

**PRELIMINARY OFFICIAL STATEMENT DATED APRIL 7, 2026**

**NEW ISSUE  
BOOK-ENTRY ONLY**

**NOT RATED  
(See "RATING" herein)**

*In the opinion of DeCotiis, FitzPatrick, Cole & Giblin, LLP, Bond Counsel, assuming continuing compliance by the Borough of Harvey Cedars (the "Borough") with certain covenants described herein, under current law, 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 the purpose of the federal alternative minimum tax imposed on individuals; however, such interest may be taken into account for the purpose of computing the alternative minimum tax imposed on certain corporations. No opinion is expressed regarding other federal tax consequences arising with respect to the Notes. Further, in the opinion of Bond Counsel, under current law interest on the Notes and any gain on the sale thereof are not includable as gross income under the New Jersey Gross Income Tax Act. See "TAX MATTERS" herein.*

**\$3,350,000**

**BOROUGH OF HARVEY CEDARS  
IN THE COUNTY OF OCEAN, NEW JERSEY  
BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES, SERIES 2026**

**Consisting of:**

**\$1,841,811 General Improvement Bond Anticipation Notes**

**\$1,508,189 Water Utility Bond Anticipation Notes**

**(Non-Callable) (Bank Qualified)**

**Interest Rate: \_\_\_\_\_%      Yield: \_\_\_\_\_%      CUSIP\*: \_\_\_\_\_**

**DATED:** Date of Delivery

**DUE:** April 28, 2027

The \$3,350,000 aggregate principal amount of Bond Anticipation Notes, Series 2026 (the "Notes") are general obligations of the Borough of Harvey Cedars, in the County of Ocean, New Jersey (the "Borough"), and are secured by a pledge of the full faith and credit of the Borough for payment of the principal thereof and interest thereon. The Notes are payable, if not paid from other sources, from ad valorem taxes which may be assessed upon all the taxable property within the Borough without limitation as to rate or amount.

The Notes shall be issued in the form of one certificate for each series of the Notes in the aggregate principal amount of the Notes and will be registered in the name of Cede & Co., as registered owner and nominee of The Depository Trust Company, New York, New York ("DTC"), which will maintain a book-entry system for recording ownership interests of DTC Participants. Individual purchases of the beneficial ownership interests in the Notes may be in book-entry from only on the records of DTC and its Participants and only in the principal amount of \$1,000 or any integral multiple thereof with a minimum of \$5,000 required. Beneficial Owners of the Notes will not receive certificates representing their interests in the Notes. As long as Cede & Co. is the registered owner, as nominee of DTC, references in this Official Statement to the registered owners shall mean Cede & Co., and not the Beneficial Owners of the Notes. See "BOOK-ENTRY ONLY SYSTEM" herein.

*The Notes are offered when, as and if issued and delivered to the Purchaser, subject to prior sale, to withdrawal or modification of the offer without notice and to approval of legality by the law firm of DeCotiis, FitzPatrick, Cole & Giblin, LLP, Paramus, New Jersey, and certain other conditions described herein. Certain legal matters will be passed upon for the Borough by Tennant D. Magee, Sr., Esq., Brielle, New Jersey, Borough Attorney. Phoenix Advisors, a division of First Security Municipal Advisors, Inc., Hamilton, New Jersey, served as Municipal Advisor to the Borough in connection with the issuance of the Notes. It is expected that the Notes will be available for delivery to DTC on or about April 28, 2026.*

**BIDS FOR THE NOTES, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE FULL NOTICE OF SALE, WILL BE RECEIVED BY  
THE BOROUGH, ON APRIL 14, 2026, ELECTRONICALLY VIA THE PARITY ELECTRONIC BID  
SUBMISSION SYSTEM OR BY EMAIL ([AINVERSO@MUNIADVISORS.COM](mailto:AINVERSO@MUNIADVISORS.COM)).**

\* Registered trademark of the American Bankers Association. CUSIP data herein is provided by CUSIP Global Services, which is managed on behalf of the American Bankers Association by S&P Global Market Intelligence. The CUSIP number listed above is being provided solely for the convenience of Noteholders only at the time of issuance of the Notes and the Borough does not make any representation with respect to such number or undertake any responsibility for its accuracy now or at any time in the future. The CUSIP number is subject to being changed after the issuance of the Notes as a result of procurement of secondary market portfolio insurance or other similar enhancement by investors that is applicable to all or a portion of the Notes.

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No broker, dealer, salesperson or other person has been authorized by the Borough to give any information or to make any representations with respect to the Notes other than those contained in this Official Statement, and, if given or made, such other information or representations must not be relied upon as having been authorized by the Borough. The information contained herein has been obtained from the Borough, DTC and other sources which are believed to be reliable; however, such information is not guaranteed as to accuracy or completeness, and is not to be construed as a representation or warranty of the Borough. The information and expressions of opinion herein are subject to change without notice and neither the delivery of this Official Statement nor any sale made hereunder shall, under any circumstances, create any implication that there has been no change in any of the information herein since the date hereof, or the date as of which such information is given, if earlier.

References in this Official Statement to laws, rules, regulations, ordinances, 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 offices of the Borough during normal business hours.

For purposes of compliance with Rule 15c2-12 of the Securities and Exchange Commission, this document, as the same may be supplemented or amended by the Borough from time to time (collectively, the "Official Statement"), may be treated as a "Final Official Statement" with respect to the Notes described herein that is deemed final as of the date hereof (or of any such supplement or amendment) by the Borough.

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 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 representation other than as contained in this Official Statement. If given or made, such other information or representation must not be relied upon as having been authorized by the Borough or the Purchaser. This Official Statement is submitted in connection with the sale of the securities referred to herein and may not be reproduced or used in whole or in part for any other purpose.

DeCotiis, FitzPatrick, Cole & Giblin, LLP, has not participated in the preparation of the financial statements or statistical information contained in this official statement, nor has it verified the accuracy, completeness, or fairness thereof, and accordingly, express no opinion with respect thereto.

IN CONNECTION WITH THIS OFFERING, THE PURCHASER MAY OVERALLOT OR EFFECT TRANSACTIONS WHICH STABILIZE OR MAINTAIN THE MARKET PRICE OF THE NOTES AT LEVELS ABOVE THOSE WHICH MIGHT OTHERWISE PREVAIL IN THE OPEN MARKET. SUCH STABILIZING, IF COMMENCED, MAY BE DISCONTINUED AT ANY TIME.

IN MAKING AN INVESTMENT DECISION, INVESTORS MUST RELY ON THEIR OWN EXAMINATION OF THE BOROUGH AND THE TERMS OF THE OFFERING, INCLUDING THE MERITS AND RISKS INVOLVED. THESE SECURITIES HAVE NOT BEEN RECOMMENDED BY ANY FEDERAL OR STATE SECURITIES COMMISSION OR REGULATORY AUTHORITY. FURTHERMORE, THE FOREGOING AUTHORITIES HAVE NOT CONFIRMED THE ACCURACY OR DETERMINED THE ADEQUACY OF THIS OFFICIAL STATEMENT. ANY REPRESENTATION TO THE CONTRARY IS A CRIMINAL OFFENSE.

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**INTRODUCTION**

This Official Statement (the “Official Statement”) which includes the cover page and the appendices attached hereto, has been prepared by the Borough of Harvey Cedars (the “Borough”), in the County of Ocean (the “County”), State of New Jersey (the “State”), to provide certain information in connection with the sale and issuance by the Borough of its \$3,350,000 aggregate principal amount of Bond Anticipation Notes, Series 2026, consisting of \$1,841,811 General Improvement Bond Anticipation Notes (the “General Notes”) and \$1,508,189 Water Utility Bond Anticipation Notes (the “Water Utility Notes” and together with the General Notes, the “Notes”), dated the date of delivery thereof.

This Official Statement is “deemed final”, as of its date, within the meaning of Rule 15c2-12 promulgated by the Securities and Exchange Commission (“Rule 15c2-12”).

**THE NOTES**

**General Description**

The Notes shall be dated and shall bear interest from their date of delivery and shall mature as shown on the cover hereof. The Notes shall bear interest at the rate set forth on the cover hereof, which interest is payable at maturity. The Notes will be issued as fully registered notes in 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, New York, New York (“DTC”). DTC will act as Securities Depository for the Notes. Purchases of beneficial interests in the Notes will be made in book-entry only form, without certificates, in denominations of \$1,000 or any integral multiple thereof, with a minimum purchase of \$5,000 required. Under certain circumstances, such beneficial interests in the Notes are exchangeable for one or more fully registered Note certificate in authorized denominations.

The Note certificates will be on deposit with DTC. DTC will be responsible for maintaining a book-entry system for recording the interests of its Direct Participants and transfers of the interests among its Direct Participants. The Direct Participants and Indirect Participants will be responsible for maintaining records regarding the beneficial ownership interests in the Notes on behalf of the individual purchasers. Individual purchasers of the Notes will not receive certificates representing their beneficial ownership interests in the Notes, but each book-entry owner will receive a credit balance on the books of its nominee, and this credit balance will be confirmed by an initial transaction statement stating the details of the Notes purchased. So long as DTC or its nominee, Cede & Co., is the registered owner of the Notes, payments of the principal of and interest on the Notes will be made by the Borough or a duly designated paying agent directly to DTC or its nominee, Cede & Co., which will in turn remit such payments to Direct Participants, which will in turn remit such payments to the Beneficial owners of the Notes.

## **Prior Redemption**

The Notes are not subject to redemption prior to their stated maturity.

## **BOOK-ENTRY ONLY SYSTEM**

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

DTC will act as securities depository for the Notes. The Notes will be issued as fully-registered notes 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. One fully-registered Note certificate for each series will be issued for the Notes, in the aggregate principal amount of the Notes, and will be deposited with DTC.

DTC, the world's largest 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 2.2 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, in turn, is owned by a number of Direct Participants of DTC and Members of the National Securities Clearing Corporation, Fixed Income Clearing Corporation, and Emerging Markets Clearing Corporation (NSCC, FICC, and EMCC, also subsidiaries of DTCC), as well as by the New York Stock Exchange, Inc., the American Stock Exchange LLC, and the National Association of Securities Dealers, Inc. 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](http://www.dtcc.com) and [www.dtc.org](http://www.dtc.org).

Purchases of the Notes under the DTC system must be made by or through Direct Participants, which will receive a credit for the Notes on DTC's records. The ownership interest of each actual purchaser of the Note ("Beneficial Owner") 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 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 the Notes, except in the event that use of the book-entry system for the Notes is discontinued.

To facilitate subsequent transfers, all 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 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 Notes; DTC's records reflect only the identity of the Direct Participants to whose accounts such 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. Beneficial Owners of Notes may wish to take certain steps to augment the transmission to them of notices of significant events with respect to the Notes, such as redemptions, tenders, defaults, and proposed amendments to the Note documents. For example, Beneficial Owners of Notes may wish to ascertain that the nominee holding the Notes for their benefit has agreed to obtain and transmit notices to Beneficial Owners. In the alternative, Beneficial Owners may wish to provide their names and addresses to the registrar and request that copies of notices be provided directly to them.

Neither DTC nor Cede & Co. (nor any other DTC nominee) will consent or vote with respect to Notes unless authorized by a Direct Participant in accordance with DTC's Procedures. Under its usual procedures, DTC mails an Omnibus Proxy to the Borough 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 Notes are credited on the record date (identified in a listing attached to the Omnibus Proxy).

Payments on the 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 Paying Agent, 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 nor its nominee, the Borough as Paying Agent, subject to any statutory or regulatory requirements as may be in effect from time to time. Payment to Cede & Co. (or such other nominee as may be requested by an authorized representative of DTC) is the responsibility of the Paying Agent, 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 Notes at any time by giving reasonable notice to the Borough as Paying Agent. Under such circumstances, in the event that a successor depository is not obtained, note certificates will be printed and delivered.

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

The information in this section concerning DTC and DTC's book-entry system has been obtained from sources that the Borough believes to be reliable, but the Borough takes no responsibility for the accuracy thereof.

NEITHER THE BOROUGH NOR THE 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 NOTES, AS NOMINEE OF DTC, REFERENCES HEREIN TO THE NOTEHOLDERS OR REGISTERED OWNERS OF THE NOTES

(OTHER THAN UNDER THE CAPTION "TAX MATTERS") SHALL MEAN CEDE & CO. AND SHALL NOT MEAN THE BENEFICIAL OWNERS OF THE NOTES.

**Discontinuation of Book-Entry Only System**

If the Borough, 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 Notes at any time, the Borough will attempt to locate another qualified Securities Depository. If the Borough fails to find such Securities Depository, or if the Borough determines, in its sole discretion, that it is in the best interest of the Borough or that the interest of the Beneficial Owners might be adversely affected if the book-entry only system of transfer is continued (the Borough undertakes no obligation to make an investigation to determine the occurrence of any events that would permit it to make such determination) the Borough shall notify DTC of the termination of the book-entry only system.

In the event that the book-entry only system for the Notes is discontinued upon receipt of the Note certificates from DTC and the Participant information, the Borough will authenticate (or cause to be authenticated) and deliver definitive Notes to the holders thereof, and the principal of and interest on the Notes will be payable and the Notes may thereafter be transferred or exchanged in the manner described in the note certificates so provided.

**AUTHORIZATION AND PURPOSE OF THE NOTES**

The Notes have been authorized and are issued pursuant to the laws of the State, including the Local Bond Law, Chapter 2 of Title 40A of the New Jersey Statutes, as amended (the "Local Bond Law"), and the various bond ordinances of the Borough, as set forth below. The bond ordinances were published in full or by 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 Borough.

The proceeds of the Notes, along with \$450,000 of available funds of the Borough, will be used to: (i) refund, on a current basis, the \$1,828,517 general improvement bond anticipation notes of the Borough issued on April 29, 2025 and maturing on April 29, 2026 (the "Prior General Improvement Notes"); (ii) refund, on a current basis, the \$1,771,483 water utility bond anticipation notes of the Borough issued on April 29, 2025 and maturing on April 29, 2026 (the "Prior Water Utility Notes" and together with the Prior General Improvement Notes, the "Prior Notes"); (iii) fund \$200,000 in new money projects; and (iv) pay certain costs and expenses incidental to the issuance and delivery of the Notes. The ordinances to be funded by the Notes are included in the tables below.

**General Improvement**

<b><u>Ordinance No.</u></b>	<b><u>Purpose</u></b>	<b><u>Amount of Notes</u></b>
2019-09	Repair and Maintenance of Beaches	\$195,625
2021-04	Various Road Improvements	183,745
2022-05, as amended by 2023-12	Improvements to Downtown Streetscape	395,336
2023-03	Various Road Improvements	142,105
2023-13	Various Road Improvements	90,000

<b><u>Ordinance No.</u></b>	<b><u>Purpose</u></b>	<b><u>Amount of Notes</u></b>
2024-03	Improvements to Downtown Streetscape – Phase 2	100,000
2024-26 as amended by 2025-20	Various capital improvements	200,000
2025-07	Improvement of Downtown Business District	135,000
2025-08	Bulkhead Improvements	<u>400,000</u>
<b>Total:</b>		<b><u>\$1,841,811</u></b>

### Water Utility

<b><u>Ordinance No.</u></b>	<b><u>Purpose</u></b>	<b><u>Amount of Notes</u></b>
2017-05	Installation of well and related improvements.	\$421,515
2018-03	Improvements to 80 <sup>th</sup> Street Water Plant	111,674
2024-05	Water Main Replacement and Repairs	975,000
<b>Total:</b>		<b><u>\$1,508,189</u></b>

### SECURITY AND SOURCE OF PAYMENT

The Notes are general obligations of the Borough, and the Borough has pledged its full faith and credit for the payment of the principal of and the interest on the Notes. The Notes are direct obligations of the Borough and, to the extent that other monies are not available, the Borough is required by law to levy ad valorem taxes upon all the taxable property within the Borough for the payment of the principal of and interest on the Notes without limitation as to rate or amount.

### NO DEFAULT

The Borough has never defaulted in the payment of any bonds or notes, nor are any payments of principal of or interest on the Borough's indebtedness past due.

### CERTAIN RISK FACTORS

#### Climate

As a coastal community located on a barrier island, the Borough is naturally susceptible to the effects of extreme weather events and natural disasters, including coastal storms and flooding, which could result in negative economic impacts. 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

Borough 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 Borough.

### **Cyber Security**

The Borough relies on a complex technology environment to conduct its various operations. As a result, the Borough 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 Borough has invested in multiple forms of cybersecurity and operational safeguards.

## **CERTAIN STATUTORY PROVISIONS FOR THE PROTECTION OF GENERAL OBLIGATION DEBT**

### **Local Bond Law (N.J.S.A. 40A:2-1 et seq.)**

The Local Bond Law governs the issuance of bonds and notes to finance certain municipal capital expenditures. Among its provisions are requirements that bonds must mature within the statutory period of usefulness of the projects bonded and that bonds be retired in serial installments. A 5% cash down payment is generally required to be appropriated for the financing of expenditures for municipal purposes for which bonds are authorized. All bonds and notes issued by the Borough are general full faith and credit obligations.

### **The Local Fiscal Affairs Law (N.J.S.A. 40A:5-1 et seq.)**

This law regulates the non-budgetary financial activities of local governments. An annual, independent audit of the local unit's accounts for the previous year must be performed by a licensed Registered Municipal Accountant. The audit, conforming to the Division of Local Government Services "Requirements of Audit," includes recommendations for improvement of the local unit's financial procedures and must be filed with the Director not later than the last day of the eighth month after the close of the fiscal year. A synopsis of the audit report, together with all recommendations made, must be published in a local newspaper within 30 days of its completion.

The chief financial officer of every local unit must file annually with the Director a verified statement of financial condition of the local unit and all constituent boards, agencies or commissions.

The annual audit report is filed with the Borough Clerk and is available for review during business hours.

### **Debt Limits**

The authorized bonded indebtedness of a municipality in the State of New Jersey is limited by statute, subject to the exceptions noted below, to an amount equal to 3-1/2% of its equalized valuation basis. The equalized valuation basis of the municipality is set by statute as the average for the last three years of the equalized value of all taxable real property and improvements and certain class II railroad property within its boundaries as annually determined by the State Board of Taxation.

Certain categories of debt are permitted by statute to be deducted for purposes of computing the statutory debt limit. As shown in Appendix "A", the Borough has not exceeded its statutory debt limit as of December 31, 2025.

## **Exceptions to Debt Limits-Extensions of Credit**

The debt limit of the Borough may be exceeded with the approval of the Local Finance Board, in the Division of Local Government Services, Department of Community Affairs, State of New Jersey, a State regulatory agency (the "Local Finance Board"). If all or any part of a proposed debt authorization would exceed its debt limit, the Borough must 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 ability of the Borough to meet its obligations or to provide essential services, or makes other statutory determinations, approval is granted. In addition to the aforesaid, debt in excess of the debt limit may be issued without the approval of the Local Finance Board to fund certain bonds and notes, for self-liquidating purposes and, in each fiscal year, in an amount not exceeding two-thirds of the amount budgeted in such fiscal year for the retirement of outstanding obligations (exclusive of obligations issued for utility or assessment purposes).

## **Short-Term Financing**

The Borough may issue bond anticipation notes to temporarily finance capital improvements. Bond anticipation notes, which are general obligations of the Borough, may be issued for a period not exceeding one year. Generally, bond anticipation notes may not be outstanding longer than 10 years. Additionally, beginning in the third year, the amount of outstanding notes that may be renewed is decreased by not less than the minimum amount required for the first year principal payment of bonds in anticipation of which such notes are issued.

## **School Debt Subject to Voter Approval**

State Law permits the school district, upon approval of the voters, to authorize school district debt, including, debt in excess of its independent debt limit by using the available borrowing capacity of the Borough. If such debt is in excess of the school district debt limit and the remaining borrowing capacity of the Borough, the State Commissioner of Education and the Local Finance Board must approve the proposed debt authorization before it is submitted to the voters.

## **MUNICIPAL BUDGET**

Pursuant to the Local Budget Law (N.J.S.A. 40A:4-1 et seq.) the Borough is required to have a balanced budget in which debt service is included in full for each fiscal year.

### **The Local Budget Law (N.J.S.A. 40A:4-1 et seq.)**

The foundation of the New Jersey local finance system is the annual cash basis budget. The Borough must adopt an operating budget in the form required by the Division of Local Government Services, Department of Community Affairs, State of New Jersey (the "Division"). Items of revenue and appropriation are regulated by law and must be certified by the Director of the Division (the "Director") prior to final adoption of the budget. The Local Budget Law requires each local unit to appropriate sufficient funds for payment of current debt service and the Director is required to review the adequacy of such appropriations, among others, for certification.

The Director has no authority over individual operating appropriations, unless a specific amount is required by law, but the review functions focusing on anticipated revenues serve to protect the solvency of all local units. Local budgets, by law and regulation, must be in balance on a "cash basis". No budget or amendment thereof shall be adopted unless the Director shall have previously certified his approval thereof (N.J.S.A. 40A:4-10).

The principal sources of Borough revenues are real estate taxes and miscellaneous revenues.

In any year, the municipality may authorize, by resolution, the issuance of tax anticipation notes which may be issued in anticipation of the collection of taxes for such year. Tax anticipation notes are limited in amount by law

and must be paid off in full by a municipality within one hundred and twenty (120) days after the close of the fiscal year.

### **Real Estate Taxes**

The general principle that revenue cannot be anticipated in a budget in excess of that realized in the preceding year applies to delinquent property taxes. N.J.S.A. 40A:4-29 delineates anticipation of delinquent tax collections: “The maximum which may be anticipated is the sum produced by the multiplication of the amount of delinquent taxes unpaid and owing to the local unit on the first day of the current fiscal year by the percentage of collection of delinquent taxes for the year immediately preceding the current fiscal year.”

Section 41 of the Local Budget Law provides with regard to current taxes that: “Receipts from the collection of taxes levied or to be levied in the municipality, or in the case of a county for general county purposes and payable in the fiscal year, shall be anticipated in an amount which is not in excess of the percentage of taxes levied and payable during the next preceding fiscal year which was received in cash by the last day of such preceding fiscal year.”

The provision requires that an additional amount (the “reserve for uncollected taxes”) be added to the tax levy required to balance the budget so that when the percentage of the prior year’s tax collection is applied to the combined total, the product will at least be equal to the tax levy required to balance the budget. The reserve requirement is calculated as follows:

$$\frac{\text{Levy required to balance budget}}{\text{Prior Year's Percentage of Current Tax Collection (or lesser \%)}} = \text{Total Taxes to be Levied}$$

### **Miscellaneous Revenues**

Section 26 of the Local Budget Law provides: “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.” The exception to this is the inclusion of categorical grants-in-aid contracts for their face amount with an offsetting appropriation. The fiscal years for such grants rarely coincide with the municipality’s calendar fiscal year.

### **Limitations on Municipal Appropriations and Tax Levy**

A provision of law known as the New Jersey “Cap Law” (N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.1 et seq.) imposes limitations on increases in municipal appropriations subject to various exceptions. The payment of debt service is an exception from this limitation. The Cap formula is somewhat complex, but basically, it permits a municipality to increase its overall appropriations by the lesser of 2.5% or the “cost-of-living adjustment”. The cost-of-living adjustment is the rate of annual percentage increase, rounded to the nearest one-half percent, in the Implicit Price Deflator for State and Local Government purchases of goods and services computed by the U.S. Department of Commerce. Exceptions to the limitations imposed by the Cap Law also exist for other things including capital expenditures; 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. Counties are also prohibited from increasing their tax levies by more than the lesser of 2.5% or the cost-of-living adjustment subject to certain exceptions. Municipalities by ordinance approved by a majority of the full membership of the governing body may increase appropriations up to 3.5% over the prior year’s appropriation and counties by resolution approved by a majority of the full membership of the governing body may increase the tax levy up to 3.5% over the prior years’ tax levy in years when the cost-of-living adjustment is 2.5% or less.

Additionally, P.L. 2007, c. 62, effective April 3, 2007, imposed a 4% cap on the tax levy of a municipality, county, fire district, or solid waste collection district, with certain exclusions and allowing waivers by the Local Finance Board, and on July 13, 2010, P.L. 2010, c. 44 was approved, effective for budget years following enactment, reducing the tax levy cap to 2% and limiting the exclusions to amounts required to be raised by taxation for capital expenditures, including debt service as defined by law, certain pension contributions and health care costs in excess of 2% and extraordinary costs directly related to a declared emergency. Voter approval may be requested to increase the amount to be raised by taxation by more than the allowable adjusted tax levy.

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

### **Deferral of Current Expense**

Emergency appropriations, those made after the adoption of the budget and determination of the tax rate, may be authorized by the governing body of the municipality. With minor exceptions, however, such appropriations must be included in full in the following year's budget. When such appropriations exceed 3% of the adopted operating budget, consent of the Director must be obtained.

The exceptions are certain enumerated quasi-capital projects such as ice, snow and flood damage to streets, roads and bridges, which may be amortized over three years, and tax map preparation, revaluation of real property, codification of ordinances, master plan preparations and contractually required severance liabilities, 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 sub-accounts within an appropriation are not subject to the same year-end transfer restriction, they are subject to internal review and approval by the governing body.

### **Fiscal Year**

The Borough's fiscal year is the calendar year. Chapter 75 of the Pamphlet Laws of 1991 of New Jersey required municipalities with populations in excess of 35,000 or which received Municipal Revitalization Aid from the State in 1990 or 1991 to change their fiscal year from the calendar year to the State fiscal year (July 1 to June 30), unless an exemption is granted. Municipalities not meeting the criteria for a mandatory change have the option to choose to change to the State fiscal year. The Borough did not meet the criteria to change to the State fiscal year and does not presently intend to optionally make such a change in the future.

### **Budget Process**

Primary responsibility for the Borough's budget process lies with the Board of Commissioners. As prescribed by the Local Budget Law, adoption should occur by April 30<sup>th</sup> (or the next regularly scheduled meeting of the governing body thereafter), however, extensions may be granted by the Division to any local governmental unit. In the first quarter in which the budget formulation is taking place, the Borough operates under a temporary budget which may not exceed 26.25% of the previous fiscal year's adopted budget. In addition to the temporary budget, the Borough may approve emergency temporary appropriations for any purpose for which appropriations may lawfully be made.

## TAX MATTERS

The Borough has covenanted to comply with any continuing requirements that may be necessary to preserve the exclusion from gross income for purposes of federal income taxation of interest on the Notes under the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended ("Code"). Failure to comply with certain requirements of the Code could cause interest on the Notes to be includable in gross income for federal income tax purposes retroactive to the date of issuance of the Notes. In the opinion of DeCotiis, FitzPatrick, Cole & Gibling, LLP, Bond Counsel, to be delivered at the time of original issuance of the Notes, assuming continuing compliance by the Borough with certain covenants described herein, under current law, interest on the Notes is excludable from gross income for federal income tax purposes under Section 103 of the Code and is not an item of tax preference for purposes of the federal alternative minimum tax imposed on individuals; however, such interest may be taken into account for the purpose of computing the alternative minimum tax imposed on certain corporations.. No opinion is expressed regarding other federal tax consequences or other federal taxes arising with respect to the Notes.

The Code imposes certain significant ongoing requirements that must be met after the issuance and delivery of the Notes in order to assure that the interest on the Notes will be and remain excludable from gross income for federal income tax purposes. These requirements include, but are not limited to, requirements relating to use and expenditure of proceeds, yield and other restrictions on investments of gross proceeds, and the arbitrage rebate requirement that certain excess earnings on investments of gross proceeds of the Notes be rebated to the federal government. Noncompliance with such requirements may cause interest on the Notes to become subject to federal income taxation retroactive to their date of issuance, regardless of the date on which such noncompliance occurs or is discovered. The Borough has covenanted that it shall do and perform all acts permitted by law that are necessary or desirable to assure that interest on the Notes will be and will remain excluded from gross income for federal income tax purposes. The Borough will deliver its Arbitrage and Tax Certificate concurrently with the issuance of the Notes, which will contain provisions relating to compliance with the requirements of the Code, including certain covenants in that regard by the Borough. In rendering its opinion, Bond Counsel has relied on certain representations, certifications of fact, and statements of reasonable expectations made by the Borough in connection with the Notes, and Bond Counsel has assumed compliance by the Borough with certain ongoing covenants to comply with applicable requirements of the Code to assure the exclusion of interest on the Notes from gross income under Section 103 of the Code.

In the opinion of Bond Counsel, under current law interest on the Notes and any gain on the sale thereof are not includable as gross income under the New Jersey Gross Income Tax Act.

The opinions of Bond Counsel are limited to and based upon the laws and judicial decisions of the State and the federal laws and judicial decisions of the United States of America as of the date of the opinions, and are subject to any amendment, repeal or other modification of the applicable laws or judicial decisions that served as the basis for their opinions or to any laws or judicial decisions hereafter enacted or rendered. Bond Counsel assumes no obligation to update its opinions after the issue date to reflect any future action, fact or circumstance, or change in law or interpretation, or otherwise. Bond Counsel expresses no opinion on the effect of any action taken after the date of the opinions or not taken in reliance upon an opinion of other counsel on the exclusion from gross income for federal income tax purposes of interest on the Notes.

*Bank Qualification.* The Notes will be designated as qualified under Section 265 of the Code by the Borough for an exemption from the denial of deduction for interest paid by the financial institutions to purchase or to carry tax exempt obligations.

*Branch Profits Tax.* Section 884 of the Code imposes on foreign corporations a branch profits tax equal to 30 percent of the "dividend equivalent amount" for the taxable year, unless modified, reduced or eliminated by income tax treaty in certain instances. Interest on the Notes received or accrued by a foreign corporation subject to the branch profits tax may be included in computing the "dividend equivalent amount" of such corporation for purposes of the branch profits tax.

*S Corporation Tax.* Section 1375 of the Code imposes a tax on the "excess net passive income" of certain S corporations with passive investment income in excess of 25 percent of gross receipts for a taxable year. The U.S. Department of Treasury has issued regulations indicating that interest on tax-exempt bonds, such as the Notes, held by an S corporation would be included in the calculation of excess net passive income.

*Other Federal Tax Consequences.* Owners of the Notes should be aware that the ownership of tax-exempt obligations may result in other collateral federal income tax consequences to certain taxpayers, including property and casualty insurance companies, individual recipients of Social Security and Railroad Retirement benefits, and taxpayers who may be deemed to have incurred or continued indebtedness to purchase or to carry tax-exempt obligations. Owners of the Notes should consult their own tax advisors as to the applicability and the effect on their federal income taxes of the branch profits tax and the tax on S corporations, as well as the applicability and the effect of any other federal income tax consequences.

*Possible Government Action.* Legislation affecting municipal bonds is regularly under consideration by the United States Congress. In addition, the Internal Revenue Service ("IRS") has established an expanded audit program for tax-exempt obligations. There can be no assurance that legislation enacted or proposed or an audit initiated or concluded by the IRS after the issue date of the Notes involving either the Notes or other tax-exempt bonds will not have an adverse effect on the tax-exempt status or market price of the Notes.

ALL POTENTIAL PURCHASERS OF THE NOTES SHOULD CONSULT WITH THEIR TAX ADVISORS IN ORDER TO UNDERSTAND THE IMPLICATIONS OF THE CODE.

## LITIGATION

To the knowledge of the Borough Attorney, Tennant D. Magee, Sr., Esquire, Brielle, New Jersey (the "Borough Attorney"), there is no litigation of any nature now pending or threatened that seeks to restrain or enjoin the issuance or the delivery of the Notes, the levy or the collection of any taxes to pay the principal of or the interest on the Notes or in any manner questioning the authority or the proceedings for the issuance of the Notes or for the levy or the collection of the taxes, affecting the validity of the Notes or the levy or the collection of taxes or contesting the corporate existence or the boundaries of the Borough or the title of any of the present officers of the Borough to their respective offices.

Additionally, there is at present no single action pending or threatened against the Borough which would impose an undue financial burden on the Borough. In New Jersey's courts of general jurisdiction, unliquidated money damages are pleaded generally without specifying a dollar amount. The Borough is a party-defendant in certain lawsuits, none of a kind unusual for a Borough of its size, and none of which, in the opinion of the Borough Attorney, would adversely impair the Borough's ability to pay its bond or note holders. All of the Borough's tort actions are being defended by either an insurance company or insurance underwriters. Pending municipal real estate tax appeals are limited in number. The Borough would fund the ultimate liability arising from tax appeals from amounts currently reserved, succeeding years' budgets or, after obtaining the approval of the Local Finance Board, the issuance of tax appeal refunding bonds or notes. Such resolution would not in any way endanger the Borough's ability to pay its bond or note holders.

## THE FEDERAL BANKRUPTCY ACT

The undertakings of the Borough should be considered with reference to Chapter IX of the Bankruptcy Act, 11 U.S.C. Section 901 et seq., as amended by Public Law 95-598, approved November 6, 1978, and as further amended on November 3, 1988, by an Act to Amend the Bankruptcy Law to Provide for Special Revenue Bonds, and for Other Purposes, and on October 22, 1994, by the Bankruptcy Reform Act of 1994, and by other bankruptcy laws affecting creditor's rights and municipalities in general. Chapter IX permits a state or any political subdivision,

public agency, or instrumentality that is insolvent or unable to meet its debts to file a petition in a bankruptcy court for the ultimate purpose of effecting a plan to adjust its debts. Chapter IX directs such a petitioner to file with the Bankruptcy Court a list of the petitioner's creditors; provides that a petition filed under this chapter shall operate as a stay of the commencement or continuation of any judicial or other proceeding against the petitioner, with the exception that such petition does not operate as a stay of application of pledged special revenues to the payment of indebtedness secured by such revenues; grants priority to administrative and operational expenses and to debts owed for services or material, up to \$4,000 per individual or corporation, actually provided within ninety (90) days of the filing of the petition; directs a petitioner to file a plan for the adjustment of its debts; provides that any securities issued under a reorganization plan will be exempt from the securities laws and, therefore, exempt from registration requirements; permits the petitioner, during bankruptcy proceedings, to continue to pay pre-petition debt without prior court approval; and provides that the plan must be accepted by a class of creditors, in writing, by or on behalf of creditors holding at least two-thirds in amount and more than one-half in number of the allowed claims of such class held by creditors. A plan shall not be approved by the Bankruptcy Court unless it is in the best interests of creditors and is feasible.

Reference should also be made to N.J.S.A. 52:27-40 thru 52:27-45.11, which provides that any county, municipality, or other political subdivision of the State has the power to file a petition with any Bankruptcy Court, provided the approval of the municipal finance commission has been obtained, and such petition has been authorized by ordinance of the governing body of the political subdivision. The powers of the municipal finance commission have been vested in the Local Finance Board. The Bankruptcy Act specifically provides that Chapter IX does not limit or impair the power of a state to control, by legislation or otherwise, the procedures that a municipality must follow in order to take advantage of the provisions of the Bankruptcy Act. However, the Bankruptcy Act does provide that a municipality must obtain any regulatory or electoral approval necessary under constitutional, statutory, or charter provisions, for actions taken under the reorganization plan.

### **APPROVAL OF LEGAL PROCEEDINGS**

All legal matters incident to the authorization, sale, issuance and delivery of the Notes are subject to the approval of DeCotiis, FitzPatrick, Cole & Giblin, LLP, Paramus, New Jersey, Bond Counsel to the Borough, whose approving legal opinion will be substantially in the form provided in Appendix C. Certain legal matters will be passed on for the Borough by the Borough Attorney.

### **CONTINUING DISCLOSURE**

The Borough has covenanted for the benefit of the holders and beneficial owners of the Notes to provide notices of the occurrence of certain enumerated events. The event notices will be provided to the Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board (the "MSRB") and will be in an electronic format as prescribed by the MSRB and shall be accompanied by such identifying information as is prescribed by the MSRB. The specific nature of the information to be contained in the event notices is set forth in "APPENDIX D – Form of Continuing Disclosure Certificate". These covenants have been made in order to assist the Underwriter in complying with S.E.C. Rule 15c2-12(b)(5) (the "Rule").

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

The undertaking may be amended by the Borough from time to time, without the consent of the Noteholders or the beneficial owners of the 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.

Within the five years immediately preceding the date of this Official Statement, the Borough has not been an obligated person with respect to secondary market disclosure undertakings in accordance with SEC Rule 15c2-12 other than with the issuance of the Prior Notes.

### **MUNICIPAL ADVISOR**

Phoenix Advisors, a division of First Security Municipal Advisors, Inc., Hamilton, New Jersey, has served as Municipal Advisor to the Borough in connection with the issuance of the Notes (the “Municipal Advisor”) and has assisted in matters related to the planning, structuring and terms of the 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.

### **FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

Appendix “B” contains certain audited financial statements of the Borough for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2024 (the “Audited Financial Statements”), as well as, unaudited financial data of the Borough for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2025. The unaudited financial data was extracted from the Borough’s unaudited annual financial statements for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2025.

The Audited Financial Statements for the year ending December 31, 2024 have been prepared by Holman Frenia Allison, P.C., Lakewood, New Jersey, an independent auditor, as stated in its report appearing in Appendix B to this Official Statement. The Auditor 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 for the Audited Financial Statements appearing in Appendix “B” hereto) and, accordingly, will express no opinion with respect thereto. *See* “APPENDIX B - Financial Statements of the Borough of Harvey Cedars, in the County of Ocean, New Jersey”.

### **RATING**

The Notes have not been rated. The Borough maintains a long-term rating of “AA” from S&P Global Ratings, acting through Standard & Poor’s Financial Services LLC, recently affirmed in September of 2025. Such long-term rating is neither assigned nor applicable to the Notes.

### **PURCHASER**

The Notes have been purchased from the Borough, at a public sale, by \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, (the “Purchaser”) at a price of \$\_\_\_\_\_. The Purchaser is obligated to purchase all of the Notes if any are purchased.

The Purchaser intends to offer the Notes to the public initially at the offering yield set forth on the cover page of this Official Statement, which may subsequently change without any requirement of prior notice. The Purchaser reserves the right to join with dealers and other underwriters in offering the Notes to the public. The Purchaser may offer and sell Notes to certain dealers (including dealers depositing Notes into investment trusts) at a yield higher than the public offering yield set forth on the cover page, and such public offering yield may be changed, from time to time, by the Purchaser without prior notice.

## **PREPARATION OF OFFICIAL STATEMENT**

The Borough hereby states that the descriptions and statements herein, including financial statements, are true and correct in all material respects and it will confirm to the Purchaser, by certificate signed by the Chief Financial Officer, that to her knowledge such descriptions and statements, as of the date of this Official Statement, are true and correct in all material respects and do not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact necessary to make the statements herein, in light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading.

DeCotiis, FitzPatrick, Cole & Giblin, LLP, Paramus, New Jersey has not participated in the preparation of the financial or statistical information contained in this Official Statement, nor have they verified the accuracy, completeness or fairness thereof and, accordingly, expresses 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 Borough 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.

## **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

Inquiries regarding this Official Statement including information additional to that contained herein may be directed to Rebecca Wessler, Chief Financial Officer, Borough of Harvey Cedars, 7606 Long Beach Boulevard, Harvey Cedars, New Jersey, 08008, telephone (609) 361-6000, or to its Municipal Advisor, Phoenix Advisors, a division of First Security Municipal Advisors, Inc., 2000 Waterview Drive, Suite 101, Hamilton, New Jersey, 08691, telephone (609) 291-0130.

## **MISCELLANEOUS**

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

This Official Statement is not to be construed as a contract or agreement between the Borough and the purchasers or holders of any of the 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 herein are subject to change without notice and neither the delivery of this Official Statement nor any sale made hereunder shall, under any circumstances, create any implication that there have been no changes in the affairs in the Borough, the County, the State or any of their agencies or authorities, since the date hereof.

This Official Statement has been duly executed and delivered on behalf of the Borough by the Chief Financial Officer.

**BOROUGH OF HARVEY CEDARS,  
THE COUNTY OF OCEAN, NEW JERSEY**

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Rebecca Wessler  
Chief Financial Officer

Dated: April \_\_, 2026

**APPENDIX A**

**ECONOMIC AND DEMOGRAPHIC INFORMATION RELATING  
TO THE BOROUGH OF HARVEY CEDARS, IN THE COUNTY OF OCEAN, NEW JERSEY**

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## **INFORMATION REGARDING THE BOROUGH<sup>1</sup>**

The following material presents certain economic and demographic information of the Borough of Harvey Cedars (the “Borough”), in the County of Ocean (the “County”), State of New Jersey (“New Jersey”).

### **General**

The Borough is a coastal town situated on the Jersey Shore, in the southern portion of the County. The Borough encompasses a narrow strip of Long Beach Island fronting both the Atlantic Ocean and Barnegat Bay.

The Borough was incorporated as a borough by an act of the New Jersey Legislature on December 15, 1894, from portions of Union Township (now Barnegat Township), based on the results of a referendum held on November 20, 1894. The community's post office was initially known as High Point, the name of a neighborhood in the Borough that lies at a higher elevation, before a name change was made in the 1930s at the request of the United States Postal Service to differentiate the post office from the northern New Jersey community of High Point in Sussex County.

### **Pension and Retirement Systems**

Substantially all eligible employees participate in the Public Employees’ Retirement System, the Police and Firemen’s Retirement System or the Defined Contribution Retirement Program, which have been established by State statute and are administered by the New Jersey Division of Pensions and Benefits (the “Division”). Benefits, contributions, means of funding and the manner of administration are established pursuant to State statute. The Division annually charges municipalities and other participating governmental units for their respective contributions to the plans based upon actuarial calculations and the employees contribute a portion of the cost. Each Plan has a Board of Trustees that is primarily responsible for its administration. The Division issues a publicly available financial report that includes the financial statements and required supplementary information. This report may be obtained by writing to the Division of Pensions and Benefits, P.O. Box 295, Trenton, New Jersey, 08625 or is available online at [www.nj.gov/treasury/pensions/financial-reports.shtml](http://www.nj.gov/treasury/pensions/financial-reports.shtml).

The Public Employees’ Retirement System (“PERS”) 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, to provide retirement, death, disability and medical benefits to certain qualified members. Membership is mandatory for substantially all full-time employees of the State or any county, municipality, school district or public agency, provided the employee is not required to be a member of another State-administered retirement system or other State pension fund or local jurisdiction’s pension fund.

The Police and Firemen’s Retirement System (“PFRS”) is a cost-sharing multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan which was established as of July 1, 1944, under the

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<sup>1</sup> Source: The Borough, unless otherwise indicated.

provisions of N.J.S.A. 43:16A, to provide retirement, death, disability and medical benefits to certain qualified members. Membership is mandatory for substantially all full-time county and municipal police and firemen or officer employees with police powers appointed after June 30, 1944.

The Defined Contribution Retirement Program (“DCRP”) is a multiple-employer defined contribution pension fund which was established July 1, 2007, under the provisions of Chapter 92, P.L. 2007 and Chapter 103, P.L. 2007, and was expanded under the provisions of Chapter 89, P.L. 2009. The DCRP provides eligible employees and their beneficiaries with a tax-sheltered, defined contribution retirement benefit, along with life insurance coverage and disability coverage.

**Employment and Unemployment Comparisons**

For the following years, the New Jersey Department of Labor reported the following annual average employment information for the Borough, the County, and the State:

	<b><u>Total Labor Force</u></b>	<b><u>Employed Labor Force</u></b>	<b><u>Total Unemployed</u></b>	<b><u>Unemployment Rate</u></b>
<b><u>Borough</u></b>				
2024	162	155	7	4.3%
2023	163	156	7	4.3%
2022	160	155	5	3.1%
2021	153	148	5	3.3%
2020	149	141	8	5.4%
<b><u>County</u></b>				
2024	293,284	280,025	13,259	4.5%
2023	292,457	279,888	12,569	4.3%
2022	287,161	275,556	11,605	4.0%
2021	279,507	260,912	18,595	6.7%
2020	274,842	248,481	26,361	9.6%
<b><u>State</u></b>				
2024	4,898,008	4,676,064	221,944	4.5%
2023	4,867,113	4,659,779	207,334	4.3%
2022	4,756,002	4,572,879	183,123	3.9%
2021	4,654,243	4,342,075	312,168	6.7%
2020	4,643,700	4,204,301	439,399	9.5%

Source: New Jersey Department of Labor, Office of Research and Planning, Division of Labor Market and Demographic Research, Bureau of Labor Force Statistics, Local Area Unemployment Statistics

**Income (as of 2024)**

	<u>Borough</u>	<u>County</u>	<u>State</u>
Median Household Income	\$146,250	\$89,863	\$103,556
Median Family Income	177,292	112,175	127,025
Per Capita Income	127,886	44,947	54,253

Source: US Bureau of the Census, 2024 ACS 5-yr Estimates

**Population**

The following tables summarize population increases and the decreases for the Borough, the County, and the State.

<u>Year</u>	<u>Borough</u>		<u>County</u>		<u>State</u>	
	<u>Population</u>	<u>% Change</u>	<u>Population</u>	<u>% Change</u>	<u>Population</u>	<u>% Change</u>
2024 Est.	487	24.6%	666,434	4.6%	9,500,851	2.3%
2020	391	16.0	637,229	10.5	9,288,994	5.7
2010	337	-6.1	576,567	12.8	8,791,894	4.5
2000	359	-0.8	510,916	17.9	8,414,350	8.9
1990	362	-0.3	433,203	25.2	7,730,188	5.0

Source: United States Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census

**Comparison of Tax Levies and Collections**

<u>Year</u>	<u>Tax Levy</u>	<u>Current Year Collection</u>	<u>Current Year % of Collection</u>
2025U	\$15,454,572	\$15,464,716	100.07%
2024	15,456,412	15,333,691	99.21%
2023	13,225,112	13,170,169	99.58%
2022	12,842,280	12,777,855	99.50%
2021	12,325,592	12,271,377	99.56%

U: Unaudited

Source: Annual Audit Reports of the Borough and 2025 Annual Financial Statement

**Delinquent Taxes and Tax Title Liens**

<u>Year</u>	<u>Amount of Tax Title Liens</u>	<u>Amount of Delinquent Tax</u>	<u>Total Delinquent</u>	<u>% of Tax Levy</u>
2025U	\$0	\$77,081	\$77,081	0.50%
2024	0	114,846	114,846	0.74%
2023	0	52,489	52,489	0.40%
2022	0	64,425	64,425	0.50%
2021	0	52,676	52,676	0.43%

U: Unaudited  
 Source: Annual Audit Reports of the Borough and 2025 Annual Financial Statement

**Property Acquired by Tax Lien Liquidation**

<u>Year</u>	<u>Amount</u>
2025U	\$0
2024	0
2023	0
2022	0
2021	0

U: Unaudited  
 Source: Annual Audit Reports of the Borough and 2025 Annual Financial Statement

**Tax Rates per \$100 of Net Valuations Taxable and Allocations**

The table below lists the tax rates for Borough residents for the past five (5) years.

<u>Year</u>	<u>Municipal</u>	<u>Municipal Open Space</u>	<u>Regional High School</u>	<u>Local School</u>	<u>County</u>	<u>Total</u>
2025	\$0.307	\$0.010	\$0.203	\$0.051	\$0.541	\$1.112
2024	0.301	0.010	0.193	0.044	0.443	0.991
2023	0.295	0.010	0.192	0.044	0.442	0.983
2022	0.273	0.010	0.044	0.242	0.398	0.967
2021	0.273	0.010	0.044	0.232	0.381	0.940

Source: Abstract of Ratables and State of New Jersey – Property Taxes

**Valuation of Property**

<u>Year</u>	<u>Aggregate Assessed Valuation of Real Property</u>	<u>Aggregate True Value of Real Property</u>	<u>Ratio of Assessed to True Value</u>	<u>Assessed Value of Personal Property</u>	<u>Equalized Valuation</u>
2025	\$1,377,233,800	\$2,627,305,990	52.42%	\$0	\$2,627,305,990
2024	1,347,808,200	2,277,472,457	59.18	0	2,277,472,457
2023	1,326,313,100	2,089,669,293	63.47	0	2,089,669,293
2022	1,320,140,100	1,701,650,039	77.58	0	1,701,650,039
2021	1,297,958,700	1,421,330,158	91.32	0	1,421,330,158

Source: Abstract of Ratables and State of New Jersey – Table of Equalized Valuations

**Classification of Ratables**

The table below lists the comparative assessed valuation for each classification of real property within the Borough for the past five (5) years.

<u>Year</u>	<u>Vacant Land</u>	<u>Residential</u>	<u>Farm</u>	<u>Commercial</u>	<u>Industrial</u>	<u>Apartments</u>	<u>Total</u>
2025	\$19,112,100	\$1,342,923,600	\$0	\$15,198,100	\$0	\$0	\$1,377,233,800
2024	28,757,200	1,303,941,700	0	15,109,300	0	0	1,347,808,200
2023	35,065,000	1,276,138,800	0	15,109,300	0	0	1,326,313,100
2022	27,400,200	1,277,630,600	0	15,109,300	0	0	1,320,140,100
2021	23,515,200	1,259,334,200	0	15,109,300	0	0	1,297,958,700

Source: Abstract of Ratables and State of New Jersey – Property Value Classification

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## **Financial Operations**

The following table summarizes the Borough's Current Fund budget for the past five (5) fiscal years ending December 31. The following summary should be used in conjunction with the tables in the sourced documents from which it is derived.

### **Summary of Current Fund Budget**

<b><u>Anticipated Revenues</u></b>	<b><u>2021</u></b>	<b><u>2022</u></b>	<b><u>2023</u></b>	<b><u>2024</u></b>	<b><u>2025</u></b>
Fund Balance Utilized	\$500,000	\$501,500	\$555,000	\$550,000	\$1,550,000
Miscellaneous Revenues	664,434	1,170,711	742,536	697,448	706,744
Receipts from Delinquent Taxes	30,000	52,000	62,000	50,000	114,000
Amount to be Raised by Taxation	<u>3,534,622</u>	<u>3,603,971</u>	<u>3,908,303</u>	<u>4,054,645</u>	<u>4,224,652</u>
Total Revenue:	<u>\$4,729,056</u>	<u>\$5,328,182</u>	<u>\$5,267,839</u>	<u>\$5,352,093</u>	<u>\$6,595,396</u>
<b><u>Appropriations</u></b>					
General Appropriations	\$3,766,509	\$3,924,905	\$4,013,312	\$4,205,758	\$4,373,422
Operations (Excluded from CAPS)	229,130	241,785	325,973	368,589	369,775
Deferred Charges	0	485,449	0	0	66,228
Judgments	0	0	0	0	50,000
Capital Improvement Fund	344,500	292,000	502,500	337,500	282,500
Municipal Debt Service	138,917	134,043	176,054	190,246	1,203,470
Reserve for Uncollected Taxes	<u>250,000</u>	<u>250,000</u>	<u>250,000</u>	<u>250,000</u>	<u>250,000</u>
Total Appropriations:	<u>\$4,729,056</u>	<u>\$5,328,182</u>	<u>\$5,267,839</u>	<u>\$5,352,093</u>	<u>\$6,595,396</u>

Source: Annual Adopted Budgets of the Borough

## **Fund Balance**

### **Current Fund**

The following table lists the Borough's fund balance and the amount utilized in the succeeding year's budget for the Current Fund for the past five (5) fiscal years ending December 31.

#### **Fund Balance - Current Fund**

<b><u>Year</u></b>	<b><u>Balance 12/31</u></b>	<b><u>Utilized in Budget of Succeeding Year</u></b>
2025U	\$3,279,082	N/A
2024	4,010,032	1,550,000
2023	2,477,466	550,000
2022	2,174,635	555,000
2021	1,984,559	501,500

U: Unaudited

Source: Annual Audit Reports of the Borough and 2025 Annual Financial Statement

### **Water/Sewer Utility Operating Fund**

The following table lists the Borough's fund balance and the amount utilized in the succeeding year's budget for the Water/Sewer Utility Operating Fund for the past five (5) fiscal years ending December 31.

#### **Fund Balance Water/Sewer Utility Operating Fund**

<b><u>Year</u></b>	<b><u>Balance 12/31</u></b>	<b><u>Utilized in Budget of Succeeding Year</u></b>
2025U	\$484,728	N/A
2024	386,956	250,000
2023	393,452	126,596
2022	385,842	178,829
2021	358,881	255,606

U: Unaudited

Source: Annual Audit Reports of the Borough and 2025 Annual Financial Statement

**Borough Indebtedness as of December 31, 2025**

**General Purpose Debt**

Serial Bonds	\$0
Bond Anticipation Notes	1,828,517
Bonds and Notes Authorized but Not Issued	2,487,529
Other Bonds, Notes and Loans	<u>0</u>
Total:	\$4,316,046

**Local School District Debt**

Serial Bonds	\$0
Temporary Notes Issued	0
Bonds and Notes Authorized but Not Issued	<u>0</u>
Total:	\$0

**Regional School District Debt**

Serial Bonds	\$0
Temporary Notes Issued	0
Bonds and Notes Authorized but Not Issued	<u>0</u>
Total:	\$0

**Self-Liquidating Debt**

Serial Bonds	\$0
Bond Anticipation Notes	1,771,483
Bonds and Notes Authorized but Not Issued	634,751
Other Bonds, Notes and Loans	<u>0</u>
Total:	\$2,406,234

**TOTAL GROSS DEBT**

**\$6,722,280**

Less: Statutory Deductions

General Purpose Debt	\$219,040
Local School District Debt	0
Regional School District Debt	0
Self-Liquidating Debt	<u>2,406,234</u>
Total:	\$2,625,274

**TOTAL NET DEBT**

**\$4,097,006**

Source: Annual Debt Statement of the Borough

**Overlapping Debt (as of December 31, 2025)<sup>2</sup>**

<b><u>Name of Related Entity</u></b>	<b><u>Related Entity Debt Outstanding</u></b>	<b><u>Borough Percentage</u></b>	<b><u>Borough Share</u></b>
Local School District	\$0	100.00%	\$0
County	591,152,854	1.3732%	<u>8,117,573</u>
Net Indirect Debt			\$8,117,573
Net Direct Debt			<u>4,097,006</u>
Total Net Direct and Indirect Debt			<b><u>\$12,214,579</u></b>

**Debt Limit**

Average Equalized Valuation Basis (2023, 2024, 2025)	\$2,331,482,580
Permitted Debt Limitation (3 1/2%)	81,601,890
Less: Net Debt	<u>4,097,006</u>
Remaining Borrowing Power	<u>\$77,504,884</u>
Percentage of Net Debt to Average Equalized Valuation	0.176%
Gross Debt Per Capita based on 2020 population of 391	\$17,193
Net Debt Per Capita based on 2020 population of 391	\$10,478

Source: Annual Debt Statement of the Borough

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<sup>2</sup> Borough percentage of County debt is based on the Borough's share of total equalized valuation in the County.

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**APPENDIX B**

**FINANCIAL STATEMENTS OF THE BOROUGH OF HARVEY CEDARS,  
IN THE COUNTY OF OCEAN, NEW JERSEY**

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**UNAUDITED FINANCIAL DATA OF THE BOROUGH  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2025**

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# ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR 2025 (UNAUDITED)

POPULATION LAST CENSUS 391  
 NET VALUATION TAXABLE 2025 1,377,233,800  
 MUNICODE 1509

**FIVE DOLLARS PER DAY PENALTY IF NOT FILED BY:**  
**COUNTIES - JANUARY 26, 2026**  
**MUNICIPALITIES - FEBRUARY 10, 2026**

**ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENT REQUIRED TO BE FILED UNDER NEW JERSEY STATUTES ANNOTATED 40A:5-12, AS AMENDED, COMBINED WITH INFORMATION REQUIRED PRIOR TO CERTIFICATION OF BUDGETS BY THE DIRECTOR OF THE DIVISION OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT SERVICES.**

                    BOROUGH                     of                     HARVEY CEDARS                    , County of                     OCEAN                    

**DO NOT USE THESE SPACES**

	Date	Examined By:	
1			Preliminary Check
2			Examined

I hereby certify that the debt shown on Sheets 31 to 34, 49 to 51 and 63 to 65a are complete, were computed by me and can be supported upon demand by a register or other detailed analysis.

Signature                     Rebecca Wessler                      
 Title                     CFO                    

(This MUST be signed by Chief Financial Officer, Comptroller, Auditor or Registered Municipal Accountant.)

**REQUIRED CERTIFICATION BY THE CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER:**

I hereby certify that I am responsible for filing this verified Annual Financial Statement, ~~(which I have prepared)~~ or (which I have not prepared) ~~{eliminate one}~~ and information required also included herein and that this Statement is an exact copy of the original on file with the clerk of the governing body, that all calculations, extensions and additions are correct, that no transfers have been made to or from emergency appropriations and all statements contained herein are in proof; I further certify that this statement is correct insofar as I can determine from all the books and records kept and maintained in the Local Unit.

Further, I do hereby certify that I,                     Rebecca Wessler                    , am the Chief Financial Officer, License #                     N-1781                    , of the                     BOROUGH                     of                     HARVEY CEDARS                    , County of                     OCEAN                     and that the statements annexed hereto and made a part hereof are true statements of the financial condition of the Local Unit as at December 31, 2025, completely in compliance with N.J.S.A. 40A:5-12, as amended. I also give complete assurance as to the veracity of required information included herein, needed prior to certification by the Director of Local Government Services, including the verification of cash balances as of December 31, 2025.

Signature                     Rebecca Wessler                      
 Title                     CFO                      
 Address                     7606 Long Beach Blvd., PO Box 3185                      
 Phone Number                     (609) 361 - 6000                      
 Fax Number                     (609) 494 - 2335                    

IT IS HEREBY INCUMBENT UPON THE CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER, WHEN NOT PREPARED BY SAID, AT A MINIMUM MUST REVIEW THE CONTENTS OF THIS ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENT WITH THE PREPARER, SO AS TO BE FAMILIAR WITH THE REPRESENTATIONS AND ASSERTIONS MADE HEREIN.

**THE REQUIRED CERTIFICATION BY AN RMA IS AS FOLLOWS:**

Preparation by Registered Municipal Account (Statement of Statutory Auditor Only)

I have prepared the post-closing trial balances, related statement and analyses included in the accompanying Annual Financial Statement from the books of account and records made available to me by the **BOROUGH** of **HARVEY CEDARS** as of as of December 31, 2025 and have applied certain agreed-upon procedures thereon as promulgated by the Division of Local Government Services, solely to assist the Chief Financial Officer in connection with the filing of the Annual Financial Statement for the year then ended as required by N.J.S.A. 40A:5-12, as amended.

Because the agreed-upon procedures do not constitute an examination of accounts made in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards, I do not express an opinion on any of the post-closing trial balances, related statements and analyses. In connection with the agreed-upon procedures, ~~(except for circumstances as set forth below, no matters)~~ or (no matters) ~~{eliminate one}~~ came to my attention that caused me to believe that the Annual Financial Statement for the year ended December 31, 2025 is not in substantial compliance with the requirements of the State of New Jersey, Department of Community Affairs, Division of Local Government Services. Had I performed additional procedures or had I made an examination of the financial statements in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards, other matters might have come to my attention that would have been reported to the governing body and Division. This Annual Financial Statement relates only to the accounts and items prescribed by the Division and does not extend to the financial statements of the municipality/county taken as a whole.

Listing of agreed-upon procedures not performed and/or matters coming to my attention of which the Director should be informed:

None Noted

Robert W. Allison  
(Registered Municipal Accountant)

Holman Frenia Allison, P.C.  
(Firm Name)

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Certified by me

this 17 day February, 2026





**POST CLOSING  
TRIAL BALANCE - TRUST FUNDS  
(Assessment Section Must Be Separately Stated)  
AS AT DECEMBER 31, 2025**

Title of Account	Debit	Credit
<b>ANIMAL CONTROL TRUST FUND</b>		
CASH	540.33	
DUE TO CURRENT FUND		165.33
RESERVE FOR ANIMAL CONTROL TRUST FUND		375.00
<b>FUND TOTALS</b>	<b>540.33</b>	<b>540.33</b>
<b>ASSESSMENT TRUST FUND</b>		
CASH	-	
<b>FUND TOTALS</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>MUNICIPAL OPEN SPACE TRUST FUND</b>		
CASH	1,128,726.03	
DUE TO CURRENT FUND		0.01
RESERVE FOR OPEN SPACE		1,128,726.02
<b>FUND TOTALS</b>	<b>1,128,726.03</b>	<b>1,128,726.03</b>
<b>LOSAP TRUST FUND</b>		
CASH	1,182,173.03	
RESERVE FOR LOSAP		1,182,173.03
<b>FUND TOTALS</b>	<b>1,182,173.03</b>	<b>1,182,173.03</b>

## STATEMENT OF GENERAL BUDGET REVENUES 2025

Source	Budget -01	Realized -02	Excess or Deficit* -03
Surplus Anticipated	1,550,000.00	1,550,000.00	-
Surplus Anticipated with Prior Written Consent of Director of Local Government Services	-	-	-
Miscellaneous Revenue Anticipated:	xxxxxxxxxx	xxxxxxxxxx	xxxxxxxxxx
Adopted Budget	706,743.62	796,885.41	90,141.79
Added by N.J.S.A. 40A:4-87 (List on 17a)	-	-	-
			-
			-
<b>Total Miscellaneous Revenue Anticipated</b>	<b>706,743.62</b>	<b>796,885.41</b>	<b>90,141.79</b>
Receipts from Delinquent Taxes	114,000.00	114,876.48	876.48
Amount to be Raised by Taxation:	xxxxxxxxxx	xxxxxxxxxx	xxxxxxxxxx
(a) Local Tax for Municipal Purposes	4,224,651.92	xxxxxxxxxx	xxxxxxxxxx
(b) Addition to Local District School Tax	-	xxxxxxxxxx	xxxxxxxxxx
(c) Minimum Library Tax	-	xxxxxxxxxx	xxxxxxxxxx
Total Amount to be Raised by Taxation	4,224,651.92	4,560,757.20	336,105.28
	<b>6,595,395.54</b>	<b>7,022,519.09</b>	<b>427,123.55</b>

## ALLOCATION OF CURRENT TAX COLLECTIONS

	Debit	Credit
Current Taxes Realized in Cash (Total of Item 10 or 14 on Sheet 22)	xxxxxxxxxx	15,464,716.43
Amount to be Raised by Taxation	xxxxxxxxxx	xxxxxxxxxx
Local District School Tax	-	xxxxxxxxxx
Regional School Tax	695,993.00	xxxxxxxxxx
Regional High School Tax	2,794,912.00	xxxxxxxxxx
County Taxes	7,456,892.23	xxxxxxxxxx
Due County for Added and Omitted Taxes	68,438.62	xxxxxxxxxx
Special District Taxes	-	xxxxxxxxxx
Municipal Open Space Tax	137,723.38	xxxxxxxxxx
Municipal Arts and Culture Tax	-	xxxxxxxxxx
Reserve for Uncollected Taxes	xxxxxxxxxx	250,000.00
Deficit in Required Collection of Current Taxes (or)	xxxxxxxxxx	-
Balance for Support of Municipal Budget (or)	4,560,757.20	xxxxxxxxxx
*Excess Non-Budget Revenue (see footnote)	-	xxxxxxxxxx
*Deficit Non-Budget Revenue (see footnote)	xxxxxxxxxx	-
*These items are applicable only when there is no "Amount to be Raised by Taxation" in the "Budget" column of the statement at the top of this sheet. In such instances, any excess or deficit in the above allocation would apply to "Non-Budget Revenue" only.	<b>15,714,716.43</b>	<b>15,714,716.43</b>



## STATEMENT OF GENERAL BUDGET APPROPRIATIONS 2025

2025 Budget As Adopted		6,595,395.54
2025 Budget - Added by N.J.S.A. 40A:4-87		-
Appropriated for 2025 (Budget Statement Item 9)		6,595,395.54
Appropriated for 2025 by Emergency Appropriation (Budget Statement Item 9)		250,000.00
Total General Appropriations (Budget Statement Item 9)		6,845,395.54
Add: Overexpenditures (see footnote)		-
Total Appropriations and Overexpenditures		6,845,395.54
Deduct Expenditures:		
Paid or Charged [Budget Statement Item (L)]	6,239,042.08	
Paid or Charged - Reserve for Uncollected Taxes	250,000.00	
Reserved	356,352.78	
Total Expenditures		6,845,394.86
Unexpended Balances Canceled (see footnote)		0.68

**FOOTNOTES - RE: OVEREXPENDITURES**

Every appropriation overexpended in the budget document must be marked with an \* and must agree in the aggregate with this item.

**RE: UNEXPENDED BALANCES CANCELED**

Are not to be shown as "Paid or Charged" in the budget document. In all instances "Total Appropriations" and "Overexpenditures" must equal the sum of "Total Expenditures" and "Unexpended Balances Canceled".

## SCHEDULE OF EMERGENCY APPROPRIATIONS FOR LOCAL DISTRICT SCHOOL PURPOSES

(EXCEPT FOR TYPE I SCHOOL DEBT SERVICE)

2025 Authorizations		
N.J.S.A. 40A:4-46 (After adoption of Budget)	-	
N.J.S.A. 40A:4-20 (Prior to adoption of Budget)	-	
Total Authorizations		-
Deduct Expenditures:		
Paid or Charged	-	
Reserved	-	
Total Expenditures		-

# RESULTS OF 2025 OPERATIONS

## CURRENT FUND

	Debit	Credit
Excess of Anticipated Revenues:	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
Miscellaneous Revenues anticipated	XXXXXXXXXX	90,141.79
Delinquent Tax Collections	XXXXXXXXXX	876.48
	XXXXXXXXXX	
Required Collection of Current Taxes	XXXXXXXXXX	336,105.28
Unexpended Balances of 2025 Budget Appropriations	XXXXXXXXXX	0.68
Miscellaneous Revenue Not Anticipated	XXXXXXXXXX	246,854.76
Miscellaneous Revenue Not Anticipated:		
Proceeds of Sale of Foreclosed Property (Sheet 27)	XXXXXXXXXX	-
Payments in Lieu of Taxes on Real Property	XXXXXXXXXX	-
Sale of Municipal Assets	XXXXXXXXXX	-
Unexpended Balances of 2024 Appropriation Reserves	XXXXXXXXXX	198,820.56
Prior Years Interfunds Returned in 2025	XXXXXXXXXX	-
Tax Overpayments Cancelled		44,512.00
Deferred School Tax Revenue: (See School Taxes, Sheets 13 & 14)	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
Balance - January 1, 2025	333,171.83	XXXXXXXXXX
Balance - December 31, 2025	XXXXXXXXXX	333,171.83
Deficit in Anticipated Revenues:	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
Miscellaneous Revenues Anticipated	-	XXXXXXXXXX
Delinquent Tax Collections	-	XXXXXXXXXX
		XXXXXXXXXX
Required Collection on Current Taxes	-	XXXXXXXXXX
Interfund Advances Originating in 2025	98,260.75	XXXXXXXXXX
Deficit Balance - To Trial Balance (Sheet 3)	XXXXXXXXXX	-
Surplus Balance - To Surplus (Sheet 21)	819,050.80	XXXXXXXXXX
	1,250,483.38	1,250,483.38



**SURPLUS - CURRENT FUND  
YEAR 2025**

	Debit	Credit
1. Balance - January 1, 2025	xxxxxxxxxx	4,010,031.68
2. [REDACTED]	xxxxxxxxxx	
3. Excess Resulting from 2025 Operations	xxxxxxxxxx	819,050.80
4. Amount Appropriated in the 2025 Budget - Cash	1,550,000.00	xxxxxxxxxx
5. Amount Appropriated in 2025 Budget - with Prior Written Consent of Director of Local Government Services	-	xxxxxxxxxx
6. [REDACTED]		xxxxxxxxxx
7. Balance - December 31, 2025	3,279,082.48	xxxxxxxxxx
	4,829,082.48	4,829,082.48

**ANALYSIS OF BALANCE AS AT DECEMBER 31, 2025  
(FROM CURRENT FUND - TRIAL BALANCE)**

Cash		5,468,621.61
Investments		-
Change Funds		400.00
Sub Total		5,469,021.61
Deduct Cash Liabilities Marked with "C" on Trial Balance		2,441,104.13
Cash Surplus		3,027,917.48
Deficit in Cash Surplus		
Other Assets Pledged to Surplus:*		
(1) Due from State of N.J. Senior Citizens and Veterans Deduction	1,165.00	
Deferred Charges #	250,000.00	
Cash Deficit #	-	
Total Other Assets		251,165.00
		3,279,082.48

\* IN THE CASE OF A "DEFICIT IN CASH SURPLUS", "OTHER ASSETS"

WOULD ALSO BE PLEDGED TO CASH LIABILITIES.

# MAY NOT BE ANTICIPATED AS NON-CASH SURPLUS IN 2026 BUDGET.

(1) MAY BE ALLOWED UNDER CERTAIN CONDITIONS.

NOTE: Deferred charges for authorizations under N.J.S.A. 40A:4-55 (Tax Map, etc.), N.J.S.A. 40A:4-55 (Flood Damage, etc.), N.J. 40A:4-55.1 (Roads and Bridges, etc.) and N.J.S.A. 40A:4-55.13 (Public Exigencies, etc.) to the extent of emergency notes issued and outstanding for such purposes, together with such emergency notes, may be omitted from this analysis.

**(FOR MUNICIPALITIES ONLY)**  
**CURRENT TAXES - 2025 LEVY**

1. Amount of Levy as per Duplicate (Analysis) #		\$	15,131,230.68
or			
(Abstract of Ratables)		\$	-
2. Amount of Levy - Special District Taxes		\$	-
3. Amount Levied for Omitted Taxes under N.J.S.A. 54:4-63.12 et seq.		\$	-
4. Amount Levied for Added Taxes under N.J.S.A. 54:4-63.1 et seq.		\$	323,341.27
5a. Subtotal 2025 Levy	\$		15,454,571.95
5b. Reductions Due to Tax Appeals**	\$		-
5c. Total 2025 Tax Levy		\$	15,454,571.95
6. Transferred to Tax Title Liens		\$	-
7. Transferred to Foreclosed Property		\$	-
8. Remitted, Abated or Canceled		\$	(87,225.88)
9. Discount Allowed		\$	-
10. Collected in Cash: In 2024	\$		298,882.11
In 2025*	\$		15,161,584.32
Homestead Benefit Credit	\$		-
State's Share of 2025 Senior Citizens and Veterans Deductions Allowed	\$		4,250.00
Total To Line 14	\$		15,464,716.43
11. Total Credits		\$	15,377,490.55
12. Amount Outstanding December 31, 2025		\$	77,081.40
13. Percentage of Cash Collections to Total 2025 Levy, (Item 10 divided by Item 5c) is			<u>100.06%</u>

**Note:** If municipality conducted Accelerated Tax Sale or Tax Levy Sale check here  and complete sheet 22a

14. Calculation of Current Taxes Realized in Cash:

Total of Line 10		\$	15,464,716.43
Less: Reserve for Tax Appeals Pending State Division of Tax Appeals		\$	-
To Current Taxes Realized in Cash (Sheet 17)		\$	15,464,716.43

Note A: In showing the above percentage the following should be noted:  
Where Item 5 shows \$1,500,000.00, and Item 10 shows \$1,049,977.50,  
the percentage represented by the cash collections would be  
\$1,049,977.50 divided by \$1,500,000, or .699985. The correct percentage to  
be shown as Item 13 is 69.99% and not 70.00%, nor 69.999%.

# Note: On Item 1 if Duplicate (Analysis) Figure is used; be sure to include  
Senior Citizens and Veterans Deductions.

\* Include overpayments applied as part of 2025 collections.

\*\* Tax appeals pursuant to R.S. 54:3-21 et seq and/or R.S. 54:48-1 et seq approved by resolution of the governing  
body prior to introduction of municipal budget

# SCHEDULE OF DELINQUENT TAXES AND TAX TITLE LIENS

		Debit	Credit
1. Balance - January 1, 2025		114,876.48	XXXXXXXXXX
A. Taxes	114,876.48	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
B. Tax Title Liens	-	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
2. Canceled:		XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
A. Taxes		XXXXXXXXXX	-
B. Tax Title Liens		XXXXXXXXXX	-
3. Transferred to Foreclosed Tax Title Liens:		XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
A. Taxes		XXXXXXXXXX	-
B. Tax Title Liens		XXXXXXXXXX	-
4. Added Taxes		-	XXXXXXXXXX
5. Added Tax Title Liens		-	XXXXXXXXXX
6. Adjustment between Taxes (Other than Current Year) and Tax Title Liens;		XXXXXXXXXX	-
A. Taxes - Transfers to Tax Title Liens		XXXXXXXXXX	(1) -
B. Tax Title Liens - Transfers from Taxes		(1) -	XXXXXXXXXX
7. Balance Before Cash Payments		XXXXXXXXXX	114,876.48
8. Totals		114,876.48	114,876.48
9. Balance Brought Down		114,876.48	XXXXXXXXXX
10. Collected:		XXXXXXXXXX	114,876.48
A. Taxes	114,876.48	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
B. Tax Title Liens	-	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
11. Interest and Costs - 2025 Tax Sale		-	XXXXXXXXXX
12. 2025 Taxes Transferred to Liens		-	XXXXXXXXXX
13. 2025 Taxes		77,081.40	XXXXXXXXXX
14. Balance - December 31, 2025		XXXXXXXXXX	77,081.40
A. Taxes	77,081.40	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
B. Tax Title Liens	-	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
15. Totals		191,957.88	191,957.88

16. Percentage of Cash Collections to Adjusted Amount Outstanding  
(Item No. 10 divided by Item No. 9) is **100.00%**

17. Item No.14 multiplied by percentage shown above is **77,081.40** and represents the maximum amount that may be anticipated in 2026.

(See Note A on Sheet 22 - Current Taxes)

(1) These amounts will always be the same.

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**AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS OF THE BOROUGH  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024**

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**BOROUGH OF HARVEY CEDARS  
AUDIT REPORT FOR THE YEAR  
ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024**

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**BOROUGH OF HARVEY CEDARS  
COUNTY OF OCEAN**

**PART I**

**INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORTS  
AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024**

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## INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

Honorable Mayor and Members  
of the Board of Commissioners  
Borough of Harvey Cedars  
County of Ocean  
Harvey Cedars, New Jersey 08008

### *Opinions*

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the various funds and account group of the Borough of Harvey Cedars, which comprise the statements of assets, liabilities, reserves and fund balance – regulatory basis as of December 31, 2024 and 2023, and the related statements of operations and changes in fund balance – regulatory basis for the years then ended and the statements of revenues – regulatory basis and statement of expenditures – regulatory basis for the year ended December 31, 2024, and the related notes to the financial statements.

### *Unmodified Opinion on Regulatory Basis of Accounting*

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the assets, liabilities, reserves and fund balance – regulatory basis of the Borough of Harvey Cedars, as of December 31, 2024 and 2023, and the results of its operations and changes in fund balance – regulatory basis for the years then ended and the statements of revenues – regulatory basis, statements of expenditures – regulatory basis for the year ended December 31, 2024, in accordance with the financial reporting provisions of the Division of Local Government Services, Department of Community Affairs, State of New Jersey as described in Note 1.

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

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

### *Basis for Opinions*

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States; and in compliance with audit requirements prescribed by the Division of Local Government Services, Department of Community Affairs, 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 Borough of Harvey Cedars 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 U.S. Generally Accepted Accounting Principles***

As described in Note 1, the financial statements are prepared by the Borough of Harvey Cedars, 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 Division of Local Government Services, Department of Community Affairs, State of New Jersey. The effects on the financial statements of the variances between the regulatory basis of accounting described in Note 1 and accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, although not reasonably determinable, are presumed to be material and pervasive.

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

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with the financial reporting provisions of the Division 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.

### ***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 opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards, *Government Auditing Standards*, and audit requirements prescribed by the Division of Local Government Services, Department of Community Affairs, State of New Jersey 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 generally accepted auditing standards, *Government Auditing Standards*, and audit requirements prescribed by the Division of Local Government Services, Department of Community Affairs, State of New Jersey, 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(s) 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 Borough of Harvey Cedars' internal control. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluate the overall presentation of the financial statements.
- Conclude whether, in our judgment, there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the Borough of Harvey Cedars' ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

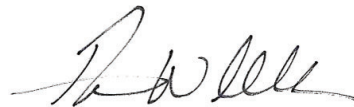
We are required to communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit, significant audit findings, and certain internal control-related matters that we identified during the audit.

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

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated June 29, 2025, on our consideration of the Borough of Harvey Cedars' internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the Borough of Harvey Cedars' internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the Borough of Harvey Cedars' internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

Respectfully submitted,

**HOLMAN FRENIA ALLISON, P.C.**

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Robert W. Allison  
Certified Public Accountant  
Registered Municipal Accountant  
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Lakewood, New Jersey  
June 29, 2025

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

Honorable Mayor and Members  
of the Board of Commissioners  
Borough of Harvey Cedars  
County of Ocean  
Harvey Cedars, New Jersey 08008

We have audited, in accordance with the auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States and audit requirements as prescribed by the Division of Local Government Services, Department of Community Affairs, State of New Jersey, the financial statements - regulatory basis of the Borough of Harvey Cedars, as of and for the year ended December 31, 2024, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Borough's basic financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated June 29, 2025. Our report indicated that the Borough's financial statements were not prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America but rather prepared in accordance with the regulatory basis of accounting prescribed by the Division of Local Government Services, Department of Community Affairs, State of New Jersey.

**Internal Control Over Financial Reporting**

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

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

Our consideration of internal control was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies. Given these limitations, during our audit we did not identify any deficiencies in internal control that we consider to be material weaknesses. However, material weaknesses or significant deficiencies may exist that have not been identified.

## **Report on Compliance and Other Matters**

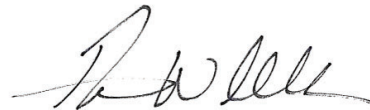
As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the Borough's financial statements are free from material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material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

### **Purpose of this Report**

The purpose of this report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the Borough's internal control or on compliance. This report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* and audit requirements as prescribed by the Division of Local Government Services, Department of Community Affairs, State of New Jersey in considering the Borough's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose.

Respectfully Submitted,

**HOLMAN FRENIA ALLISON, P.C.**

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Robert W. Allison  
Certified Public Accountant  
Registered Municipal Accountant  
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Lakewood, New Jersey  
June 29, 2025

**BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

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**BOROUGH OF HARVEY CEDARS  
CURRENT FUND  
STATEMENTS OF ASSETS, LIABILITIES, RESERVES AND  
FUND BALANCE - REGULATORY BASIS  
DECEMBER 31, 2024 AND 2023**

	2024	2023
ASSETS		
Regular Fund:		
Cash:		
Treasurer	\$ 7,203,823.99	\$ 5,319,471.00
Change Fund	400.00	400.00
Total	7,204,223.99	5,319,871.00
Other Receivable:		
Due from State of NJ - Senior Citizens' and Veterans Deductions	1,165.00	750.00
Total	1,165.00	750.00
Receivables & Other Assets With Full Reserves:		
Taxes Receivable	114,876.48	52,489.47
Due from Animal Control Trust Fund	71.53	-
Revenue Accounts Receivable	676.08	852.54
Total Receivables & Other Assets With Full Reserves	115,624.09	53,342.01
Deferred Charges:		
Emergency Authorization (N.J.S. 40A:4-46)	65,000.00	-
	65,000.00	-
Total Regular Funds	7,386,013.08	5,373,963.01
Federal & State Grants:		
Cash	45,349.11	45,629.68
Federal and State Grants Receivable	160,909.67	110,976.21
Due From Current Fund	29,985.35	36,613.18
Total State & Federal Grants	236,244.13	193,219.07
Total Assets	\$ 7,622,257.21	\$ 5,567,182.08

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

**BOROUGH OF HARVEY CEDARS**  
**CURRENT FUND**  
**STATEMENTS OF ASSETS, LIABILITIES, RESERVES AND**  
**FUND BALANCE - REGULATORY BASIS**  
**DECEMBER 31, 2024 AND 2023**

	2024	2023
<b>LIABILITIES RESERVES &amp; FUND BALANCE</b>		
Regular Fund:		
Liabilities:		
Appropriation Reserves	\$ 236,568.48	\$ 416,427.94
Encumbrances Payable	134,006.42	280,376.55
Accounts Payable	32,000.00	78,567.20
Due to General Capital Fund	24,154.35	24,154.35
Due to Federal & State Grant Fund	29,985.35	36,613.18
Tax Overpayments	41,215.15	40,090.13
Prepaid Taxes	298,882.11	157,936.74
County Taxes Payable	132,528.88	82,175.18
Due Municipal Open Space Trust Fund	665,113.19	527,700.64
Regional School Tax Payable	33,477.81	16,379.56
Regional High School Tax Payable	1,529,611.35	1,070,924.35
Due to State and Local Agencies	13,985.66	11,963.36
Various Reserves	88,828.56	99,846.22
	3,260,357.31	2,843,155.40
Subtotal Regular Fund		
Reserve for Receivables & Other Assets	115,624.09	53,342.01
Fund Balance	4,010,031.68	2,477,465.60
Total Regular Fund	7,386,013.08	5,373,963.01
Federal and State Grant Fund:		
Encumbrances Payable	66,593.05	76,907.58
Reserve for Grants Expenditures:		
Appropriated	169,651.08	105,212.85
Unappropriated	-	11,098.64
	236,244.13	193,219.07
Total State & Federal Grants		
	\$ 7,622,257.21	\$ 5,567,182.08
Total Liabilities, Reserves & Fund Balance		

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

**BOROUGH OF HARVEY CEDARS**  
**CURRENT FUND**  
**STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE -**  
**REGULATORY BASIS**  
**YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024 AND 2023**

	2024	2023
Revenue and Other Income Realized:		
Fund Balance Utilized	\$ 550,000.00	\$ 555,000.00
Miscellaneous Revenue Anticipated	833,332.38	816,125.55
Receipts From Delinquent Taxes	52,489.47	64,424.59
Non-Budget Revenue	1,233,112.34	241,637.70
Receipts From Current Taxes	15,333,690.80	13,170,168.89
Other Credits To Income:		
Unexpended Balance of Appropriation		
Reserves	407,336.68	320,764.72
Statutory Excess from Animal Control	71.53	-
Cancellation of Grant Balances	-	19,100.27
Interfunds Returned	6,627.83	-
Cancel Stale Reconciling Items	83,763.66	-
	18,500,424.69	15,187,221.72
Total Revenues		
Expenditures:		
Budget Appropriations Within "CAPS":		
Operations:		
Salaries and Wages	2,173,204.38	2,109,575.03
Other Expenses	1,490,273.73	1,387,479.71
Deferred Charges and Statutory		
Expenditures	595,188.72	506,257.22
Appropriations Excluded From "CAPS":		
Operations:		
Salaries and Wages		
Other Expenses	392,923.13	439,803.52
Capital Improvements	337,500.00	502,500.00
Municipal Debt Service	190,078.88	176,054.39
Deferred Charges	65,000.00	-
County Taxes	6,847,440.03	5,856,571.31
County Share of Added Taxes	132,528.88	82,175.18
Regional School Tax	651,422.00	583,029.00
Regional High School Tax	3,466,817.00	2,549,443.00
Municipal Open Space Tax	137,412.55	134,498.09
Interfunds Advanced	71.53	-
Refund of Prior Year Revenue	2,997.78	2,004.49
	16,482,858.61	14,329,390.94
Total Expenditures		
Excess in Revenue	2,017,566.08	857,830.78
Add: Expenditures Included Above Which Are By Statute Deferred Charges To Budgets of Succeeding Years	65,000.00	-
Statutory Excess To Fund Balance	2,082,566.08	857,830.78
Fund Balance, January 1	2,477,465.60	2,174,634.82
	4,560,031.68	3,032,465.60
Decreased By:		
Utilized as Anticipated Revenue	550,000.00	555,000.00
Fund Balance, December 31	\$ 4,010,031.68	\$ 2,477,465.60

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

**BOROUGH OF HARVEY CEDARS**  
**CURRENT FUND**  
**STATEMENT OF REVENUES - REGULATORY BASIS**  
**YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024**

	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Budget Amendments</u>	<u>Realized</u>	<u>Excess/ (Deficit)</u>
Fund Balance Anticipated	\$ 550,000.00	\$ -	\$ 550,000.00	\$ -
Miscellaneous Revenues:				
Licenses:				
Alcoholic Beverages	4,650.00	-	4,650.00	-
Fees and Permits	20,000.00	-	28,296.00	8,296.00
Fines and Costs:				
Municipal Court	9,000.00	-	11,039.38	2,039.38
Interest and Costs on Taxes	15,000.00	-	20,123.25	5,123.25
Beach Badge Fees	280,000.00	-	295,694.00	15,694.00
Rents	120,000.00	-	126,575.30	6,575.30
Energy Receipts Tax	106,887.00	-	106,887.41	0.41
Reserve for Municipal Property Tax Relief Aid	11,017.66	-	11,017.66	-
Uniform Construction Code Fees	40,000.00	-	60,913.00	20,913.00
Local Recreation Improvement Grant	-	68,000.00	68,000.00	-
ARP - Firefighter Grant	75,000.00	-	75,000.00	-
Bulletproof Vest Partnership	-	987.64	987.64	-
Clean Communities Grant	-	7,151.23	7,151.23	-
COPS In Shops	1,440.00	-	1,440.00	-
Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over/Drink, Drive, Lose	4,840.00	-	4,840.00	-
Recycling Tonnage Grant	7,033.29	-	7,033.29	-
Body Armor Replacement Fund	2,580.12	1,104.10	3,684.22	-
	<u>697,448.07</u>	<u>77,242.97</u>	<u>833,332.38</u>	<u>58,641.34</u>
Receipts From Delinquent Taxes	<u>50,000.00</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>52,489.47</u>	<u>2,489.47</u>
Amount to be Raised by Taxes for Support of Municipal Budget:				
Local Tax for Municipal Purposes	<u>4,054,645.38</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>4,348,070.34</u>	<u>293,424.96</u>
Budget Totals	<u>5,352,093.45</u>	<u>77,242.97</u>	<u>5,783,892.19</u>	<u>354,555.77</u>
Non-Budget Revenue	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,233,112.34</u>	<u>1,233,112.34</u>
	<u>\$ 5,352,093.45</u>	<u>\$ 77,242.97</u>	<u>\$ 7,017,004.53</u>	<u>\$ 1,587,668.11</u>

**BOROUGH OF HARVEY CEDARS**  
**CURRENT FUND**  
**STATEMENT OF REVENUES - REGULATORY BASIS**  
**YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024**

Analysis of Realized Revenue

Allocation of Current Tax Collection:

Revenue from Collections	\$ 15,333,690.80
Allocated to School, County, and Municipal Open Space Taxes	11,235,620.46

Balance for Support of Municipal Budget	4,098,070.34
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Add:

Appropriation for Uncollected Taxes	250,000.00
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Balance for Support of Municipal Budget	\$ 4,348,070.34
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Miscellaneous Revenue Not Anticipated:

Copies	\$ 435.45
Tax Searches	30.00
Resale CO's	1,950.00
Assessor Lists	240.00
Plumbing/Fire Fees	512.80
Sale of Asset	990,000.00
Re-Entry Passes	50.00
Tax Costs of Sale	505.62
Miscellaneous	15,692.88
Payment in Lieu of Taxes	34,273.14
Interest Income	165,387.35
Certified Copies	15.00
Yard Sale Permits	25.00
Street Openings	2,850.00
Administration Fee:	
Senior Citizens' and Veterans'	85.00
TV Cable Franchise Fees	12,435.10
Public Property Use Fee	6,025.00
Bid Specs	1,700.00
Pickle Ball fees	600.00
Fire Arm Permits	300.00
	\$ 1,233,112.34

Fees and Permits:

Marriage Licenses - Municipal Share	\$ 6.00
Certificate of Occupancy	1,100.00
Tennis Court Fees	9,990.00
Land Use Board App Fee	3,100.00
Beach Buggy Permits	950.00
Zoning Permits	10,400.00
Police Vendor Permits	1,450.00
Boat Permits	1,300.00
	\$ 28,296.00

**BOROUGH OF HARVEY CEDARS  
CURRENT FUND  
STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURES - REGULATORY BASIS  
YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024**

	Appropriations		Budget After Modifications	Paid or Charged			Cancelled	
	Original Budget			Paid	Encumbered			Reserved
General Appropriations Operations - Within "CAPS"								
GENERAL GOVERNMENT								
Department of Public Affairs and Safety								
Director's Office:								
Salaries and Wages	\$ 7,500.00	\$ 7,500.00	\$ 7,500.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
Other Expenses	1,500.00	2,000.00	1,789.53	200.19	10.28	-	-	
Administrator:								
Salaries and Wages	10,000.00	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Municipal Clerk:								
Salaries and Wages	69,038.00	53,538.00	53,310.60	-	227.40	-	-	
Other Expenses	9,000.00	10,000.00	9,982.21	-	17.79	-	-	
Legal Services and Costs:								
Other Expenses	37,500.00	68,700.00	68,654.20	-	45.80	-	-	
Municipal Land Use Law (N.J.S.A. 40:55D-1):								
Land Use Board								
Salaries and Wages	27,190.00	29,595.00	29,594.40	-	0.60	-	-	
Other Expenses	8,000.00	8,000.00	7,275.85	624.73	99.42	-	-	
Police Department:								
Salaries and Wages	1,107,963.64	1,091,263.64	1,081,681.17	-	9,582.47	-	-	
Other Expenses	89,264.00	88,756.00	56,579.94	31,846.60	329.46	-	-	
Office of Emergency Management:								
Salaries and Wages	2,000.00	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Other Expenses	3,181.00	400.00	400.00	-	-	-	-	
Volunteer Organizations								
Aid to Volunteer Fire Company	12,000.00	12,000.00	12,000.00	-	-	-	-	
First Aid Organization Contribution	9,500.00	9,500.00	9,500.00	-	-	-	-	
Municipal Prosecutor's Office								
Other Expenses	8,800.00	8,800.00	6,150.00	-	2,650.00	-	-	
Contributions to Senior Citizens Center	500.00	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Lifeguards:								
Salaries and Wages	375,000.00	371,300.00	371,185.50	-	114.50	-	-	
Other Expenses	22,287.51	22,787.51	20,358.61	2,211.57	217.33	-	-	

**BOROUGH OF HARVEY CEDARS  
CURRENT FUND  
STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURES - REGULATORY BASIS  
YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024**

	Appropriations		Paid or Charged	Reserved	Cancelled
	Original Budget	Budget After Modifications			
GENERAL GOVERNMENT (continued)					
Beach Operations					
Salaries and Wages	35,000.00	35,000.00	35,000.00	-	-
Other Expenses	7,282.80	7,882.80	7,876.70	-	6.10
Department of Revenue and Finance					
Director's Office:					
Salaries and Wages	7,500.00	7,500.00	7,500.00	-	-
Other Expenses	1,000.00	1,000.00	686.47	23.31	290.22
Financial Administration:					
Salaries and Wages	63,440.00	69,540.00	69,516.29	-	23.71
Other Expenses	6,000.00	7,300.00	3,715.67	3,413.70	170.63
Audit Services	31,720.00	31,720.00	31,720.00	-	-
Collector of Taxes:					
Salaries and Wages	74,100.00	62,600.00	62,113.81	-	486.19
Other Expenses	8,000.00	8,500.00	3,473.46	4,878.98	147.56
Tax Assessment Administration:					
Salaries and Wages	23,465.00	23,465.00	23,194.25	-	270.75
Other Expenses	4,000.00	3,000.00	2,978.55	-	21.45
Computer Data Processing					
Other Expenses	6,800.00	8,200.00	8,012.90	-	187.10
Department of Public Works, Parks, and Public Property					
Director's Office:					
Salaries and Wages	7,500.00	7,500.00	7,500.00	-	-
Other Expenses	1,000.00	500.00	385.72	114.28	-
Engineering Services and Costs:					
Other Expenses	35,000.00	56,920.00	47,572.34	9,342.66	5.00
Road Repair and Maintenance:					
Salaries and Wages	339,210.24	334,810.24	334,794.03	-	16.21
Other Expenses	35,000.00	35,500.00	30,938.38	4,303.42	258.20
Garbage and Trash Removal:					
Other Expenses	286,000.00	286,000.00	262,166.74	-	23,833.26
Public Buildings and Grounds:					
Other Expenses	75,000.00	85,000.00	81,500.21	2,520.24	979.55
Vehicle Maintenance:					
Salaries and Wages	36,233.50	38,033.50	37,993.13	-	40.37
Other Expenses	34,000.00	30,800.00	25,300.04	5,446.89	53.07

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**BOROUGH OF HARVEY CEDARS  
CURRENT FUND  
STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURES - REGULATORY BASIS  
YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024**

	Appropriations					
	Original Budget	Budget After Modifications	Paid	Paid or Charged Encumbered	Reserved	Cancelled
Recreation:						
Salaries and Wages	5,325.00	5,325.00	5,325.00	-	-	-
Other Expenses	1,000.00	1,000.00	935.83	-	64.17	-
GENERAL GOVERNMENT (continued)						
Park Maintenance:						
Other Expenses	10,400.00	8,900.00	8,222.21	500.00	177.79	-
Beachfront Maintenance:						
Other Expenses	30,000.00	29,000.00	25,362.34	3,542.70	94.96	-
Sanitary Landfill:						
Other Expenses	73,000.00	79,600.00	79,547.71	-	52.29	-
Municipal Court:						
Salaries and Wages	17,340.00	17,340.00	17,340.00	-	-	-
Other Expenses	2,500.00	1,000.00	942.49	-	57.51	-
Public Defender (P.L. 1997, c.256):						
Other Expenses	2,750.00	2,750.00	750.00	-	2,000.00	-
Insurance (N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.3(00)):						
General Liability	57,737.50	57,926.50	57,926.50	-	-	-
Workers Compensation	53,170.66	53,170.66	53,170.66	-	-	-
Employee Group Health	322,262.66	312,457.66	271,953.54	468.18	40,035.94	-
Health Benefits Waiver	18,148.31	19,758.31	19,753.68	-	4.63	-
UNIFORM CONSTRUCTION CODE - APPROPRIATIONS OFFSET BY DEDICATED REVENUES (N.J.A.C. 5:23-4.17)						
Construction Code Official:						
Salaries and Wages	8,894.00	8,894.00	8,519.93	-	374.07	-
Other Expenses	3,000.00	1,999.99	1,970.16	-	29.83	-
UNCLASSIFIED						
Electricity	16,320.00	12,190.00	12,174.89	-	15.11	-
Street Lighting	50,955.30	54,655.30	54,635.58	-	19.72	-
Telecommunications	23,000.00	24,600.00	23,072.70	1,516.47	10.83	-
Natural Gas	13,699.00	8,499.00	8,458.90	-	40.10	-
Petroleum Products	35,000.00	29,500.00	29,263.61	-	236.39	-
Accumulated Leave Compensation	10,000.00	10,000.00	10,000.00	-	-	-
<b>Total Operations - Within "CAPS"</b>	<b>3,671,978.11</b>	<b>3,663,478.11</b>	<b>3,509,226.43</b>	<b>70,953.92</b>	<b>83,297.76</b>	<b>-</b>

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**BOROUGH OF HARVEY CEDARS  
CURRENT FUND  
STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURES - REGULATORY BASIS  
YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024**

	Appropriations					Cancelled
	Original Budget	Budget After Modifications	Paid	Paid or Charged Encumbered	Reserved	
Detail:	3,671,978.11	2,173,204.38	2,162,068.11	-	11,136.27	-
Salaries and Wages		1,490,273.73	1,347,158.32	70,953.92	72,161.49	-
Other Expenses						
Deferred Charges and Statutory Expenditures - Municipal - Within "CAPS"						
Statutory Expenditures:						
Contribution To:						
Public Employees' Retirement System of NJ	103,093.90	103,093.90	103,093.90	-	-	-
Social Security System (O.A.S.I.)	165,844.56	165,844.56	162,761.92	-	3,082.64	-
Police and Firemen's Retirement System of NJ	310,652.00	310,652.00	310,652.00	-	-	-
Unemployment Insurance (N.J.S.A. 43:21-3 et seq.)	10,839.51	10,839.51	9,713.81	-	1,125.70	-
Defined Contribution Retirement Program	4,758.75	4,758.75	2,877.68	-	1,881.07	-
Total Deferred Charges and Statutory Expenditures - Municipal - Within "CAPS"	595,188.72	595,188.72	589,099.31	-	6,089.41	-
Total General Appropriations for Municipal Purposes - Within "CAPS"	4,267,166.83	4,258,666.83	4,098,325.74	70,953.92	89,387.17	-
Recycling Tax	3,358.73	1,858.73	1,769.61	-	89.12	-
LOSAP	60,000.00	60,000.00	-	4,650.00	55,350.00	-
Employee Group Health	5,365.00	5,365.00	5,365.00	-	-	-
Interlocal Municipal Service Agreements:						
Construction Office	41,660.00	41,660.00	31,332.50	10,327.50	-	-
Public Health Services	47,878.02	47,878.02	47,878.02	-	-	-
Animal Control Services	10,000.00	10,000.00	4,077.00	-	5,923.00	-
LBI Trolley	10,000.00	20,000.00	20,000.00	-	-	-
Municipal Court Services	33,600.00	33,600.00	-	-	33,600.00	-
Mobile Data Terminals	575.00	575.00	575.00	-	-	-
License Plate Recognition	700.00	700.00	700.00	-	-	-
Computer Aided Dispatch	3,150.00	3,150.00	3,150.00	-	-	-

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**BOROUGH OF HARVEY CEDARS  
CURRENT FUND  
STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURES - REGULATORY BASIS  
YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024**

	Appropriations					
	Original Budget	Budget After Modifications	Paid	Paid or Charged Encumbered	Reserved	Cancelled
Public and Private Programs Offset By Revenues:						
Local Recreation Improvement Grant	-	68,000.00	68,000.00	-	-	-
ARP - Firefighter Grant	75,000.00	75,000.00	75,000.00	-	-	-
Bulleproof Vest Partnership	-	987.64	987.64	-	-	-
Clean Communities Grant	-	7,151.23	7,151.23	-	-	-
COPS In Shops	1,440.00	1,440.00	1,440.00	-	-	-
Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over/Drink, Drive, Lose	4,840.00	4,840.00	4,840.00	-	-	-
Recycling Tonnage Grant	7,033.29	7,033.29	7,033.29	-	-	-
Body Armor Replacement Fund	2,580.12	3,684.22	3,684.22	-	-	-
<b>Total Operations - Excluded From "CAPS"</b>	<b>307,180.16</b>	<b>392,923.13</b>	<b>282,983.51</b>	<b>14,977.50</b>	<b>94,962.12</b>	<b>-</b>
Detail:						
Other Expenses	307,180.16	392,923.13	282,983.51	14,977.50	94,962.12	-
Capital Improvements - Excluded From "CAPS"						
Capital Improvement Fund	142,500.00	142,500.00	142,500.00	-	-	-
Borough Hall Rehabilitation	20,000.00	20,000.00	19,230.72	-	769.28	-
Bulkheads	45,000.00	45,000.00	-	3,825.01	41,174.99	-
Lifeguard Truck	50,000.00	50,000.00	49,397.00	-	603.00	-
Radios (Badge Checkers)	60,000.00	60,000.00	58,750.97	-	1,249.03	-
Server	20,000.00	20,000.00	12,224.29	4,250.00	3,525.71	-
<b>Total Capital Improvements - Excluded From "CAPS"</b>	<b>337,500.00</b>	<b>337,500.00</b>	<b>282,102.98</b>	<b>8,075.01</b>	<b>47,322.01</b>	<b>-</b>

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**BOROUGH OF HARVEY CEDARS  
CURRENT FUND  
STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURES - REGULATORY BASIS  
YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024**

	Appropriations					
	Original Budget	Budget After Modifications	Paid	Paid or Charged Encumbered	Reserved	Cancelled
Municipal Debt Service - Excluded From "CAPS"						
Payment of Bond Anticipation Notes and Capital Notes	145,001.00	145,001.00	145,001.00	-	-	-
Interest on Notes	45,245.46	45,245.46	45,077.88	-	-	167.58
<b>Total Municipal Debt Service - Excluded From "CAPS"</b>	<b>190,246.46</b>	<b>190,246.46</b>	<b>190,078.88</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>167.58</b>
Deferred Charges - Municipal - Excluded From "CAPS"						
Emergency Authorizations						
Fish Kills	-	65,000.00	20,102.82	40,000.00	4,897.18	
<b>Total Deferred Charges - Municipal - Excluded From "CAPS"</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>65,000.00</b>	<b>20,102.82</b>	<b>40,000.00</b>	<b>4,897.18</b>	<b>-</b>
Total General Appropriations - Excluded From "CAPS"	834,926.62	985,669.59	775,268.19	63,052.51	147,181.31	167.58
Subtotal General Appropriations	5,102,093.45	5,244,336.42	4,873,593.93	134,006.43	236,568.48	167.58
Reserve for Uncollected Taxes	250,000.00	250,000.00	250,000.00	-	-	-
<b>Total General Appropriations</b>	<b>\$ 5,352,093.45</b>	<b>\$ 5,494,336.42</b>	<b>\$ 5,123,593.93</b>	<b>\$ 134,006.43</b>	<b>\$ 236,568.48</b>	<b>\$ 167.58</b>
Analysis of Modified Budget:						
Original Budget	\$ 5,352,093.45					
Chapter 159s	77,242.97					
Emergency Authorizations	65,000.00					
	<u>\$ 5,494,336.42</u>					
Analysis of Paid or Charged:						
Reserve for Uncollected Taxes		\$ 250,000.00				
Cash Disbursements		4,705,457.55				
Reserve for Grant Expenditures - Appropriated		168,136.38				
		<u>\$ 5,123,593.93</u>				

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**BOROUGH OF HARVEY CEDARS  
TRUST FUND  
STATEMENTS OF ASSETS, LIABILITIES, RESERVES AND  
FUND BALANCE - REGULATORY BASIS  
DECEMBER 31, 2024 AND 2023**

ASSETS	2024	2023
Animal Control Fund:		
Cash	\$ 431.53	\$ 281.93
Total Animal Control Fund	431.53	281.93
Trust - Other Fund:		
Cash	527,217.28	448,448.14
Total Trust - Other Fund	527,217.28	448,448.14
Municipal Open Space Trust Fund		
Cash	325,889.45	325,127.43
Due from Current Fund	665,113.19	527,700.64
Total Municipal Open Space Trust Fund	991,002.64	852,828.07
Payroll Fund:		
Cash	17,646.22	11,857.39
Total Payroll Fund	17,646.22	11,857.39
Length of Service Awards Program Fund (LOSAP)		
Funds Held by Trustee	1,182,173.03	1,009,519.93
Total Length of Service Awards Program Fund (LOSAP)	1,182,173.03	1,009,519.93
Total Assets	\$ 2,718,470.70	\$ 2,322,935.46
<b>LIABILITIES, RESERVES, AND FUND BALANCE</b>		
Animal Control Fund:		
Reserve for Animal Control Fund Expenditures	\$ 360.00	\$ 281.93
Due to Current Fund	71.53	-
Total Animal Control Fund	431.53	281.93
Trust - Other Fund:		
Trust - Other Reserves	527,217.28	448,448.14
Total Trust - Other Fund	527,217.28	448,448.14
Municipal Open Space Trust Fund		
Reserve for Open Space	991,002.64	852,828.07
Total Municipal Open Space Trust Fund	991,002.64	852,828.07
Payroll Fund		
Reserve for Payroll Deductions	17,646.22	11,857.39
Total Payroll Fund	17,646.22	11,857.39
Length of Service Awards Program Fund (LOSAP)		
Reserve for Length of Service Awards Program	1,182,173.03	1,009,519.93
Total Length of Service Awards Program Fund (LOSAP)	1,182,173.03	1,009,519.93
Total	\$ 2,718,470.70	\$ 2,322,935.46

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**BOROUGH OF HARVEY CEDARS  
GENERAL CAPITAL FUND  
STATEMENTS OF ASSETS, LIABILITIES, RESERVES AND  
FUND BALANCE - REGULATORY BASIS  
DECEMBER 31, 2024 AND 2023**

ASSETS	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
Cash	\$ 1,240,554.45	\$ 1,691,006.78
Grants Receivable	683,488.64	1,060,097.81
Due from Current Fund	24,154.35	24,154.35
Deferred Charges to Future Taxation:		
Unfunded	<u>4,837,732.59</u>	<u>3,509,877.76</u>
 Total Assets	 <u>\$ 6,785,930.03</u>	 <u>\$ 6,285,136.70</u>
<b>LIABILITIES, RESERVES &amp; FUND BALANCE</b>		
Bond Anticipation Notes	\$ 1,515,047.00	\$ 1,270,048.00
Improvement Authorizations:		
Funded	130,536.48	121,073.98
Unfunded	3,216,950.30	2,324,246.27
Encumbrances Payable	390,364.49	636,213.34
Capital Improvement Fund	645,221.03	675,234.03
Due Utility Capital	204,100.00	204,100.00
Reserve for Grants Receivable	383,488.64	760,097.81
Reserve for Debt Service	109,631.60	109,631.60
Fund Balance	<u>190,590.49</u>	<u>184,491.67</u>
 Total Liabilities, Reserves & Fund Balance	 <u>\$ 6,785,930.03</u>	 <u>\$ 6,285,136.70</u>

There were \$3,330,527.59 of bonds and notes authorized but not issued on December 31, 2024 and \$2,239,829.76 on December 31, 2023.

**BOROUGH OF HARVEY CEDARS  
GENERAL CAPITAL FUND  
STATEMENTS OF CAPITAL FUND BALANCE -  
REGULATORY BASIS  
YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024 AND 2023**

Balance December 31, 2023	\$ 184,491.67
Increased by:	
Bond Anticipation Note Premium	<u>6,098.82</u>
Balance, December 31, 2024	<u><u>\$ 190,590.49</u></u>

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**BOROUGH OF HARVEY CEDARS  
WATER-SEWER UTILITY FUND  
STATEMENTS OF ASSETS, LIABILITIES, RESERVES AND  
FUND BALANCE - REGULATORY BASIS  
DECEMBER 31, 2024 AND 2023**

	2024	2023
<b>ASSETS</b>		
Operating Fund:		
Cash	\$ 697,478.27	\$ 602,744.56
Total	697,478.27	602,744.56
Receivables With Full Reserves:		
Water Rents Receivable	73,260.29	36,190.43
Sewer Rents Receivable	49,938.07	26,558.88
Total	123,198.36	62,749.31
Deferred Charges:		
Overexpenditure of Appropriations	-	21,946.99
Total Operating Fund	820,676.63	687,440.86
Capital Fund:		
Cash	103,473.65	76,755.77
Fixed Capital	8,190,479.54	7,883,560.27
Fixed Capital Authorized and Uncompleted	5,928,609.50	3,753,609.50
Due from General Capital	204,100.00	204,100.00
Total Capital Fund	14,426,662.69	11,918,025.54
Total Operating & Capital Fund	\$ 15,247,339.32	\$ 12,605,466.40

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**BOROUGH OF HARVEY CEDARS  
WATER-SEWER UTILITY FUND  
STATEMENTS OF ASSETS, LIABILITIES, RESERVES AND  
FUND BALANCE - REGULATORY BASIS  
DECEMBER 31, 2024 AND 2023**

	2024	2023
<b>LIABILITIES RESERVES &amp; FUND BALANCE</b>		
Operating Fund:		
Liabilities:		
Appropriation Reserves	\$ 143,982.33	\$ 149,348.39
Water Overpayments	4,386.48	4,449.62
Encumbrances Payable	32,840.05	41,287.14
Accounts Payable	58,441.41	8,475.65
Accrued Interest on Bonds and Notes	70,872.10	27,678.63
	310,522.37	231,239.43
Subtotal		
Reserve for Receivables	123,198.36	62,749.31
Fund Balance	386,955.90	393,452.12
	820,676.63	687,440.86
Total Operating Fund		
Capital Fund:		
Bond Anticipation Notes	2,089,953.00	1,299,952.00
Loans Payable	108,067.44	209,627.04
Improvement Authorizations:		
Funded	29,158.99	18,802.25
Unfunded	1,420,708.05	1,304,276.86
Capital Improvement Fund	345,954.00	265,954.00
Reserve for Amortization	8,840,816.80	7,966,656.43
Reserve for Deferred Amortization	205,000.00	785,682.50
Encumbrances Payable	1,311,516.84	-
Fund Balance	75,487.57	67,074.46
	14,426,662.69	11,918,025.54
Total Capital Fund		
Total Liabilities, Reserves & Fund Balance	\$ 15,247,339.32	\$ 12,605,466.40

There were \$2,875,251.80 of bonds and notes authorized but not issued on December 31, 2024 and \$1,375,251.80 on December 31, 2023.

**BOROUGH OF HARVEY CEDARS**  
**WATER-SEWER UTILITY OPERATING FUND**  
**STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE**  
**REGULATORY BASIS**  
**YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024 AND 2023**

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
Revenue and Other Income Realized:		
Fund Balance Anticipated	\$ 175,507.98	\$ 126,595.61
Water/Sewer Rents	1,508,062.23	1,503,548.46
Miscellaneous Revenues Anticipated	40,055.82	23,896.57
Other Credits to Income:		
Lapsed Appropriation Reserves	90,307.26	128,766.99
Accrued Interest Cancelled	-	-
Cancel Stale Reconciling Items	20,372.59	-
Accounts Payable Cancelled	8,538.47	-
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Total Revenues	1,842,844.35	1,782,807.63
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Expenditures:		
Budget Appropriations:		
Operating	1,048,521.32	1,035,018.14
Capital Improvements	134,000.00	212,000.00
Debt Service	377,952.18	326,508.54
Deferred Charges	21,946.99	-
Statutory Expenditures	91,412.10	91,355.24
Refund Prior Year Revenue	-	1,196.67
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Total Expenditures	1,673,832.59	1,666,078.59
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Excess in Revenue		
Add: Expenditures Included		
Above Which Are By Statute		
Deferred Charges To Budgets		
of Succeeding Years	-	17,477.05
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Excess in Revenue	169,011.76	134,206.09
Fund Balance, January 1	393,452.12	385,841.64
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	562,463.88	520,047.73
Decreased By:		
Utilized as Anticipated Revenue	175,507.98	126,595.61
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Fund Balance, December 31	\$ 386,955.90	\$ 393,452.12
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**BOROUGH OF HARVEY CEDARS  
WATER-SEWER UTILITY CAPITAL FUND  
STATEMENTS OF FUND BALANCE -  
REGULATORY BASIS  
YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024 AND 2023**

Balance, December 31, 2023	\$ 67,074.46
Increased By:	
Bond Anticipation Note Premium	<u>8,413.11</u>
Balance, December 31, 2024 and 2023	<u><u>\$ 75,487.57</u></u>

**BOROUGH OF HARVEY CEDARS  
WATER-SEWER UTILITY OPERATING FUND  
STATEMENT OF REVENUES - REGULATORY BASIS  
YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024**

	<u>Anticipated</u>	<u>Realized</u>	<u>Excess/ (Deficit)</u>
Surplus Anticipated	\$ 175,507.98	\$ 175,507.98	\$ -
Rents	1,498,000.00	1,508,062.23	10,062.23
Miscellaneous	6,000.00	40,055.82	34,055.82
	<u>\$ 1,679,507.98</u>	<u>\$ 1,723,626.03</u>	<u>\$ 44,118.05</u>

Analysis of Realized Rents

Consumer Accounts Receivable:  
Collected

\$ 1,508,062.23

Analysis of Miscellaneous Revenue

Interest on Delinquents  
Interest on Investments  
Miscellaneous

\$ 2,384.36

12,520.09

25,151.37

\$ 40,055.82

**BOROUGH OF HARVEY CEDARS  
WATER-SEWER UTILITY OPERATING FUND  
STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURES - REGULATORY BASIS  
YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024**

	APPROPRIATIONS		PAID OR CHARGED			
	Original Budget	Budget After Modification	Paid	Encumbered	Reserved	Cancelled
Operating:						
Salaries and Wages	\$ 453,004.84	\$ 453,004.84	\$ 389,941.79	\$ -	\$ 63,063.05	\$ -
Other Expenses	595,516.48	595,516.48	537,782.01	29,844.46	27,890.01	-
<b>Total Operating</b>	<b>1,048,521.32</b>	<b>1,048,521.32</b>	<b>927,723.80</b>	<b>29,844.46</b>	<b>90,953.06</b>	<b>-</b>
Capital Improvements:						
Capital Improvement Fund	80,000.00	80,000.00	80,000.00	-	-	-
Capital Outlay	12,000.00	12,000.00	-	2,995.59	9,004.41	-
Meters/ ERTS	25,000.00	25,000.00	-	-	25,000.00	-
Fire Hydrant Replacement Program	12,000.00	12,000.00	-	-	12,000.00	-
Watermains	5,000.00	5,000.00	2,832.51	-	2,167.49	-
<b>Total Capital Improvements</b>	<b>134,000.00</b>	<b>134,000.00</b>	<b>82,832.51</b>	<b>2,995.59</b>	<b>48,171.90</b>	<b>-</b>
Debt Service:						
Bond Anticipation Notes	184,999.00	184,999.00	184,999.00	-	-	-
Interest on Notes	90,500.00	90,500.00	90,419.20	-	-	80.80
Principal on NJEIT Loan	102,558.20	102,558.20	99,050.23	-	-	3,507.97
Interest on NJEIT Loan	5,570.37	5,570.37	3,483.75	-	-	2,086.62
<b>Total Debt Service</b>	<b>383,627.57</b>	<b>383,627.57</b>	<b>377,952.18</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>5,675.39</b>
Deferred Charges:						
Overexpenditure of Appropriations	21,946.99	21,946.99	21,946.66	-	0.33	-
<b>Total Deferred Charges</b>	<b>21,946.99</b>	<b>21,946.99</b>	<b>21,946.66</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>0.33</b>	<b>-</b>
Statutory Expenditures:						
Contribution To:						
Public Employees' Retirement System	55,512.10	55,512.10	55,512.10	-	-	-
Social Security System (O.A.S.I.)	34,000.00	34,000.00	29,421.38	-	4,578.62	-
Unemployment Compensation Insurance	1,900.00	1,900.00	1,621.58	-	278.42	-
<b>Total Statutory Expenditures</b>	<b>91,412.10</b>	<b>91,412.10</b>	<b>86,555.06</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>4,857.04</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total Water/Sewer Utility Fund Appropriations</b>	<b>\$ 1,679,507.98</b>	<b>\$ 1,679,507.98</b>	<b>\$ 1,497,010.21</b>	<b>\$ 32,840.05</b>	<b>\$ 143,982.33</b>	<b>\$ 5,675.39</b>

Cash Disbursements	\$ 1,431,870.08
Deferred Charge	21,946.66
Accrued Interest on Bonds and Notes	43,193.47
	<u>\$ 1,497,010.21</u>

**BOROUGH OF HARVEY CEDARS**  
**GENERAL FIXED ASSETS ACCOUNT GROUP**  
**STATEMENTS OF ASSETS, LIABILITIES, RESERVES AND FUND BALANCE -**  
**REGULATORY BASIS**  
**DECEMBER 31, 2024 AND 2023**

	Balance December 31, <u>2024</u>	Balance December 31, <u>2023</u>
Land	\$ 926,392.47	\$ 926,392.47
Land Improvements	531,886.00	500,288.00
Buildings and Improvements	1,571,415.00	1,506,982.00
Machinery and Equipment	<u>1,831,835.00</u>	<u>1,714,001.00</u>
Total General Fixed Assets	<u>\$ 4,861,528.47</u>	<u>\$ 4,647,663.47</u>
Investment in General Fixed Assets	<u>\$ 4,861,528.47</u>	<u>\$ 4,647,663.47</u>

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

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**BOROUGH OF HARVEY CEDARS  
COUNTY OF OCEAN, NEW JERSEY**

**NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024**

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**BOROUGH OF HARVEY CEDARS**  
**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024**

**Note 1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies**

**Description of Financial Reporting Entity** - The Borough of Harvey Cedars has operated under the Walsh Act Commission form of New Jersey municipal government since 1923. The governing body is a 3-member Board of Commissioners. The financial statements of the Borough include every board, body, officer or commission maintained wholly or in part by funds appropriated by the Borough, as required by the provision of N.J.S. 40A:5-5. The financial statements, however, do not include the operation of School Boards, Volunteer Fire Departments/Fire Districts and First Aid Squads which are subject to separate audit and are not considered component units under GASB 14. Included within the financial statements are taxes levied, collected and turned over to School Boards and appropriations for contributions to Volunteer Fire Departments and First Aid Squads.

**Component Units** - GASB Statement 14, as amended by GASB Statements 39, 61, 80, 90 and 97, establishes criteria to be used in determining the component units, which should be included in the financial statements of a primary government. The financial statements of the Borough are not presented in accordance with GAAP (as discussed below). Therefore, the Borough had no component units as defined by GASB Statement No. 14, as amended by GASB Statements 39, 61, 80, 90 and 97.

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

In accordance with the "Requirements", the Borough of Harvey Cedars accounts for its financial transactions through the use of separate funds which are described as follows:

**Current Fund** - resources and expenditures for government operations of a general nature, including Federal and State Grant funds.

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

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

**Water-Sewer Utility Operating and Capital Fund** - is used to account for the operations and acquisition of capital facilities of the municipally-owned Water/Sewer Utility.

**General Fixed Asset Account Group** – is utilized to account for property, land, buildings and equipment that have been acquired by the other funds of the Borough.

**LOSAP Trust Fund** – is used to account for the Length of Service Award Program of the Borough.

**BOROUGH OF HARVEY CEDARS**  
**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024**

**Note 1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued):**

**Budgets and Budgetary Accounting** - The Borough must adopt an annual budget for its current fund and utility fund 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 February 10th 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 Borough. 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.40AA-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 Borough's financial statements.

**Cash and Cash Equivalents** - 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. Under GAAP, investments are reported at fair value, but under regulatory basis of accounting, investments are stated at cost, with the exception of LOSAP investments which are reported at fair value. Therefore unrealized gains or losses on investments have not been recorded.

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 Borough requires it to deposit funds in public depositories protected from loss under the provisions of the Act.

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

**BOROUGH OF HARVEY CEDARS**  
**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024**

**Note 1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued):**

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

**General Fixed Assets** - Accounting for governmental fixed assets, as required by *N.J.A.C.5:30-5.6*, differs in certain respects from accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. In accordance with the regulations, all local units, including municipalities, must maintain a general fixed assets reporting system that establishes and maintains a physical inventory of nonexpendable, tangible property as defined and limited by the U.S. Office of Management and Budget Circular A-87 (Attachment B, Section 19), except that the useful life of such property is at least five years. The Borough has adopted a capitalization threshold of \$5,000.00, the maximum amount allowed by the Circular. Generally, assets are valued at historical cost; however, assets acquired prior to December 31, 1985 are valued at actual historical cost or estimated historical cost. In some instances, assets are valued at the assessed valuation of the property at the time of acquisition, which approximates fair value. No depreciation of general fixed assets is recorded. Donated general fixed assets are recorded at their estimated fair market value on the acquisition date. Interest costs relative to the acquisition of general fixed assets are recorded as expenditures when paid. Public domain ("infrastructure") general fixed assets consisting of certain improvements 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 Borough is required to maintain a subsidiary ledger detailing fixed assets records to control additions, retirements, and transfers of fixed assets. In addition, a statement of general fixed assets, reflecting the activity for the year, must be included in the Borough'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 includes accurate records indicating asset description, source, ownership, acquisition cost and date, the percentage of federal participation (if any), and the location, use, and condition of the asset. Periodically, physical inventories must be taken and reconciled with these records. Lastly, all fixed assets must be adequately controlled to safeguard against loss, damage, or theft.

**Utility Fixed Assets** – Property and equipment purchases by a utility fund are recorded in the utility capital account at cost and are adjusted for disposition. The amounts shown do not represent replacement cost or current value. The reserve for amortization and deferred reserve for amortization in the utility capital fund represent the cost of the utility fixed assets reduced by the outstanding balances of bonds, loans, notes, or other borrowings that are attributable to the acquisition, construction or improvement of those assets.

**Foreclosed Property** - Foreclosed property is recorded in the current fund at the assessed valuation when such property was acquired and is fully reserved. Ordinarily it is the intention of the Borough 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 assets account group. If such property is converted to a municipal use, it will be recorded in the general fixed assets account group.

**Deferred Charges** - The recognition of certain expenditures is deferred to future periods. These expenditures, or deferred charges, are generally over-expenditures 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.

**BOROUGH OF HARVEY CEDARS**  
**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024**

**Note 1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued):**

**Fund Balance** - Fund balances included in the current fund and utility operating funds represent 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 Borough's budget. Receivables for property taxes are recorded with offsetting reserves on the statement of assets, liabilities, reserves and fund balance of the Borough's current fund; accordingly, such amounts are not recorded as revenue until collected. Other amounts that are due the Borough which are susceptible to accrual are also recorded as receivables with offsetting reserves and recorded as revenue when received.

**Utility Revenues** - Utility charges are billed quarterly based upon flat service charge and, if applicable, an excess consumption or usage charge. Revenues from these sources are recognized on a cash basis. Receivables that are susceptible to accrual are recorded with offsetting reserves on the balance sheet of the Borough's utility operating fund.

**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 Borough's annual budget, but also the amounts required in support of the budgets of the County of Ocean, the Long Beach Island School District and the Southern Regional High School District. Unpaid property taxes are subject to tax sale in accordance with the statutes.

**School Taxes** - The Borough is responsible for levying, collecting, and remitting school taxes for the Long Beach Island School District and the Southern Regional High School District. Operations are charged for the full amount required to be raised from taxation to operate the local school district and the regional high school district. The Borough's share of the amount required to be raised by taxation for the period from July 1 to June 30 are increased by the amount deferred at December 31, 2023 and decreased by the amount deferred at December 31, 2024.

**County Taxes** - The Borough is responsible for levying, collecting, and remitting county taxes for the County of Ocean. 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.

**Deferred School Taxes** - School taxes raised in advance in the Current Fund for a school fiscal year (July 1 to June 30) which remain unpaid at December 31 of the calendar year levied may be deferred to fund balance to the extent of not more than 50% of the annual levy providing no requisition has been made by the school district for such amount.

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

**BOROUGH OF HARVEY CEDARS**  
**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024**

**Note 1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)**

**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 December 31, this reserve represents the portion of appropriation reserves that has been encumbered and is subject to the same statutory provisions as appropriation reserves. Appropriations for principal payments on outstanding general capital and utility bonds and notes are provided on the cash basis; interest on general capital indebtedness is on the cash basis; whereas interest on utility indebtedness is on the accrual basis.

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

**Long-Term Debt** - Long-term debt, relative to the acquisition of capital assets, is recorded as a liability in the general capital and utility capital funds. 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** - Expenditures relating to obligations for unused vested accumulated vacation and sick leave are not recorded until paid; however, municipalities may establish and budget reserve funds subject to NJSA 40A:4-39 for the future payment of compensated absences.

**Recent Accounting Pronouncements** – The Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) is the accepted standard-setting body for establishing governmental accounting and financial reporting principles. GASB adopts accounting statements to be used by governmental units when reporting financial position and results of operations in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP). The municipalities in the State of New Jersey do not prepare their financial statements in accordance with GAAP and thus do not comply with all of the GASB pronouncements. The following GASB pronouncement effective for the current year did have a significant impact on the Township's financial statements.

Accounting Pronouncements Adopted in Current Year

The following GASB Statements became effective for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2024:

- Statement No. 100, *Accounting Changes and Error Corrections – an amendment of GASB Statement No. 62*. The requirements of this Statement are effective for fiscal years beginning after June 15, 2023. Management has determined that the implementation of this Statement did not have a significant impact on the Borough's financial statements.
- Statement No. 101, *Compensated Absences*. The requirements of this Statement are effective for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2023. Implementation of this Statement resulted in additional footnote disclosures on the Borough's financial statements. See Note 15 for further detail.

**BOROUGH OF HARVEY CEDARS**  
**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024**

**Note 1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)**

Accounting Pronouncements Effective in Future Reporting Periods

The following accounting pronouncements will become effective in future reporting periods:

- Statement No. 102, *Certain Risk Disclosures*. The requirements of this Statement are effective for fiscal years beginning after June 15, 2024.
- Statement No. 103, *Financial Reporting Model Improvements*. The requirements of this Statement are effective for fiscal years beginning after June 15, 2025.
- Statement No. 104, *Disclosure of Certain Capital Assets*. The requirements of this Statement are effective for fiscal years beginning after June 15, 2025, and all reporting periods thereafter.

Management has not yet determined the potential impact these Statements will have on the Borough's financial statements.

**Note 2. Deposits and Investments**

The Borough is governed by the deposit and investment limitations of New Jersey state law.

Deposits

**Custodial Credit Risk Related to Deposits** - Custodial credit risk is the risk that, in the event of a bank failure, the Borough's deposits may not be returned. Although the Borough does not have a formal policy regarding custodial credit risk, NJSA 17:9-41 et seq. requires that the governmental units shall deposit public funds in public depositories protected from loss under the provisions of the Governmental Unit Deposit Protection Act (GUDPA). GUDPA is a supplemental insurance program set forth by the New Jersey Legislature to protect the deposits of local governmental agencies. The program is administered by the Commissioner of the New Jersey Department of Banking and Insurance. Under the Act, the first \$250,000 of governmental deposits in each insured depository is protected by FDIC. Public funds owned by the Borough in excess of FDIC insured amounts are protected by GUDPA. However, GUDPA does not protect intermingled trust funds such as salary withholdings, bail funds or funds that may pass to the Borough relative to the happening of a future condition. Such funds are shown as Uninsured and Uncollateralized in the schedule below.

As of December 31, 2024, the Borough's bank balance of \$8,966,547.49 was exposed to custodial credit risk as follows:

Insured under FDIC and GUDPA	\$ 8,716,547.49
Uninsured and Uncollateralized	<u>250,000.00</u>
	<u>\$ 8,966,547.49</u>

New Jersey Asset and Rebate Management Program (NJ/ARM) – During the year, the Borough participated in the New Jersey Asset & Rebate Management Program. The program was created in 1989 as a joint investment trust under the Interlocal Service Act. NJ/ARM provides local governments in New Jersey with investment management services for capital, reserve, general operating funds, and for arbitrage rebate compliance for bond and note issue. The program advisory board is made up of New Jersey local government officials and is managed by PFM Asset Management LLC. The Program is designed to be in compliance with New Jersey statutes and regulations for allowable investments.

**BOROUGH OF HARVEY CEDARS**  
**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024**

**Note 2. Deposits and Investments (continued)**

The fund deposits can be liquidated on a daily basis and have an “AAA” rating by Standard & Poor’s. NJ/ARM funds are not subject to custodial credit risk. Borough deposits with the fund are considered to be cash equivalents and at December 31, 2024 the balance was \$1,369,514.20.

**Investments**

Under the regulatory basis of accounting, investments are measured at cost in the Borough’s financial statements. However, had the financial statements been prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP), investments would be reported at fair value (except for fully benefit-responsive investment contracts, which would be reported at contract value). Contract value is the relevant measure for the portion of the Length of Service Awards Program (LOSAP) Plan attributable to fully benefit-responsive investment contracts because contract value is the amount participants normally would receive if they were to initiate permitted transactions under the terms of the LOSAP Plan.

Investments at Fair Value – The fair value measurements of investments are required to be reported based on the hierarchy established by GAAP. Under GAAP, investments are required to be categorized based on the fair value of inputs of Levels 1, 2 and 3. Under Level 1 inputs, investments are required to be categorized based on quoted market prices in active markets for identical investments. Level 2 inputs are based primarily on using observable measurement criteria, including quoted market prices of similar investments in active and inactive markets and other observable corroborated factors. Level 3 inputs are assets measured at fair value on a recurring basis using significant unobservable measurement criteria based on the best information available. As of December 31, 2024, the Borough had no investments held at Level 2 or 3.

Following is a description of the valuation methodologies used for investments measured at fair value.

*Money Market Funds:* Valued at the quoted NAV of shares held by the Borough at year-end.

*Mutual Funds:* Valued at quoted market prices which represent the net asset value (“NAV”) shares held by the Borough at year-end.

The Borough’s fair value, hierarchy level and maturities of its investments at December 31, 2024 was as follows:

<u>Investment type</u>	<u>Carrying Value</u>	<u>Fair Value as of December 31, 2024</u>		<u>Investment Maturities (in Years)</u>
		<u>Level 1</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Less Than 1 Year</u>
Money Markets	\$ 35,998.98	\$ 35,998.98	\$ 35,998.98	\$ 35,998.98
Mutual Funds	900,112.60	900,112.60	900,112.60	900,112.60
	<u>\$936,111.58</u>	<u>\$ 936,111.58</u>	<u>\$ 936,111.58</u>	<u>\$ 936,111.58</u>
<u>Fund</u>				
Trust Fund - LOSAP	\$936,111.58	\$ 936,111.58	\$ 936,111.58	\$ 936,111.58
	<u>\$936,111.58</u>	<u>\$ 936,111.58</u>	<u>\$ 936,111.58</u>	<u>\$ 936,111.58</u>

**BOROUGH OF HARVEY CEDARS**  
**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024**

**Note 2. Deposits and Investments (continued)**

Investments at Contract Value - The Borough held a fully benefit-responsive investment contract with the Lincoln Financial (Lincoln) totaling \$246,061.45 as of December 31, 2024. Lincoln maintains the contributions in the group fixed annuity contract (fixed account). The account is credited with earnings on the underlying investments and charged for participant withdrawals and administrative expenses. The traditional investment contract held by the Borough is a guaranteed investment contract. The contract issuer is contractually obligated to repay the principal and interest at a specified interest rate that is guaranteed to the LOSAP Plan. The Borough's ability to receive amounts due in accordance with the fully benefit-responsive investment contract is dependent on the contract issuer's ability to meet its financial obligations. The fixed account continues in-force until they are terminated by Lincoln or the LOSAP Plan and do not define a maturity date.

No events are probable of occurring that might limit the ability of the LOSAP Plan to transact at contract value with the contract issuer and also limit the ability of the LOSAP Plan to transact at contract value with participants. This contract meets the fully benefit-responsive investment contract criteria and therefore is reported at contract value. The total Trust Fund LOSAP value held by the Borough at December 31, 2024 was as follows:

Trust Fund - LOSAP (Fair Value)	\$ 936,111.58
Trust Fund - LOSAP (Contract Value)	<u>246,061.45</u>
	<u><u>\$1,182,173.03</u></u>

Custodial credit risk related to Investments - This is the risk that in the event of the failure of the counterparty (e.g., broker-dealer) to a transaction, the Borough will not be able to recover the value of its investment or collateral securities that are in the possession of another party. Other than the rules and regulations promulgated by N.J.S.A. 40A:5-15.1, the Borough has no investment policy to limit exposure to custodial credit risk.

Interest rate risk - This is the risk that changes in interest rates will adversely affect the fair value of an investment. Generally, the longer the maturity of an investment, the greater the sensitivity of its fair value to changes in market interest rates. Other than the rules and regulations promulgated by N.J.S.A. 40A:5-15.1, the Borough does not have a formal investment policy that limits investment maturities as a means of managing its exposure to fair value losses arising from increasing interest rates.

Credit risk - Credit risk is the risk that an issuer to an investment will not fulfill its obligation to the holder of the investment. This is measured by assignment of a rating by a nationally recognized rating organization. U.S. Government securities or obligations explicitly guaranteed by the U.S. government are not considered to have credit risk exposure.

<u>Investment Type:</u>	<u>Standard &amp;</u>	
	<u>Poor's</u>	<u>Moody's</u>
Fixed Annuity Contract	AAA	Aaa
Money Market Funds	AAA	Aaa
Mutual Funds	AAA	Aaa

Concentration of Credit Risk – Concentration of credit risk is the risk of loss attributed to the magnitude of a government's investment in a single issuer. Other than the rules and regulations promulgated by N.J.S.A. 40A; 5-15.1, the Borough's investment policies place no limit in the amount the Borough may invest in any one issuer.

**BOROUGH OF HARVEY CEDARS**  
**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024**

**Note 3. Property Taxes**

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

**Comparison Schedule of Tax Rates**

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
Tax Rate	<u>\$ 1.125</u>	<u>\$ 0.983</u>	<u>\$ 0.967</u>
Apportionment of Tax Rate:			
Municipal	0.301	0.295	0.273
Municipal Open Space	0.010	0.010	0.010
County	0.508	0.442	0.398
Regional School District	0.049	0.044	0.044
Regional High School District	0.257	0.192	0.242

**Assessed Valuation**

<u>Year</u>	<u>Amount</u>
2024	\$ 1,347,808,200.00
2023	1,326,313,100.00
2022	1,320,140,100.00

**Comparison of Tax Levies and Collections**

<u>Year</u>	<u>Tax Levy</u>	<u>Cash Collections</u>	<u>Percentage Of Collection</u>
2024	\$ 15,456,412.47	\$ 15,333,690.80	99.20%
2023	13,225,112.48	13,170,168.89	99.58%
2022	12,842,279.95	12,777,855.36	99.49%

**Delinquent Taxes and Tax Title Liens**

<u>Year</u>	<u>Delinquent Taxes</u>	<u>Total Delinquent</u>	<u>Percentage Of Tax Levy</u>
2024	\$ 114,846.48	\$ 114,846.48	0.74%
2023	52,489.47	52,489.47	0.40%
2022	64,424.59	64,424.59	0.50%

There was no tax sale during the year ended December 31, 2024.

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**Note 4. Property Acquired by Tax Title Lien Liquidation**

The Borough had no property acquired by liquidation of tax title liens on December 31, 2024, 2023 or 2022.

**Note 5. Water-Sewer Utility Service Charges**

The following is a three-year comparison of water-sewer utility charges (rents) and collections for the current and previous two years.

<u>Year</u>	<u>Beginning Balance</u>	<u>Charges</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Cash Collections</u>	<u>Percentage Of Collection</u>
2024	\$ 62,749.31	\$ 1,574,098.88	\$ 1,636,848.19	\$ 1,513,649.83	92.47%
2023	46,732.41	1,519,565.36	1,566,297.77	1,503,548.46	95.99%
2022	59,264.49	1,508,905.44	1,568,169.93	1,521,437.52	97.01%

**Note 6. Fund Balance Appropriated**

The following schedule details the amount of fund balance available 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 December 31,</u>	<u>Utilized in Budget of Succeeding Year</u>	<u>Percentage of Fund Balance Used</u>
<b>Current Fund:</b>			
2024	\$ 4,010,031.68	\$ 1,550,000.00	38.65%
2023	2,477,465.60	550,000.00	22.20%
2022	2,174,642.97	555,000.00	25.52%
<b>Utility Operating Fund:</b>			
2024	\$ 386,955.90	\$ 250,000.00	64.61%
2023	393,452.12	175,507.98	44.61%
2022	385,841.64	126,595.61	32.81%

**Note 7. Disaggregated Receivable and Payable Balances**

There are no significant components of receivable and payable balances reported in the financial statements.

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**Note 8. Interfunds Receivables and Payables**

The following interfunds remained as of December 31, 2024:

<b>Fund</b>	<b>Interfund Receivable</b>	<b>Interfund Payable</b>
Current Fund	\$ 71.53	\$ 719,252.89
State and Federal Grant Fund	29,985.35	-
Animal Control Trust	-	71.53
Open Space Trust Fund	665,113.19	-
General Capital Fund	24,154.35	204,100.00
Utility Capital Fund	204,100.00	-
	<u>\$ 923,424.42</u>	<u>\$ 923,424.42</u>

The interfund receivables and payables above predominately resulted from payment made by certain funds on behalf of other funds. All interfund balances are expected to be repaid within one year.

The summary of interfund transfers was as follows:

<b>Fund</b>	<b>Transfers In</b>	<b>Transfers Out</b>
Current Fund	\$ 104,576.33	\$ 253,704.16
State and Federal Grant Fund	111,204.16	104,576.33
General Capital Fund	142,500.00	-
Utility Operating Fund	-	80,000.00
Utility Capital Fund	80,000.00	-
	<u>\$ 438,280.49</u>	<u>\$ 438,280.49</u>

Transfers are used to (1) move revenues from the fund that statute or budget requires to collect them to the fund that statute or budget requires to expend them (i.e. interest earning), (2) provide cash flow to other funds to temporary finance expenditures that are on a reimbursable basis (i.e. grants), (3) when no bank account exists for a fund, and (4) utilizing surplus or fund balance from one fund as budgeted revenue in another.

**Note 9. Fixed Assets**

The following schedule is a summarization of changes in General Fixed Assets for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2024:

	Balance December 31, <u>2023</u>	<u>Additions</u>	<u>Deletions</u>	Balance December 31, <u>2024</u>
Land	\$ 926,392.47	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 926,392.47
Land Improvements	500,288.00	31,598.00	-	531,886.00
Buildings and Improvements	1,506,982.00	64,433.00	-	1,571,415.00
Machinery & Equipment	1,714,001.00	117,834.00	-	1,831,835.00
	<u>\$4,647,663.47</u>	<u>\$ 213,865.00</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$4,861,528.47</u>

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**Note 10. Pension Obligations**

**A. Public Employees' Retirement System (PERS)**

As of the date of this report, the New Jersey Division of Pension and Benefits has not provided updated actuarial valuations for pension obligations for the Public Employees' Retirement System (PERS) for year ended June 30, 2024. The New Jersey Division of Pension and Benefits will post these reports on their website as they are made available. The footnote below includes the most current information made publicly available, which had a reporting date of June 30, 2023.

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

The vesting and benefit provisions are set by *N.J.S.A. 43:15A*. PERS provides retirement, death and disability benefits. All benefits vest after ten years of service.

The following represents the membership tiers for PERS:

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

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

**Basis of Presentation** - The schedules of employer and nonemployer allocations and the schedules of pension amounts by employer and nonemployer (collectively, the Schedules) present amounts that are considered elements of the financial statements of PERS or its participating employers. Accordingly, they do not purport to be a complete presentation of the financial position or changes in financial position of PERS or the participating employers. The accompanying Schedules were prepared in accordance with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles. Such preparation requires management of PERS to make a number of estimates and assumptions relating to the reported amounts. Due to the inherent nature of these estimates, actual results could differ from those estimates.

**BOROUGH OF HARVEY CEDARS**  
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**Note 10. Pension Obligations (continued)**

**A. Public Employees' Retirement System (PERS) (continued)**

**Contributions** - The contribution policy for PERS is set by *N.J.S.A. 43:15A* and requires contributions by active members and contributing employers. State legislation has modified the amount that is contributed by the State. The State's pension contribution is based on an actuarially determined amount, which includes the employer portion of the normal cost and an amortization of the unfunded accrued liability. Funding for noncontributory group insurance benefits is based on actual claims paid. For the fiscal year 2020, the State's pension contribution was more than the actuarial determined amount. The local employers' contribution amounts are based on an actuarially determined rate, which includes the normal cost and unfunded accrued liability. Chapter 19, P.L. 2009 provided an option for local employers of PERS to contribute 50% of the normal and accrued liability contribution amounts certified for payments due in State fiscal year 2009. Such employers will be credited with the full payment and any such amounts will not be included in their unfunded liability. The actuaries will determine the unfunded liability of those retirement systems, by employer, for the reduced normal and accrued liability contributions provided under this law. This unfunded liability will be paid by the employer in level annual payments over a period of 15 years beginning with the payments due in the fiscal year ended June 30, 2012 and will be adjusted by the rate of return on the actuarial value of assets. For the year ended December 31, 2023, the Borough's contractually required contribution to PERS plan was \$158,606.00.

**Components of Net Pension Liability** - At December 31, 2023, the Borough's proportionate share of the PERS net pension liability was \$1,718,864.00. The net pension liability was measured as of June 30, 2023. The total pension liability used to calculate the net pension liability was determined using update procedures to roll forward the total pension liability from an actuarial valuation as of July 1, 2022, which was rolled forward to June 30, 2023. The Borough's proportion of the net pension liability was based on the Borough's actual contributions to the plan relative to the total of all participating employers' contributions for the year ended June 30, 2023. The Borough's proportion measured as of June 30, 2023, was 0.0118670232% which was a decrease of 0.0006928474% from its proportion measured as of June 30, 2022.

**Balances at December 31, 2023 and December 31, 2022**

	<u>12/31/2023</u>	<u>12/30/2022</u>
	June 30, 2023	June 30, 2022
Actuarial valuation date (including roll forward)	June 30, 2023	June 30, 2022
Deferred Outflows of Resources	\$ 169,907	\$ 310,276
Deferred Inflows of Resources	238,778	381,817
Net Pension Liability	1,718,864	1,895,457
Borough's portion of the Plan's total Net Pension Liability	0.01187%	0.01256%

**Pension Expense/(Credit) and Deferred Outflows/Inflows of Resources** - At December 31, 2023, the Borough's proportionate share of the PERS expense/(credit), calculated by the plan as of the June 30, 2023 measurement date is (\$20,657.00). This expense/(credit) is not recognized by the Borough because of the regulatory basis of accounting as described in Note 1, but as previously mentioned the Borough contributed \$158,606.00 to the plan in 2023.

At December 31, 2023, the Borough reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to PERS from the following sources:

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**Note 10. Pension Obligations (continued)**

**A. Public Employees' Retirement System (PERS) (continued)**

	<b>Deferred Outflows of Resources</b>	<b>Deferred Inflows of Resources</b>
Differences between Expected and Actual Experience	\$ 16,435	\$ 7,026
Changes of Assumptions	3,776	104,171
Net Difference between Projected and Actual Earnings on Pension Plan Investments	7,916	-
Changes in Proportion and Differences between Borough Contributions and Proportionate Share of Contributions	141,780	127,581
	\$ 169,907	\$ 238,778

The Borough will amortize the above sources of deferred outflows and inflows related to PERS over the following number of years:

The following is a summary of the deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to PERS that will be recognized in future periods:

<b>Year Ending December 31,</b>	<b>Amount</b>
2024	\$ (87,910)
2025	(47,813)
2026	73,624
2027	(9,828)
2028	3,056
	\$ (68,871)

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**Note 10. Pension Obligations (continued)**

**A. Public Employees' Retirement System (PERS) (continued)**

**Special Funding Situation** – Under N.J.S.A. 43:15A-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, are Chapter 366, P.L. 2001 and Chapter 133, 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 non-employer 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, deferred outflows of resources, or deferred inflows of resources to report in the financial statements of the local participating employers related to the legislation. However, the notes to the financial statements of the local participating employers must disclose the portion of the non-employer contributing entities' total proportionate share of the collective net pension liability that is associated with the local participating employer.

Additionally, the State has no proportionate share of the PERS net pension liability attributable to the Borough as of December 31, 2023. At December 31, 2023, the State's proportionate share of the PERS expense, associated with the Borough, calculated by the plan as of the June 30, 2023 measurement date was \$5,360.00.

**Actuarial Assumptions** - The total pension asset/(liability) as of the measurement date was determined by using an actuarial valuation as noted in the table below, with update procedures used to roll forward the total pension liability to the measurement date. The actuarial valuations used the following actuarial assumptions:

Inflation:	
Price	2.75%
Wage	3.25%
Salary Increases:	
	2.75 - 6.55%
	Based on Years of Service
Investment Rate of Return	7.00%

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

The actuarial assumptions used in the July 1, 2022 valuation were based on the results of an actuarial experience study for the period July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2021.

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**Note 10. Pension Obligations (continued)**

**A. Public Employees' Retirement System (PERS) (continued)**

**Long-Term Expected Rate of Return** - In accordance with State statute, the long-term expected rate of return on plan investments (7.00% at June 30, 2023) 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's target asset allocation as of June 30, 2023 are summarized in the following table:

<u>Asset Class</u>	<u>Target Allocation</u>	<u>Long-Term Expected Real Rate of Return</u>
U.S. Equity	28.00%	8.98%
Non-U.S. Developed Markets Equity	12.75%	9.22%
International Small Cap Equity	1.25%	9.22%
Emerging Markets Equity	5.50%	11.13%
Private Equity	13.00%	12.50%
Real Estate	8.00%	8.58%
Real Assets	3.00%	8.40%
High Yield	4.50%	6.97%
Private Credit	8.00%	9.20%
Investment Grade Credit	7.00%	5.19%
Cash Equivalents	2.00%	3.31%
U.S. Treasuries	4.00%	3.31%
Risk Mitigation Strategies	3.00%	6.21%
	100.00%	

**Discount Rate** - The discount rate used to measure the total pension liability was 7.00% as of June 30, 2023. The projection of cash flows used to determine the discount rate assumed that contributions from plan members will be made at the current member contribution rates and that contributions from employers and the nonemployer contributing entity will be based on 100% of the actuarially determined contributions for the State employer and 100% of actuarially determined contributions for the local employers. Based on those assumptions, the plan's fiduciary net position was projected to be available to make projected future benefit payments of current plan members. Therefore, the long-term expected rate of return on plan investments was applied to all projected benefit payments to determine the total pension liability.

**Sensitivity of the Borough's proportionate share of the Net Pension Liability to Changes in the Discount Rate** - The following presents the Borough's proportionate share of the net pension liability calculated using the discount rate as disclosed above, as well as what the Borough's proportionate share of the net pension liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is 1-percentage-point lower (6.00%) or 1-percentage-point higher (8.00%) than the current rate:

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**Note 10. Pension Obligations (continued)**

**A. Public Employees' Retirement System (PERS) (continued)**

	<b>1% Decrease (6.00%)</b>	<b>Current Discount Rate (7.00%)</b>	<b>1% Increase (8.00%)</b>
Borough's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability	\$ 2,256,460	\$ 1,718,864	\$ 1,288,124

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

As of the date of this report, the New Jersey Division of Pension and Benefits has not provided updated actuarial valuations for pension obligations for the Police and Firemen's Retirement System (PFRS) for year ended June 30, 2024. The New Jersey Division of Pension and Benefits will post these reports on their website as they are made available. The footnote below includes the most current information made publicly available, which had a reporting date of June 30, 2023.

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

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

The following represents the membership tiers for PFRS:

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

Service retirement benefits are available at age 55 and are generally determined to be 2% of final compensation for each year of creditable service, as defined, up to 30 years plus 1% for each year of service in excess of 30 years. Members may seek special retirement after achieving 25 years of creditable service, in which benefits would equal 65% (tiers 1 and 2 members) and 60% (tier 3 members) of final compensation plus 1 % for each year if 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.

**Basis of Presentation** - The schedule of employer and nonemployer allocations and the schedule of pension amounts by employer and nonemployer (collectively, the Schedules) present amounts that are considered elements of the financial statements of PFRS, its participating employers or the State as a nonemployer contributing entity. Accordingly, they do not purport to be a complete presentation of the financial position or changes in financial position of PFRS, the participating employers, or the State. The accompanying Schedules were prepared in accordance with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles.

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**Note 10. Pension Obligations (continued)**

**B. Police and Firemen’s Retirement System (PFRS) (continued)**

Such preparation requires management of PFRS to make a number of estimates and assumptions relating to the reported amounts. Due to the inherent nature of these estimates, actual results could differ from those estimates.

**Contributions** - The contribution policy for PFRS is set by *N.J.S.A. 43:16A* and requires contributions by active members and contributing employers. 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. For fiscal year 2023, the State contributed an amount more than the actuarially determined amount. The Local employers’ contribution amounts are based on an actuarially determined rate which includes the normal cost and unfunded accrued liability. Chapter 19, P.L. 2009 provided an option for local employers of PFRS to contribute 50% of the normal and accrued liability contribution amounts certified for payments due in State fiscal year 2009. Such employers will be credited with the full payment and any such amounts will not be included in their unfunded liability. The actuaries will determine the unfunded liability of those retirement systems, by employer, for the reduced normal and accrued liability contributions provided under this law. This unfunded liability will be paid by the employer in level annual payments over a period of 15 years beginning with the payments due in the fiscal year ended June 30, 2012 and will be adjusted by the rate of return on the actuarial value of assets. For the year ended December 31, 2023, the Borough’s contractually required contributions to PFRS plan was \$310,652.

**Net Pension Liability and Pension Expense** - At December 31, 2023 the Borough’s proportionate share of the PFRS net pension liability was \$2,578,368. The net pension liability was measured as of June 30, 2023. The total pension liability used to calculate the net pension liability was determined using update procedures to roll forward the total pension liability from an actuarial valuation as of July 1, 2022, to the measurement date of June 30, 2023. The Borough’s proportion of the net pension liability was based on the Borough’s actual contributions to the plan relative to the total of all participating employers’ contributions for the year ended June 30, 2023. The Borough’s proportion measured as of June 30, 2023, was 0.02333622%, which was a decrease of 0.00021007% from its proportion measured as of June 30, 2022.

**Balances at December 31, 2023 and December 31, 2022**

	<u>12/31/2023</u>	<u>12/31/2022</u>
Actuarial valuation date (including roll forward)	June 30, 2023	June 30, 2022
Deferred Outflows of Resources	\$ 679,236	\$ 969,586
Deferred Inflows of Resources	760,859	1,086,730
Net Pension Liability	2,578,368	2,695,192
Borough's portion of the Plan's total net pension Liability	0.02334%	0.02355%

**Pension Expense/(Credit) and Deferred Outflows/Inflows of Resources** – At December 31, 2023, the Borough’s proportionate share of the PFRS expense/(credit), calculated by the plan as of the June 30, 2022 measurement date was \$158,342. This expense/(credit) is not recognized by the Borough because of the regulatory basis of accounting as described in Note 1, but as previously mentioned the Borough contributed \$310,652 to the plan in 2023.

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**Note 10. Pension Obligations (continued)**

**B. Police and Firemen’s Retirement System (PFRS) (continued)**

At December 31, 2023, the Borough had deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to PFRS from the following sources:

	<b>Deferred Outflows of Resources</b>	<b>Deferred Inflows of Resources</b>
Differences between Expected and Actual Experience	\$ 110,401	\$ 122,965
Changes of Assumptions	5,565	174,102
Net Difference between Projected and Actual Earnings on Pension Plan Investments	131,311	-
Changes in Proportion and Differences between Borough Contributions and Proportionate Share of Contribution:	431,959	463,792
	\$ 679,236	\$ 760,859

The following is a summary of the deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to PFRS that will be recognized in future periods:

<b><u>Year Ending</u></b>	<b><u>December 31,</u></b>	<b><u>Amount</u></b>
2024	\$	(106,708)
2025		(102,662)
2026		148,562
2027		(19,692)
2028		(1,611)
Thereafter		488
	\$	(81,623)

**Special Funding Situation** – Under N.J.S.A. 43:16A-15, local participating employers are responsible for their own contributions based on actuarially determined amounts, except where legislation was passed which legally obligated the State if certain circumstances occurred. The legislation which legally obligates the state is as follows: Chapter 8, P.L. 2000, Chapter 318, P.L. 2001, Chapter 86, P.L. 2001, Chapter 511, P.L. 1991, Chapter 109, P.L. 1979, Chapter 247, P.L. 1993 and Chapter 201, P.L. 2001. The amounts contributed on behalf of the local participating employers under this legislation is considered to be a special funding situation as defined by GASB Statement No. 68 and the State is treated as a non-employer 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, deferred outflows of resources, or deferred inflows of resources to report in the financial statements of the local participating employers related to the legislation.

**BOROUGH OF HARVEY CEDARS**  
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**Note 10. Pension Obligations (continued)**

**B. Police and Firemen’s Retirement System (PFRS) (continued)**

However, the notes to the financial statements of the local participating employers must disclose the portion of the non-employer contributing entities’ total proportionate share of the collective net pension liability that is associated with the local participating employer

Additionally, the State’s proportionate share of the PFRS net pension liability attributable to the Borough is \$475,094 as of December 31, 2023. The net pension liability was measured as of June 30, 2023. The total pension liability used to calculate the net pension liability was determined using update procedures to roll forward the total pension liability from an actuarial valuation as of July 1, 2022, to the measurement date of June 30, 2023. The State’s proportion of the net pension liability associated with the Borough was based on a projection of the Borough’s long-term share of contributions to the pension plan relative to the projected contributions of all participating members, actuarially determined. The State’s proportion measured as of June 30, 2023 was 0.02333601%, which was a decrease of 0.00021029% from its proportion measured as of June 30, 2022, which is the same proportion as the Borough’s. At December 31, 2023, the Borough’s and the State of New Jersey’s proportionate share of the PFRS net pension liability were as follows:

Borough's Proportionate Share of Net Pension Liability	\$ 2,578,368
State of New Jersey's Proportionate Share of Net Pension Liability Associated with the Borough	<u>475,094</u>
	<u>\$ 3,053,462</u>

At December 31, 2023, the State’s proportionate share of the PFRS expense, associated with the Borough, calculated by the plan as of the June 30, 2023 measurement date was \$54,041.

**Actuarial Assumptions** - The total pension asset/(liability) as of the measurement date was determined by using an actuarial valuation as noted in the table below, with update procedures used to roll forward the total pension liability to the measurement date. The actuarial valuations used the following actuarial assumptions:

Inflation	
Price	2.75%
Wage	3.25%
Salary Increases:	
Through	All future years
	3.25 - 16.25%
	Based on Years of Service
Investment Rate of Return	7.00%

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

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**Note 10. Pension Obligations (continued)**

**B. Police and Firemen’s Retirement System (PFRS) (continued)**

The actuarial assumptions used in the July 1, 2022 valuation were based on the results of an actuarial experience study for the period July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2021

**Long-Term Expected Rate of Return** - In accordance with State statute, the long-term expected rate of return on plan investments (7.00% at June 30, 2023) 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 PFRS’s target asset allocation as of June 30, 2023 are summarized in the following table:

<u>Asset Class</u>	<u>Target Allocation</u>	<u>Long-Term Expected Real Rate of Return</u>
U.S. Equity	28.00%	8.98%
Non-U.S. Developed Markets Equity	12.75%	9.22%
International Small Cap Equity	1.25%	9.22%
Emerging Markets Equity	5.50%	11.13%
Private Equity	13.00%	12.50%
Real Estate	8.00%	8.58%
Real Assets	3.00%	8.40%
High Yield	4.50%	6.97%
Private Credit	8.00%	9.20%
Investment Grade Credit	7.00%	5.19%
Cash Equivalents	2.00%	3.31%
U.S. Treasuries	4.00%	3.31%
Risk Mitigation Strategies	3.00%	6.21%
	<u>100.00%</u>	

**Discount Rate** - The discount rate used to measure the total pension liability was 7.00% as of June 30, 2023. The projection of cash flows used to determine the discount rate assumed that contributions from plan members will be made at the current member contribution rates and that contributions from employers and the nonemployer contributing entity will be based on 100% of the actuarially determined contributions for the State employer and 100% of actuarially determined contributions for local employers. Based on those assumptions, the plan’s fiduciary net position was projected to be available to make all projected future benefit payments of current plan members. Therefore, the long-term expected rate of return on plan investments was applied to all projected benefit payments to determine the total pension liability.

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**Note 10. Pension Obligations (continued)**

**B. Police and Firemen’s Retirement System (PFRS) (continued)**

**Sensitivity of the Borough’s proportionate share of the Net Pension Liability to Changes in the Discount Rate** - The following presents the Borough’s proportionate share of the net pension liability calculated using the discount rate as disclosed above, as well as what the Borough’s proportionate share of the net pension liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is 1-percentage-point lower (6.00%) or 1-percentage-point higher (8.00%) than the current rate:

	<b>1% Decrease (6.00%)</b>	<b>Current Discount Rate (7.00%)</b>	<b>1% Increase (8.00%)</b>
Borough's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability	\$ 3,592,504	\$ 2,578,368	\$ 1,733,835
State of New Jersey's Proportionate Share of Net Pension Liability associated with the Borough	661,961	475,094	319,479
	\$ 4,254,465	\$ 3,053,462	\$ 2,053,314

**Related Party Investments** - The Division of Pensions and Benefits does not invest in securities issued by the Borough.

**Note 11. Postemployment Benefits Other Than Pensions**

As of the date of this report, the New Jersey Division of Pension and Benefits has not provided updated actuarial valuations for pension obligations for the year ended June 30, 2024. The New Jersey Division of Pension and Benefits will post these reports on their website as they are made available. The footnote below includes the most current information made publicly available, which had a reporting date of June 30, 2023.

**General Information about the OPEB Plan**

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

The Plan provides medical and prescription drug to retirees and their covered dependents of the participating employers. Under the provisions of Chapter 88, P.L 1974 and Chapter 48, P.L. 1999, local government employers electing to provide postretirement medical coverage to their employees must file a resolution with the Division. Under Chapter 88, local employers elect to provide benefit coverage based on the eligibility rules and regulations promulgated by the State Health Benefits Commission. Chapter 48 allows local employers to establish their own age and service eligibility for employer paid health benefits coverage for retired employees.

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**Note 11. Postemployment Benefits Other Than Pensions (continued)**

Under Chapter 48, the employer may assume the cost of postretirement medical coverage for employees and their dependents who: 1) retired on a disability pension; or 2) retired with 25 or more years of service credit in a State or locally administered retirement system and a period of service of up to 25 years with the employer at the time of retirement as established by the employer; or 3) retired and reached the age of 65 with 25 or more years of service credit in a State or locally administered retirement system and a period of service of up to 25 years with the employer at the time of retirement as established by the employer; or 4) retired and reached age 62 with at least 15 years of service with the employer. Further, the law provides that the employer paid obligations for retiree coverage may be determined by means of a collective negotiations agreement.

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

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.

**Basis of Presentation**

The schedule of employer and nonemployer allocations and the schedule of OPEB amounts by employer and nonemployer (collectively, the Schedules) present amounts that are considered elements of the financial statements of its participating employers or the State as a nonemployer contributing entity. Accordingly, they do not purport to be a complete presentation of the financial position or changes in financial position of the participating employers or the State. The accompanying Schedules were prepared in accordance with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles. Such preparation requires management of the Plan to make a number of estimates and assumptions relating to the reported amounts. Due to the inherent nature of these estimates, actual results could differ from those estimates.

**Allocation Methodology**

GASB Statement No. 75 requires participating employers in the Plan to recognize their proportionate share of the collective net OPEB liability, collective deferred outflows of resources, collective deferred inflows of resources, and collective OPEB (benefit) expense. The special funding situation's and nonspecial funding situation's net OPEB liability, deferred outflows of resources, deferred inflows of resources, and OPEB (benefit) expense are based on separately calculated total OPEB liabilities. For the special funding situation and the nonspecial funding situation, the total OPEB liabilities for the year ended June 30, 2023 were \$3,461,898,890 and \$11,427,677,896, respectively. The nonspecial funding situation's net OPEB liability, deferred outflows of resources, deferred inflows of resources, and OPEB (benefit) expense are further allocated to employers based on the ratio of the plan members of an individual employer to the total members of the Plan's nonspecial funding situation during the measurement period July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023.

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)**  
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**Note 11. Postemployment Benefits Other Than Pensions (continued)**

Employer and nonemployer allocation percentages have been rounded for presentation purposes; therefore, amounts presented in the schedule of OPEB amounts by employer and nonemployer may result in immaterial differences. Employer and nonemployer allocation percentages have been rounded for presentation purposes; therefore, amounts presented in the schedule of OPEB amounts by employer and nonemployer may result in immaterial differences.

**Special Funding Situation**

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

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 record in their financial statements, as an expense and corresponding revenue, their proportionate share of the OPEB expense allocated to the State of New Jersey under the special funding situation.

The participating employer allocations included in the supplemental schedule of employer special funding allocations and the supplemental schedule of special funding amounts by employer for each employer are provided as each employer is required to record in their financial statements, as an expense and corresponding revenue, their proportionate share of the OPEB expense allocated to the State under the special funding situation and include their proportionate share of the collective net OPEB liability in their respective notes to their financial statements. For this purpose, the proportionate share was developed based on eligible plan members subject to the special funding situation. This data considers active members from both participating and non-participating employer locations and retired members currently receiving OPEB benefits.

State of New Jersey's	
Proportionate Share of OPEB Liability	
Associated with the Borough	\$ 2,658,305.00

At December 31, 2023, the State's proportionate share of the OPEB expense, associated with the Borough, calculated by the plan as of the June 30, 2023 measurement date was \$482,003.

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**Note 12. Municipal Debt**

The following schedule represents the Borough's summary of debt, as filed in the Borough's Annual Debt Statement required by the Local Bond Law of New Jersey for the current and two previous years:

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
<b>Issued:</b>			
General:			
Bonds, Notes and Loans	\$ 1,515,047.00	\$ 1,270,048.00	\$ 1,255,609.00
Utility:			
Bonds, Notes and Loans	2,198,020.44	1,509,579.04	1,767,263.98
Total Debt Issued	<u>3,713,067.44</u>	<u>2,779,627.04</u>	<u>3,526,203.33</u>
 <b>Authorized but not issued:</b>			
General:			
Bonds, Notes and Loans	3,330,527.59	2,239,829.76	1,792,083.36
Utility:			
Bonds, Notes and Loans	2,875,251.80	1,375,251.80	1,375,251.80
Total Authorized But Not Issued	<u>6,205,779.39</u>	<u>3,615,081.56</u>	<u>3,167,335.16</u>
<b>Total Gross Debt</b>	<u>\$ 9,918,846.83</u>	<u>\$ 6,394,708.60</u>	<u>\$ 6,693,538.49</u>
 <b>Deductions:</b>			
General:			
Funds on Hand For Payment of Bonds and Notes:			
Reserve for Debt Service	\$ 109,631.60	\$ 109,631.60	\$ 109,631.60
Utility:			
Self Liquidating Debt	5,073,272.24	2,884,830.84	3,142,515.78
Total Deductions	<u>5,182,903.84</u>	<u>2,994,462.44</u>	<u>3,252,147.38</u>
<b>Total Net Debt</b>	<u>\$ 4,735,942.99</u>	<u>\$ 3,400,246.16</u>	<u>\$ 3,441,391.11</u>

Summary of Statutory Debt Condition - Annual Debt Statement

The following schedule is a summary of the previous schedule and is prepared in accordance with the required method of setting up the Annual Debt Statement:

	<u>Gross Debt</u>	<u>Deductions</u>	<u>Net Debt</u>
General Debt	\$ 4,845,574.59	\$ 109,631.60	\$ 4,735,942.99
Utility Debt	5,073,272.24	5,073,272.24	-
	<u>\$ 9,918,846.83</u>	<u>\$ 5,182,903.84</u>	<u>\$ 4,735,942.99</u>

**BOROUGH OF HARVEY CEDARS**  
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**Note 12. Municipal Debt (continued)**

Net Debt \$4,735,942.99 divided by the average Equalized Valuation Basis per N.J.S.A 40A:2-2 as amended, \$2,022,930,596.13 , equals 0.234%. New Jersey statute 40A:2-6, as amended, limits the debt of a Municipality to 3.5% of the last three preceding year’s average equalized valuations of real estate, including improvements and the assessed valuation of Class II Railroad Property. The remaining borrowing power in dollars at December 31, 2024 is calculated as follows:

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

3 1/2% of Equalized Valuation Basis (Municipal)		\$	70,802,570.87
Net Debt			4,735,942.99
Remaining Borrowing Power			\$ 66,066,627.88

Self-Liquidating Utility Calculation per N.J.S.A. 40A:2-46

Cash Receipts From Fees, Rents or Other Charges for the Year			\$ 1,723,626.03
Deductions:			
Operating and Maintenance Costs		\$	1,139,933.42
Debt Service			383,627.57
Total Deductions			1,523,560.99
Excess/(Deficit) in Revenue			\$ 200,065.04

\*If Excess in Revenues all Utility Debt is Deducted

**General Debt**

**A. Serial Bonds Payable**

The Borough had no serial bonds payable outstanding in the General Capital Fund at December 31, 2024.

**B. Bond Anticipation Notes Payable – Short Term Debt**

The following is a summary of bond anticipation notes payable accounted for in the General Capital Fund at December 31, 2024:

<u>Description</u>	<u>Date of Issue</u>	<u>Date of Maturity</u>	<u>Rate</u>	Balance December 31, 2024
Series 2024	4/30/2024	4/30/2025	5.00%	\$ 1,515,047.00
				\$ 1,515,047.00

The purpose of these short-term borrowings was to provide resources for general capital construction, acquisitions or improvement projects and other purposes permitted by State Local Bond Law NJSA 40A:2 et. seq.

**BOROUGH OF HARVEY CEDARS**  
**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)**  
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**Note 12. Municipal Debt (continued)**

**C. Bonds and Notes Authorized But Not Issued**

As of December 31, 2024, the Borough had \$3,330,527.59 in various General Capital bonds and notes authorized but not issued.

**Water-Sewer Utility Capital Debt**

**A. Serial Bonds Payable**

The Borough had no serial bonds payable outstanding in the Utility Capital Fund at December 31, 2024.

**B. Bond Anticipation Notes Payable – Short Term Debt**

The following is a summary of bond anticipation notes payable accounted for in the Utility Capital Fund at December 31, 2024:

<u>Description</u>	<u>Date of Issue</u>	<u>Date of Maturity</u>	<u>Rate</u>	Balance December 31, 2024
Series 2024	4/30/2024	4/30/2025	5.00%	<u>\$ 2,089,953.00</u>
				<u>\$ 2,089,953.00</u>

The purpose of these short-term borrowings was to provide resources for utility capital construction, acquisitions or improvement projects and other purposes permitted by State Local Bond Law NJSA 40A:2 et. seq.

**C. Bonds and Notes Authorized But Not Issued**

As of December 31, 2024, the Borough had \$2,875,251.80 in various Utility Capital bonds and notes authorized but not issued.

**D. Loans Payable**

**New Jersey Environmental Infrastructure Trust**

In 2005 the Borough finalized one loan agreement with the State of New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection, pursuant to the New Jersey Environmental Infrastructure Trust Financing Program.

The loan consists of two agreements, a Trust Loan Agreement of \$850,000.00 to be repaid over a 20year period at interest rates ranging from 4.25% to 4.50%, and a no interest Fund Loan Agreement of \$826,634.00 to be repaid over a 20 year period.

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**Note 12. Municipal Debt (continued)**

A summary of the maturities for each of the subsequent five years and then each five year period thereafter is as follows:

<u>Year</u>	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Interest</u>	<u>Total</u>
2025	108,067.44	2,843.76	110,911.20
	<u>\$ 108,067.44</u>	<u>\$ 2,843.76</u>	<u>\$ 110,911.20</u>

**Summary of Principal Debt**

A summary of the changes in long-term and short term debt of the Borough is as follows:

	Balance December 31, <u>2023</u>	Accrued/ <u>Increases</u>	Retired/ <u>Decreases</u>	Balance December 31, <u>2024</u>	Balance Due Within <u>One Year</u>
<b>General Capital:</b>					
Bond Anticipation Notes	\$ 1,270,048.00	\$ 1,515,047.00	\$ 1,270,048.00	\$ 1,515,047.00	\$ 1,515,047.00
	<u>\$ 1,270,048.00</u>	<u>\$ 1,515,047.00</u>	<u>\$ 1,270,048.00</u>	<u>\$ 1,515,047.00</u>	<u>\$ 1,515,047.00</u>
<b>Utility Capital:</b>					
Bond Anticipation Notes	\$ 1,299,952.00	\$ 2,089,953.00	\$ 1,299,952.00	\$ 2,089,953.00	\$ 2,089,953.00
Loans	209,627.04	-	101,559.60	108,067.44	108,067.44
	<u>\$ 1,509,579.04</u>	<u>\$ 2,089,953.00</u>	<u>\$ 1,401,511.60</u>	<u>\$ 2,198,020.44</u>	<u>\$ 2,198,020.44</u>

**Note 13. 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 Balances of the following funds:

<u>Description</u>	Balance December 31, <u>2024</u>	2025 Budget <u>Appropriation</u>	Balance to Succeeding <u>Budgets</u>
<b>Current Fund:</b>			
Emergency Authorization (40A:4-46)	\$ 65,000.00	\$ 65,000.00	\$ -

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**Note 13. Local District School and Regional High School Taxes**

School taxes have been raised and the liability deferred by statutes. The balance of unpaid regional school and regional high school taxes levied, amount deferred and the amount reported as a liability (payable) at December 31, are as follows:

<u>Regional School Taxes</u>	Balance, December 31,	
	2024	2023
Total Balance of Local Tax	\$ 162,852.50	\$ 145,754.25
Deferred Taxes	129,374.69	129,374.69
Local Tax Payable	\$ 33,477.81	\$ 16,379.56
<u>Regional High School Taxes</u>	Balance, December 31,	
	2024	2023
Total Balance of Regional Tax	\$ 1,733,408.49	\$ 1,274,721.49
Deferred Taxes	203,797.14	203,797.14
Regional Tax Payable	\$ 1,529,611.35	\$ 1,070,924.35

**Note 14. Deferred Compensation Salary Account**

The Borough 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 benefits of participating employees and not be accessible by the Borough or its creditors. Since the Borough does not have a fiduciary relationship with the Plan, the balances and activities of the Plan are not reported in the Borough's financial statements.

**Note 15. Accrued Sick and Vacation Benefits**

GASB Statement No. 101, *Compensated Absences*, requires that liabilities for compensated absences be recognized for (1) leave that has not been used and (2) leave that has been used but not yet paid in cash or settled through noncash means. The liability should be recognized for leave that has not been used if (a) the leave is attributable to services already rendered, (b) the leave accumulates, and (c) the leave is more likely than not to be used for time off or otherwise paid in cash or settled through noncash means.

As discussed in Note 1 and in accordance with accounting principles prescribed by the State of New Jersey, the cash basis of accounting is followed for recording the Borough's liability related to unused vacation, sick pay and compensation time. The Borough permits certain employees, within limits, to accumulate unused vacation, sick pay and compensation time, which may be taken as time off or paid at a later date at an agreed upon rate. In accordance with New Jersey accounting principles, this unused accumulated absence amount is not reported as a liability in the accompanying financial statements.

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**Note 15. Accrued Sick and Vacation Benefits (continued)**

Under current policies and in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:9-10.2, unused sick leave is paid at an agreed upon rate upon separation of employment. Excess unused sick leave above the statutory cap is not paid out upon separation and lapses unless used. However, a liability is recognized under GASB 101 to the extent such leave is expected to be used as time off. It is estimated that accrued benefits for compensated absences, in accordance with GASB Statement No. 101, are valued at \$481,192.68 at December 31, 2024.

This estimate includes leave that is expected to be paid upon separation from service, and sick leave and compensation time to the extent that such leave is more likely than not to be used by employees as paid time off, based on historical usage patterns.

The Borough adopted GASB Statement No. 101 during the year ended December 31, 2024. As a result, the compensated absences liability disclosed above reflects the revised recognition criteria under this standard.

**Note 16. Risk Management**

The Borough is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts, theft of, damage to and destruction of assets; error and omission, injuries to employees; and natural disaster.

**Joint Insurance Pool**

The Borough is a member of the Ocean County Municipal Excess Liability Joint Insurance Fund (“Fund”). The Fund provides the Borough with the following coverage:

Worker’s Compensation	\$ 5,000,000.00
General Liability	5,000,000.00
Employer’s Liability	5,000,000.00
Auto Liability	5,000,000.00
Property Damage	125,000,000.00
Property/Boiler and Machinery	125,000,000.00
Auto Physical Damage	5,000,000.00
Employee Dishonesty Liability	50,000.00
Environmental Impairment Liability	1,000,000.00

Contributions to the Fund are payable in two installments and are based on actuarial assumptions determined by the Fund’s actuaries. The Fund publishes its own financial report for the year ended December 31, 2024, which can be obtained on the Fund’s website.

**New Jersey Unemployment Compensation Insurance**

The Borough has elected to fund its New Jersey Unemployment Compensation Insurance under the “Reimbursement Method”. Under this plan, the Borough is required to reimburse the New Jersey Unemployment Trust Fund, dollar-for-dollar, for unemployment benefits paid to its former employees who were laid off or furloughed and charged to its account with the State. The Borough is billed quarterly for amounts due to the State. The amounts paid for the years ended December 31, 2024 and 2023 were \$11,335.39 and \$7,842.54, respectively.

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**Note 17. Contingencies**

**Grantor Agencies**

The Borough receives financial assistance from the State of New Jersey and the U.S. government in the form of grants. Entitlement to the funds is generally conditional upon compliance with terms and conditions of the grant agreements and applicable regulations, including the expenditure of the funds for eligible purposes. Substantially all grants, entitlements and cost reimbursements are subject to financial and compliance audits by grantors. As a result of these audits, costs previously reimbursed could be disallowed and require repayment to the grantor agency. As of December 31, 2024, the Borough estimates that no material liabilities will result from such audits.

**Litigation**

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

**Tax Appeals**

Losses arising from tax appeals are recognized at the time a decision is rendered by an administrative or judicial body; however, municipalities may establish reserves transferred from tax collections or by budget appropriation for future payments of tax appeal losses. There are no significant pending tax appeals as of December 31, 2024.

**Note 18. Length of Service Awards Program**

The Borough's Length of Service Awards Program (LOSAP) was created by a Borough Ordinance adopted in 2001 pursuant to Section 457 (e)(11)(13) of the Internal Service Code of 1986, as amended, except for provisions added by reason of the Length of Service Award Program as enacted into federal law in 1997. The voters of the Borough of Harvey Cedars approved the adoption of the LOSAP at the general election held on November 6, 2001, and the first year of eligibility for entrance into the LOSAP by qualified volunteers was calendar year 2002. The LOSAP provides tax deferred income benefits to active volunteer firefighters and emergency squad members.

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

As required by *N.J.A.C.5:30-14.49*, the Borough must have an annual review of its LOSAP performed in accordance with Statements on Standards for Accounting and Review Services issued by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants.

The tax deferred income benefits for the active volunteer firefighters and emergency medical personnel serving the residents of the Borough come from contributions made solely by the governing body of the Borough, on behalf of those volunteers who meet the criteria of a plan created by that governing body. Participants should refer to the Plan agreement for a more complete description of the Plan's provisions.

**Contributions** - If an active member meets the year of active service requirement, a length of service awards program must provide a benefit between the minimum contribution of \$100.00 and a maximum contribution of \$1,150.00 per year. While the maximum amount is established by statute, it is subject to periodic increases that are related to the consumer price index (N.J.S.A. 40A:14-185(f)). The Division of Local Government Services of the State of New Jersey will issue the permitted maximum annually. During the year ended December 31, 2024, the Borough did not have any contributions to the plan.

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**Note 18. Length of Service Awards Program (continued)**

Participants direct the investment of the contributions into various investment options offered by the Plan. The Borough has no authorization to direct investment contributions on behalf of eligible volunteers nor has the ability to purchase or sell investment options offered by the Plan. The types of investment options, and the administering of such investments, rests solely with the plan administrator.

**Participant Accounts** - Each participant's account is credited with the Borough's contribution and Plan earnings, and charged with administrative expenses. The benefit to which a participant is entitled is the benefit that can be provided from the participant's vested account. The Borough has placed the amounts deferred, including earnings, in a trust maintained by a third-party administrator for the exclusive benefit of the plan participants and their beneficiaries. Such funds, although subject to the claims of the Borough's creditors until distributed as benefit payments, are not available for funding the operations of the Borough. The funds may also be used to pay the administrative fees charged by Lincoln Financial Group ("Plan Administrator"), an approved Length of Service Awards Program provider. The Borough's practical involvement in administering the Plan is essentially limited to verifying the eligibility of each participant and remitting the funds to the Plan Administrator.

**Vesting** - Benefits, plus actual earnings thereon, are one hundred percent (100%) vested after five (5) years of service.

**Payment of Benefits** - Upon retirement or disability, participants may select various payout options, which include lump sum, periodic, or annuity payments. In the case of death, with certain exceptions, any amount invested under the participant's account is paid to the beneficiary or the participant's estate. In the event of an unforeseeable emergency, as outlined in the Plan document, a participant or a beneficiary entitled to vested accumulated deferrals may request the local plan administrator to payout a portion of vested accumulated deferrals. During the year ended December 31, 2024 payouts totaling \$11,000.00 were made to vested participants.

**Forfeited Accounts** - There were no forfeited accounts that were forfeited to the Borough during the year ended December 31, 2024.

**Plan Information** - Additional information about the Borough's length of service awards program can be obtained by contacting the Plan Administrator.

**Note 19. Subsequent Events**

Management has reviewed and evaluated all events and transactions that occurred between December 31, 2024 and June 29, 2025, the date that the financial statements were available for issuance, for possible disclosure and recognition in the financial statements.

On March 17, 2025, an Ordinance authorizing Improvements to the Downtown Business District's Streetscape Phase 3, in the Borough of Harvey Cedars, and appropriating \$650,000.00 therefor and authorizing the issuance of \$650,000.00 in Bonds or Notes of the Borough of Harvey Cedars to finance the same.

On March 17, 2025, an Ordinance authorizing Bulkhead Improvements, in the Borough of Harvey Cedars, and appropriating \$500,000.00 therefor and authorizing the issuance of \$450,000.00 in Bonds or Notes of the Borough of Harvey Cedars to finance the same.

On March 17, 2025, an Ordinance authorizing an Emergency Appropriation in the amount of \$250,000.00 for the Preparation of a Tax Map and Execution of a Complete Program Revaluation of Real Property for the Use of the Local Assessor.

**APPENDIX C**

**PROPOSED FORM OF BOND COUNSEL OPINION**

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*An opinion in substantially the following form  
will be delivered at Closing, assuming no  
material changes in facts or law.*

April \_\_, 2026

Mayor and Borough Council of the  
Borough of Harvey Cedars, in the  
County of Ocean, New Jersey

Re: Borough of Harvey Cedars, in the County of Ocean, New Jersey  
\$3,350,000 Bond Anticipation Notes

Ladies and Gentlemen:

We have acted as Bond Counsel in connection with the issuance by the Borough of Harvey Cedars, in the County of Ocean, New Jersey (the “Borough” or the “Issuer”), of its \$3,350,000 aggregate principal amount of Bond Anticipation Notes consisting of \$1,841,811 General Improvement Bond Anticipation Notes and \$1,508,189 Water Utility Bond Anticipation Notes (collectively, the “Notes”). The Notes are general obligations of the Issuer and the full faith, credit and taxing power of the Issuer are available to pay the principal of and the interest on the Notes. The Notes are issued in registered form and are dated \_\_\_\_\_, 2026, mature on April 28, 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 “Act”), and ordinances of the Issuer numbered 2017-05, 2018-03, 2019-09, 2021-04, 2022-05 as amended by 2023-12, 2023-03, 2023-13, 2024-03, 2024-05, 2024-26 as amended by 2025-20, 2025-07 and 2025-08 (collectively, the “Ordinances”). The Notes are issued for the purpose of financing and refinancing previously authorized capital improvement projects as described in the Ordinances. The Issuer has designated the Notes as “qualified tax-exempt obligations” for purposes of Section 265(b)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the “Code”).

In our capacity as Bond Counsel and as a basis for the opinions set forth below, we have examined the proceedings relating to the authorization and issuance of the Notes, including: (a) copies of the Ordinances; (b) such matters of law, including inter alia, the Act and the Code; and (c) such other agreements, proceedings, certificates, records, approvals, resolutions and documents

as to various matters with respect to the issuance of the Notes, as we have deemed necessary. We have further assumed and relied upon the genuineness, accuracy and completeness of all of the documents and other instruments which we have examined. As to questions of fact material to our opinion, we have relied on the proceedings and other certifications of public officials executed and furnished to us without undertaking to verify the same by independent investigation.

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

1. The Notes have been duly authorized, issued, executed and sold by the Issuer; the Ordinances have been duly authorized and adopted by the Issuer; and the Notes and the Ordinances are legal, valid and binding obligations enforceable in accordance with their respective terms.

2. Interest on the Notes is excludable from gross income for federal income tax purposes under Section 103 of 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 Issuer 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 Issuer 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.

3. Under current law, interest on the Notes and any gain on the sale thereof are not includable as gross income under the New Jersey Gross Income Tax Act.

4. The power and obligation of the Issuer to pay the Notes is unlimited, and, unless paid from other sources, the Issuer shall be obligated to levy ad valorem taxes upon all the taxable property within the Borough of Harvey Cedars for the payment of the principal of and interest on the Notes, without limitation as to rate or amount.

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 respective terms" shall not mean that specific performance would necessarily be available as a remedy in every situation.

Other than as set forth in Paragraphs 2 and 3, we express no opinion regarding other federal and state tax consequences arising with respect to the Notes.

The opinions expressed herein are limited to and based upon the laws and judicial decisions of the State of New Jersey and the federal laws and judicial decisions of the United States of

America as of the date hereof, and are subject to any amendment, repeal or other modification of the applicable laws or judicial decisions that served as the basis for our opinions or to any laws or judicial decisions hereafter enacted or rendered.

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.

DECOTIIS, FITZPATRICK, COLE &  
GIBLIN LLP

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**APPENDIX D**

**FORM OF CONTINUING DISCLOSURE CERTIFICATE**

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## CONTINUING DISCLOSURE CERTIFICATE

This Continuing Disclosure Certificate (the “Disclosure Certificate”) is executed and delivered by the Borough of Harvey Cedars, in the County of Ocean, New Jersey (the “Issuer”), in connection with the issuance by the Issuer of \$3,350,000 principal amount of the Issuer’s Bond Anticipation Notes (the “Notes”). 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 Noteholders and Beneficial Owners of the Notes and in order to assist the Participating Underwriter in complying with Rule 15c2-12(b)(5) of the Securities and Exchange Commission.

*Section 2.*     Definitions. 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 Notes (including persons holding Notes through nominees, depositories or other intermediaries), or (b) is treated as the owner of any Notes for federal income tax purposes.

“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” means the MSRB’s Electronic Municipal Markets Access System.

“Financial Obligation” means a: (a) debt obligation; (b) derivative instrument entered into in connection with, or pledged as security or a source of payment for, an existing or planned debt obligation; or (c) guarantee of (a) or (b); provided, however that the term Financial Obligation shall not include municipal securities as to which a final official statement has been provided to the MSRB consistent with the Rule.

“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.

“Noteholder” shall mean any person who is the registered owner of any Note, including holders of beneficial interests in the Note.

“Participating Underwriter” shall mean any of the original underwriters of the Notes required to comply with the Rule in connection with offering of the Notes.

“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.

*Section 3.*     Reporting of Significant Events.

(a) Pursuant to the provisions of this Section 3, the Issuer shall give, or cause to be given, notice of the occurrence of any of the following events with respect to the Notes:

1. principal and interest payment delinquencies;
2. non-payment related defaults, if material;
3. unscheduled draws on the debt service reserves reflecting financial difficulties;
4. unscheduled draws on the credit enhancements reflecting financial difficulties;
5. substitution of the 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 Notes or other material events affecting the tax status of the Notes;
7. modifications to rights of Noteholders;
8. note calls, if material, and tender offers;
9. defeasances;
10. release, substitution or sale of property securing repayment of the Notes, if material;
11. rating changes;
12. bankruptcy, insolvency, receivership or similar event of the Issuer;
13. the consummation of a merger, consolidation, or acquisition involving an obligated person or the sale of all or substantially all of the assets of the obligated person, 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 Issuer, if material, or agreement to covenants, events of default, remedies, priority rights, or other similar terms of a Financial Obligation of the Issuer, any of which affect holders of the Bonds, if material; and

16. default, event of acceleration, termination event, modification of terms, or other similar events under the terms of a Financial Obligation of the Issuer, any of which reflect financial difficulties.

(b) Whenever the Issuer obtains knowledge of the occurrence of a Listed Event, the Issuer shall file or cause to be filed a notice of such occurrence with the MSRB through EMMA in a timely manner not in excess of ten (10) business days after the occurrence of such event. The notice shall be filed in an electronic format as prescribed by the MSRB and shall be accompanied by such identifying information as is prescribed by the MSRB. Notwithstanding the foregoing, notice of Listed Events described in subsections (a)(8) and (9) need not be given under this subsection any earlier than the notice (if any) of the underlying event is given to holders of affected Notes.

*Section 4. 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 Notes. If such termination occurs prior to the final maturity of the Notes, the Issuer shall give notice of such termination in the same manner as for a Listed Event under Section 3(b).

*Section 5. 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 6. 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 Section 3, 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 Notes, 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 Notes, 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 Noteholders or Beneficial Owners of the Notes.

*Section 7.* 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 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 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 Certificate to update such information or include it in any future or notice of occurrence of a Listed Event.

*Section 8.* Default. In the event of a failure of the Issuer to comply with any provision of this Disclosure Certificate any Noteholder or Beneficial Owner of the Notes 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 Notes, 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 9.* Duties, Immunities and Liabilities of Dissemination Agent. The Dissemination Agent shall have only such duties as are specifically set forth in this Disclosure Certificate, and the Issuer agrees to indemnify and save the Dissemination Agent, its officers, directors, employees and agents, harmless against any loss, expense and liabilities which it may incur arising out of or in the exercise or performance of its powers and duties hereunder, including the costs and expenses (including reasonable attorneys' fees) of defending against any claim of liability, but excluding liabilities due to the Dissemination Agent's gross negligence or willful misconduct. The obligations of the Issuer under this Section 9 shall survive resignation or removal of the Dissemination Agent and payment of the Notes.

*Section 10.* Beneficiaries. This Disclosure Certificate shall inure solely to the benefit of the Issuer, the Dissemination Agent, the Participating Underwriters and the Noteholders and Beneficial Owners from time to time of the Notes and shall create no rights in any other person or entity.

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_, 2026

BOROUGH OF HARVEY CEDARS, IN THE  
COUNTY OF OCEAN, NEW JERSEY

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Rebecca Wessler, Chief Financial Officer