg/Holloway Phase 1 Grant	\$ 185,000.00		\$ 185,000.00	
Williamsburg/Holloway Phase 2 Grant	181,070.00		181,070.00	
Klein Drive	217,600.00		217,600.00	
Other Special Items:				
Comcast Franchise Fee	87,857.08		87,857.08	
Verizon FIOS Franchise Fee	52,039.26		52,039.26	
Reserve for Payment of Debt	1,225,000.00		1,225,000.00	
Reserve for Payment of Debt - Waterfront	184,975.00		184,975.00	
Reserve for Payment of Debt - Quickchek	45,025.00		45,025.00	
Municipal Cannabis Tax	200,000.00		369,718.49	\$ 169,718.49
Hotel & Motel Occupancy Fees	380,000.00		357,034.22	(22,965.78)
NJ DMV Motor Vehicle Inspections	200.00		350.00	150.00
PILOT - Affordable Housing	90,000.00		106,022.60	16,022.60
PILOT - Waterfront	125,000.00		128,692.38	3,692.38
PILOT - Quickchek	30,000.00		32,251.24	2,251.24
PILOT - Exeter	310,000.00		310,000.00	
PILOT - KJohnson Urban Renewal	55,000.00		68,667.64	13,667.64
PILOT - VOA Waterfront Urban Renewal	20,000.00		21,958.62	1,958.62
PILOT - 206 Bordentown Urban Renewal	30,000.00		404,544.33	374,544.33
	6,823,222.77	\$ 32,949.52	7,438,850.06	582,677.77
Receipts from Delinquent Taxes	346,500.00	-	347,859.37	1,359.37
Amount to be Raised by Taxes for Support of Municipal Budget:				
Local Tax for Municipal Taxes	8,257,877.23	-	9,511,548.29	1,253,671.06
Budget Totals	18,529,955.66	32,949.52	20,400,613.38	1,837,708.20
Non-Budget Revenue	-	-	1,088,781.13	1,088,781.13
Total Revenue	\$ 18,529,955.66	\$ 32,949.52	\$ 21,489,394.51	\$ 2,926,489.33

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TOWNSHIP OF BORDENTOWN
CURRENT FUND
Statement of Revenues - Regulatory Basis
For the Year Ended December 31, 2024

Analysis of Realized Revenues

Allocation of Current Tax Collections:

Revenue from Collections	\$ 49,069,336.17
Less:	
Allocated to:	
School, County, Special District and Municipal Open Space Taxes	41,391,572.42
Balance for Support of Municipal Budget Appropriations	7,677,763.75
Add: Appropriation "Reserve for Uncollected Taxes"	1,833,784.54
Amount for Support of Municipal Budget Appropriations	\$ 9,511,548.29

Receipts from Delinquent Taxes

Taxes Receivable	\$ 347,859.37
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Licenses - Clerk:

Alcoholic Beverages	\$ 24,960.00
Other	37,395.00
	\$ 62,355.00

Analysis of Non-Budget Revenue

Miscellaneous	\$ 51,152.71
PILOT Fees	870,481.11
Vacant Property Fees	20,500.00
Police - Accident Reports and Firearm Permits	19,191.00
Senior and Vet Admin Fees	1,138.29
Purchase of Extra Trash Can	6,900.00
Fuel Reimbursements	21,157.15
Recycle / Scrap Metal	4,904.00
Farm Lease	7,000.00
	1,002,424.26
Off Duty Police - Admin Fee	86,356.87
	\$ 1,088,781.13

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

TOWNSHIP OF BORDENTOWN
CURRENT FUND
 Statement of Expenditures - Regulatory Basis
 For the Year Ended December 31, 2024

	<u>Appropriations</u>		<u>Expended</u>			<u>Unexpended Balance Canceled</u>
	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Budget After Modification</u>	<u>Expended</u>	<u>Encumbered</u>	<u>Reserved</u>	
OPERATIONS - WITHIN "CAPS"						
<u>General Government Functions</u>						
Administrative & Executive						
Salaries and Wages	\$ 142,800.00	\$ 142,810.00	\$ 142,800.06		\$ 9.94	
Other Expenses	120,000.00	120,000.00	91,222.13	\$ 10,027.61	18,750.26	
Mayor & Committee						
Salaries and Wages	76,400.00	76,400.00	76,019.70		380.30	
Other Expenses	2,000.00	2,000.00	880.00		1,120.00	
Municipal Clerk						
Salaries and Wages	155,000.00	155,000.00	144,697.22		10,302.78	
Other Expenses	23,650.00	23,650.00	3,894.93	9,022.69	10,732.38	
Financial Administration (Treasury)						
Salaries and Wages	235,000.00	235,000.00	205,559.23		29,440.77	
Other Expenses	46,500.00	46,500.00	29,330.33	4,796.46	12,373.21	
Annual Audit						
Other Expenses	47,000.00	47,000.00	46,000.00	400.00	600.00	
Information Technology						
Other Expenses	35,000.00	35,000.00	11,158.15		23,841.85	
Revenue Administration (Tax Collection)						
Salaries and Wages	78,000.00	78,000.00	63,231.02		14,768.98	
Other Expenses	13,000.00	13,000.00	7,865.06	443.00	4,691.94	
Tax Assessment Administration						
Salaries and Wages	62,300.00	62,300.00	48,893.79		13,406.21	
Other Expenses	37,400.00	37,400.00	9,746.35	12,070.53	15,583.12	
Legal Services (Legal Department)						
Other Expenses	265,000.00	265,000.00	131,424.54	28,555.00	105,020.46	
Engineering Services						
Other Expenses	35,000.00	35,000.00	31,915.95	3,084.05		
Planning Board						
Other Expenses	2,500.00	2,500.00	1,604.98		895.02	
Community Development						
Salaries and Wages	168,400.00	168,400.00	148,216.10		20,183.90	
Other Expenses	15,000.00	15,000.00	4,323.79	3,300.00	7,376.21	

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TOWNSHIP OF BORDENTOWN
CURRENT FUND
 Statement of Expenditures - Regulatory Basis
 For the Year Ended December 31, 2024

	<u>Appropriations</u>		<u>Expended</u>			<u>Unexpended Balance Canceled</u>
	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Budget After Modification</u>	<u>Expended</u>	<u>Encumbered</u>	<u>Reserved</u>	
<u>OPERATIONS - WITHIN "CAPS" (CONT'D)</u>						
<u>General Government Functions (Cont'd)</u>						
Municipal Court						
Salaries and Wages	\$ 227,300.00	\$ 236,900.00	\$ 221,643.22		\$ 15,256.78	
Other Expenses	26,775.00	26,775.00	18,478.42	\$ 1,655.81	6,640.77	
Municipal Prosecutor's Office						
Other Expenses	45,500.00	47,500.00	31,651.00	3,600.00	12,249.00	
Public Defender						
Other Expenses	24,000.00	24,000.00		450.00	23,550.00	
<u>Public Works Functions</u>						
Road Repairs and Maintenance						
Salaries and Wages	875,000.00	875,000.00	839,633.20		35,366.80	
Other Expenses	92,860.00	92,860.00	61,053.79	2,699.95	29,106.26	
Solid Waste Collection						
Contractual	445,000.00	445,000.00	403,150.73	37,181.64	4,667.63	
Buildings and Grounds						
Other Expenses	79,000.00	79,000.00	67,303.24	10,559.15	1,137.61	
Vehicle Maintenance (Including Police Vehicles)						
Other Expenses	168,500.00	173,500.00	152,697.42	18,184.38	2,618.20	
Landfill / Solid Waste Disposal Costs						
Other Expenses	400,000.00	400,000.00	350,575.45	28,885.10	20,539.45	
<u>Health & Welfare</u>						
Environmental Health Services						
Other Expenses	3,500.00	3,500.00	2,161.33	1,306.18	32.49	
<u>Insurance</u>						
General Liability Insurance	155,250.00	155,250.00	155,250.00			
Workers' Compensation Insurance	297,182.00	297,182.00	297,182.00			
Employee Group Health	1,045,000.00	1,045,000.00	916,560.67		128,439.33	
Health Benefits Waiver	100,000.00	100,000.00	81,362.29		18,637.71	

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TOWNSHIP OF BORDENTOWN
CURRENT FUND
 Statement of Expenditures - Regulatory Basis
 For the Year Ended December 31, 2024

	<u>Appropriations</u>		<u>Expended</u>			<u>Unexpended Balance Canceled</u>
	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Budget After Modification</u>	<u>Expended</u>	<u>Encumbered</u>	<u>Reserved</u>	
<u>OPERATIONS - WITHIN "CAPS" (CONT'D)</u>						
<u>Public Safety Functions</u>						
Office of Emergency Management						
Salaries and Wages	\$ 30,950.00	\$ 30,950.00	\$ 27,017.34		\$ 3,932.66	
Other Expenses	21,000.00	21,000.00	11,003.96	\$ 212.95	9,783.09	
Police Department						
Salaries and Wages	3,100,000.00	3,050,390.00	2,789,613.81		260,776.19	
Other Expenses	160,000.00	160,000.00	85,052.62	30,266.61	44,680.77	
EMS Contractual Services						
Other Expenses	356,000.00	356,000.00	288,973.18	48,375.00	18,651.82	
<u>Parks & Recreation Functions</u>						
Senior Community Center						
Other Expenses	5,000.00	5,000.00	4,303.58		696.42	
Community Services Act (Condominium Community Costs)						
Other Expenses	208,000.00	231,000.00	191,138.90	16,873.78	22,987.32	
Park Maintenance						
Other Expenses	40,000.00	40,000.00	1,006.30	387.19	38,606.51	
<u>Utility Expenses and Bulk Purchases</u>						
Electricity	120,000.00	166,000.00	127,681.79	15,500.23	22,817.98	
Street Lighting	165,000.00	119,000.00	116,339.27	1,435.76	1,224.97	
Water	7,500.00	7,500.00	6,853.42		646.58	
Gas (Natural or Propane)	35,000.00	35,000.00	23,751.37	2,441.17	8,807.46	
Gasoline, Diesel and Oil	235,000.00	235,000.00	112,701.80	13,233.22	109,064.98	
Telecommunication Costs	72,000.00	72,000.00	58,847.04	6,543.15	6,609.81	
Sewerage Processing & Disposal	5,000.00	5,000.00	3,334.98		1,665.02	
<u>Uniform Construction Code</u>						
Construction Official						
Salaries and Wages	289,000.00	289,000.00	275,211.22		13,788.78	
Other Expenses	57,775.00	57,775.00	46,322.35	3,872.67	7,579.98	

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TOWNSHIP OF BORDENTOWN
CURRENT FUND
 Statement of Expenditures - Regulatory Basis
 For the Year Ended December 31, 2024

	<u>Appropriations</u>		<u>Expended</u>			<u>Unexpended Balance Canceled</u>
	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Budget After Modification</u>	<u>Expended</u>	<u>Encumbered</u>	<u>Reserved</u>	
<u>OPERATIONS - WITHIN "CAPS" (CONT'D)</u>						
<u>Other Common Operating Functions (Unclassified)</u>						
Celebration of Public Events						
Other Expenses	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 23,427.51		\$ 1,572.49	
Certificate of Fire Compliance						
Other Expenses	20,500.00	20,500.00	14,317.50	\$ 1,980.00	4,202.50	
Total Operations including Contingent - Within "CAPS"	10,497,542.00	10,487,542.00	9,004,384.03	317,343.28	1,165,814.69	\$ -
Detail:						
Salaries and Wages	5,462,150.00	5,422,150.00	5,000,667.18	-	421,482.82	-
Other Expenses	5,035,392.00	5,065,392.00	4,003,716.85	317,343.28	744,331.87	-
<u>DEFERRED CHARGES AND STATUTORY EXPENDITURES</u>						
<u>MUNICIPAL - WITHIN "CAPS"</u>						
Statutory Expenditures:						
Public Employees' Retirement System	375,000.00	375,000.00	367,990.80		7,009.20	
Social Security System (O.A.S.I.)	469,583.70	469,583.70	417,689.49		51,894.21	
Police and Fireman's Retirement System of NJ	834,000.00	834,000.00	832,858.00		1,142.00	
Defined Contribution Retirement Plan	8,000.00	8,000.00	6,617.93		1,382.07	
Accumulated Absences	10,000.00	10,000.00	10,000.00			
Total Deferred Charges and Statutory Expenditures - Municipal - Within "CAPS"	1,696,583.70	1,696,583.70	1,635,156.22	-	61,427.48	-
Total General Appropriations for Municipal Purposes Within - "CAPS"	12,194,125.70	12,184,125.70	10,639,540.25	317,343.28	1,227,242.17	-

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TOWNSHIP OF BORDENTOWN
CURRENT FUND
 Statement of Expenditures - Regulatory Basis
 For the Year Ended December 31, 2024

	<u>Appropriations</u>		<u>Expended</u>			<u>Unexpended Balance Canceled</u>
	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Budget After Modification</u>	<u>Expended</u>	<u>Encumbered</u>	<u>Reserved</u>	
<u>OPERATIONS EXCLUDED FROM "CAPS"</u>						
<u>Mandated Expenditures Per N.J.S.A.40A:4-45.3g</u>						
<u>Excluded from "CAPS"</u>						
Tax Appeals						
Other Expenses	\$ 25.00	\$ 25.00			\$ 25.00	
SFSP Fire District Payments	3,012.00	3,012.00				3,012.00
General Liability Insurance	56,750.00	56,750.00	\$ 53,504.00			3,246.00
Stormwater Maintenance	10,000.00	20,000.00				20,000.00
<u>Interlocal Services Agreement</u>						
School Safe Resource Officer						
Salaries and Wages	70,000.00	70,000.00	70,000.00			
Municipal Court Services - Chesterfield						
Salaries and Wages	108,100.00	108,100.00	105,746.83			2,353.17
Special Law Enforcement Officer						
Salaries and Wages	23,409.00	23,409.00	23,409.00			
EMS - Bordentown City						
Other Expenses	152,250.00	152,250.00	71,758.18	\$ 67,500.00		12,991.82
UCC						
Salaries and Wages	96,200.00	96,200.00	96,200.00			
Other Expenses	80,925.00	80,925.00	37,780.00			43,145.00

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TOWNSHIP OF BORDENTOWN
CURRENT FUND
 Statement of Expenditures - Regulatory Basis
 For the Year Ended December 31, 2024

	<u>Appropriations</u>		<u>Expended</u>			<u>Unexpended Balance Canceled</u>
	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Budget After Modification</u>	<u>Expended</u>	<u>Encumbered</u>	<u>Reserved</u>	
<u>OPERATIONS EXCLUDED FROM "CAPS" (CONT'D)</u>						
<u>State and Federal Programs Offset by Revenues</u>						
Recycle Tonnage	\$ 14,590.41	\$ 14,590.41	\$ 14,590.41			
Emergency Management Assistance Grant	10,000.00	10,000.00	10,000.00			
Body Armor Grant	2,355.66	2,355.66	2,355.66			
National Opioid Settlement	25,000.00	25,000.00	25,000.00			
Municipal Bldg Complex Impv Grant	500,000.00	500,000.00	500,000.00			
NJ Dept. of Transportation:						
Williamsburg/Holloway Phase 1	185,000.00	185,000.00	185,000.00			
Williamsburg/Holloway Phase 2	181,070.00	181,070.00	181,070.00			
Klein Drive	217,600.00	217,600.00	217,600.00			
Municipal Alcohol Education & Rehabilitation Program (N.J.S.A. 40A:4-87, \$1,225.84+)		1,225.84	1,225.84			
JAG - Body Armor	758.35	758.35	758.35			
NJDEP - Clean Communities Program (N.J.S.A. 40A:4-87, \$31,723.68+)		31,723.68	31,723.68			
Total Operations - Excluded from "CAPS"	1,737,045.42	1,779,994.94	1,627,721.95	\$ 67,500.00	\$ 84,772.99	\$ -
Detail:						
Salaries and Wages	297,709.00	297,709.00	295,355.83	-	2,353.17	-
Other Expenses	1,439,336.42	1,482,285.94	1,332,366.12	67,500.00	82,419.82	-
<u>CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS - EXCLUDED FROM "CAPS"</u>						
Capital Improvement Fund	200,000.00	200,000.00	200,000.00	-	-	-
<u>MUNICIPAL DEBT SERVICE - EXCLUDED FROM "CAPS"</u>						
Payment of Bond Principal	1,855,000.00	1,855,000.00	1,855,000.00			
Interest on Bonds	690,000.00	690,000.00	686,410.55			3,589.45
Total Municipal Debt Service - Excluded from "CAPS"	2,545,000.00	2,545,000.00	2,541,410.55	-	-	3,589.45

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TOWNSHIP OF BORDENTOWN
CURRENT FUND
 Statement of Expenditures - Regulatory Basis
 For the Year Ended December 31, 2024

	<u>Appropriations</u>		<u>Expended</u>			<u>Unexpended</u>
	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Budget After</u>	<u>Expended</u>	<u>Encumbered</u>	<u>Reserved</u>	<u>Balance</u>
		<u>Modification</u>				<u>Canceled</u>
<u>DEFERRED CHARGES - EXCLUDED FROM "CAPS"</u>						
Deferred Charges to Future Taxation:						
Special Emergency Authorization - 5 year	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 20,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
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Total General Appropriations for Municipal Purposes - Excluded from "CAPS"	4,502,045.42	4,544,994.94	4,389,132.50	67,500.00	84,772.99	3,589.45
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Subtotal General Appropriations	16,696,171.12	16,729,120.64	15,028,672.75	384,843.28	1,312,015.16	3,589.45
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Reserve for Uncollected Taxes	1,833,784.54	1,833,784.54	1,833,784.54	-	-	-
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Total General Appropriations	<u>\$ 18,529,955.66</u>	<u>\$ 18,562,905.18</u>	<u>\$ 16,862,457.29</u>	<u>\$ 384,843.28</u>	<u>\$ 1,312,015.16</u>	<u>\$ 3,589.45</u>
Adopted Budget		\$ 18,529,955.66				
Appropriated by N.J.S.A. 40A:4-87		<u>32,949.52</u>				
		<u>\$ 18,562,905.18</u>				
Reserve for Uncollected Taxes			\$ 1,833,784.54			
Deferred Charge - Special Emergency Authorization			20,000.00			
Reserve for Federal and State Grants			1,169,323.94			
Payroll Deductions Payable			6,279,950.67			
Disbursed			<u>7,559,398.14</u>			
			<u>\$ 16,862,457.29</u>			

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

TOWNSHIP OF BORDENTOWN
TRUST FUND
 Statements of Assets, Liabilities and Reserves - Regulatory Basis
 As of December 31, 2024 and 2023

<u>ASSETS</u>	<u>Ref.</u>	<u>Dec. 31, 2024</u>	<u>Dec. 31, 2023</u>
Animal Control Fund:			
Cash--Treasurer	SB-1	\$ 20,383.91	\$ 7,794.23
Accounts Receivable - Shared Service Agreement	SB-3	8,305.00	12,868.32
		<u>28,688.91</u>	<u>20,662.55</u>
Open Space Trust Fund:			
Cash--Treasurer	SB-1	607,916.25	617,861.46
Due from Current Fund	SB-2	268,932.78	
		<u>876,849.03</u>	<u>617,861.46</u>
Other Trust Funds:			
Cash--Treasurer	SB-1	4,339,933.67	4,261,400.60
Accounts Receivable	SB-6		1,660.00
Due from Current Fund	SB-2	249,797.71	363,965.59
		<u>4,589,731.38</u>	<u>4,627,026.19</u>
		<u>\$ 5,495,269.32</u>	<u>\$ 5,265,550.20</u>

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TOWNSHIP OF BORDENTOWN
TRUST FUND
 Statements of Assets, Liabilities and Reserves - Regulatory Basis
 As of December 31, 2024 and 2023

<u>LIABILITIES AND RESERVES</u>	<u>Ref.</u>	<u>Dec. 31, 2024</u>	<u>Dec. 31, 2023</u>
Animal Control Fund:			
Reserve for Animal Control	SB-3	\$ 13,274.00	\$ 12,601.60
Due to Current Fund	SB-2	15,273.31	7,924.15
Due to State of NJ	SB-4	141.60	136.80
		<u>28,688.91</u>	<u>20,662.55</u>
Open Space Trust Fund:			
Reserve - Municipal Open Space	SB-5	<u>876,849.03</u>	<u>617,861.46</u>
Other Funds:			
Account Payable:			
Due to Officers for Off-Duty Police	SB-6		10,317.00
Encumbrances Payable	SB-6		2,309.95
Reserve - Builders Trust	SB-6	1,457,724.05	1,911,675.15
Reserve - UC & TDI Fund	SB-6	72,865.15	101,018.91
Reserve - Street Opening Fund	SB-6	60,235.92	59,935.92
Reserve - Special Law Enforcement Fund	SB-6	160,410.32	155,585.59
Reserve - Federal Forfeit Trust Fund	SB-6	119.64	119.24
Reserve - First Aid Contributions	SB-6	4,185.00	4,185.00
Reserve - Public Defender Fees	SB-6	3,731.25	14,450.12
Reserve - POAA	SB-6	1,658.00	1,640.00
Reserve - Affordable Housing	SB-6	2,510,825.60	2,022,273.79
Reserve - Sign Donations	SB-6	2,520.00	2,520.00
Reserve - READ Foundation	SB-6	3,112.48	3,112.48
Reserve - Roadway Contrib Dunns/Rising	SB-6	77,580.00	77,580.00
Reserve - Storm Recovery Trust Fund	SB-6	78,709.31	100,161.61
Reserve - Community Map Donations	SB-6	3,050.00	3,050.00
Reserve - Fourth of July Donations	SB-6	44.32	9,081.32
Reserve - Civic Events Donations	SB-6	11,084.66	13,960.76
Reserve - Veteran's Day Ceremony	SB-6	1,234.22	1,607.79
Reserve - Veteran's Park Donations	SB-6	359.39	359.39
Reserve - Developers Tree Planting Donations	SB-6	94,855.00	94,855.00
Reserve - Dog Park Donations	SB-6	359.26	359.26
Reserve - Accumulated Absences	SB-7	11,000.00	1,000.00
Reserve - Recreation Donations	SB-6	34,067.81	35,867.91
		<u>4,589,731.38</u>	<u>4,627,026.19</u>
		<u>\$ 5,495,269.32</u>	<u>\$ 5,265,550.20</u>

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TOWNSHIP OF BORDENTOWN
TRUST - OPEN SPACE
 Statements of Operations and Changes in Reserve for Future Use - Regulatory Basis
 For the Years Ended December 31, 2024 and 2023

	<u>Year 2024</u>	<u>Year 2023</u>
REVENUE REALIZED:		
Amount to be Raised by Taxation	\$ 268,932.78	\$ 273,878.00
Interest Income	21,846.69	2,970.63
Miscellaneous Revenue Not Anticipated		108.73
Total Income	290,779.47	276,957.36
EXPENDITURES:		
Budget Appropriations:		
Reserve for Future Use	31,791.90	
Statutory Excess to Reserve For Future Use	258,987.57	276,957.36
RESERVE FOR FUTURE USE:		
Balance January 1	617,861.46	340,904.10
Decreased by:		
Utilized as Revenue	-	-
Balance December 31	\$ 876,849.03	\$ 617,861.46

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TOWNSHIP OF BORDENTOWN
TRUST - OPEN SPACE
 Statement of Revenues - Regulatory Basis
 For the Year Ended December 31, 2024

	<u>Adopted Budget</u>	<u>Realized</u>	<u>Excess</u>
Amount to be Raised by Taxation	\$ 265,039.12	\$ 268,932.78	\$ 3,893.66
Interest Income	4,960.88	21,846.69	16,885.81
	<u>\$ 270,000.00</u>	<u>\$ 290,779.47</u>	<u>\$ 20,779.47</u>

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TOWNSHIP OF BORDENTOWN
TRUST - OPEN SPACE
 Statement of Expenditures - Regulatory Basis
 For the Year Ended December 31, 2024

	Appropriations		Expended		Unexpended
	Original Budget	Budget After Modification	Disbursed	Encumbered	Balance Canceled
Reserve for Future Use	\$ 270,000.00	\$ 270,000.00	\$ 31,791.90	\$ -	\$ 238,208.10

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TOWNSHIP OF BORDENTOWN
GENERAL CAPITAL FUND
 Statements of Assets, Liabilities, Reserves and Fund Balance - Regulatory Basis
 As of December 31, 2024 and 2023

<u>ASSETS</u>	<u>Ref.</u>	<u>Dec. 31, 2024</u>	<u>Dec. 31, 2023</u>
Cash	SC-2	\$ 1,369,414.55	\$ 1,860,958.49
Cash - Certificate of Deposit	SC-2	2,000,000.00	3,000,000.00
Deferred Charges to Future Taxation:			
Funded	SC-3	25,355,000.00	27,210,000.00
Unfunded	SC-4	31,395,000.00	22,845,000.00
Grants Receivable	SC-5	3,138,029.10	3,225,509.10
 Total Assets		 <u>\$ 63,257,443.65</u>	 <u>\$ 58,141,467.59</u>
 <u>LIABILITIES, RESERVES AND FUND BALANCE</u>			
Capital Improvement Fund	SC-10	\$ 315,832.47	\$ 565,832.47
Bond Anticipation Notes	SC-13	5,000,000.00	
Due to Current Fund	SC-6	6,434.67	
Improvement Authorizations:			
Funded	SC-8	4,434,424.65	5,104,395.97
Unfunded	SC-8	6,606,002.67	18,500,431.15
Reserves for:			
Grants Receivable	SC-7	192,805.00	280,285.00
Encumbrances	SC-9	19,942,334.81	3,813,643.62
Payment of Debt Service	SC-11	992,410.86	2,129,930.86
General Serial Bonds	SC-12	25,355,000.00	27,210,000.00
Fund Balance	C-1	412,198.52	536,948.52
 Total Liabilities, Reserves and Fund Balance		 <u>\$ 63,257,443.65</u>	 <u>\$ 58,141,467.59</u>

There were bonds and notes authorized but not issued on December 31, 2024 of \$26,395,000.00, and December 31, 2023 of \$22,845,000.00.

TOWNSHIP OF BORDENTOWN
GENERAL CAPITAL FUND
 Statement of Fund Balance - Regulatory Basis
 For the Year Ended December 31, 2024

Balance Dec. 31, 2023	\$	536,948.52
Increased by:		
Bond Anticipation Note Premium		25,250.00
		562,198.52
Decreased by:		
Appropriation to Finance Improvement Authorizations		150,000.00
Balance Dec. 31, 2024	\$	412,198.52

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TOWNSHIP OF BORDENTOWN
GENERAL FIXED ASSET ACCOUNT GROUP
 Statement of General Fixed Asset Group of Accounts - Regulatory Basis
 For the Year Ended December 31, 2024

	<u>Balance</u> <u>Dec. 31, 2023</u>	<u>Additions</u>	<u>Deletions</u>	<u>Balance</u> <u>Dec. 31, 2024</u>
General Fixed Assets:				
Land	\$ 16,055,894.00			\$ 16,055,894.00
Buildings	5,390,514.00			5,390,514.00
Equipment & Vehicles	4,654,150.00	\$ 521,777.00		5,175,927.00
Total General Fixed Assets	<u>\$ 26,100,558.00</u>	<u>\$ 521,777.00</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 26,622,335.00</u>
Total Investment in General Fixed Assets	<u>\$ 26,100,558.00</u>	<u>\$ 521,777.00</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 26,622,335.00</u>

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

TOWNSHIP OF BORDENTOWN
Notes to Financial Statements
For the Year Ended December 31, 2024

Note 1: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Description of Financial Reporting Entity - The Township of Bordentown ("Township"), in the County of Burlington, incorporated in 1852, is located in the center of New Jersey approximately seven miles from Trenton. The Township, located in Burlington County, New Jersey, has a total area of approximately ten square miles, and is located approximately thirty miles from the City of Philadelphia. The Township provides to its citizens the following services: public safety, sanitation, recreation, public improvements, planning and zoning and general administrative services. According to the 2020 census, the population is 11,791.

The Township is governed by an elected committee ("Committee") consisting of five members who serve three-year terms. The Mayor is the chief executive officer of the Township and is annually appointed by the Committee at the beginning of each year. The functions of the Committee, as the governing body, are legislative.

Administrative responsibilities are assigned to the Township Administrator. The Committee establishes policy. The Administrator is responsible for the day-to-day operations of the Township and implementing and administering policy.

Component Units - The financial statements of the component units of the Township are not presented in accordance with Governmental Accounting Standards Board ("GASB") Statement No. 14, *The Financial Reporting Entity*, as amended. If the provisions of the aforementioned GASB Statement, as amended had been complied with, the financial statements of the following component units would have been either blended or discretely presented with the financial statements of the Township, the primary government:

Bordentown Sewerage Authority
954 Farnsworth Ave
Bordentown, NJ 08505

Annual financial reports may be inspected directly at the office of the component unit during regular business hours.

Measurement Focus, Basis of Accounting and Financial Statement Presentation - The financial statements of the Township contain all funds and account groups in accordance with the *Requirements of Audit* (the "*Requirements*") as promulgated by the State of New Jersey, Department of Community Affairs, Division of Local Government Services. The principles and practices established by the *Requirements* are designed primarily for determining compliance with legal provisions and budgetary restrictions and as a means of reporting on the stewardship of public officials with respect to public funds. Generally, the financial statements are presented using the flow of current financial resources measurement focus and modified accrual basis of accounting with minor exceptions as mandated by these *Requirements*. In addition, the prescribed accounting principles previously referred to differ in certain respects from accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America applicable to local government units. The more significant differences are explained in this note.

In accordance with the *Requirements*, the Township accounts for its financial transactions through the use of separate funds and an account group, which are described as follows:

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

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

Note 1: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONT'D)**Measurement Focus, Basis of Accounting and Financial Statement Presentation (Cont'd)**

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

General Fixed Asset Group of Accounts - The general fixed asset group of accounts is utilized to account for property, land, buildings, and equipment that have been acquired by other governmental funds.

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

An extension of the statutory dates for introduction, approval and adoption of the municipal budget may be granted by the Director of the Division of Local Government Services, with the permission of the Local Finance Board.

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

Cash, Cash Equivalents and Investments - Cash and cash equivalents include petty cash, change funds and cash on deposit with public depositories. All certificates of deposit are recorded as cash regardless of the date of maturity.

New Jersey municipal units are required by N.J.S.A. 40A:5-14 to deposit public funds in a bank or trust company having its place of business in the State of New Jersey and organized under the laws of the United States or of the State of New Jersey or in the New Jersey Cash Management Fund. N.J.S.A. 40A:5-15.1 provides a list of investments, which may be purchased by New Jersey municipal units. In addition, other State statutes permit investments in obligations issued by local authorities and other state agencies.

N.J.S.A. 17:9-41 et seq. establishes the requirements for the security of deposits of governmental units. The statute requires that no governmental unit shall deposit public funds in a public depository unless such funds are secured in accordance with the Governmental Unit Deposit Protection Act ("GUDPA"), a multiple financial institutional collateral pool, which was enacted in 1970 to protect governmental units from a loss of funds on deposit with a failed banking institution in New Jersey. Public depositories include State or federally chartered banks, savings banks or associations located in or having a branch office in the State of New Jersey, the deposits of which are federally insured. All public depositories must pledge collateral, having a market value at least equal to five percent of the average daily balance of collected public funds, to secure the deposits of governmental units. If a public depository fails, the collateral it has pledged, plus the collateral of all other public depositories, is available to pay the amount of their deposits to the governmental units.

The cash management plan adopted by the Township requires it to deposit funds in public depositories protected from loss under the provisions of the Act.

Note 1: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONT'D)

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

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

General Fixed Assets - Accounting for governmental fixed assets, as required by N.J.A.C. 5:30-5.6, differs in certain respects from accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. In accordance with the regulations, all local units, including municipalities, must maintain a general fixed assets reporting system that establishes and maintains a physical inventory of nonexpendable, tangible property as defined and limited by the U.S. Office of Management and *Budget's Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards* (2 CFR Part 225), except that the useful life of such property is at least five years. The Township has adopted a capitalization threshold of \$5,000.00, the maximum amount allowed by the Uniform Guidance. Generally, assets are valued at historical cost; however, assets acquired prior to December 31, 1985 are valued at actual historical cost or estimated historical cost. No depreciation of general fixed assets is recorded. Donated general fixed assets are recorded at acquisition value as of the date of the transaction. Interest costs relative to the acquisition of general fixed assets are recorded as expenditures when paid. Public domain ("infrastructure") general fixed assets consisting of certain improvements such as roads, bridges, curbs and gutters, streets and sidewalks and drainage systems are not capitalized. Expenditures for construction in progress are recorded in the capital funds until such time as the construction is completed and put into operation. The Township is required to maintain a subsidiary ledger detailing fixed assets records to control additions, retirements, and transfers of fixed assets. In addition, a statement of general fixed asset group of accounts, reflecting the activity for the year, must be included in the Township's basic financial statements.

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

Foreclosed Property - Foreclosed property is recorded in the current fund at the assessed valuation when such property was acquired and is fully reserved. Ordinarily, it is the intention of the municipality to resell foreclosed property in order to recover all or a portion of the delinquent taxes or assessments and to return the property to a taxpaying basis. For this reason, the value of foreclosed property has not been included in the general fixed asset group of accounts. If such property is converted to municipal use, it will be recorded in the general fixed asset group of accounts.

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

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

Note 1: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONT'D)

Fund Balance - Fund Balance included in the current fund represents amounts available for anticipation as revenue in future years' budgets, with certain restrictions.

Revenues - Revenues are recorded when received in cash except for certain amounts, which are due from other governmental units. Revenue from federal and state grants is realized when anticipated as such in the Township's budget. Receivables for property taxes are recorded with offsetting reserves on the statement of assets, liabilities, reserves and fund balance of the Township's current fund; accordingly, such amounts are not recorded as revenue until collected. Other amounts that are due to the Township which are susceptible to accrual are also recorded as receivables with offsetting reserves and recorded as revenue when received.

Property Tax Revenues - Property tax revenues are collected in quarterly installments due February 1, May 1, August 1, and November 1. The amount of tax levied includes not only the amount required in support of the Township's annual budget, but also the amounts required in support of the budgets of the County of Burlington, Bordentown Regional School District and Bordentown Fire Districts No. 1 and No. 2. Unpaid property taxes are subject to tax sale in accordance with the statutes.

School Taxes - The municipality is responsible for levying, collecting and remitting school taxes for the Bordentown Regional School District. Operations is charged for the Township's share of the amount required to be raised by taxation for the period from July 1, 2023, to June 30, 2024 for fiscal year municipality. The Township does not defer any school taxes.

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

Fire District Taxes - The municipality is responsible for levying, collecting, and remitting Fire District Taxes for Township of Bordentown Fire Districts No. 1 and No. 2. Operations is charged for the full amount required to be raised from taxation to operate the Fire Districts for the period from January 1 to December 31. In accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:14-79, operations is charged for 56.25% of the full amount required to be raised by taxation for 2023 and 43.75% for 2024.

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

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

Appropriations for principal and interest payments on outstanding general capital bonds and notes are provided on the cash basis.

Note 1: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONT'D)

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

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

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

Impact of Recently Issued Accounting Principles**Recently Issued and Adopted Accounting Pronouncements**

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

Statement No. 101, *Compensated Absences*. The objective of this Statement is to better meet the information needs of financial statement users by updating the recognition and measurement guidance for compensated absences. That objective is achieved by aligning the recognition and measurement guidance under a unified model and by amending certain previously required disclosures. As a result of the regulatory basis of accounting previously described in note 1, the implementation of this Statement only impacted financial statement disclosures. There exists no impact on the financial statements of the Township.

Because of the implementation of GASB Statement No. 101, the Township has updated the measurement of compensated absences in accordance with the Statement (note 9).

Note 2: CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS

Custodial Credit Risk Related to Deposits - Custodial credit risk is the risk that, in the event of a bank failure, the Township's deposits might not be recovered. Although the Township does not have a formal policy regarding custodial credit risk, N.J.S.A. 17:9-41 et seq. requires that governmental units shall deposit public funds in public depositories protected from loss under the provisions of the Governmental Unit Deposit Protection Act (GUDPA). Under the Act, the first \$250,000.00 of governmental deposits in each insured depository is protected by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC). Public funds owned by the municipality in excess of FDIC insured amounts are protected by GUDPA. However, GUDPA does not protect intermingled agency funds such as salary withholdings, bail funds, or funds that may pass to the municipality relative to the happening of a future condition. Such funds are classified as uninsured and uncollateralized.

Note 2: CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS (CONT'D)

As of December 31, 2024, the Township's bank balances of \$20,776,955.88 were exposed to custodial credit risk as follows:

Insured by FDIC	\$ 500,000.00
Insured by GUDPA	17,114,671.52
Uninsured and Uncollateralized	<u>2,113,684.02</u>
 Total	 <u>\$ 19,728,355.54</u>

Note 3: PROPERTY TAXES

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

Comparative Schedule of Tax Rates

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>
Apportionment of Tax Rate:					
Municipal	\$0.623	\$0.583	\$0.563	\$0.558	\$0.557
Municipal Open Space	0.020	0.020			0.030
County	0.549	0.465	0.509	0.519	0.536
Regional School District	<u>2.172</u>	<u>2.026</u>	<u>2.056</u>	<u>2.196</u>	<u>2.175</u>
 Total Tax Rate (1)	 <u>\$3.364</u>	 <u>\$3.094</u>	 <u>\$3.128</u>	 <u>\$3.273</u>	 <u>\$3.298</u>
 Special District Rates:					
Fire District No. 1	\$0.479	\$0.403	\$0.364	\$0.300	\$0.288
Fire District No. 2	0.329	0.275	0.273	0.296	0.266

(1) Excludes Special District Rates

Assessed Valuation

<u>Year</u>	<u>Assessed Valuation</u>
2024	\$ 1,325,560,177.00
2023	1,369,345,514.00
2022	1,327,870,268.00
2021	1,209,192,397.00
2020	1,189,011,386.00

Note 3: PROPERTY TAXES (CONT'D)

The following is a five-year comparison of certain statistical information relative to property taxes and property tax collections for the current and previous four calendar years (Cont'd):

Comparison of Tax Levies and Collections

<u>Year</u>	<u>Tax Levy (Net of Appeals)</u>	<u>Collections</u>	<u>Percentage of Collections</u>
2024	\$ 50,150,625.13	\$ 49,069,336.17	97.84%
2023	46,509,453.17	44,699,233.78	96.11%
2022	45,827,569.52	44,776,992.99	97.71%
2021	43,719,713.23	42,919,490.09	98.17%
2020	43,038,365.52	42,308,119.97	98.30%

Delinquent Taxes and Tax Title Liens

<u>Year</u>	<u>Tax Title Liens</u>	<u>Delinquent Taxes</u>	<u>Total Delinquent</u>	<u>Percentage of Tax Levy</u>
2024	\$ 253,226.64	\$ 445,101.63	\$ 698,328.27	1.39%
2023	240,841.44	346,609.37	587,450.81	1.26%
2022	520,373.25	488,325.61	1,008,698.86	2.20%
2021	368,054.10	694,569.00	1,062,623.10	2.43%
2020	294,183.03	695,557.78	989,740.81	2.30%

The following comparison is made of the number of tax title liens receivable on December 31 for the current and previous four calendar years:

<u>Year</u>	<u>Number of Tax Title Liens Receivable</u>
2024	8
2023	8
2022	10
2021	10
2020	11

Note 4: PROPERTY ACQUIRED BY TAX TITLE LIEN LIQUIDATION

The value of property acquired by liquidation of tax title liens on December 31, on the basis of the last assessed valuation of such properties, for the current and previous four years was as follows:

<u>Year</u>	<u>Amount</u>
2024	\$ 515,200.00
2023	515,200.00
2022	515,200.00
2021	515,200.00
2020	515,200.00

Note 5: FUND BALANCES APPROPRIATED

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

<u>Year</u>	<u>Balance Dec. 31</u>	<u>Utilized in Budget of Succeeding Year</u>	<u>Percentage of Fund Balance Used</u>
2024	\$ 6,023,428.39	\$ 3,500,000.00	58.11%
2023	5,547,548.45	3,102,355.66	55.92%
2022	5,490,154.63	2,850,000.00	51.91%
2021	5,884,811.01	2,788,000.00	47.38%
2020	5,287,763.33	875,000.00	16.55%

Note 6: INTERFUND RECEIVABLES AND PAYABLES

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

<u>Fund</u>	<u>Interfunds Receivable</u>	<u>Interfunds Payable</u>
Current Fund	\$ 21,707.98	\$ 1,181,173.79
Federal and State Grant Fund	662,443.30	
Trust - Animal Control		15,273.31
Trust - Other Fund	336,742.69	86,944.98
Trust - Open Space	268,932.78	
Capital		6,434.67
	<u>\$ 1,289,826.75</u>	<u>\$ 1,289,826.75</u>

The interfund receivables and payables above predominately resulted from cash received and payments made by certain funds on behalf of other funds. During 2025, the Township expects to liquidate such interfunds, depending upon the availability of cash flow.

Note 7: PENSION PLANS

A substantial number of the Township's employees participate in one of the following defined benefit pension plans: the Public Employees' Retirement System ("PERS") and the Police and Firemen's Retirement System ("PFRS"), which are administered by the New Jersey Division of Pensions and Benefits. In addition, several Township employees participate in the Defined Contribution Retirement Program ("DCRP"), which is a defined contribution pension plan. This Plan is administered by Empower for the New Jersey Division of Pensions and Benefits. Each Plan has a Board of Trustees that is primarily responsible for its administration. As a local participation employer of these pension plans, the Township is referred to as "Employer" throughout this note. The Division issues a publicly available financial report that includes financial statements, required supplementary information and detailed information about the PERS and PFRS plans' fiduciary net position which can be obtained by writing to or at the following website:

State of New Jersey
Division of Pensions and Benefits
P.O. Box 295
Trenton, New Jersey 08625-0295
<https://www.state.nj.us/treasury/pensions/financial-reports.shtml>

General Information about the Pension Plans**Plan Descriptions**

Public Employees' Retirement System - The Public Employees' Retirement System is a cost-sharing multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan, which was established as of January 1, 1955, under the provisions of N.J.S.A. 43:15A. The PERS' designated purpose is to provide retirement, death, and disability benefits to certain qualified members. Membership in the PERS is mandatory for substantially all full-time employees of the Employer, provided the employee is not required to be a member of another state-administered retirement system or other state pensions fund or local jurisdiction's pension fund. The PERS' Board of Trustees is primarily responsible for the administration of the PERS.

Police and Firemen's Retirement System - The Police and Firemen's Retirement System is a cost-sharing multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan, which was established as of July 1, 1944, under the provisions of N.J.S.A. 43:16A. The PFRS' designated purpose is to provide retirement, death, and disability benefits to certain qualified members. Membership in the PFRS is mandatory for substantially all full-time police and firemen of the Employer. The PFRS' Board of Trustees is primarily responsible for the administration of the PFRS.

Defined Contribution Retirement Program - The Defined Contribution Retirement Program is a multiple-employer defined contribution pension fund established on July 1, 2007 under the provisions of P.L. 2007, c. 92 and P.L. 2007, c. 103, and expanded under the provisions of P.L. 2008, c. 89 and P.L. 2010, c. 1. The DCRP is a tax-qualified defined contribution money purchase pension plan under Internal Revenue Code (IRC) § 401(a) et seq., and is a "governmental plan" within the meaning of IRC § 414(d). The DCRP provides retirement benefits for eligible employees and their beneficiaries. Individuals covered under DCRP are state or local officials who are elected or appointed on or after July 1, 2007; employees enrolled in PERS on or after July 1, 2007, who earn salary in excess of established "maximum compensation" limits; employees enrolled in New Jersey State Police Retirement System (SPRS) or the Police and Firemen's Retirement System (PFRS) after May 21, 2010, who earn salary in excess of established "maximum compensation" limits; employees otherwise eligible to enroll in PERS on or after November 2, 2008, who do not earn the minimum annual salary for tier 3 enrollment but who earn salary of at least \$5,000.00 annually; and employees otherwise eligible to enroll in PERS after May 21, 2010 who do not work the minimum number of hours per week required for tiers 4 or 5 enrollment, but who earn salary of at least \$5,000.00 annually.

Note 7: PENSION PLANS (CONT'D)**General Information about the Pension Plans (Cont'd)****Vesting and Benefit Provisions**

Public Employees' Retirement System - The vesting and benefit provisions are set by N.J.S.A. 43:15A. The 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

Service retirement benefits of 1/55th of final average salary for each year of service credit is available to tiers 1 and 2 members upon reaching age 60 and to tier 3 members upon reaching age 62. Service retirement benefits of 1/60th of final average salary for each year of service credit is available to tier 4 members upon reaching age 62 and tier 5 members upon reaching age 65. Early retirement benefits are available to tiers 1 and 2 members before reaching age 60, tiers 3 and 4 with 25 years or more 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.

Police and Firemen's Retirement System - 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 10 years of service, except disability benefits, which vest after four years of service.

The following represents the membership tiers for PFRS:

Tier Definition

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

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

Defined Contribution Retirement Program - Eligible members are provided with a defined contribution retirement plan intended to qualify for favorable Federal income tax treatment under IRC Section 401(a), a noncontributory group life insurance plan and a noncontributory group disability benefit plan. A participant's interest in that portion of his or her defined contribution retirement plan account attributable to employee contributions shall immediately become and shall at all times remain fully vested and non-forfeitable.

Note 7: PENSION PLANS (CONT'D)**General Information about the Pension Plans (Cont'd)**

Defined Contribution Retirement Program (Cont'd) - A participant's interest in that portion of his or her defined contribution retirement plan account attributable to employer contributions shall be vested and non-forfeitable on the date the participant commences the second year of employment or upon his or her attainment of age 65, while employed by an employer, whichever occurs first.

Contributions

Public Employees' Retirement System - The contribution policy is set by N.J.S.A. 43:15A and requires contributions by active members and contributing employers. Pursuant to the provisions of P.L. 2011, C. 78, the member contribution rate is currently 7.50% of base salary, effective July 1, 2018. The rate for members who are eligible for the Prosecutors Part of PERS (P.L. 2001, C. 366) is 10.0%. Employers' contributions are based on an actuarially determined amount, which includes the normal cost and unfunded accrued liability.

Special Funding Situation Component - Under N.J.S.A. 43:15A, 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. One of such legislations, which legally obligate the State, is Chapter 133, P.L. 2001. This legislation increased the accrual rate from 1/60 to 1/55. In addition, it lowered the age required for a veteran benefit equal to 1/55 of highest 12-month compensation for each year of service from 60 to 55. Chapter 133, P.L. 2001 also established the Benefit Enhancement Fund (BEF) to fund the additional annual employer normal contribution due to the State's increased benefits. If the assets in the BEF are insufficient to cover the normal contribution for the increased benefits for a valuation period, the State will pay such amount for both the State and local employers. The amounts contributed on behalf of the local participating employers under this legislation is considered to be a *special funding situation* as defined by GASB Statement No. 68 and the State is treated as a nonemployer contributing entity. Since the local participating employers do not contribute under this legislation directly to the Plan (except for employer specific financed amounts), there is no net pension liability or deferred outflows or inflows to disclose in the notes to the financial statements of the local participating employers related to this legislation.

The Employer's contractually required contribution rate for the year ended December 31, 2024 was 17.64% of the Employer's covered payroll. This amount was actuarially determined as the amount that, when combined with employee contributions, is expected to finance the costs of benefits earned by employees during the year, including an additional amount to finance any unfunded accrued liability.

Based on the most recent PERS measurement date of June 30, 2024, the Employer's contractually required contribution to the pension plan for the year ended December 31, 2024 is \$366,336.00, and is payable by April 1, 2025. Due to the basis of accounting described in note 1, no liability has been recorded in the financial statements for this amount. For the prior year measurement date of June 30, 2022, the Employer's contractually required contribution to the pension plan for the year ended December 31, 2023 was \$373,138.00, which was paid on April 1, 2024.

Employee contributions to the Plan for the year ended December 31, 2024 were \$158,106.86.

The amount of contractually required contribution for the State of New Jersey's proportionate share, associated with the Employer, under Chapter 133, P.L. 2001, for the year ended December 31, 2024 was 0.57% of the Employer's covered payroll.

Note 7: PENSION PLANS (CONT'D)**General Information about the Pension Plans (Cont'd)****Contributions (Cont'd)**

Public Employees' Retirement System (Cont'd) - Based on the most recent PERS measurement date of June 30, 2024, the State's contractually required contribution, under Chapter 133, P.L. 2001, on-behalf of the Employer, to the pension plan for the year ended December 31, 2024 was \$11,794.00. For the prior year measurement date of June 30, 2022, the State's contractually required contribution, under Chapter 133, P.L. 2001, on-behalf of the Employer, to the pension plan for the year ended December 31, 2023 was \$12,611.00.

Police and Firemen's Retirement System - The contribution policy for PFRS is set by N.J.S.A 43:16A and requires contributions by active members and contributing employers. Pursuant to the provisions of P.L. 2011, C. 78, the member contribution rate is currently 10.0% of base salary. State legislation has modified the amount that is contributed by the State. The State's contribution amount is based on an actuarially determined rate, which includes the normal cost and unfunded accrued liability.

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

The Employer's contractually required contribution rate for the year ended December 31, 2024 was 36.79% of the Employer's covered payroll. This amount was actuarially determined as the amount that, when combined with employee contributions, is expected to finance the costs of benefits earned by employees during the year, with an additional amount to finance any unfunded accrued liability.

Based on the most recent PFRS measurement date of June 30, 2024, the Employer's contractually required contribution to the pension plan for the year ended December 31, 2024 is \$950,080.00, and is payable by April 1, 2025. Due to the basis of accounting described in note 1, no liability has been recorded in the financial statements for this amount. For the prior year measurement date of June 30, 2023, the Employer's contractually required contribution to the pension plan for the year ended December 31, 2023 was \$832,858.00, which was paid on April 1, 2024.

Employee contributions to the Plan for the year ended December 31, 2024 were \$258,698.90.

The amount of contractually required contribution for the State of New Jersey's proportionate share, associated with the Employer, for the year ended December 31, 2024 was 6.23% of the Employer's covered payroll.

Based on the most recent PFRS measurement date of June 30, 2024, the State's contractually required contribution, on-behalf of the Employer, to the pension plan for the year ended December 31, 2024 was \$160,867.00, and is payable by April 1, 2025. For the prior year measurement date of June 30, 2023, the State's contractually required contribution, on-behalf of the Employer, to the pension plan for the year ended December 31, 2023 was \$145,665.00, which was paid on April 1, 2024.

Note 7: PENSION PLANS (CONT'D)**General Information about the Pension Plans (Cont'd)****Contributions (Cont'd)**

Defined Contribution Retirement Program - The contribution policy is set by N.J.S.A. 43:15C-3 and requires contributions by active members and contributing employers. In accordance with Chapter 92, P.L. 2007 and Chapter 103, P.L. 2007, Plan members are required to contribute 5.5% of their annual covered salary. In addition to the employee contributions, the Employer contributes 3% of the employees' base salary, for each pay period.

For the year ended December 31, 2024, employee contributions totaled \$8,987.26, and the Employer's contributions were \$6,617.93. There were no forfeitures during the year.

Pension Liabilities, Pension (Benefit) Expense, and Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources Related to Pensions**Public Employees' Retirement System**

Pension Liability - As of December 31, 2024, there is no net pension liability associated with the special funding situation under Chapter 133, P.L. 2001, as there was no accumulated difference between the annual additional normal cost and the actual State contribution through the valuation date. The Employer's proportionate share of the PERS net pension liability was \$3,658,202.00. The net pension liability was measured as of June 30, 2024 and the total pension liability used to calculate the net pension liability was determined by an actuarial valuation as of July 1, 2023. The total pension liability was calculated through the use of updated procedures to roll forward from the actuarial valuation date to the measurement date of June 30, 2024. The Employer's proportion of the net pension liability was based on a projection of the Employer's long-term share of contributions to the pension plan relative to the projected contributions of all participating employers, actuarially determined. For the June 30, 2024 measurement date, the Employer's proportion was .0269222083%, which was a decrease of .0009962646% from its proportion measured as of June 30, 2023.

Pension (Benefit) Expense - For the year ended December 31, 2024, the Employer's proportionate share of the PERS pension (benefit) expense, calculated by the Plan as of the June 30, 2024 measurement date was \$261,396.00. This (benefit) expense is not recognized by the Employer because of the regulatory basis of accounting as described in note 1; however, as previously mentioned, for the year ended December 31, 2024, the Employer's contribution to PERS was \$373,138.00, and was paid on April 1, 2024.

For the year ended December 31, 2024, the State's proportionate share of the PERS pension (benefit) expense, associated with the Employer, under Chapter 133, P.L. 2001, calculated by the Plan as of the June 30, 2024 measurement date, was \$11,794.00. This on-behalf (benefit) expense is not recognized by the Employer because of the regulatory basis of accounting as described in note 1.

Note 7: PENSION PLANS (CONT'D)**Pension Liabilities, Pension (Benefit) Expense, and Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources Related to Pensions (Cont'd)****Police and Firemen's Retirement System**

Pension Liability - As of December 31, 2024, the Employer's and State of New Jersey's proportionate share of the PFRS net pension liability were as follows:

Proportionate Share of Net Pension Liability	\$ 7,092,840.00
State of New Jersey's Proportionate Share of Net Pension Liability Associated with the Employer	<u>1,398,338.00</u>
	<u>\$ 8,491,178.00</u>

The net pension liability was measured as of June 30, 2024, and the total pension liability used to calculate the net pension liability was determined by an actuarial valuation as of July 1, 2023. The total pension liability was calculated through the use of updated procedures to roll forward from the actuarial valuation date to the measurement date of June 30, 2024. The Employer's proportion of the net pension liability was based on a projection of the Employer's long-term share of contributions to the pension plan relative to the projected contributions of all participating employers and the State of New Jersey, actuarially determined. For the June 30, 2024 measurement date, the Employer's proportion was .0686851500%, which was an increase of .0061207500% from its proportion measured as of June 30, 2023. Likewise, at June 30, 2024, the State of New Jersey's proportion, on-behalf of the Employer, was .0686849400%, which was an increase of .0061207100% from its proportion, on-behalf of the Employer, measured as of June 30, 2023.

Pension (Benefit) Expense - For the year ended December 31, 2024, the Employer's proportionate share of the PFRS pension (benefit) expense, calculated by the Plan as of the June 30, 2024 measurement date was \$631,252.00. This (benefit) expense is not recognized by the Employer because of the regulatory basis of accounting as described in note 1; however, as previously mentioned, for the year ended December 31, 2024, the Employer's contribution to PFRS was \$832,858.00, and was paid on April 1, 2024.

For the year ended December 31, 2024, the State's proportionate share of the PFRS pension (benefit) expense, associated with the Employer, calculated by the Plan as of the June 30, 2024 measurement date, was \$160,867.00. This on-behalf (benefit) expense is not recognized by the Employer because of the regulatory basis of accounting as described in note 1.

Note 7: PENSION PLANS (CONT'D)**Pension Liabilities, Pension (Benefit) Expense, and Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources Related to Pensions (Cont'd)**

Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources - As of December 31, 2024, the Employer had deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions from the following sources:

	Deferred Outflows of Resources			Deferred Inflows of Resources		
	PERS	PFRS	Total	PERS	PFRS	Total
Differences between Expected and Actual Experience	\$ 73,281.00	\$ 446,843.00	\$ 520,124.00	\$ 9,739.00	\$ 242,819.00	\$ 252,558.00
Changes of Assumptions	4,545.00	11,212.00	15,757.00	41,622.00	208,305.00	249,927.00
Net Difference between Projected and Actual Earnings on Pension Plan Investments	-	-	-	169,621.00	55,514.00	225,135.00
Changes in Proportion and Differences between Contributions and Proportionate Share of Contributions	484,121.00	689,572.00	1,173,693.00	131,502.00	411,394.00	542,896.00
Contributions Subsequent to the Measurement Date	183,168.00	475,040.00	658,208.00	-	-	-
	<u>\$ 745,115.00</u>	<u>\$ 1,622,667.00</u>	<u>\$ 2,367,782.00</u>	<u>\$ 352,484.00</u>	<u>\$ 918,032.00</u>	<u>\$ 1,270,516.00</u>

Deferred outflows of resources in the amounts of \$183,168.00 and \$475,040.00 for PERS and PFRS, respectively, will be included as a reduction of the net pension liability during the year ending December 31, 2025. These amounts were based on an estimated April 1, 2026 contractually required contribution, prorated from the pension plans' measurement date of June 30, 2024 to the Employer's year end of December 31, 2024.

Note 7: PENSION PLANS (CONT'D)Pension Liabilities, Pension (Benefit) Expense, and Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources Related to Pensions (Cont'd)

Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources (Cont'd) – The Employer will amortize the other deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions over the following number of years:

	PERS		PFRS	
	<u>Deferred Outflows of Resources</u>	<u>Deferred Inflows of Resources</u>	<u>Deferred Outflows of Resources</u>	<u>Deferred Inflows of Resources</u>
Differences between Expected and Actual Experience				
Year of Pension Plan Deferral:				
June 30, 2019	5.21	-	-	5.92
June 30, 2020	5.16	-	5.90	-
June 30, 2021	-	5.13	-	6.17
June 30, 2022	-	5.04	6.22	-
June 30, 2023	5.08	-	6.16	-
June 30, 2024	5.08	-	6.09	-
Changes of Assumptions				
Year of Pension Plan Deferral:				
June 30, 2019	-	5.21	-	5.92
June 30, 2020	-	5.16	-	5.90
June 30, 2021	5.13	-	6.17	-
June 30, 2022	-	5.04	-	6.22
Difference between Projected and Actual Earnings on Pension Plan Investments				
Year of Pension Plan Deferral:				
June 30, 2020	5.00	-	5.00	-
June 30, 2021	-	5.00	-	5.00
June 30, 2022	5.00	-	5.00	-
June 30, 2023	-	5.00	-	5.00
June 30, 2024	-	5.00	-	5.00
Changes in Proportion				
Year of Pension Plan Deferral:				
June 30, 2019	5.21	5.21	5.92	5.92
June 30, 2020	5.16	5.16	5.90	5.90
June 30, 2021	5.13	5.13	6.17	6.17
June 30, 2022	5.04	5.04	6.22	6.22
June 30, 2023	5.08	5.08	6.16	6.16
June 30, 2024	5.08	5.08	6.09	6.09

Note 7: PENSION PLANS (CONT'D)**Pension Liabilities, Pension (Benefit) Expense, and Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources Related to Pensions (Cont'd)**

Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources (Cont'd) - Other amounts included as deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions will be recognized in future periods as follows:

Year Ending Dec 31,	<u>PERS</u>	<u>PFRS</u>	<u>Total</u>
2025	\$ (7,800.00)	\$ (312,621.00)	\$ (320,421.00)
2026	233,246.00	332,310.00	565,556.00
2027	43,635.00	(26,650.00)	16,985.00
2028	(58,276.00)	67,840.00	9,564.00
2029	(1,342.00)	154,963.00	153,621.00
Thereafter	-	13,753.00	13,753.00
	<u>\$ 209,463.00</u>	<u>\$ 229,595.00</u>	<u>\$ 439,058.00</u>

Actuarial Assumptions

The net pension liability was measured as of June 30, 2024, and the total pension liability used to calculate the net pension liability was determined by an actuarial valuation as of July 1, 2023. The total pension liability was calculated through the use of updated procedures to roll forward from the actuarial valuation date to the measurement date of June 30, 2024. This actuarial valuation used the following actuarial assumptions, applied to all periods included in the measurement:

	<u>PERS</u>	<u>PFRS</u>
Inflation Rate:		
Price	2.75%	2.75%
Wage	3.25%	3.25%
Salary Increases:	2.75% - 6.55%	3.25% - 16.25%
	Based on Years of Service	Based on Years of Service
Investment Rate of Return	7.00%	7.00%
Period of Actuarial Experience		
Study upon which Actuarial		
Assumptions were Based	July 1, 2018 - June 30, 2021	July 1, 2018 - June 30, 2021

Note 7: PENSION PLANS (CONT'D)**Actuarial Assumptions (Cont'd)****Public Employees' Retirement System**

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

Police and Firemen's Retirement System

Employee mortality rates were based on the Pub-2010 Safety Employee amount-weighted mortality table (sex-specific) projected generationally from 2010 with Scale MP-2021 mortality projection. For healthy annuitants, mortality rates were based on the Pub-2010 Safety Retiree Below Median amount-weighted mortality table (sex-specific), projected generationally from 2010 with Scale MP-2021 mortality projection. Disability rates were 144% of the Pub-2010 Safety Disabled Retiree amount-weighted mortality table for males and 100% of the Pub-2010 Safety Disabled Retiree amount-weighted mortality table for females, projected generationally from 2010 with Scale MP-2021 mortality projection.

For both PERS and PFRS, in accordance with State statute, the long-term expected rate of return on Plan investments (7.00% at June 30, 2024) is determined by the State Treasurer, after consultation with the Directors of the Division of 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 rates of return for each major asset class included in PERS' and PFRS' target asset allocation as of June 30, 2024 are summarized in the table that follows:

PERS		Long-Term		PFRS		Long-Term	
Asset Class	Target Allocation	Expected Real Rate of Return	Asset Class	Target Allocation	Expected Real Rate of Return	Asset Class	Target Allocation
U.S. Equity	28.00%	8.63%	U.S. Large-Cap Equity	24.00%	6.90%		
Non-US Developed Markets Equity	12.75%	8.85%	U.S. Small/Mid Cap Equity	4.00%	7.40%		
International Small Cap Equity	1.25%	8.85%	Non-U.S. Developed Large-Cap Equity	9.50%	6.70%		
Emerging Market Equity	5.50%	10.66%	Non-U.S. Developed Small-Cap Equity	2.00%	7.50%		
Private Equity	13.00%	12.40%	Emerging Markets Large-Cap Equity	6.00%	9.60%		
Real Estate	8.00%	10.95%	Emerging Markets Small-Cap Equity	1.50%	9.60%		
Real Assets	3.00%	8.20%	U.S. Treasury Bond	7.00%	4.10%		
High Yield	4.50%	6.74%	U.S. Corporate Bond	5.00%	5.90%		
Private Credit	8.00%	8.90%	U.S. Mortgage-Backed Securities	5.00%	4.40%		
Investment Grade Credit	7.00%	5.37%	Global Multisector Fixed Income	6.00%	6.50%		
Cash Equivalents	2.00%	3.57%	Cash	2.00%	3.40%		
U.S. Treasuries	4.00%	3.57%	Real Estate Core	3.00%	5.10%		
Risk Mitigation Strategies	3.00%	7.10%	Real Estate Non-Core	4.00%	6.50%		
			Infrastructure	3.00%	7.00%		
			Private Debt/Credit	8.00%	9.10%		
			Private Equity	10.00%	10.10%		
	100.00%			100.00%			

Note 7: PENSION PLANS (CONT'D)

Actuarial Assumptions (Cont'd)

Discount Rate -

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

Sensitivity of Proportionate Share of Net Pension Liability to Changes in the Discount Rate

Public Employees' Retirement System (PERS) - The following presents the Employer's proportionate share of the net pension liability as of the June 30, 2024 measurement date, calculated using a discount rate of 7.00%, as well as what the Employer's proportionate share of the net pension liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is 1% lower or 1% higher than the current rates used:

	1% Decrease (6.00%)	Current Discount Rate (7.00%)	1% Increase (8.00%)
Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability	<u>\$ 4,860,851.00</u>	<u>\$ 3,658,202.00</u>	<u>\$ 2,634,754.00</u>

Police and Firemen's Retirement System (PFRS) - As previously mentioned, PFRS has a special funding situation, where the State of New Jersey pays a portion of the Employer's annual required contribution. As such, the net pension liability as of the June 30, 2024 measurement date, for the Employer and the State of New Jersey, calculated using a discount rate of 7.00%, as well as using a discount rate that is 1% lower or 1% higher than the current rates used, is as follows:

	1% Decrease (6.00%)	Current Discount Rate (7.00%)	1% Increase (8.00%)
Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability	\$ 10,134,091.00	\$ 7,092,840.00	\$ 4,560,145.00
State of New Jersey's Proportionate Share of Net Pension Liability	<u>1,997,914.00</u>	<u>1,398,338.00</u>	<u>899,023.00</u>
	<u>\$ 12,132,005.00</u>	<u>\$ 8,491,178.00</u>	<u>\$ 5,459,168.00</u>

Note 7: PENSION PLANS (CONT'D)**Pension Plan Fiduciary Net Position**

For purposes of measuring the net pension liability, deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions, and pension (benefit) expense, information about the respective fiduciary net position of the PERS and PFRS and additions to/deductions from PERS and PFRS' respective fiduciary net position have been determined on the same basis as they are reported by PERS and PFRS. Accordingly, benefit payments (including refunds of employee contributions) are recognized when due and payable in accordance with the benefit terms. Investments are reported at fair value.

Supplementary Pension Information

In accordance with GASBS 68, the following information is also presented for the PERS and PFRS pension plans. These schedules are presented to illustrate the requirements to show information for 10 years.

Schedule of the Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability - Public Employees' Retirement System (PERS) (Last Ten Plan Years)

	<u>Measurement Date Ended June 30,</u>				
	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>
Proportion of the Net Pension Liability	0.0269222083%	0.0279184729%	0.0235673816%	0.0236973064%	0.0227939211%
Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability	\$ 3,658,202.00	\$ 4,043,816.00	\$ 3,556,642.00	\$ 2,807,301.00	\$ 3,717,092.00
Covered Payroll (Plan Measurement Period)	\$ 2,055,760.00	\$ 2,073,172.00	\$ 1,636,768.00	\$ 1,713,296.00	\$ 1,605,784.00
Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability as a Percentage of Covered Payroll	177.95%	195.05%	217.30%	163.85%	231.48%
Plan Fiduciary Net Position as a Percentage of the Total Pension Liability	68.22%	65.23%	62.91%	70.33%	58.32%
	<u>Measurement Date Ended June 30,</u>				
	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>
Proportion of the Net Pension Liability	0.0226450878%	0.0198378987%	0.0222659233%	0.0213569395%	0.0204036886%
Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability	\$ 4,080,301.00	\$ 3,905,983.00	\$ 5,183,151.00	\$ 6,325,313.00	\$ 4,580,219.00
Covered Payroll (Plan Measurement Period)	\$ 1,588,168.00	\$ 1,353,592.00	\$ 1,524,500.00	\$ 1,431,748.00	\$ 1,234,980.00
Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability as a Percentage of Covered Payroll	256.92%	288.56%	339.99%	441.79%	370.87%
Plan Fiduciary Net Position as a Percentage of the Total Pension Liability	56.27%	53.60%	48.10%	40.14%	47.93%

Note 7: PENSION PLANS (CONT'D)**Supplementary Pension Information (Cont'd)*****Schedule of Contributions - Public Employees' Retirement System (PERS) (Last Ten Years)***

	Year Ended December 31,				
	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>
Contractually Required Contribution	\$ 366,336.00	\$ 373,138.00	\$ 297,196.00	\$ 277,523.00	\$ 249,354.00
Contribution in Relation to the Contractually Required Contribution	<u>(366,336.00)</u>	<u>(373,138.00)</u>	<u>(297,196.00)</u>	<u>(277,523.00)</u>	<u>(249,354.00)</u>
Contribution Deficiency (Excess)	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>
Covered Payroll (Calendar Year)	\$ 2,077,223.00	\$ 2,059,500.00	\$ 2,036,693.00	\$ 1,774,742.00	\$ 1,727,103.00
Contributions as a Percentage of Covered Payroll	17.64%	18.12%	14.59%	15.64%	14.44%
	Year Ended December 31,				
	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>
Contractually Required Contribution	\$ 220,270.00	\$ 197,323.00	\$ 206,270.00	\$ 189,732.00	\$ 175,417.00
Contribution in Relation to the Contractually Required Contribution	<u>(220,270.00)</u>	<u>(197,323.00)</u>	<u>(206,270.00)</u>	<u>(189,732.00)</u>	<u>(175,417.00)</u>
Contribution Deficiency (Excess)	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>
Covered Payroll (Calendar Year)	\$ 1,634,155.00	\$ 1,581,027.00	\$ 1,433,721.00	\$ 1,495,628.00	\$ 1,411,198.00
Contributions as a Percentage of Covered Payroll	13.48%	12.48%	14.39%	12.69%	12.43%

Note 7: PENSION PLANS (CONT'D)**Supplementary Pension Information (Cont'd)*****Schedule of Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability - Police and Firemen's Retirement System (PFRS) (Last Ten Plan Years)***

	<u>Measurement Date Ended June 30,</u>				
	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>
Proportion of the Net Pension Liability	0.0686851500%	0.0625644000%	0.0623304700%	0.0631272868%	0.0696575638%
Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability	\$ 7,092,840.00	\$ 6,912,605.00	\$ 7,134,568.00	\$ 4,614,069.00	\$ 9,000,676.00
State's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability	1,398,338.00	1,273,728.00	1,269,744.00	1,297,706.00	1,396,864.00
Total	<u>\$ 8,491,178.00</u>	<u>\$ 8,186,333.00</u>	<u>\$ 8,404,312.00</u>	<u>\$ 5,911,775.00</u>	<u>\$ 10,397,540.00</u>
Covered Payroll (Plan Measurement Period)	\$ 2,567,652.00	\$ 2,279,288.00	\$ 2,221,176.00	\$ 2,212,932.00	\$ 2,403,524.00
Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability as a Percentage of Covered Payroll	276.24%	303.28%	321.21%	208.50%	374.48%
Plan Fiduciary Net Position as a Percentage of the Total Pension Liability	72.66%	70.16%	68.33%	77.26%	63.52%
	<u>Measurement Date Ended June 30,</u>				
	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>
Proportion of the Net Pension Liability	0.0657649769%	0.0569478360%	0.0625128205%	0.0563235786%	0.0566224423%
Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability	\$ 8,048,199.00	\$ 7,705,981.00	\$ 9,650,771.00	\$ 10,759,244.00	\$ 9,431,325.00
State's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability	1,270,826.00	1,046,730.00	1,080,968.00	903,510.00	827,096.00
Total	<u>\$ 9,319,025.00</u>	<u>\$ 8,752,711.00</u>	<u>\$ 10,731,739.00</u>	<u>\$ 11,662,754.00</u>	<u>\$ 10,258,421.00</u>
Covered Payroll (Plan Measurement Period)	\$ 2,215,648.00	\$ 1,889,272.00	\$ 2,023,520.00	\$ 1,800,240.00	\$ 1,793,128.00
Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability as a Percentage of Covered Payroll	363.24%	407.88%	476.93%	597.66%	525.97%
Plan Fiduciary Net Position as a Percentage of the Total Pension Liability	65.00%	62.48%	58.60%	52.01%	56.31%

Note 7: PENSION PLANS (CONT'D)**Supplementary Pension Information (Cont'd)*****Schedule of Contributions - Police and Firemen's Retirement System (PFRS) (Last Ten Years)***

	<u>Year Ended December 31,</u>				
	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>
Contractually Required Contribution	\$ 950,080.00	\$ 832,858.00	\$ 810,641.00	\$ 735,726.00	\$ 778,194.00
Contribution in Relation to the Contractually Required Contribution	(950,080.00)	(832,858.00)	(810,641.00)	(735,726.00)	(778,194.00)
Contribution Deficiency (Excess)	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>
Covered Payroll (Calendar Year)	\$ 2,582,436.00	\$ 2,595,173.00	\$ 2,379,374.00	\$ 2,284,674.00	\$ 2,249,759.00
Contributions as a Percentage of Covered Payroll	36.79%	32.09%	34.07%	32.20%	34.59%
	<u>Year Ended December 31,</u>				
	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>
Contractually Required Contribution	\$ 664,299.00	\$ 556,749.00	\$ 553,250.00	\$ 459,229.00	\$ 460,256.00
Contribution in Relation to the Contractually Required Contribution	(664,299.00)	(556,749.00)	(553,250.00)	(459,229.00)	(460,256.00)
Contribution Deficiency (Excess)	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>
Covered Payroll (Calendar Year)	\$ 2,403,877.00	\$ 2,201,025.00	\$ 1,936,569.00	\$ 2,024,689.00	\$ 1,854,013.00
Contributions as a Percentage of Covered Payroll	27.63%	25.29%	28.57%	22.68%	24.82%

Note 7: PENSION PLANS (CONT'D)

Supplementary Pension Information (Cont'd)

Other Notes to Supplementary Pension Information

Public Employees' Retirement System (PERS)

Changes in Benefit Terms

Chapter 249, P.L. 2023 extends provisions of Chapter 498, P.L. 2021 for calendar years 2023 or 2024 to allow for a temporary return to employment by a former employee of the Legislature after retirement from PERS.

Changes in Assumptions

The discount rate and long-term expected rate of return used as of June 30 measurement date are as follows:

<u>Discount Rate</u>				<u>Long-term Expected Rate of Return</u>			
<u>Year</u>	<u>Rate</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Rate</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Rate</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Rate</u>
2024	7.00%	2019	6.28%	2024	7.00%	2019	7.00%
2023	7.00%	2018	5.66%	2023	7.00%	2018	7.00%
2022	7.00%	2017	5.00%	2022	7.00%	2017	7.00%
2021	7.00%	2016	3.98%	2021	7.00%	2016	7.65%
2020	7.00%	2015	4.90%	2020	7.00%	2015	7.90%

Police and Firemen's Retirement System (PFRS)

Changes in Benefit Terms

None.

Changes in Assumptions

The discount rate and long-term expected rate of return used as of June 30 measurement date are as follows:

<u>Discount Rate</u>				<u>Long-term Expected Rate of Return</u>			
<u>Year</u>	<u>Rate</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Rate</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Rate</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Rate</u>
2024	7.00%	2019	6.85%	2024	7.00%	2019	7.00%
2023	7.00%	2018	6.51%	2023	7.00%	2018	7.00%
2022	7.00%	2017	6.14%	2022	7.00%	2017	7.00%
2021	7.00%	2016	5.55%	2021	7.00%	2016	7.65%
2020	7.00%	2015	5.79%	2020	7.00%	2015	7.90%

Note 8: POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS OTHER THAN PENSION BENEFITS**General Information about the State Health Benefit Local Government Retired Employees Plan**

Plan Description and Benefits Provided - The Township does not provide postemployment benefits to its retirees; however, the State of New Jersey (the "State") provides these benefits to certain Township retirees and their dependents under a special funding situation as described below.

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

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

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.

Note 8: POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS OTHER THAN PENSION BENEFITS (CONT'D)**General Information about the State Health Benefit Local Government Plan (Cont'd)**

Special Funding Situation Component - The State of New Jersey makes contributions to cover those employees eligible under Chapter 330, P.L. 1997. Local employers remit employer contributions on a monthly basis. Retired member contributions are generally received on a monthly basis. Partially funded benefits are also available to local police officers and firefighters who retire with 25 years of service or on disability from an employer who does not provide coverage under the provisions of Chapter 330, P.L. 1997. Upon retirement, these individuals must enroll in the OPEB Plan.

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% 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.

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. 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. The participating employer is required to disclose in their respective notes to the financial statements, an expense and corresponding revenue, and their proportionate share of the OPEB expense allocated to the State under the special funding situation.

The amount of actual contributions to the OPEB Plan made by the State, on-behalf of the Employer, is not known; however, under the special funding situation, the State's OPEB expense, on-behalf of the Employer, is (\$919,458.00) for the year ended December 31, 2024, representing -35.60% of the Employer's covered payroll.

OPEB Liability

OPEB Liability - At December 31, 2024, the State's proportionate share of the net OPEB liability associated with the Employer was \$9,490,390.00. The net OPEB liability was measured as of June 30, 2024, and the total OPEB liability used to calculate the net OPEB liability was determined by an actuarial valuation as of July 1, 2023, which was rolled forward to June 30, 2024.

The State's proportion of the net OPEB liability, associated with the Employer, was based on the ratio of the Plan members of an individual employer to the total members of the Plan's special funding situation during the measurement period July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024. For the June 30, 2024 measurement date, the State's proportion on-behalf of the Employer was .194609%, which was a decrease of .008560% from its proportion measured as of the June 30, 2023 measurement date.

Note 8: POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS OTHER THAN PENSION BENEFITS (CONT'D)

Actuarial Assumptions

The actuarial assumptions vary for each plan member depending on the pension plan in which the member is enrolled. The actuarial valuation as of July 1, 2023, which was rolled forward to June 30, 2024, used the following actuarial assumptions, applied to all periods in the measurement:

Salary Increases *	
PFRS – Rates for all future years	3.25% to 16.25% based on years of service
Mortality	
Pre-Retirement Healthy – PFRS	PUB-2010 “Safety” classification headcount-weighted mortality table with fully generational mortality improvement projections from the central year using Scale MP-2021
Post-Retirement Healthy – Chapter 330 Retirees	
Disabled Retiree – PFRS Future Retirees	
Disabled Retiree – Chapter 330 Retirees	

* salary increases are based on years of service within the respective Plan.

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

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

All of the Plan’s investments are in the State of New Jersey Cash Management Fund (the “CMF”). The New Jersey Division of Investments manages the CMF, which is available on a voluntary basis for investment by State and certain non-State participants. The CMF is considered to be an investment trust fund as defined in GASB Statement No. 31, *Certain Investments and External Investment Pools*. The CMF invests in U.S. government and agency obligations, commercial paper, corporate obligations and certificates of deposit. Units of ownership in the CMF may be purchased or redeemed on any given business day (excluding State holidays) are the unit cost of value of \$1.00. Participant shares are valued on a fair value basis. The CMF pay interest to participants on a monthly basis.

Discount Rate - The discount rate used to measure the OPEB liability at June 30, 2024 was 3.93%. This represents the municipal bond return rate as chosen by the State. The source is the Bond Buyer Go 20-Bond Municipal Bond Index, which includes tax-exempt general obligation municipal bonds with an average rating of AA/Aa or higher. As the long-term rate of return is less than the municipal bond rate, it is not considered in the calculation of the discount rate, rather the discount rate is set at the municipal bond rate.

The health care trend assumptions used is as follows:

Fiscal Year Ending	Annual Rate of Increase					
	Medical Trend			Prescription Drug Trend		
	Pre-65	PPO Post-65	HMO Post-65	Pre-65	Post-65	EGWP
2025	7.50%	2.42%	2.25%	12.75%	12.25%	21.78%
2026	7.00%	19.38%	20.15%	12.25%	11.75%	10.92%
2027	6.50%	22.62%	23.58%	11.25%	10.75%	8.19%
2028	6.00%	14.93%	15.47%	10.00%	9.75%	9.79%
2029	5.50%	12.87%	13.31%	9.00%	9.00%	8.92%
2030	5.25%	11.35%	11.71%	8.00%	8.00%	5.74%
2031	5.00%	10.16%	10.46%	7.00%	7.00%	4.87%
2032	4.75%	9.18%	9.44%	6.00%	6.00%	6.00%
2023	4.50%	6.54%	6.65%	5.00%	5.00%	5.00%
2034 and Later	4.50%	4.50%	4.50%	4.50%	4.50%	4.50%

Note 8: POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS OTHER THAN PENSION BENEFITS (CONT'D)

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

The net OPEB liability, calculated using a discount rate of 3.93%, as well as using a discount rate that is 1% lower or 1% higher than the current rate used, is as follows:

	1% Decrease <u>(2.93%)</u>	Current Discount Rate <u>(3.93%)</u>	1% Increase <u>(4.93%)</u>
State of New Jersey's Proportionate Share of the Net OPEB Liability Associated with the Employer	<u>\$ 11,055,282.00</u>	<u>\$ 9,490,390.00</u>	<u>\$ 8,237,051.00</u>

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

The net OPEB liability, using a healthcare cost trend rate that is 1% lower or 1% higher than the current healthcare cost trend rate used, is as follows:

	1% Decrease	Healthcare Cost Trend Rate	1% Increase
State of New Jersey's Proportionate Share of the Net OPEB Liability Associated with the Employer	<u>\$ 8,026,933.00</u>	<u>\$ 9,490,390.00</u>	<u>\$ 11,371,985.00</u>

OPEB Plan Fiduciary Net Position

For purposes of measuring the net OPEB liability, deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to OPEB, and OPEB (benefit) expense, information about the respective fiduciary net position of the State Health Benefits Local Government Retired Employees Plan and additions to/deductions from the Plan's respective fiduciary net position have been determined on the same basis as they are reported by the Plan. Accordingly, contributions (including refunds of employee contributions) are recognized when due and payable in accordance with the benefit terms. Investments are reported at fair value.

Supplementary OPEB Information

In accordance with GASB Statement No. 75, the following information is also presented for the State Health Benefits Local Government Retired Employees Plan. These schedules are presented to illustrate the requirements to show information for 10 years; however, until a full 10-year trend is compiled, this presentation will only include information for those years for which information is available.

Note 8: POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS OTHER THAN PENSION BENEFITS (CONT'D)**Supplementary OPEB Information (Cont'd)*****Schedule of the State's Proportionate Share of the Net OPEB Liability Associated with the Employer (Last Eight Plan Years)***

	Measurement Date Ended June 30,			
	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021 (a)</u>
Proportion of the Net OPEB Liability	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
State's Proportionate Share of the Net OPEB Liability Associated with the Employer	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%
Total	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%
Proportionate Share of the Net OPEB Liability	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
State's Proportionate Share of the Net OPEB Liability Associated with the Employer	9,490,390.00	7,088,756.00	8,619,206.00	9,244,902.00
Total	\$ 9,490,390.00	\$ 7,088,756.00	\$ 8,619,206.00	\$ 9,244,902.00
Covered Payroll (Plan Measurement Period)	\$ 2,610,380.00	\$ 2,482,278.00	\$ 2,338,281.00	\$ 2,226,571.00
Proportionate Share of the Net OPEB Liability as a Percentage of Covered Payroll	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
State's Proportionate Share of the Net OPEB Liability as a Percentage of Covered Payroll	363.56%	285.57%	368.61%	415.21%
Plan Fiduciary Net Position as a Percentage of the Total OPEB Liability	-0.89%	-0.79%	-0.36%	0.28%
	Measurement Date Ended June 30,			
	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>
Proportion of the Net OPEB Liability	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
State's Proportionate Share of the Net OPEB Liability Associated with the Employer	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%
Total	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%
Proportionate Share of the Net OPEB Liability	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
State's Proportionate Share of the Net OPEB Liability Associated with the Employer	8,993,682.00	7,784,798.00	8,965,646.00	11,558,465.00
Total	\$ 8,993,682.00	\$ 7,784,798.00	\$ 8,965,646.00	\$ 11,558,465.00
Covered Payroll (Plan Measurement Period)	\$ 2,349,223.00	\$ 2,320,564.00	\$ 2,049,232.00	\$ 1,989,988.00
Proportionate Share of the Net OPEB Liability as a Percentage of Covered Payroll	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
State's Proportionate Share of the Net OPEB Liability as a Percentage of Covered Payroll	382.84%	335.47%	437.51%	580.83%
Plan Fiduciary Net Position as a Percentage of the Total OPEB Liability	0.91%	1.98%	1.97%	1.03%

(a) The Proportionate Share of the June 30, 2021 Net OPEB Liability was adjusted within the June 30, 2022 Plan Audit.

Note 8: POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS OTHER THAN PENSION BENEFITS (CONT'D)

Supplementary OPEB Information (Cont'd)

Other Notes to Supplementary OPEB Information

Changes in Benefit Terms - The actuarial valuation as of July 1, 2023, which was rolled forward to June 30, 2024, included changes due to employers adopting and /or changing Chapter 48 provisions.

Changes in Assumptions - The discount rate used as of the June 30 measurement date is as follows:

<u>Year</u>	<u>Rate</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Rate</u>
2024	3.93%	2020	2.21%
2023	3.65%	2019	3.50%
2022	3.54%	2018	3.87%
2021	2.16%	2017	3.58%

The expected investment rate of return is based on guidance provided by the State. These expected rates of return are the same as the discount rates listed above.

In addition to changes in the discount rate, other factors that affected the valuation of the net OPEB liability included changes in the trend update.

There were no changes to mortality projections.

Note 9: COMPENSATED ABSENCES

Full-time employees are entitled to fifteen paid sick leave days each year. Unused sick leave may be accumulated and carried forward to the subsequent year. Vacation days not used during the year may not be accumulated.

The Township compensates employees for unused sick leave upon termination or retirement. The current policy provides one compensated day for every two days accumulated. There is a maximum pay-out of fifty days' pay and is paid at the rate of pay upon termination or retirement up to \$15,000.00 for Police Officers and \$7,500.00 for all other employees.

The Township does not record accrued expenses related to compensated absences. However, it is estimated that, at December 31, 2024, accrued benefits for compensated absences are valued at \$1,160,244.12.

Note 10: DEFERRED COMPENSATION SALARY ACCOUNT

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

Amounts deferred under Section 457 plans must be held in trust for the exclusive benefit of participating employees and not be accessible by the Township or its creditors. Since the Township does not have a fiduciary relationship with the Plan, the balances and activities of the Plan are not reported in the Township's financial statements.

Note 11: CAPITAL DEBT**General Obligation Bonds**

General Obligation Refunding Bonds, Series 2014 - On April 17, 2014, the Township issued \$8,181,000.00 in general obligation bonds, with interest rates ranging from 2.00% to 4.00%. The bonds were issued for the purpose of financing the cost of various capital improvements. The final maturity of the bonds is March 1, 2042.

General Obligation Bonds, Series 2016 - On June 1, 2016, the Township issued \$6,010,000.00 in general obligation bonds, with interest rates ranging from 1.00% to 3.00%. The bonds were issued for the purpose of financing the cost of various capital improvements. The final maturity of the bonds is March 1, 2041.

General Obligation Bonds, Series 2018 - On August 1, 2018, the Township issued \$6,175,000.00 in general obligation bonds, with a 3.00% rate of interest. The bonds were issued for the purpose of financing the cost of various capital improvements. The final maturity of the bonds is August 1, 2033.

General Obligation Bonds, Series 2021 - On September 23, 2021, the Township issued \$13,661,000.00 in general obligation bonds, with interest ranging from 2.00% to 2.25%. The bonds were issued for the purpose of financing the cost of various capital improvements. The final maturity of the bonds is September 1, 2041.

Burlington County Bridge Commission – Guaranteed Pooled Loan Revenue Refunding Bonds

On March 11, 2013, the Township entered into a guaranteed pooled loan agreement with the Burlington County Bridge Commission with interest rates ranging from 2.00% to 5.00%. The proceeds were used to advance refund a 2004 loan with the Burlington County Bridge Commission. The final maturity of the loan was December 1, 2024.

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

<u>Year</u>	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Interest</u>	<u>Total</u>
2025	\$ 1,855,000.00	\$ 632,162.52	\$ 2,487,162.52
2026	1,870,000.00	584,662.52	2,454,662.52
2027	1,890,000.00	536,712.52	2,426,712.52
2028	1,570,000.00	495,137.52	2,065,137.52
2029	1,610,000.00	457,303.14	2,067,303.14
2030-2034	8,135,000.00	1,650,512.55	9,785,512.55
2035-2039	5,630,000.00	789,681.30	6,419,681.30
2040-2042	2,795,000.00	117,650.00	2,912,650.00
	<u>\$ 25,355,000.00</u>	<u>\$ 5,263,822.07</u>	<u>\$ 30,618,822.07</u>

Note 11: CAPITAL DEBT (CONT'D)

The following schedule represents the Township's summary of debt for the current and two previous years:

Issued	<u>Year 2024</u>	<u>Year 2023</u>	<u>Year 2022</u>
General:			
Bonds and Notes	\$ 30,355,000.00	\$ 27,210,000.00	\$ 29,010,000.00
 Authorized and Not Issued			
General:			
Bonds and Notes	<u>26,395,000.00</u>	<u>22,845,000.00</u>	<u>19,045,000.00</u>
 Total Issued and Authorized and Not Issued	<u>56,750,000.00</u>	<u>50,055,000.00</u>	<u>48,055,000.00</u>
 Deductions			
Funds Temporarily Held			
to Pay Bonds and Notes	992,410.86	2,129,930.86	2,770,830.86
Accounts Receivable Applicable to the			
Payment of Gross Debt	<u>3,104,776.40</u>	<u>2,383,138.90</u>	<u>2,911,238.90</u>
 Total Deductions	<u>4,097,187.26</u>	<u>4,513,069.76</u>	<u>5,682,069.76</u>
 Net Debt	<u>\$ 52,652,812.74</u>	<u>\$ 45,541,930.24</u>	<u>\$ 42,372,930.24</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 indicated a statutory net debt of 2.621%.

	<u>Gross Debt</u>	<u>Deductions</u>	<u>Net Debt</u>
Regional School District	\$ 18,000,000.00	\$ 18,000,000.00	
General	56,750,000.00	4,097,187.26	\$ 52,652,812.74
	<u>\$ 74,750,000.00</u>	<u>\$ 22,097,187.26</u>	<u>\$ 52,652,812.74</u>

Net Debt \$52,652,812.74 divided by the Equalized Valuation Basis per N.J.S.A.40A:2-2 as amended, \$2,009,227,587.00 equals 2.621%.

3.5% of Equalized Valuation Basis (Municipal)	\$ 70,322,965.55
Net Debt	<u>52,652,812.74</u>
Remaining Borrowing Power	<u>\$ 17,670,152.81</u>

Note 12: DEFERRED CHARGES TO BE RAISED IN SUCCEEDING BUDGETS

Certain expenditures are required to be deferred to budgets of succeeding years. At December 31, 2024, the following deferred charges are shown on the statement of assets, liabilities, reserves and fund balance of the following fund(s):

<u>Description</u>	<u>Balance</u> <u>December 31, 2024</u>	<u>2025</u> <u>Budget</u> <u>Appropriation</u>
Current Fund:		
Special Emergency Authorization	\$ 60,000.00	\$ 20,000.00

The appropriations in the 2025 Budget as adopted are not less than that required by the statutes.

Note 13: 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.

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 the activity and the ending balance of the Township's trust fund for the current and previous two years:

<u>Year</u>	<u>Employee</u> <u>Contributions</u>	<u>Interest</u> <u>Earnings</u>	<u>Expenses</u> <u>Paid</u>	<u>Ending</u> <u>Balance</u>
2024	\$ 9,191.99	\$ 3,609.66	\$ 40,955.41	\$ 72,865.15
2023	9,340.59	646.92	1,861.08	101,018.91
2022	9,066.37	7.77	11,067.72	92,892.48

Joint Insurance Pool - The Township is a member of the Burlington County Municipal Joint Insurance Fund. The Township maintains the following funds and coverage:

- Statewide Excess Liability Fund – Umbrella Liability Coverage
- Statewide Workers' Compensation Fund – Workers' Compensation Coverage

Contributions to the Fund, including a reserve for contingencies, are payable in various installments and are based on actuarial assumptions determined by the Fund's actuary. The Commissioner of Insurance may order additional assessments to supplement the Fund's claim, loss retention or administrative accounts to assure the payment of the Fund's obligations.

For more information regarding claims, coverages and deductibles, the Fund publishes its own financial report which can be obtained from:

Burlington County Municipal Joint Insurance Fund
6000 Sagemore Drive, Suite 6203
Marlton, New Jersey 08053

Note 14: 1986 SERVICE CONTRACT

The Township entered into a service contract with the Bordentown Sewerage Authority and the City of Bordentown. Under the 1986 Service Contract, should certain items of expense exceed certain items of receipts during any fiscal year, then upon certification by the Authority to the City and Township not later than January 15, next succeeding the completion of such fiscal year of the amount of such excess, each municipality is obligated to pay to the Authority its proportionate share of such excess in an amount to be computed in accordance with the 1986 Service Contract.

At any time after five years from the date of the 1986 Service Contract, and after the payment in full of all obligations of the Authority, including all outstanding bonds, the 1986 Service Contract, upon two years notice to the Authority and to each of the municipalities, may be terminated by the Authority or either municipality.

Note 15: OPEN SPACE PRESERVATION TRUST

On November 2, 1999, pursuant to P.L. 1997, c. 24 (N.J.S.A. 40:12-15.1 et seq.), the voters of the Township authorized the establishment of the Township of Bordentown Open Space Preservation Trust Fund effective January 1, 2000, for the purpose of raising revenue for the acquisition of lands and interests in lands for the conservation of open space. On November 8, 2022, the voters of the Township re-authorized the open space tax through December 31, 2042. Future increases in the tax rate or to extend the authorization must be authorized by referendum. All revenue received is accounted for in a trust fund dedicated by rider (N.J.S.A. 40A:4-39) for the purposed stated. Interest earned on the investment of these funds is credited to the Township of Bordentown Open Space Preservation Trust Fund.

Note 16: CONTINGENCIES

Grantor Agencies - Amounts received or receivable from grantor agencies could be subject to audit and adjustment by grantor agencies. Any disallowed claims, including amounts already collected, may constitute a liability of the applicable funds. The amount, if any, of expenditures, which may be disallowed by the grantor cannot be determined at this time, although the Township expects such amount, if any, to be immaterial.

Litigation - The Township is a defendant in several legal proceedings that are in various stages of litigation. It is believed that the outcome, or exposure to the Township, from such litigation is either unknown or potential losses, if any, would not be material to the financial statements.

Note 17: CONCENTRATIONS

The Township depends on financial resources flowing from, or associated with, both the federal government and the State of New Jersey. As a result of this dependency, the Township is subject to changes in specific flows of intergovernmental revenues based on modifications to federal and State laws and federal and State appropriations.

Note 18: SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

Tax Appeals - As of December 31, 2024, several tax appeals were on file against the Township. Based upon information provided by the tax assessor, if such appeals are not settled in favor of the Township, the estimated impact of the tax refunds could be material. In the event payment is required to settle these appeals, the Township has a reserve for tax appeals of \$235,644.19 as of December 31, 2024.

Authorization of Debt - Subsequent to December 31, the Township authorized additional bonds and notes as follows:

<u>Purpose</u>	<u>Adoption</u>	<u>Authorization</u>
General Improvements		
The acquisition and continuation of affordability controls for existing affordable housing units	August 18, 2025	\$ 4,950,000.00
Various Capital Improvements	August 18, 2025	\$ 2,600,000.00

APPENDIX C
FORM OF BOND COUNSEL OPINION – TAX-EXEMPT BONDS

MalamutLaw

March __, 2026

Mayor and Township Committee
Township of Bordentown, in the
County of Burlington, New Jersey

Re: Township of Bordentown, in the County of Burlington, New Jersey
General Improvement Bonds, Series 2026A

Ladies and Gentlemen:

We have served as Bond Counsel in connection with the authorization, issuance, sale and delivery of the General Improvement Bonds, Series 2026A (the "Tax-Exempt Bonds") by the Township of Bordentown (the "Township") in the County of Burlington, New Jersey (the "County").

The Tax-Exempt Bonds are authorized to be issued pursuant to: (i) the Local Bond Law, constituting Chapter 169 of the Laws of 1960 of the State of New Jersey, as amended and supplemented ("Local Bond Law"); (ii) Resolution 2026-66E adopted by the Township Committee on February 24, 2026 (the "Authorizing Resolution") and (iii) the bond ordinances set forth in the Authorizing Resolution (the "Bond Ordinances").

The Tax-Exempt Bonds are dated March __, 2026, and mature on March 15 in each of the years and in the respective principal amounts as set forth on the inside cover of an Official Statement dated March __, 2026 related to the Tax-Exempt Bonds and bear interest at the respective interest rates per annum set forth in the Official Statement, payable semi-annually thereafter on March 15 and September 15 in each year until maturity, commencing on March 15, 2027.

The principal amounts of the Tax-Exempt Bonds are subject to optional redemption and prepayment prior to their respective maturity and principal payment dates as set forth therein.

The proceeds of the sale and issuance of the Tax-Exempt Bonds: (i) permanently finance a \$5,000,000 portion of the Bond Anticipation Notes, Series 2025 of the Township originally issued in the aggregate principal amount of \$25,000,000, dated March 28, 2025 and maturing March 27, 2026 (the "Prior Notes"); (ii) temporarily finance an additional \$2,070,000 in costs of various capital improvements of the Township \$2,070,000, and (iii) to pay the costs associated with the issuance of the Tax-Exempt Bonds.

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As the basis for the opinion set forth below, we have examined such matters of law as we have deemed necessary including, *inter alia*, the Constitution of the State of New Jersey, the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended ("Code"), and the Local Bond Law. We have also examined such documents, certifications and instruments as we have deemed necessary including, without limitation, the proceedings of the Township Committee in connection with the adoption of the Ordinances and the Authorizing Resolution, and the other certifications, instruments, documents and opinions prepared in connection with the Tax-Exempt Bonds.

In rendering the following opinion, we have relied upon the authenticity, truthfulness and completeness of all documents, instruments and certifications examined.

Based upon the foregoing, we are of the opinion that:

1. The Tax-Exempt Bonds have been duly authorized, executed and delivered and constitute legal, valid and binding obligations of the Township enforceable in accordance with their terms.
2. The power and obligation of the Township to pay the Tax-Exempt Bonds is unlimited, and, if not paid from other sources, the Township is required to levy ad valorem taxes upon all the taxable property within the Township for the payment of the principal of and interest on the Tax-Exempt Bonds, without limitation as to rate or amount.
3. On the date hereof, the Township has covenanted in its Arbitrage and Tax Certificate (the "Certificate") to comply with certain continuing requirements that must be satisfied subsequent to the issuance of the Tax-Exempt Bonds in order to preserve the tax-exempt status of the Tax-Exempt Bonds pursuant to Section 103(a) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code"). Pursuant to Section 103(a) of the Code, failure to comply with these requirements could cause interest on the Tax-Exempt Bonds to be included in gross income for federal income tax purposes retroactive to the date of issuance of the Bonds. In the event that the Township continuously complies with its covenants and in reliance on representations, certifications of fact and statements of reasonable expectations made by the Township in the Certificate, it is our opinion that, under existing law, interest on the Tax-Exempt Bonds is excluded from gross income of the owners thereof for federal income tax purposes pursuant to Section 103 of the Code. Interest on the Tax-Exempt Bonds is not an item of tax preference under Section 57 of the Code for purposes of computing alternative minimum tax ("AMT"), however, interest on the Tax-Exempt Bonds is included in the "adjusted financial statement income" of "applicable corporations" subject to alternative minimum tax under Section 55 of the Code. We express no opinion regarding other federal tax consequences arising with respect to the Tax-Exempt Bonds. Further, in our opinion, based upon existing law, interest on the Tax-Exempt Bonds and any gain on the sale thereof are not included in gross income under the New Jersey Gross Income Tax Act. These opinions are based on existing statutes, regulations, administrative pronouncements and judicial decisions.

For purposes of this opinion, the enforceability (but not the validity) of the documents mentioned herein may be limited by applicable bankruptcy, insolvency, reorganization, moratorium or other laws now or hereafter enacted by any state or by the federal government affecting the enforcement of creditors' rights generally, and by equitable principles, and the phrase

"enforceable in accordance with their terms" shall not mean that specific performance would necessarily be available as a remedy in every situation.

Other than as set forth in Paragraphs 3 hereof, we express no opinion regarding other federal and state tax consequences arising with respect to the Tax-Exempt Bonds.

We express no opinion herein as to the adequacy or accuracy of any official statement, private placement memorandum or other offering material pertaining to the offering of the Tax-Exempt Bonds. This opinion is given as of the date hereof and we assume no obligation to update or supplement the opinion to reflect any facts or circumstances that may hereafter come to our attention or any changes in law that may hereafter occur.

Very truly yours,

APPENDIX D
FORM OF BOND COUNSEL OPINION – TAXABLE BONDS

MalamutLaw

March __, 2026

Mayor and Township Committee
Township of Bordentown, in the
County of Burlington, New Jersey

Re: Township of Robbinsville, in the County of Mercer, New Jersey
General Improvement Bonds, Series 2026B

Ladies and Gentlemen:

We have served as Bond Counsel in connection with the authorization, issuance, sale and delivery of the General Improvement Bonds, Series 2026B (the "Taxable Bonds") by the Township of Bordentown (the "Township") in the County of Burlington, New Jersey (the "County").

The Taxable Bonds are authorized to be issued pursuant to: (i) the Local Bond Law, constituting Chapter 169 of the Laws of 1960 of the State of New Jersey, as amended and supplemented ("Local Bond Law"); (ii) Resolution 2026-65E adopted by the Township Committee on February 24, 2026 (the "Authorizing Resolution") and (iii) the bond ordinances set forth in the Authorizing Resolution (the "Bond Ordinances").

The Taxable Bonds are dated March __, 2026, and mature on March 15 in each of the years and in the respective principal amounts as set forth on the inside cover of an Official Statement dated March __, 2026 related to the Taxable Bonds, and bear interest at the respective interest rates per annum set forth in the Official Statement, payable semi-annually thereafter on March 15 and September 15 in each year until maturity, commencing on March 15, 2027.

The principal amounts of the Taxable Bonds are subject to optional redemption and prepayment prior to their respective maturity and principal payment dates as set forth therein.

The proceeds of the sale and issuance of the Taxable Bonds: (i) permanently finance a \$4,700,000 payment to extend affordability controls on certain deed-restricted affordable housing units within the Township for an additional 30 years; and (ii) to pay the costs associated with the issuance of the Tax-Exempt Bonds.

As the basis for the opinion set forth below, we have examined such matters of law as we have deemed necessary including, *inter alia*, the Constitution of the State of New Jersey, the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended ("Code"), and the Local Bond Law. We have also examined such documents, certifications and instruments as we have deemed necessary including, without limitation, the proceedings of the Township Committee in connection with the adoption of the Ordinances and the Authorizing

Resolution, and the other certifications, instruments, documents and opinions prepared in connection with the Taxable Bonds.

In rendering the following opinion, we have relied upon the authenticity, truthfulness and completeness of all documents, instruments and certifications examined.

Based upon and subject to the foregoing, we are of the following opinion:

1. The Bond Ordinances and the Authorizing Resolution have been duly adopted by the Township Committee and are in full force and effect.
2. The Taxable Bonds are legal, valid and binding obligations of the Township enforceable in accordance with the terms thereof, except to the extent that enforcement thereof may be limited by bankruptcy, insolvency or other laws or equitable principles affecting the enforcement of creditors' rights generally ("Creditors' Rights Limitations").
3. For the payment of principal of and interest on the Taxable Bonds, the Township has the power and is obligated, to the extent payment is not otherwise provided, to levy *ad valorem* taxes upon all taxable real property within the jurisdiction of the Township without limitation as to rate or amount, except to the extent that enforcement thereof may be affected by Creditors' Rights Limitations.
4. Interest on the Taxable Bonds is not excludable from gross income of the owners thereof for federal income tax purposes under current law.
5. Interest on the Taxable Bonds and gain from the sale thereof are excludable from gross income under the New Jersey Gross Income Tax Act.

We express no other opinion regarding other federal or State tax consequences arising with respect to the Taxable Bonds.

This opinion is issued as of the date hereof, and we assume no obligation to update, revise or supplement this opinion to reflect any facts or circumstances that may come to our attention after the date of this opinion, or any changes in law or interpretations thereof that may occur after the date of this opinion, or for any reason whatsoever.

For purposes of this opinion, the enforceability (but not the validity) of the documents mentioned herein may be limited by applicable bankruptcy, insolvency, reorganization, moratorium or other laws now or hereafter enacted by any state or by the federal government affecting the enforcement of creditors' rights, and by equitable principles, and the phrase "enforceable in accordance with their terms" shall not mean that specific performance would necessarily be available as a remedy in every situation.

We express no opinion herein as to the adequacy, accuracy or completeness of any official statement, private placement memorandum or other offering material pertaining to the offering of the Taxable Bonds.

Very truly yours,

APPENDIX E
FORM OF BOND COUNSEL OPINION – NOTES

MalamutLaw

March __, 2026

Mayor and Board of Township Committee
Township of Bordentown, in the
County of Burlington, New Jersey

Re: Township of Bordentown, in the County of Burlington, New Jersey
\$23,870,000 Bond Anticipation Notes, Series 2026

Ladies and Gentlemen:

We have acted as Bond Counsel to the Township of Bordentown, in the County of Burlington, New Jersey (the "City") in connection with Township's issuance of its \$25,000,000 Bond Anticipation Notes, Series 2026 (the "Notes"). The Notes are general obligations of the Township and the full faith, credit and taxing power of the Township are available to pay the principal of and the interest on the Notes. The Notes are dated March __, 2026, mature on March __, 2027, bear interest at a rate of ____% per annum payable at maturity, and are not subject to redemption prior to maturity.

The Notes are issued under the provisions of the Local Bond Law, Chapter 169 of the Laws of 1960 of the State of New Jersey, effective January 1, 1962 and the acts amendatory thereof and supplemental thereto (the "Local Bond Law") and Bond Ordinances No. 2022-08, 2023-08, and 2024-11. The Notes are being issued to: (i) refund, on a current basis, a \$20,000,000 portion of a \$25,000,000 Bond Anticipation Notes maturing on March 27, 2026; (ii) temporarily finance an additional \$3,870,000 in costs of various capital improvements of the Township and (iii) pay the costs associated with the issuance of the Notes (the "Project").

In our capacity as Bond Counsel and as a basis for the opinions set forth below, we have examined such matters of law, including the Local Bond Law, the Local Budget Law and the Internal Revenue Code, such documents, including the ordinances set forth above, and such other statutes, resolutions, certificates, instruments and records of the Township, as we have deemed necessary or appropriate for the purpose of the opinion rendered below. In such examination, we have assumed and relied upon the genuineness of all signatures, the authenticity of all documents submitted to us as originals and the conformity to the original documents of all documents submitted to us as copies. As to any facts material to our opinion we have, when relevant facts were not independently established, relied upon the aforesaid instruments, certificates and documents.

Based upon the foregoing, we are of the opinion that:

1. The Notes have been duly authorized, executed and delivered and constitute legal, valid and binding obligations of the Township enforceable in accordance with their terms.

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2. The power and obligation of the Township to pay the Notes is unlimited, and, if not paid from other sources, the Township is required to levy ad valorem taxes upon all the taxable property within the Township for the payment of the principal of and interest on the Notes, without limitation as to rate or amount.

3. Interest on the Notes is excludable from gross income for federal income tax purposes under Section 103 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code"), and is not an item of tax preference for purposes of the federal alternative minimum tax imposed on individuals; however, such interest on the Notes may be taken into account for the purpose of computing the alternative minimum tax imposed on certain corporations. The opinion set forth in the preceding sentence is subject to the condition that the Township comply with all requirements of the Code that must be satisfied subsequent to the issuance of the Notes in order that the interest thereon be, and continue to be, excludable from gross income for federal income tax purposes under Section 103 of the Code. The Township has covenanted to comply with all such requirements. Failure to comply with certain of such requirements may cause interest on the Notes to be includable in gross income for federal income tax purposes retroactively to the date of issuance of the Notes. Further, in our opinion, based upon existing law, interest on the Notes and any gain on the sale thereof are not included in gross income under the New Jersey Gross Income Tax Act. These opinions are based on existing statutes, regulations, administrative pronouncements and judicial decisions.

For purposes of this opinion, the enforceability (but not the validity) of the documents mentioned herein may be limited by applicable bankruptcy, insolvency, reorganization, moratorium or other laws now or hereafter enacted by any state or by the federal government affecting the enforcement of creditors' rights generally, and by equitable principles, and the phrase "enforceable in accordance with their terms" shall not mean that specific performance would necessarily be available as a remedy in every situation.

Other than as set forth in Paragraph 3 hereof, we express no opinion regarding other federal and state tax consequences arising with respect to the Notes.

We express no opinion herein as to the adequacy or accuracy of any official statement, private placement memorandum or other offering material pertaining to the offering of the Notes. This opinion is given as of the date hereof and we assume no obligation to update or supplement the opinion to reflect any facts or circumstances that may hereafter come to our attention or any changes in law that may hereafter occur.

Very truly yours,

APPENDIX F
FORM OF CONTINUING DISCLOSURE CERTIFICATE- BONDS

CONTINUING DISCLOSURE CERTIFICATE

This Continuing Disclosure Certificate (the "Disclosure Certificate") is executed and delivered by the Township of Bordentown, in the County of Burlington, New Jersey (the "Township" or "Issuer") in connection with the issuance by the Issuer of its \$7,070,000 General Improvement Bonds, Series 2026A, (the "2026 Bonds"). The 2026 Bonds are being issued pursuant to the Bond Ordinances set forth in the Official Statement dated March __, 2026 prepared in connection with the sale of the 2026 Bonds (the "Ordinances"). The Issuer covenants and agrees as follows:

SECTION 1. Purpose of the Disclosure Certificate. This Disclosure Certificate is being executed and delivered by the Issuer for the benefit of the Bondholders and Beneficial Owners of the 2026 Bonds and in order to assist the Participating Underwriters in complying with S.E.C. Rule 15c2-12(b)(5).

SECTION 2. Definitions. In addition to the definitions set forth in the Resolution, which apply to any capitalized term used in this Disclosure Certificate unless otherwise defined in this Section, the following capitalized terms shall have the following meanings:

"Beneficial Owner" shall mean any person which (a) has the power, directly or indirectly, to vote or consent with respect to, or to dispose of ownership of, any 2026 Bonds (including persons holding 2026 Bonds through nominees, depositories or other intermediaries), or (b) is treated as the owner of any 2026 Bonds for federal income tax purposes.

"Bondholder" shall mean any person who is the registered owner of any 2026 Bond, including Beneficial Owners of the 2026 Bonds.

"Dissemination Agent" shall mean the Issuer, or any successor Dissemination Agent designated in writing by the Issuer and which has filed with the Issuer a written acceptance of such designation.

"EMMA" shall mean the Electronic Municipal Market Access System, an internet based filing system created and maintained by the MSRB in accordance with Release No. 34-59062, of the Securities and Exchange Commission, dated December 5, 2008, pursuant to which issuers of tax-exempt and taxable bonds, including the 2026 Bonds, and other filers on behalf of such issuers shall upload continuing disclosure information to assist underwriters in complying with the Rule and to provide the general public with access to such continuing disclosure information.

"Financial Obligation" shall mean a (i) debt obligation; (ii) derivative instrument entered into in connection with or pledged as security or a source of payment for, an existing or planned debt obligation; or (iii) guarantee of (i) or (ii).

"Listed Events" shall mean any of the events listed in Section 3(a) of this Disclosure Certificate.

“MSRB” shall mean the Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board via the internet facilities of the Electronic Municipal Market Access System (EMMA).

"Repository" shall mean the MSRB, through the internet facilities of EMMA, or any other public or private repository or entity that shall hereafter be designated by the Commission as a repository for purposes of the Rule.

"Participating Underwriter" shall mean the original underwriter of the 2026 Bonds required to comply with the Rule in connection with the offering of the 2026 Bonds.

"Rule" shall mean Rule 15c2-12(b)(5) adopted by the Securities and Exchange Commission under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as the same may be amended from time to time.

"State" shall mean the State of New Jersey.

SECTION 3. Provision of Annual Reports.

(a) The Township shall not later than two hundred seventy (270) days after the end of its fiscal year (currently December 31) for each fiscal year until termination of the Township's reporting obligations under this Disclosure Agreement pursuant to the provisions of Section 6 hereof provide to the Dissemination Agent, the Annual Report prepared for the preceding fiscal year of the Township (commencing for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2025). Each Annual Report provided to the Dissemination Agent by the Township shall comply with the requirements of Section 4 of this Disclosure Agreement but may be submitted as a single document or as separate documents comprising a package and may cross-reference other information submitted to the National Repository. Any and all items that must be included in the Annual Report may be incorporated by reference from other information that is available to the public on EMMA, or that has been filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission.

(b) The Dissemination Agent, promptly (within fifteen (15) Business Days) after receiving the Annual Report from the Township, shall submit each Annual Report received by it to the National Repository and thereafter shall file a written report with the Township certifying that the Annual Report has been provided pursuant to this Disclosure Agreement to the National Repository and stating the date it was provided to the National Repository.

(c) If the Township fails to provide the Annual Report to the Dissemination Agent by the date required in subsection (a) of this Section 3, the Dissemination Agent shall send a notice to the Township advising of such failure. Whether or not such notice is given or received, if the Township thereafter fails to submit the Annual Report to the Dissemination Agent within fifteen (15) Business Days after the Annual Report was due pursuant to the provisions of subsection (a) of this Section 3, the Dissemination Agent shall promptly send a notice (with copies of said notice to the Township) to the National Repository in substantially the form attached as EXHIBIT "A" hereto.

SECTION 4. Contents of Annual Report. Annual Report shall mean: annual financial information with respect to the Township consisting of the audited financial statements (or unaudited financial statements if audited financial statements are not then available, which audited

financial statements will be delivered when and if available) of the Township and certain financial information and operating data consisting of (i) the Township and overlapping indebtedness including a schedule of outstanding debt issued by the Township, (ii) the Township's most current adopted budget, (iii) property valuation information, and (iv) tax rate, levy and collection data. The audited financial information will be prepared in accordance with modified cash accounting as mandated by State of New Jersey statutory principles in effect from time to time or with generally accepted accounting principles as modified by governmental accounting standards as may be required by New Jersey law and shall be filed electronically and accompanied by identifying information with the MSRB.

SECTION 5. Reporting of Significant Events.

(a) Pursuant to the provisions of this Section 5, the Issuer will provide, in a timely manner not in excess of ten (10) business days after the occurrence of any of the following events, to the MSRB through EMMA, notice of any of the following events with respect to the 2026 Bonds (each, a "Listed Event"):

- (1) principal and interest payment delinquencies;
- (2) non-payment related defaults, if material;
- (3) unscheduled draws on debt service reserves reflecting financial difficulties;
- (4) unscheduled draws on credit enhancements reflecting financial difficulties;
- (5) substitution of credit or liquidity providers or their failure to perform;
- (6) adverse tax opinions, the issuance by the Internal Revenue Service of proposed or final determinations of taxability, Notices of Proposed Issue (IRS Form 5701-TEB) or other material notices or determinations with respect to the tax status of the Tax Exempt Bonds or other material events affecting the tax status of the 2026 Bonds issued as tax-exempt, if applicable;
- (7) modifications to the rights of Bondholders, if material;
- (8) 2026 Bond calls (excluding mandatory sinking fund redemptions), if material, or tender offers;
- (9) defeasances;
- (10) release, substitution, or sale of property securing repayment of the 2026 Bonds, if material;
- (11) rating changes;
- (12) bankruptcy, insolvency, receivership or similar event of the Township;
- (13) the consummation of a merger, consolidation, or acquisition involving the Township or the sale of all or substantially all of the assets of the Township, other than in the ordinary course of business, the entry into a definitive agreement to undertake such an action or the termination of a definitive

agreement relating to any such actions, other than pursuant to its terms, if material;

- (14) appointment of a successor or additional trustee or the change of name of a trustee, if material;
- (15) Incurrence of a Financial Obligation of the Township, if material, or agreement to covenants, events of default, remedies, priority rights or other similar terms of a Financial Obligation of the Township, any of which affect security holders, if material; and
- (16) Default, event of acceleration, termination event, modification of terms or other similar events under a Financial Obligation of the Township, if any such event reflects financial difficulties.

(b) The Township shall, within five (5) Business Days upon obtaining actual knowledge of the occurrence of any of the Listed Events which are material, notify the Dissemination Agent in writing to report the event pursuant to subsection (c) of this Section 5. In determining the materiality of any of the Listed Events specified in subsection (a) of this Section 5, the Township may, but shall not be required to, rely conclusively on an Opinion of Counsel. The Dissemination Agent shall have no obligation under this Disclosure Agreement to provide, or to monitor the Township's obligation to provide, notification of the occurrence of any of the Listed Events which are material.

(c) If the Dissemination Agent has been instructed by the Township to report the occurrence of a Listed Event, the Dissemination Agent shall file a notice of such occurrence with the National Repository within five (5) Business Days of the receipt of such instruction, with a copy of such notice provided by the Dissemination Agent to the Township.

SECTION 6. Termination of Reporting Obligation. The Issuer's obligations under this Disclosure Certificate shall terminate upon the legal defeasance, prior redemption or payment in full of all of the 2026 Bonds. If such termination occurs prior to the final maturity of the 2026 Bonds, the Issuer shall give notice of such termination in the same manner as for a Listed Event under Section 5(b).

SECTION 7. Dissemination Agent. The Issuer may, from time to time, appoint or engage a Dissemination Agent to assist it in carrying out its obligations under this Disclosure Certificate, and may discharge any such Dissemination Agent, with or without appointing a successor Dissemination Agent. The Dissemination Agent shall not be responsible in any manner for the content of any notice or report prepared by the Issuer pursuant to this Disclosure Certificate. The initial Dissemination Agent shall be the Issuer.

SECTION 8. Amendment; Waiver. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Disclosure Certificate, the Issuer may amend this Disclosure Certificate, and any provision of this Disclosure Certificate may be waived, provided that the following conditions are satisfied:

- (a) If the amendment or waiver relates to the provisions of Sections 3(a), 4, or 5(a), it may only be made in connection with a change in circumstances that arises from a change

in legal requirements, change in law, or change in the identity, nature or status of an obligated person with respect to the 2026 Bonds, or the type of business conducted;

(b) The undertaking, as amended or taking into account such waiver, would, in the opinion of nationally recognized bond counsel, have complied with the requirements of the Rule at the time of the original issuance of the 2026 Bonds, after taking into account any amendments or interpretations of the Rule, as well as any change in circumstances; and

(c) The amendment or waiver does not, in the opinion of nationally recognized bond counsel, materially impair the interests of the Bondholders or Beneficial Owners of the 2026 Bonds.

In the event of any amendment or waiver of a provision of this Disclosure Certificate, the Issuer shall describe such amendment in the next Annual Report, and shall include, as applicable, a narrative explanation of the reason for the amendment or waiver and its impact on the type (or in the case of a change of accounting principles, on the presentation) of financial information or operating data being presented by the Issuer. In addition, if the amendment relates to the accounting principles to be followed in preparing financial statements, (i) notice of such change shall be given in the same manner as for a Listed Event under Section 5(b), and (ii) the Annual Report for the year in which the change is made should present a comparison (in narrative form and also, if feasible, in quantitative form) between the financial statements as prepared on the basis of the new accounting principles and those prepared on the basis of the former accounting principles.

SECTION 9. Additional Information. Nothing in this Disclosure Certificate shall be deemed to prevent the Issuer from disseminating any other information, using the means of dissemination set forth in this Disclosure Certificate or any other means of communication, or including any other information in any Annual Report or notice of occurrence of a Listed Event, in addition to that which is required by this Disclosure Certificate. If the Issuer chooses to include any information in any Annual Report or notice of occurrence of a Listed Event in addition to that which is specifically required by this Disclosure Certificate, the Issuer shall have no obligation under this Disclosure Certificate to update such information or include it in any future Annual Report or notice of occurrence of a Listed Event.

SECTION 10. Default. In the event of a failure of the Issuer to comply with any provision of this Disclosure Certificate any Bondholder or Beneficial Owner of the 2026 Bonds may take such actions as may be necessary and appropriate, including seeking mandamus or specific performance by court order, to cause the Issuer to comply with its obligations under this Disclosure Certificate. A default under this Disclosure Certificate shall not be deemed an event of default on the 2026 Bonds, and the sole remedy under this Disclosure Certificate in the event of any failure of the Issuer to comply with this Disclosure Certificate shall be an action to compel performance.

SECTION 11. Submission of Information to MSRB. Any Continuing Disclosure Information filed with the MSRB in accordance with this Disclosure Agreement shall be in electronic format as shall be prescribed by the MSRB or such other format as the Rule may require or permit

and shall be accompanied by such identifying information as shall be prescribed by the MSRB or as may otherwise be required by the Rule.

SECTION 12. Severability. If any provision of this Disclosure Agreement, or the application of any such provision in any jurisdiction or to any person or circumstance, shall be held invalid or unenforceable, the remaining provisions of this Disclosure Agreement, or the application of such provision as is held invalid or unenforceable in jurisdictions or to persons or circumstances other than those in or as to which it is held invalid or unenforceable, shall not be affected thereby.

SECTION 13. Successors and Assigns. All of the covenants, promises and agreements contained in this Disclosure Agreement by or on behalf of the Township or by or on behalf of the Dissemination Agent shall bind and inure to the benefit of their respective successors and assigns, whether so expressed or not.

SECTION 14. Headings for Convenience Only. The descriptive headings in this Disclosure Agreement are inserted for convenience of reference only and shall not control or affect the meaning or construction of any of the provisions hereof.

SECTION 15. Governing Law. This Disclosure Agreement shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of New Jersey.

SECTION 16. Beneficiaries. This Disclosure Certificate shall inure solely to the benefit of the Issuer, the Dissemination Agent, the Participating Underwriter and the Bondholders and Beneficial Owners from time to time of the 2026 Bonds and shall create no rights in any other person or entity.

Dated March __, 2026

THE TOWNSHIP OF BORDENTOWN, IN THE
COUNTY OF BURLINGTON, NEW JERSEY

By: _____
Deborah Latshaw-Adams,
Chief Financial Officer

EXHIBIT A

NOTICE TO REPOSITORIES OF FAILURE TO FILE ANNUAL REPORT

Name of Issuer: THE TOWNSHIP OF BORDENTOWN, IN THE COUNTY OF BURLINGTON, NEW JERSEY

Name of Bond Issue: \$7,070,000 General Improvement Bonds, Series 2026A

Date of Issuance: March __, 2026

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Issuer has not provided an Annual Report with respect to the above-named Notes as required by Section 3(a) of the Continuing Disclosure Certificate dated March __, 2026. The Issuer anticipates that the Annual Report will be filed by _____.

Dated:

THE TOWNSHIP OF BORDENTOWN, IN THE COUNTY OF BURLINGTON, NEW JERSEY

By: _____
Deborah Latshaw-Adams,
Chief Financial Officer

CONTINUING DISCLOSURE CERTIFICATE

This Continuing Disclosure Certificate (the "Disclosure Certificate") is executed and delivered by the Township of Bordentown in the County of Burlington, New Jersey (the "Issuer") in connection with the issuance by the Issuer of its \$4,700,000 Affordable Housing Trust Fund Bonds, Series 2026B (Federally Taxable) (the "2026 Bonds"). The Bonds are being issued pursuant to a Resolution 2026-65E duly adopted by the Township on February 24, 2026 (the "Resolution") and the Bond Ordinances set forth in the Resolution (the "Ordinances"). The Issuer covenants and agrees as follows:

SECTION 1. Purpose of the Disclosure Certificate. This Disclosure Certificate is being executed and delivered by the Issuer for the benefit of the Bondholders and Beneficial Owners of the 2026 Bonds and in order to assist the Participating Underwriters in complying with S.E.C. Rule 15c2-12(b)(5).

SECTION 2. Definitions. In addition to the definitions set forth in the Resolution, which apply to any capitalized term used in this Disclosure Certificate unless otherwise defined in this Section, the following capitalized terms shall have the following meanings:

"Annual Report" shall mean any Annual Report provided by the Issuer pursuant to, and as described in, Sections 3 and 4 of this Disclosure Certificate.

"Beneficial Owner" shall mean any person which (a) has the power, directly or indirectly, to vote or consent with respect to, or to dispose of ownership of, any 2021 Bonds (including persons holding 2026 Bonds through nominees, depositories or other intermediaries), or (b) is treated as the owner of any 2026 Bonds for federal income tax purposes.

"Bondholder" shall mean any person who is the registered owner of any 2026 Bond, including Beneficial Owners of in the 2026 Bonds.

"Dissemination Agent" shall mean the Issuer, or any successor Dissemination Agent designated in writing by the Issuer and which has filed with the Issuer a written acceptance of such designation.

"EMMA" shall mean the Electronic Municipal Market Access System, an internet based filing system created and maintained by the MSRB in accordance with Release No. 34-59062, of the Securities and Exchange Commission, dated December 5, 2008, pursuant to which issuers of tax-exempt and taxable bonds, including the 2026 Bonds, and other filers on behalf of such issuers shall upload continuing disclosure information to assist underwriters in complying with the Rule and to provide the general public with access to such continuing disclosure information.

"Financial Obligation" shall mean a (i) debt obligation; (ii) derivative instrument entered into in connection with, or pledged as security or a source of payment for, an existing or planned debt obligation; or (iii) guarantee of (i) or (ii).

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"State" shall mean the State of New Jersey.

SECTION 3. Provision of Annual Reports.

(a) The Township shall not later than two hundred seventy (270) days after the end of its fiscal year (currently December 31) for each fiscal year until termination of the Township's reporting obligations under this Disclosure Agreement pursuant to the provisions of Section 6 hereof provide to the Dissemination Agent, the Annual Report prepared for the preceding fiscal year of the Township (commencing for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2025). Each Annual Report provided to the Dissemination Agent by the Township shall comply with the requirements of Section 4 of this Disclosure Agreement but may be submitted as a single document or as separate documents comprising a package and may cross-reference other information submitted to the National Repository. Any and all items that must be included in the Annual Report may be incorporated by reference from other information that is available to the public on EMMA, or that has been filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission.

(b) The Dissemination Agent, promptly (within fifteen (15) Business Days) after receiving the Annual Report from the Township, shall submit each Annual Report received by it to the National Repository and thereafter shall file a written report with the Township certifying that the Annual Report has been provided pursuant to this Disclosure Agreement to the National Repository and stating the date it was provided to the National Repository.

(c) If the Township fails to provide the Annual Report to the Dissemination Agent by the date required in subsection (a) of this Section 3, the Dissemination Agent shall send a notice to the Township advising of such failure. Whether or not such notice is given or received, if the Township thereafter fails to submit the Annual Report to the Dissemination Agent within fifteen (15) Business Days after the Annual Report was due pursuant to the provisions of subsection (a) of this Section 3, the Dissemination Agent shall promptly send a notice (with copies of said notice to the Township) to the National Repository in substantially the form attached as EXHIBIT "A" hereto.

SECTION 4. Contents of Annual Report. Annual Report shall mean: annual financial information with respect to the Township consisting of the audited financial statements (or unaudited financial statements if audited financial statements are not then available, which audited financial statements will be delivered when and if available) of the Township and certain financial information and operating data consisting of (i) the Township and overlapping indebtedness including a schedule of outstanding debt issued by the Township, (ii) the Township's most current adopted budget, (iii) property valuation information, and (iv) tax rate, levy and collection data. The audited financial information will be prepared in accordance with modified cash accounting as mandated by State of New Jersey statutory principles in effect from time to time or with generally accepted accounting principles as modified by governmental accounting standards as may be required by New Jersey law and shall be filed electronically and accompanied by identifying information with the MSRB.

SECTION 5. Reporting of Significant Events.

(a) Pursuant to the provisions of this Section 5, the Issuer will provide, in a timely manner not in excess of ten (10) business days after the occurrence of any of the following events, to the MSRB through EMMA, notice of any of the following events with respect to the Bonds (each, a "Listed Event"):

- (1) principal and interest payment delinquencies;
- (2) non-payment related defaults, if material;
- (3) unscheduled draws on debt service reserves reflecting financial difficulties;
- (4) unscheduled draws on credit enhancements reflecting financial difficulties;
- (5) substitution of credit or liquidity providers or their failure to perform;
- (6) adverse tax opinions, the issuance by the Internal Revenue Service of proposed or final determinations of taxability, Notices of Proposed Issue (IRS Form 5701-TEB) or other material notices or determinations with respect to the tax status of the Tax Exempt Bonds or other material events affecting the tax status of the 2021 Bonds;
- (7) modifications to the rights of Bondholders, if material;
- (8) 2021 Bond calls (excluding mandatory sinking fund redemptions), if material, or tender offers;
- (9) defeasances;
- (10) release, substitution, or sale of property securing repayment of the 2021 Bonds, if material;
- (11) rating changes;
- (12) bankruptcy, insolvency, receivership or similar event of the Township;
- (13) the consummation of a merger, consolidation, or acquisition involving the Township or the sale of all or substantially all of the assets of the Township, other than in the ordinary course of business, the entry into a definitive agreement to undertake such an action or the termination of a definitive

agreement relating to any such actions, other than pursuant to its terms, if material;

- (14) appointment of a successor or additional trustee or the change of name of a trustee, if material;
- (15) Incurrence of a Financial Obligation of the Township, if material, or agreement to covenants, events of default, remedies, priority rights or other similar terms of a Financial Obligation of the Township, any of which affect security holders, if material; and
- (16) Default, event of acceleration, termination event, modification of terms or other similar events under a Financial Obligation of the Township, if any such event reflects financial difficulties.

(b) The Township shall, within five (5) Business Days upon obtaining actual knowledge of the occurrence of any of the Listed Events which are material, notify the Dissemination Agent in writing to report the event pursuant to subsection (c) of this Section 5. In determining the materiality of any of the Listed Events specified in subsection (a) of this Section 5, the Township may, but shall not be required to, rely conclusively on an Opinion of Counsel. The Dissemination Agent shall have no obligation under this Disclosure Agreement to provide, or to monitor the Township's obligation to provide, notification of the occurrence of any of the Listed Events which are material.

(c) If the Dissemination Agent has been instructed by the Township to report the occurrence of a Listed Event, the Dissemination Agent shall file a notice of such occurrence with the National Repository within five (5) Business Days of the receipt of such instruction, with a copy of such notice provided by the Dissemination Agent to the Township.

SECTION 6. Termination of Reporting Obligation. The Issuer's obligations under this Disclosure Certificate shall terminate upon the legal defeasance, prior redemption or payment in full of all of the 2021 Bonds. If such termination occurs prior to the final maturity of the 2026 Bonds, the Issuer shall give notice of such termination in the same manner as for a Listed Event under Section 5(b).

SECTION 7. Dissemination Agent. The Issuer may, from time to time, appoint or engage a Dissemination Agent to assist it in carrying out its obligations under this Disclosure Certificate, and may discharge any such Dissemination Agent, with or without appointing a successor Dissemination Agent. The Dissemination Agent shall not be responsible in any manner for the content of any notice or report prepared by the Issuer pursuant to this Disclosure Certificate. The initial Dissemination Agent shall be the Issuer.

SECTION 8. Amendment; Waiver. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Disclosure Certificate, the Issuer may amend this Disclosure Certificate, and any provision of this Disclosure Certificate may be waived, provided that the following conditions are satisfied:

(a) If the amendment or waiver relates to the provisions of Sections 3(a), 4, or 5(a), it may only be made in connection with a change in circumstances that arises from a change

in legal requirements, change in law, or change in the identity, nature or status of an obligated person with respect to the 2026 Bonds, or the type of business conducted;

(b) The undertaking, as amended or taking into account such waiver, would, in the opinion of nationally recognized bond counsel, have complied with the requirements of the Rule at the time of the original issuance of the Bonds, after taking into account any amendments or interpretations of the Rule, as well as any change in circumstances; and

(c) The amendment or waiver does not, in the opinion of nationally recognized bond counsel, materially impair the interests of the Bondholders or Beneficial Owners of the 2026 Bonds.

In the event of any amendment or waiver of a provision of this Disclosure Certificate, the Issuer shall describe such amendment in the next Annual Report, and shall include, as applicable, a narrative explanation of the reason for the amendment or waiver and its impact on the type (or in the case of a change of accounting principles, on the presentation) of financial information or operating data being presented by the Issuer. In addition, if the amendment relates to the accounting principles to be followed in preparing financial statements, (i) notice of such change shall be given in the same manner as for a Listed Event under Section 5(b), and (ii) the Annual Report for the year in which the change is made should present a comparison (in narrative form and also, if feasible, in quantitative form) between the financial statements as prepared on the basis of the new accounting principles and those prepared on the basis of the former accounting principles.

SECTION 9. Additional Information. Nothing in this Disclosure Certificate shall be deemed to prevent the Issuer from disseminating any other information, using the means of dissemination set forth in this Disclosure Certificate or any other means of communication, or including any other information in any Annual Report or notice of occurrence of a Listed Event, in addition to that which is required by this Disclosure Certificate. If the Issuer chooses to include any information in any Annual Report or notice of occurrence of a Listed Event in addition to that which is specifically required by this Disclosure Certificate, the Issuer shall have no obligation under this Disclosure Certificate to update such information or include it in any future Annual Report or notice of occurrence of a Listed Event.

SECTION 10. Default. In the event of a failure of the Issuer to comply with any provision of this Disclosure Certificate any Bondholder or Beneficial Owner of the 2026 Bonds may take such actions as may be necessary and appropriate, including seeking mandamus or specific performance by court order, to cause the Issuer to comply with its obligations under this Disclosure Certificate. A default under this Disclosure Certificate shall not be deemed an event of default on the 2026 Bonds, and the sole remedy under this Disclosure Certificate in the event of any failure of the Issuer to comply with this Disclosure Certificate shall be an action to compel performance.

SECTION 11. Submission of Information to MSRB. Any Continuing Disclosure Information filed with the MSRB in accordance with this Disclosure Agreement shall be in electronic format as shall be prescribed by the MSRB or such other format as the Rule may require or permit, and shall be accompanied by such identifying information as shall be prescribed by the MSRB or as may otherwise be required by the Rule.

SECTION 12. Severability. If any provision of this Disclosure Agreement, or the application of any such provision in any jurisdiction or to any person or circumstance, shall be held invalid or unenforceable, the remaining provisions of this Disclosure Agreement, or the application of such provision as is held invalid or unenforceable in jurisdictions or to persons or circumstances other than those in or as to which it is held invalid or unenforceable, shall not be affected thereby.

SECTION 13. Successors and Assigns. All of the covenants, promises and agreements contained in this Disclosure Agreement by or on behalf of the Township or by or on behalf of the Dissemination Agent shall bind and inure to the benefit of their respective successors and assigns, whether so expressed or not.

SECTION 14. Headings for Convenience Only. The descriptive headings in this Disclosure Agreement are inserted for convenience of reference only and shall not control or affect the meaning or construction of any of the provisions hereof.

SECTION 15. Governing Law. This Disclosure Agreement shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of New Jersey.

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Date March __, 2026

THE TOWNSHIP OF BORDENTOWN, IN THE
COUNTY OF BURLINGTON, NEW JERSEY

By: _____
Deborah Latshaw-Adams,
Chief Financial Officer

EXHIBIT A

NOTICE TO REPOSITORIES OF FAILURE TO FILE ANNUAL REPORT

Name of Issuer: THE TOWNSHIP OF BORDENTOWN, IN THE COUNTY OF BURLINGTON, NEW JERSEY

Name of Bond Issue: \$4,700,000 Affordable Housing Trust Fund Bonds, Series 2026B (Federally Taxable)

Date of Issuance: March __, 2026

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Issuer has not provided an Annual Report with respect to the above-named Notes as required by Section 3(a) of the Continuing Disclosure Certificate dated March __, 2026. The Issuer anticipates that the Annual Report will be filed by _____.

Dated:

THE TOWNSHIP OF BORDENTOWN, IN THE COUNTY OF BURLINGTON, NEW JERSEY

By: _____
Deborah Latshaw-Adams,
Chief Financial Officer

APPENDIX G
FORM OF CONTINUING DISCLOSURE CERTIFICATE - NOTES

CONTINUING DISCLOSURE CERTIFICATE

This Continuing Disclosure Certificate (the "Disclosure Certificate") is executed and delivered by the Township of Bordentown, in the County of Burlington, New Jersey (the "Issuer") in connection with the issuance by the Issuer of its \$23,870,000 Bond Anticipation Notes (the "2026 Notes"). The 2026 Notes are being issued pursuant to the Bond Ordinance set forth in the Official Statement dated _____, 2026 prepared in connection with the sale of the 2026 Notes (the "Ordinances"). The Issuer covenants and agrees as follows:

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SECTION 2. Definitions. In addition to the definitions set forth in the Resolution, which apply to any capitalized term used in this Disclosure Certificate unless otherwise defined in this Section, the following capitalized terms shall have the following meanings:

"Beneficial Owner" shall mean any person which (a) has the power, directly or indirectly, to vote or consent with respect to, or to dispose of ownership of, any 2026 Notes (including persons holding 2026 Notes through nominees, depositories or other intermediaries), or (b) is treated as the owner of any 2026 Notes for federal income tax purposes.

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SECTION 3. Reporting of Significant Events.

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- (7) modifications to the rights of Bondholders, if material;
- (8) 2026 Note calls (excluding mandatory sinking fund redemptions), if material, or tender offers;
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- (10) release, substitution, or sale of property securing repayment of the 2026 Notes, if material;
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(b) The Township shall, within five (5) Business Days upon obtaining actual knowledge of the occurrence of any of the Listed Events which are material, notify the Dissemination Agent in writing to report the event pursuant to subsection (c) of this Section 5. In determining the materiality of any of the Listed Events specified in subsection (a) of this Section 5, the Township may, but shall not be required to, rely conclusively on an Opinion of Counsel. The Dissemination Agent shall have no obligation under this Disclosure Agreement to provide, or to monitor the Township's obligation to provide, notification of the occurrence of any of the Listed Events which are material.

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Dated March __, 2026

THE TOWNSHIP OF BORDENTOWN, IN THE
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Debra Latshaw-Adams,
Chief Financial Officer