#### NOTICE OF SALE

#### \$7,018,000 BOROUGH OF LINDENWOLD

## County of Camden, New Jersey GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS, SERIES 2017

## **Consisting of:**

\$4,791,000 General Improvement Bonds \$2,227,000 Sewer Utility Bonds (Bank Qualified) (Book-Entry-Only)

**ELECTRONIC PROPOSALS** will be received via the BiDCOMP<sup>®</sup>/Parity<sup>®</sup> Electronic Competitive Bidding System ("PARITY") of i-Deal LLC ("i-Deal") in the manner described below, until 11:00 a.m. (Eastern), on

#### **September 13, 2017**

at which time they will be publicly announced for the purchase of the following bonds ("Bonds"), due on March 15, as follows:

	General	Sewer	Combined		General	Sewer	Combined
<b>Year</b>	<b>Improvement</b>	<b>Utility</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Year</b>	<b>Improvement</b>	<b>Utility</b>	<b>Amount</b>
2018	\$351,000	\$157,000	\$508,000	2024	\$410,000	\$190,000	\$600,000
2019	350,000	165,000	515,000	2025	425,000	195,000	620,000
2020	355,000	170,000	525,000	2026	440,000	205,000	645,000
2021	365,000	170,000	535,000	2027	665,000	310,000	975,000
2022	365,000	175,000	540,000	2028	680,000	310,000	990,000
2023	385,000	180,000	565,000				

The Bonds will be dated their date of delivery and bear interest at the rates per annum specified by the successful bidder therefor, payable initially on March 15, 2018 and semiannually thereafter on September 15 and March 15 in each year until maturity. The Bonds are not subject to redemption prior to their stated maturity dates.

Upon initial issuance, the Bonds will be issued in book-entry-only form and registered in the name of Cede & Co., as nominee of The Depository Trust Company, New York, New York ("DTC"). DTC will act as securities depository for the Bonds and be responsible for maintaining a book-entry system for recording the interests of its participants or the transfers of interests among its participants. Individual purchases may be made in the principal amount of \$5,000 or any integral multiple thereof through book entries made on the books and records of DTC and its participants. Individual purchasers of the Bonds will not receive certificates representing their beneficial ownership interest in the Bonds, but each book-entry bondholder will receive a credit balance on the books of its nominee. For additional information, see "THE BONDS -- Book-Entry-Only System" in the preliminary official statement described below ("Preliminary Official Statement").

The Borough has prepared a Preliminary Official Statement in connection with the sale of the Bonds which it has deemed "final" as of its date for purposes of paragraph (b)(1) of Rule 15c2-12, as amended ("Rule 15c2-12") promulgated by the Securities and Exchange Commission pursuant to the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, except for certain omissions

permitted thereunder. Within seven (7) business days of the sale of the Bonds, and in sufficient time to accompany any confirmation that requests payment from a customer, the Borough will deliver a sufficient number of copies of the final official statement ("Official Statement") to the purchaser in order for the same to comply with Paragraph (b)(4) of Rule 15c2-12.

The Preliminary Official Statement is available for viewing in electronic format through the internet facilities of Bowman & Company LLP. Bowman & Company's web address is www.govdebt.net ("Site"). In addition, broker dealers registered with the National Association of Securities Dealers ("NASD") and dealer banks with DTC clearing arrangements may either: (i) print out a copy of the Preliminary Official Statement by their own means; or (ii) at any time prior to September 13, 2017, elect to receive a printed copy of the Preliminary Official Statement in the mail by requesting the same on the Bowman & Company web site or by calling the Borough's Bond Counsel, Parker McCay P.A. ("Bond Counsel"), Parker McCay P.A., 9000 Midlantic Drive, Suite 300, P.O. Box 5054, Mount Laurel, New Jersey 08054. Calls should be directed to Alexis B. Batten, Esquire at (856) 985-4067. The Borough's Municipal Advisor, Phoenix Advisors LLC, may also be contacted at 4 West Park Street, Bordentown, New Jersey 08505. Calls should be directed to Bryan Morris at (609) 291-0130. In order to view, print a copy or request a copy of the Preliminary Official Statement from the Bowman & Company web site, please visit www.govdebt.net. Bidders may log-in to access electronic viewing and delivery. Once logged-in to the Site, bidders must follow the applicable instructions and prompts to access the Preliminary Official Statement. All bidders must review the Preliminary Official Statement and certify that they have done so prior to participating in the bidding.

In accordance with the requirements of Rule 15c2-12, the Borough will, prior to the issuance of the Bonds, enter into an agreement substantially in the form set forth in Appendix "D" to the Preliminary Official Statement ("Disclosure Agreement").

The Borough will designate the Bonds as "qualified tax-exempt obligations" pursuant to Section 265(b)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended ("Code").

#### **BID SPECIFICATIONS**

Each **ELECTRONIC PROPOSAL** for the Bonds must be submitted to PARITY in accordance with this notice, but no bid will be received after the time for receiving bids specified above. To the extent any instructions or directions set forth in PARITY conflict with this Notice of Sale, the terms of this Notice of Sale shall control. For further information about PARITY, including any fee charged, potential bidders may contact BiDCOMP/PARITY, 1359 Broadway, Second Floor, New York, New York 10018, (212) 849-5021. The Borough may, but is not obligated to, acknowledge its acceptance in writing of any bid submitted electronically via PARITY. In the event that a bid for the Bonds is submitted via PARITY, the bidder further agrees that:

- 1. If a bid submitted electronically by PARITY is accepted by the Borough, the terms of this Notice of Sale and the information that is electronically transmitted through PARITY shall form a contract, and the successful bidder shall be bound by the terms of such contract.
- 2. PARITY is not an agent of the Borough, and the Borough shall have no liability whatsoever based on any bidder's use of PARITY, including but not limited to any failure

by PARITY to correctly or timely transmit information provided by the Borough or information provided by the bidder.

- 3. The Borough may choose to discontinue use of electronic bidding via PARITY by issuing a notification to such effect via TM3 News Services, or by other available means, no later than 3:00 p.m. (Eastern Time) on the last business date prior to the bid date set forth above.
- 4. Once the bids are communicated electronically via PARITY to the Borough as described above, each bid will constitute an official "Proposal for Bonds" and shall be deemed to be an irrevocable offer to purchase the Bonds on the terms provided in this Notice of Sale. For purposes of submitting electronic bids, the time as maintained on PARITY shall constitute the official time.
- 5. Each bidder shall be solely responsible to make necessary arrangements to access PARITY for purposes of submitting its bid in a timely manner and in compliance with the requirements of this Notice of Sale. Neither the Borough nor i-Deal shall have any duty or obligation to provide or assure to any bidder, and neither the Borough nor i-Deal shall be responsible for the proper operation of, or have any liability for any delays or interruptions of, or any damages caused by PARITY. The Borough is using PARITY as a communication mechanism, and not as the Borough's agent, to conduct the electronic bidding for the Bonds. By using PARITY, each bidder agrees to hold the Borough harmless for any harm or damages caused to such bidder in connection with its use of PARITY for bidding on the Bonds.

Each proposal must specify in a multiple of 1/8th or 1/20th of 1%, a single rate of interest which each maturity of the Bonds are to bear. Not more than one rate of interest may be named for Bonds of the same maturity. No rate of interest named for any maturity may be less than the rate of interest named for a prior maturity, and the difference between the highest and the lowest rates of interest named in the proposal shall not exceed three percent (3%). No proposal shall be considered that offers to pay an amount less than the principal amount of Bonds offered for sale or under which the total loan is made at an interest cost higher than the lowest net interest cost to the Borough under any legally acceptable proposal.

The Bonds will be sold to the bidder who, after having complied with the terms of this Notice of Sale, offers the lowest net interest cost for the Bonds. The net interest cost shall be computed in each instance by adding to the total amount of Bonds bid for, the total interest cost to maturity in accordance with such bid. **Proposals may not include any premium**. If two (2) or more bidders specify the same lowest net interest cost, then award will be made to one of such bidders selected by the undersigned by lot. The purchaser must pay an amount equal to the interest on the Bonds accrued to the date of delivery. The Borough reserves the right to reject all bids and any bid not complying with the terms of this Notice of Sale.

Each bidder is required to make a good faith deposit, in the amount of \$140,360 ("Deposit"), in the form of a cash wire or a certified, cashier's or treasurer's check, in each case payable to the order of the "Borough of Lindenwold". If a cash wire is used, the wire must be received by the Borough prior to 11:00 A.M. (Eastern Time), on WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2017. Bidders submitting cash wires must (i) notify the Borough of their intent to use such cash wire prior to 10:00 A.M. (Eastern Time), on WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2017 (ii) provide proof of electronic transfer of such cash wire prior to 11:00 A.M. (Eastern Time), on

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2017; and (iii) also enclose return wiring instructions for use by the Borough. Wiring instructions may be obtained by contacting the Borough's Municipal Advisor, Phoenix Advisors LLC, at 4 West Park Street, Bordentown, New Jersey 08505. Calls should be directed to Bryan Morris at (609) 291-0130 or bmorris@muniadvisors.com. If a check is used, the check must be a certified or cashier's or treasurer's check drawn upon a bank or trust company and must be delivered to the Borough, c/o Ms. Dawn S. Thompson, Borough of Lindenwold, 15 N. White Horse Pike, Lindenwold, New Jersey 08021 by no later than 11:00 A.M. (Eastern Time), on WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2017. Bidders submitting good faith checks should also enclose a return envelope for use by the Borough. Each bidder accepts responsibility for delivering such cash wire or check on time and the Borough is not responsible for any cash wire or check that is not received on time. No interest on the Deposit will accrue to the successful bidder. When the successful bidder has been ascertained, all such Deposits shall be returned by the Borough to the persons making the same within a reasonable period of time, except the cash wire or check of the successful bidder which shall be applied as partial payment for the Bonds or to secure the Borough from any loss resulting from the failure of the successful bidder to comply with the terms of its bid. Award of the Bonds to the successful bidder or rejection of all bids is expected to be made promptly after receipt of the bids. The successful bidder may not withdraw its proposal until after 5:30 P.M. (Eastern Time), on the bid date and then only if such award has not been made prior to the withdrawal.

AT THE TIME OF DELIVERY OF THE BONDS, PAYMENT FOR THE BONDS SHALL BE IN IMMEDIATELY AVAILABLE FUNDS.

The successful bidder may refuse to accept the Bonds, if prior to their delivery, any income tax law of the United States of America shall provide that the interest thereon is taxable, or shall be taxable at a future date, for federal income tax purposes and, in such case, the deposit made by such bidder will be returned and the successful bidder will be relieved of its contractual obligations arising from the acceptance of its proposal.

#### **RATING**

The Borough has applied for a rating on the Bonds from S&P Global Ratings, acting through Standard & Poor's Financial Services LLC. The Borough expects to have a rating prior to the sale of the Bonds. Notice of a rating on the Bonds will be communicated via PARITY

#### OPTIONAL PURCHASE OF MUNICIPAL BOND INSURANCE

Information concerning the Borough has been furnished to certain companies for the purpose of qualifying the Bonds for municipal bond insurance. Any purchase of said insurance will be at the sole option and expense of the bidder and increased costs of issuance including, without limitation, any additional rating agency fees, resulting by reason of such insurance will be paid by such bidder. Notice of qualification of the Bonds for municipal bond insurance will be communicated via MUNIFACTS. If the Bonds qualify for municipal bond insurance, each bidder shall be required to specify whether municipal bond insurance will be purchased.

#### **POSTPONEMENT**

The Borough reserves the right to postpone, from time to time, the date and time established for receipt of Bids. ANY SUCH POSTPONEMENT WILL BE PUBLISHED ON THOMSON MUNICIPAL NEWSWIRE, BEFORE 11:00 A.M. ON THE DAY BEFORE THE SALE. If any date fixed for receipt of bids and the sale of the Bonds is postponed, an alternative sale date will be announced via Thomson Municipal Newswire at least forty-eight hours prior to such alternative sale date. On any such alternative sale date, any bidder may submit a bid for the purchase of the Bonds in conformity in all respects with the provisions of the Notice of Sale, except for the date of sale and except for the changes announced on Thomson Municipal Newswire at the time the sale date and time are announced.

#### **DELIVERY OF THE BONDS**

It is anticipated that delivery of the Bonds will occur on or about September 28, 2017.

It is anticipated that CUSIP identification numbers will be printed on the Bonds, but neither the failure to print such numbers on any Bond nor any error with respect thereto shall constitute cause for a failure or a refusal by the purchaser thereof to accept delivery of and to pay for the Bonds in accordance with the terms hereof. All expenses in relation to the printing of CUSIP numbers on the Bonds shall be paid for by the Borough; provided, however, that the CUSIP Service Bureau charge for the assignment of the numbers shall be the responsibility of and shall be paid for by the purchaser.

## Closing Certificates:

Simultaneously with the delivery of the Bonds, the purchaser shall assist the Borough in establishing the issue price and yield of the Bonds and shall execute and deliver to the Borough at closing an "issue price" and "yield" or similar certificate setting forth the reasonably expected initial offering price to the public or the sale price or prices of the Bonds and yield, together with the supporting pricing wires or equivalent communications ("Issue Price Certificate"). The Issue Price Certificate shall be executed in the form attached hereto as Exhibit "A".

### Establishment of Issue Price:

- (a) The Borough intends that the provisions of Treasury Regulation Section 1.148-1(f)(3)(i) (defining "competitive sale" for purposes of establishing the issue price of the Bonds) will apply to the initial sale of the Bonds (the "competitive sale requirements") because:
  - (1) the Borough disseminated this Notice of Sale to potential underwriters in a manner that is reasonably designed to reach potential underwriters;
  - (2) all bidders shall have an equal opportunity to bid;
  - (3) the Borough may receive bids from at least three (3) underwriters of municipal bonds or Bonds who have established industry reputations for underwriting new issuances of municipal bonds or Bonds; and
  - (4) the Borough anticipates awarding the sale of the Bonds to the bidder who submits a firm offer to purchase the Bonds at the highest price (or lowest interest cost), as set forth in this Notice of Sale.

Any bid submitted pursuant to this Notice of Sale shall be considered a firm offer for the purchase of the Bonds, as specified in the bid.

- (b) If the successful bidder is a bank or local government unit purchasing for its own account the provisions of paragraphs (d) and (e) below shall not apply
- (c) In the event that paragraph (b) above is not applicable and the competitive sale requirements are not satisfied, the Borough shall so advise the successful bidder. The Borough shall treat the first price at which 10% of the Bonds (the "10% Test") is sold to the public as the issue price of the Bonds. The successful bidder shall advise the Borough if the Bonds satisfy the 10% Test as of the date and time of the award of the Bonds. The Borough will *not* require bidders to comply with the "hold-the-offering-price rule" and therefore does not intend to use the initial offering price to the public as of the sale date of the Bonds as the issue price of the Bonds. Bids will *not* be subject to cancellation in the event that the competitive sale requirements are not satisfied. Bidders should prepare their bids on the assumption that the Bonds will be subject to the 10% Test in order to establish the issue price of the Bonds.
- (d) If the competitive sale requirements are not satisfied, then until the 10% Test has been satisfied as to the Bonds, the successful bidder agrees to promptly report to the Borough the prices at which the unsold Bonds have been sold to the public. That reporting obligation shall continue, whether or not the Closing Date has occurred, until the 10% Test has been satisfied as to the Bonds. If the 10% Test is not met by the closing date, a supplemental issue price certificate must be provided.
- (e) By submitting a bid, each bidder confirms that: (i) any agreement among underwriters, any selling group agreement and each retail distribution agreement (to which the bidder is a party) relating to the initial sale of the Bonds to the public, together with the related pricing wires, contains or will contain language obligating each underwriter, each dealer who is a member of the selling group, and each broker-dealer that is a party to such retail distribution agreement, as applicable, to report the prices at which it sells to the public the unsold Bonds allotted to it until it is notified by the successful bidder that either the 10% Test has been satisfied as to the Bonds, if and for so long as directed by the successful bidder and as set forth in the related pricing wires; and (ii) any agreement among underwriters relating to the initial sale of the Bonds to the public, together with the related pricing wires, contains or will contain language obligating each underwriter that is a party to a retail distribution agreement to be employed in connection with the initial sale of the Bonds to the public to require each broker-dealer that is a party to such retail distribution agreement to report the prices at which it sells to the public the unsold Bonds allotted to it until it is notified by the successful bidder or such underwriter that either the 10% Test has been satisfied as to the Bonds, if and for so long as directed by the successful bidder or such underwriter and as set forth in the related pricing wires.
- (f) Sales of any securities to any person that is a related party to an underwriter shall not constitute sales to the public for purposes of this Notice of Sale. Further, for purposes of this Notice of Sale:
  - (i) "public" means any person other than an underwriter or a related party;
  - (ii) "underwriter" means: (A) any person that agrees pursuant to a written contract with the Borough (or with the lead underwriter to form an underwriting syndicate) to participate in the initial sale of the Bonds to the

- public; and (B) any person that agrees pursuant to a written contract directly or indirectly with a person described in clause (A) to participate in the initial sale of the Bonds to the public (including a member of a selling group or a party to a retail distribution agreement participating in the initial sale of the Bonds to the public);
- (iii) a purchaser of any of the Bonds is a "related party" to an underwriter if the underwriter and the purchaser are subject, directly or indirectly, to: (A) at least 50% common ownership of the voting power or the total value of their stock, if both entities are corporations (including direct ownership by one corporation of another); (B) more than 50% common ownership of their capital interests or profits interests, if both entities are partnerships (including direct ownership by one partnership of another); or (C) more than 50% common ownership of the value of the outstanding stock of the corporation or the capital interests or profit interests of the partnership, as applicable, if one entity is a corporation and the other entity is a partnership (including direct ownership of the applicable stock or interests by one entity of the other), and
- (iv) "sale date" means the date that the Bonds are awarded by the Borough to the successful bidder.

The obligation of the purchaser to purchase and pay for the Bonds is conditioned on the delivery, at the time of settlement of the Bonds, of the following: (i) approving legal opinion of Parker McCay P.A., Mount Laurel, New Jersey, Bond Counsel, a form of which can be found in Appendix "C" to the Preliminary Official Statement; (ii) the delivery of certificates in form and tenor satisfactory to Bond Counsel evidencing the proper execution and delivery of the Bonds and receipt of payment therefor, including a statement of the Borough, dated as of the date of such delivery, to the effect that there is no litigation pending or, to the knowledge of the signer or signers thereof, threatened relating to the issuance, sale and delivery of the Bonds; and (iii) an executed copy of the Disclosure Agreement.

#### COMPLIANCE WITH P.L. 2005,c.271, s.3

The purchaser is advised of its responsibility to file an annual disclosure statement on political contributions with the New Jersey Election Law Enforcement Commission ("ELEC") pursuant to *N.J.S.A.* 19:44A-20.13 (P.L. 2005, c.271, s.3) if the purchaser enters into agreements or contracts, such as its agreement to purchase the Bonds, with a public entity, such as the Borough and receives compensation or fees in excess of \$50,000 in the aggregate from public entities, such as the Borough, in a calendar year. It is the purchaser's responsibility to determine if filing is necessary. Failure to do so can result in the imposition of financial penalties by ELEC. Additional information about this requirement is available from ELEC at 888-313-3532 or at www.elec.state.nj.us.

#### DAWN S. THOMPSON, Chief Financial Officer

Dated: September 6, 2017

# EXHIBIT "A"

# \$7,018,000 BOROUGH OF LINDENWOLD County of Camden, New Jersey GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS, SERIES 2017 Consisting of:

\$4,791,000 General Improvement Bonds \$2,227,000 Sewer Utility Bonds

# CERTIFICATE OF UNDERWRITER REGARDING YIELD AND ISSUE PRICE

	The	undersigned,	an	authorized	representative	of	,	as	underwriter
("Unde	erwrite	er") for the abo	ve-c	captioned bor	nds ("Bonds"), h	ereb	y certifies as follow	vs:	

- 1. This certificate is delivered to the Borough of Lindenwold, County of Camden, New Jersey ("Borough") and may be relied upon in establishing the reasonable expectations of the Borough as to the matters stated herein as may be necessary or appropriate in the preparation by the Borough of a certificate relating to arbitrage matters in connection with the issuance of the Bonds and in complying with the requirements of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended ("Code"), and the regulations promulgated thereunder with respect to arbitrage.
- 2. This certificate is based on facts and estimates in existence on the date hereof and, to the best of the undersigned's knowledge and belief, the matters set forth herein are reasonable in light of such facts and estimates.
- 3. On September 13, 2017 ("Sale Date"), the Underwriter submitted and the Borough accepted its competitive proposal to purchase the Bonds.
- 4. [As of the date of this certificate, the Underwriter has not sold at least 10% of the Bonds at a single price and agrees once it has sold at least 10% of the Bonds at a single price, it

will provide a Supplemental Issue Price Certificate to the Borough and Bond Counsel, which date will be <u>not later than</u> thirty (30) days after the last day of the calendar quarter next ending after the date of closing of the Bonds.] [As of the date of this certificate, the first price at which at least 10% of the Bonds was sold to the Public is \_\_\_\_\_\_.]

- 5. Capitalized terms utilized herein and not otherwise defined shall have the meanings ascribed thereto below:
- (i) "Public" shall mean any person (including an individual, trust, estate, partnership, association, company, or corporation) other than an Underwriter or a related party to an Underwriter. The term "related party" for purposes of this certificate generally means any two or more persons who have greater than 50 percent common ownership, directly or indirectly.
- (ii) "Underwriter" shall mean: (a) any person that agrees pursuant to a written contract with the Borough (or with the lead underwriter to form an underwriting syndicate) to participate in the initial sale of the Bonds to the Public; and (b) any person that agrees pursuant to a written contract directly or indirectly with a person described in clause (a) of this paragraph to participate in the initial sale of the Bonds to the Public (including a member of a selling group or a party to a retail distribution agreement participating in the initial sale of the Bonds to the Public). The representations set forth in this certificate are limited to factual matters only.
- (iii) "Yield" shall mean that discount rate, determined on the basis of one interest compounding period equal to the term of the Bonds, which, when used in computing the present

value of all unconditionally payable payments of principal (including original issue discount, if any), produces an amount equal to the aggregate issue price thereof.

- 6. All of the Bonds of each maturity have been the subject of a bona-fide offering to the General Public at reoffering yields no lower than the yields set forth on the cover page of the Official Statement, prepared with respect to the sale of Bonds ("Official Statement"), a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit "A" and made a part hereof.
- 7. Based upon prevailing market conditions on the Sale Date, the Underwriter had no reason to believe that any maturity of the Bonds would be sold to the General Public at yields less than the yields set forth on the cover page of the Official Statement for each respective maturity.
- 8. The aggregate issue price of the Bonds is the sum of the issue prices of the Bonds (determined separately for Bonds that are not substantially identical). The issue price for the Bonds that are substantially identical is an amount equal to the initial offering price of the Bonds to the General Public at which price a substantial amount of the Bonds were sold, including accrued interest, if any, as of the date of issuance, and without allowance for discount or any fees in connection with the issuance of the Bonds. As thus determined, the aggregate issue price of the Bonds is \$\_\_\_\_\_\_.
- 9. The aggregate issue price of the Bonds, as determined herein, does not exceed the fair market value of the Bonds as of the Sale Date.

10. The yield on the Bonds to maturity was computed as that discount rate determined on the basis of semi-annual interest compounding (based on a 360 day year consisting of twelve (12) months of thirty (30) days each) which, when used in computing the present value of all the unconditionally payable payments of principal of and interest (including original issue discount, if any) on the Bonds, produces an amount equal to the aggregate issue price of the Bonds. The issue price of the Bonds is an amount equal to the initial offering price of the Bonds to the General Public at which price, including accrued interest, a substantial amount of the Bonds were sold as of the date of issuance, and without allowance for discount or any fees in connection with the issuance of the Bonds.

11.	As thus calculated the	yield of the Bonds is not	less than	%.

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**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand this 28th day of September, 2017.

By:
[NAME], [Title]



securities laws of any such jurisdiction

NEW ISSUE Rating: S&P "AA-" (Book-Entry Only)

#### PRELIMINARY OFFICIAL STATEMENT DATED SEPTEMBER 6, 2017

In the opinion of Parker McCay P.A., Mount Laurel, New Jersey, Bond Counsel, assuming continuing compliance by the Borough with certain tax covenants described herein, under existing law, interest on the Bonds (as hereinafter defined) is not included for federal income tax purposes in the gross income of the owners thereof pursuant to Section 103 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended ("Code"), and is not a specific item of tax preference under Section 57 of the Code for purposes of computing the alternative minimum tax imposed on individuals and corporations pursuant to Section 55 of the Code. Interest on the Bonds is included in the calculation of the alternative minimum tax as a result of the inclusion of interest on the Bonds in "adjusted current earnings". Interest on the Bonds may be subject to the branch profits tax imposed on certain foreign corporations and to the tax on "excess net passive income" imposed on S corporations. Interest on the Bonds and any gain from the sale thereof are not includable in the gross income of owners thereof under the New Jersey Gross Income Tax Act, as presently executed and construed. See "TAX MATTERS" herein.

\$7,018,000
BOROUGH OF LINDENWOLD
County of Camden, New Jersey
GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS, SERIES 2017
Consisting of:
\$4,791,000 General Improvement Bonds
\$2,227,000 Sewer Utility Bonds
(Bank Qualified) (Non-Callable)

Dated: Date of Delivery Due: March 15, as shown on inside front cover

The \$7,018,000 aggregate principal amount of General Obligation Bonds, Series 2017 ("Bonds") of the Borough of Lindenwold, County of Camden, New Jersey ("Borough"), shall be issued in fully registered book-entry-only form without coupons in minimum denominations of \$5,000 or any integral multiple of \$1,000 in excess thereof, or in such amount necessary to issue the principal amount of the Bonds. The Bonds consist of: (i) \$4,791,000 General Improvement Bonds; and (ii) \$2,227,000 Sewer Utility Bonds.

The principal of the Bonds shall be paid on their respective maturity dates thereof upon presentation and surrender of the Bonds at the principal corporate trust office of TD Bank, National Association, Cherry Hill, New Jersey, as bond registrar and paying agent ("Paying Agent"). Interest on the Bonds is payable semi-annually on September 15 and March 15 ("Interest Payment Dates"), commencing March 15, 2018, in each year until maturity. The Bonds are not subject to redemption prior to maturity.

Upon initial issuance, the Bonds will be registered in the name of Cede & Co., as nominee for The Depository Trust Company ("DTC"), which will act as securities depository for the Bonds. So long as Cede & Co. is the registered owner of the Bonds, payments of principal of and interest on the Bonds will be made by the Borough directly to DTC or its nominee, Cede & Co., which will remit such payments to the DTC Participants (as herein defined) which will, in turn, remit such payments to the Beneficial Owners (as herein defined) of the Bonds. Purchasers will not receive certificates representing their ownership interest in the Bonds purchased. For so long as any purchaser is a Beneficial Owner of a Bond, such purchaser must maintain an account with a broker or dealer who is, or acts through, a DTC participant to receive payment of the principal of and interest on such Bond.

The Borough is issuing the Bonds pursuant to: (i) the Local Bond Law, Chapter 169 of the Laws of 1960 of the State of New Jersey, as amended and supplemented ("Local Bond Law"); (ii) bond ordinances 1362, 1363, 2014-02, 2014-03, 2015-11, 2015-12, 2015-19, 2017-11 and 2017-12 (collectively, the "Bond Ordinances"), each duly and finally adopted by the Borough Council and published in accordance with the requirements of the Local Bond Law; (iii) a resolution adopted by the Borough Council on July 26, 2017; and (iv) a Certificate of Determination and Award executed by the Chief Financial Officer of the Borough on September , 2017.

The Bonds are being issued by the Borough to provide funds which will be used to: (i) permanently finance the costs of various capital improvements and the acquisition of various capital equipment by the repayment at maturity of the principal of certain bond anticipation notes heretofore issued by the Borough; (ii) permanently finance the costs of various capital improvements and the acquisition of various capital equipment for which obligations have been authorized but not yet issued; and (iii) pay certain costs and expenses incidental to the issuance and delivery of the Bonds.

The Bonds are general obligations of the Borough and the full faith and credit of the Borough are irrevocably pledged for the payment thereof. The Bonds are payable ultimately from *ad valorem* taxes that shall be levied upon all taxable real property within the Borough without limitation as to rate or amount.

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

The Bonds are offered when, as and if issued, subject to the prior approval of legality by the law firm of Parker McCay P.A., Mount Laurel, New Jersey, Bond Counsel to the Borough. Certain legal matters will be passed upon for the Borough by its Solicitor, David Capozzi, Esquire, Haddon Heights, New Jersey. Phoenix Advisors, LLC, Bordentown, New Jersey, has served as Municipal Advisor to the Borough in connection with the issuance of the Bonds. Delivery of the Bonds is further subject to certain other conditions set forth herein. It is anticipated that the Bonds in definitive form will be available for delivery through DTC in New York, New York, on or about September 28, 2017.

# **MATURITY SCHEDULES**

# \$7,018,000 GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS, SERIES 2017 Consisting of: \$4,791,000 General Improvement Bonds \$2,227,000 Sewer Utility Bonds

	General Improvement	Sewer Utillity	Aggregate		
<u>Year</u>	Principal <u>Amount</u>	Principal <u>Amount</u>	Principal <u>Amount</u>	Interest <u>Rate</u>	<u>Yield</u>
2018	\$351,000	\$157,000	\$508,000	%	%
2019	350,000	165,000	515,000		
2020	355,000	170,000	525,000		
2021	365,000	170,000	535,000		
2022	365,000	175,000	540,000		
2023	385,000	180,000	565,000		
2024	410,000	190,000	600,000		
2025	425,000	195,000	620,000		
2026	440,000	205,000	645,000		
2027	665,000	310,000	975,000		
2028	680,000	310,000	990,000		

# BOROUGH OF LINDENWOLD County of Camden, New Jersey

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Municipal Advisor Phoenix Advisors, LLC Bordentown, New Jersey 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 Bonds other than those contained in this Official Statement and, if given or made, such information or representations must not be relied upon as having been authorized by the Borough. The information contained herein has been provided by the Borough and other sources deemed reliable; however, no representation or warranty is made as to its accuracy or completeness and such information is not to be construed as a representation or warranty by any underwriter or, as to information from sources other than itself, by 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 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, bond ordinances, agreements, reports and other documents do not purport to be comprehensive or definitive. All references to such documents are qualified in their entirety by reference to the particular document, the full text of which may contain qualifications of and exceptions to statements made herein, and copies of which may be inspected at the office of the Borough Clerk during normal business hours.

This Official Statement does not constitute an offer to sell or the solicitation of an offer to buy, nor there be any sale of the Bonds in any jurisdiction in which it is unlawful for any person to make such an offer, solicitation or sale. No dealer, broker, salesman or other person has been authorized to give any information or to make any representations other than as contained in this Official Statement. If given or made, such other information or representations must not be relied upon as having been authorized by the Borough or any underwriter.

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

IN CONNECTION WITH THIS OFFERING, THE UNDERWRITER AND/OR PURCHASER MAY OVER ALLOT OR EFFECT TRANSACTIONS THAT STABILIZE OR MAINTAIN THE MARKET PRICE OF THE BONDS AT A LEVEL ABOVE THAT WHICH MIGHT OTHERWISE PREVAIL IN THE OPEN MARKET. SUCH STABILIZING, IF COMMENCED, MAY BE DISCONTINUED AT ANY TIME WITHOUT PRIOR NOTICE.

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

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#### OFFICIAL STATEMENT

\$7,018,000
BOROUGH OF LINDENWOLD
County of Camden, New Jersey
GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS, SERIES 2017
Consisting of:
\$4,791,000 General Improvement Bonds
\$2,227,000 Sewer Utility Bonds
(Bank Qualified) (Non-Callable)

#### INTRODUCTION

The purpose of this Official Statement, including the cover page hereof and the appendices attached hereto, is to provide certain information relating to the issuance by the Borough of Lindenwold, County of Camden, New Jersey ("Borough"), of its \$7,018,000 aggregate principal amount of General Obligation Bonds, Series 2017 ("Bonds"). The Bonds consist of: (i) \$4,791,000 General Improvement Bonds; and (ii) \$2,227,000 Sewer Utility Bonds.

The information contained herein relating to the Borough was furnished by the Borough unless otherwise indicated.

#### **AUTHORIZATION FOR THE BONDS**

The Bonds are authorized to be issued pursuant to: (i) the Local Bond Law, Chapter 169 of the Laws of 1960 of the State of New Jersey, as amended and supplemented ("Local Bond Law"); (ii) bond ordinances 1362, 1363, 2014-02, 2014-03, 2015-11, 2015-12, 2015-19, 2017-11 and 2017-12 (collectively, the "Bond Ordinances"), each duly and finally adopted by the Borough Council and published in accordance with the requirements of the Local Bond Law; (iii) a resolution adopted by the Borough Council on July 26, 2017; and (iv) a Certificate of Determination and Award executed by the Chief Financial Officer of the Borough on September \_\_\_, 2017.

#### **PURPOSE OF THE ISSUE**

The Bonds are being issued by the Borough to provide funds which will be used to: (i) permanently finance the costs of various capital improvements and the acquisition of various capital equipment by the repayment at maturity of the principal of certain bond anticipation notes heretofore issued by the Borough; (ii) permanently finance the costs of various capital improvements and the acquisition of various capital equipment for which obligations have been authorized but not yet issued; and (iii) pay certain costs and expenses incidental to the issuance and delivery of the Bonds.

The capital improvements and equipment to be permanently financed with the proceeds of the Bonds include the following:

# **General Improvement Bonds**

Ordinance Number	Purpose/ Improvement	Amount Authorized	Outstanding Notes	Bonds
1362	Acquisition of various capital equipment; completion of various capital Improvements	\$475,000	\$475,000	\$475,000
2014-02	Completion of various capital Improvements	264,765	264,765	264,440
2015-11	Completion of various capital Improvements	475,000	475,000	475,000
2015-19	Acquisition of various capital equipment	1,315,750	1,315,750	1,315,750
2017-11	Acquisition of various capital equipment; completion of various capital Improvements	2,260,810	0	2,260,810
	Total	\$4,791,325	\$2,530,515	\$4,791,000

# **Sewer Utility Bonds**

Ordinance Number	Purpose/ Improvement	Amount Authorized	Outstanding Notes	Bonds
1363	Acquisition of various equipment for sewer utility including, but not limited to, a channel monster and excavator	\$200,000	\$200,000	\$200,000
2014-03	Various improvements to Pump Station No. 1 including, but not limited to, replacement of pumping valves	1,000,000	1,000,000	1,000,000
2015-12	Acquisition of various equipment for sewer utility system; completion of various improvements to sewer utility system	200,000	200,000	200,000
2017-12	Acquisition of various equipment for sewer utility system; completion of various improvements to sewer utility system	827,000	0	827,000
	Total	\$2,227,000	\$1,400,000	\$2,227,000

#### **DESCRIPTION OF THE BONDS**

#### General

The Bonds will be issued in the aggregate principal amount of \$7,018,000. The Bonds will be dated their date of delivery and bear interest from that date at the interest rates set forth on the inside front cover hereof. Interest on the Bonds is payable semi-annually on September 15 and March 15 (each an "Interest Payment Date" and collectively, "Interest Payment Dates"), commencing March 15, 2018, in each year until maturity. Individual purchases of the Bonds may be made in the principal amount of \$5,000, or any integral multiple of \$1,000 in excess thereof, or in such amount necessary to issue the principal amount of the Bonds, through book-entries made on the books and the records of DTC (as hereinafter defined) and its participants. See "DESCRIPTION OF THE BONDS--Book-Entry-Only System" below. The Bonds will mature on March 15 in the years and in the principal amounts, all as shown on the inside front cover page of this Official Statement.

The Bonds will be issued in fully registered book-entry only form without coupons. The principal of the Bonds will be payable to the registered owners at maturity upon presentation and surrender of the Bonds at the principal corporate trust office of TD Bank, National Association, Cherry Hill, New Jersey, as registrar and paying agent ("Paying Agent"). Interest on each Bond shall be payable on each Interest Payment Date of such Bond to the registered owner of record thereof appearing on the registration books kept by the Borough for such purpose at the offices of the Chief Financial Officer or the hereafter designated paying agent, if any, as of the close of business on the first (1st) day of the calendar month containing an Interest Payment Date (each a "Record Date").

So long as The Depository Trust Company, New York, New York ("DTC") or its nominee, Cede & Co., is the registered owner of the Bonds, payments of the principal of and interest on the Bonds will be made directly to Cede & Co., as nominee of DTC. Disbursements of such payments to the participants of DTC ("DTC Participants") is the responsibility of DTC and disbursements of such payments to the Beneficial Owners (as hereinafter defined) of the Bonds is the responsibility of the DTC Participants and not the Borough or its hereafter designated paying agent, if any.

The Bonds are not subject to redemption prior to maturity.

#### Book-Entry-Only System 1

The description which follows of the procedures and record keeping with respect to beneficial ownership interests in the Bonds, payment of principal and interest, and other payments on the Bonds to DTC Participants or Beneficial Owners (as each such terms is hereinafter defined), confirmation and transfer of beneficial ownership interests in the Bonds and other related transactions by and between DTC, DTC 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.

The DTC will act as securities depository for the Bonds. The Bonds will be issued as fully-registered securities registered in the name of Cede & Co. (DTC's partnership nominee) or such other name as may be requested by an authorized representative of DTC. One fully-registered

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Source: The Depository Trust Company

Bond certificate will be issued for each maturity of the Bonds, each in the aggregate principal amount of such issue, and will be deposited with DTC.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Redemption proceeds and distributions on the Bonds, if any, 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 Borough or 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, the Borough or the Paying Agent, subject to any statutory or regulatory requirements as may be in effect from time to time. Payment of redemption proceeds and distributions to Cede & Co. (or such other nominee as may be requested by an authorized representative of DTC) is the responsibility of the Borough or 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 Bonds at any time by giving reasonable notice to the Borough or the Paying Agent. Under such circumstances, in the event that a successor depository is not obtained, the Bond certificates are required to be printed and delivered.

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

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

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

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

#### **Discontinuance of Book-Entry-Only System**

In the event that the book-entry-only system is discontinued and the Beneficial Owners become registered owners of the Bonds, the following provisions would apply: (i) the Bonds may be exchanged for an equal principal amount of Bonds in other authorized denominations and of the same maturity, upon surrender thereof at the offices of the Borough or the Paying Agent; (ii) the transfer of the Bonds may be registered on the books maintained by the Borough or the Paying Agent for such purposes only upon the surrender thereof to the Borough or the Paying Agent, together with the duly executed assignment in form satisfactory to the Borough or the Paying Agent for the Bonds; and (iii) for every exchange or registration of transfer of the Bonds, the Borough or the Paying Agent may make a charge sufficient to reimburse for any tax or other governmental charge required to be paid with respect to such exchange or registration of transfer for any tax or other governmental charge required to be paid with respect to such exchange or registration of transfer of the Bonds. In such event, interest on the Bonds will be payable by check or draft, mailed on each Interest Payment Date, to the registered owners thereof as of the close of business on the Record Date, whether or not a business day.

#### **SECURITY FOR THE BONDS**

The full faith and credit of the Borough are irrevocably pledged for the payment of the principal of and interest on the Bonds. The Bonds are general obligations of the Borough payable as to principal and interest from *ad valorem* taxes that shall be levied upon all taxable real property within the Borough without limitation as to rate or amount.

The Borough may pledge only its own credit and taxing power in respect of the Bonds, and has no power to pledge the credit or taxing power of the State or any other political subdivision thereof, nor shall the Bonds be deemed to be obligations of said State or any other political subdivision thereof, nor shall said State or any other political subdivision thereof be liable for the payment of principal of or interest on the Bonds.

#### GENERAL INFORMATION REGARDING THE BOROUGH

#### General

General information concerning the Borough, including economic, financial, demographic and other relevant data, is set forth in Appendix "A" to this Official Statement.

#### **Financial**

Appendix "B" to this Official Statement contains audited financial statements of the Borough for the years ending December 31, 2016, 2015, 2014, 2013 and 2012. The audited financial data was provided by Bowman & Company LLP, Voorhees, New Jersey, and is included herein in reliance upon the authority of such firm. Bowman & Company LLP, Voorhees, New Jersey, has consented to the inclusion of their report in this Official Statement. Copies of the

complete Reports of Audit may be obtained upon request to the office of the Chief Financial Officer of the Borough.

# CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY AND THE UNITED STATES RELATING TO GENERAL OBLIGATION DEBT

#### **Local Bond Law**

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

**Debt Limits** - The authorized bonded indebtedness of the Borough is limited by statute, subject to the exceptions noted below, to an amount equal to three and one- half percent (3.50%) of its equalized valuation basis. The equalized valuation basis of the Borough is set by statute as the average for the last three years of the equalized value of all taxable real property and improvements as annually determined by the New Jersey State Board of Taxation. Certain categories of debt are permitted by statute to be deducted for purposes of computing the statutory debt limit.

Bonds, notes and long-term loans are included in the computation of debt for the statutory debt limit. The Borough, including the issuance of the Bonds, will not exceed its three and one half percent (3.50%) debt limit.

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

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

**Short-Term Financing** – When approved by bond ordinance, the Borough may issue bond anticipation notes to temporarily finance capital improvements. Such notes may not be issued in an aggregate amount exceeding that specified by the ordinance. The Notes may not be issued for periods of more than one year, renewable with the final maturity occurring no later than

the first day of the fifth month following the close of the tenth fiscal year next following the date of the original note. After the third year, the amount of the Notes that may be renewed annually must be decreased by the minimum amount required for the first year's principal payment for the bond issue in anticipation of which the Notes are issued.

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

#### **Local Fiscal Affairs Law**

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

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

An independent examination of the Borough's books, accounts and financial transactions must be performed annually by a Registered Municipal Accountant who is licensed by the State Board of Public Accountants. The audit, conforming to the Division's "Requirements of Audit", includes recommendations for improvement of the local unit's financial procedures and must be filed with the report, together with all recommendations made. A Summary of Audit, together with recommendations, must be published in a local newspaper within 30 days of its submission. The entire annual audit report for the year ended December 31, 2016 is on file with the Borough Clerk and is available for review during business hours.

The Local Fiscal Affairs Law also requires that the Chief Financial Officer of the local unit file annually with the Director a verified statement of the financial condition of the local unit as of the close of the fiscal year to be made not later than February 10 for December 31 fiscal year end local units and August 10 for June 30 fiscal year end local units.

#### **Local Budget Law**

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

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

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

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

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

Additionally, legislation constituting P.L. 2010, c. 44, was adopted on July 13, 2010 (S-29R1), which, among other things, imposes a two percent (2.00%) cap on the tax levy that municipalities, counties, fire districts and solid waste collection districts may impose, with very limited exceptions and subject to certain adjustments.

Exclusions from the two percent (2.00%) tax levy cap include: (i) increases required to be raised by taxation for capital expenditures, including debt service as defined by law; (ii) increases in pension contributions and accrued liability for pension contributions in excess of 2.00%; (iii) increases in health care costs equal to that portion of the actual increase in total health care costs for the budget year that is in excess of 2.00% of the total health care costs in the prior year, but is not in excess of the product of the total health care costs in the prior year and the average percentage increase of the State Health Benefits Program, P.L.1961, c.49 (C.52:14-17.25 et seq.), as annually determined by the Division of Pensions and Benefits in the Department of the Treasury; and (iv) and extraordinary costs incurred by a local unit directly related to a declared emergency, as defined by regulation promulgated by the Commissioner of the Department of Community Affairs, in consultation with the Commissioner of Education, as appropriate. The amendments to the tax levy sections of the "Cap Law" (specifically, N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45-46) in 2010 no longer permit municipalities, counties, fire districts and solid waste collection districts to request approval from the Local Finance Board for a waiver to increase the amount to be raised by taxation in excess of the two percent (2.00%) cap. However, counties, municipalities, fire districts and solid waste collection districts may request, through a public question submitted to the voters, an increase in the amount to be raised by taxes above the two percent (2.00%) tax levy cap. Such approval must be achieved by an affirmative vote in excess of fifty percent (50%) of those voting on such public question.

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

#### **Miscellaneous Revenues**

*N.J.S.A.* 40A:4-26 provides that: "No miscellaneous revenues from any source shall be included as an anticipated revenue in the budget in an amount in excess of the amount actually realized in cash from the same source during the next preceding fiscal year, unless the [D]irector shall determine upon application by the governing body that the facts clearly warrant the expectation that such excess amount will actually be realized in cash during the fiscal year and shall certify such determination, in writing, to the local unit." Such determination may be made by the governing body and the chief financial officer in any year during which the local unit is subject to local examination.

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

#### Real Estate Taxes

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

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

N.J.S.A. 40A:4-41 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."

Another provision requires that an additional amount (the "reserve for uncollected taxes") be added to the tax levy required for all current budget appropriations and school and county taxes of the current fiscal year. The reserve requirement is calculated as follows:

Levy Required for Current Budget,
School and County Taxes = Total Taxes to be Levied
Prior Year's Percentage of Current
Tax Collections (or Lesser %)

#### **Deferral of Current Expenses**

Emergency appropriations (i.e., those made after the adoption of the budget and determination of the tax rate for an unforeseen event or purpose) may be authorized by the governing body of the local governmental units. With minor exceptions, however, such appropriations must be included in full in the following year's budget. When such appropriations exceed three percent (3.00%) of the adopted operating budget, consent of the Director of Local Government Services must be obtained.

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

#### **Budget Transfers**

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

#### **Capital Budget**

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

#### **Sewer Utility Budget**

The Borough's public sewer utility is supported, in addition to the general taxing power upon real property, by the revenues generated by the operations of the utility. A separate budget is established for the utility. The anticipated revenues and appropriations for the utility are set forth in a budget, which is required to be balanced and to fully provide for debt service. The regulations regarding anticipation of revenue and deferral of charges apply equally to the budget of the utility. Deficits or anticipated deficits in utility operations which cannot be provided for from utility surplus, if any, are required to be raised in the "Current" or operating budget.

#### **Related Constitutional and Statutory Provisions**

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

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

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

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

#### **The Municipal Finance Commission**

The Municipal Finance Commission ("Commission") was created in 1931 to assist in the financial rehabilitation of municipalities, which had defaulted in their obligations. The powers of the Commission are exercised today by the Local Finance Board. The previously discussed elements of the local finance system are intended to prevent default on obligations or occurrence of severe fiscal difficulties in any local unit. Should extreme economic conditions adversely affect any local unit, the "Municipal Finance Commission Statutes" are available to assist in restoring the stability of the local unit.

Any holder of bonds or notes which are in default for over sixty (60) days (for payment of principal or interest) may bring action against such municipality in the State's Superior Court. Any municipality may declare itself unable to meet its obligations and bring action in such court. In either case, the court's determination that the municipality is in default or unable to meet its obligations causes the Commission to become operative in that municipality.

The Commission exercises direct supervision over the finances and accounts of any local unit under its jurisdiction. The Commission is authorized to appoint an auditor to examine and approve all claims against the municipality and to serve as comptroller for that community. The Commission is also directed to supervise tax collections and assessments, to approve the funding of municipal school district indebtedness, the adjustment or composition of the claims of creditors and the readjustment of debts under the Federal Municipal Bankruptcy Act. Such Act permits municipalities to have access to bankruptcy court for protection against suits by bondholders and creditors.

The Local Finance Board also serves as the "Funding Commission" to exercise supervision over the funding or refunding of local government debt. Any county or municipality seeking to adjust its debt service must apply to and receive the approval of such Funding Commission for the proposed reorganization of its debt.

#### **Limitation of Remedies Under Federal Bankruptcy Code**

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

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

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

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

#### **TAXATION**

#### **Procedure for Assessment and Collection of Taxes**

Property valuations (assessments) are determined on true values as arrived at by a cost approach, market data approach and capitalization of net income where appropriate. Current assessments are the results of maintaining new assessments on a like basis with established comparable properties for newly assessed or purchased properties. This method assures equitable treatment to like property owners. The last complete revaluation of property within the Borough was in 2012 effective for the 2013 tax year.

Upon the filing of certified adopted budgets by the Borough, the Local School District, the Fire District and the County of Camden ("County"), the tax rate is struck by the County Board of Taxation based on the certified amounts in each of the taxing districts for collection to fund the budgets. The statutory provision for the assessment of property, levying of taxes and the collection thereof are set forth in *N.J.S.A.* 54:4-1 *et seq.* Special taxing districts are permitted in the State for various special services rendered to the properties located within the special district.

Tax bills are due quarterly on February 1, May 1, August 1 and November 1. Installments not paid on or before the due date are subject to interest penalties of 8% per annum on the first \$1,500.00 of the delinquency and 18.00% per annum on any amounts in excess of \$1,500.00. These interest penalties are the maximum permitted under New Jersey Statutes. Additionally, a

6.00% penalty is charged on any delinquencies in excess of \$10,000.00 if not paid by the end of each year. Delinquent taxes open for one year or more are annually included in a tax sale in accordance with New Jersey Statutes. Tax liens retained by the Borough are periodically assigned to the Borough Solicitor for "in rem foreclosures" in order to acquire title to these properties.

#### Tax Appeals

The State Statutes provide a taxpayer with remedial procedures for appealing an assessment deemed excessive. The taxpayer has a right to petition the New Jersey Board of Taxation ("Tax Board") on or before the first day of April of the current tax year for review. The Tax Board has the authority, after a hearing, to decrease, increase or reject the appeal petition. These adjustments are usually concluded within the current tax year and reductions are shown as canceled or remitted taxes for that year. If the taxpayer feels his petition was unsatisfactorily reviewed by the Tax Board, appeal may be made to the State Tax Court. State Tax Court appeals tend to take several years prior to settlement and any losses in tax collection from prior years are charged directly to operations.

#### **TAX MATTERS**

#### Federal

In the opinion of Parker McCay P.A., Mount Laurel, New Jersey, Bond Counsel to the Borough, assuming continuing compliance by the Borough with the tax covenants described below, under existing law, interest on the Bonds is not included for federal income tax purposes in the gross income of the owners thereof pursuant to Section 103 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended ("Code"), and is not a specific item of tax preference under Section 57 of the Code for purposes of calculating the alternative minimum tax imposed on individuals and corporations pursuant to Section 55 of the Code.

The adjustment for "adjusted current earnings" set forth in Section 56(g) of the Code is required in determining a corporation's alternative minimum taxable income. Alternative minimum taxable income is increased by seventy-five percent (75%) of the excess, if any, of the "adjusted current earnings" of a corporation over the alternative minimum taxable income (determined without regard to this adjustment or the alternative tax net operating loss deduction).

Interest on the Bonds is included in computing a corporation's "adjusted current earnings." Accordingly, a portion of the interest on the Bonds is included in computing such corporation's alternative minimum taxable income for such year.

Section 884 of the Code imposes on certain foreign corporations a branch profits tax equal to thirty percent (30%) of the "dividend equivalent amount" for the taxable year. Interest on the Bonds 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.

In addition, passive investment income, including interest on the Bonds, may be subject to federal income taxation under Section 1375 of the Code for any S corporation that has Subchapter C earnings and profits at the close of the taxable year, if more than twenty-five percent (25%) of the gross receipts of such S corporation is passive investment income.

In rendering its opinion, Bond Counsel has relied on the Borough's covenants contained in the Certificate as to Non-Arbitrage and Other Tax Matters, that it will comply with the applicable requirements of the Code, relating to, *inter alia*, the use and investment of proceeds of the Bonds and rebate to the United States Treasury of specified arbitrage earnings, if any, under Section 148(f) of the Code. Failure of the Borough to comply with such covenants could result in the interest on the Bonds being subject to federal income tax from the date of issue. Bond Counsel has not undertaken to monitor compliance with such covenants or to advise any party as to changes in the law after the date of issuance of the Bonds that may affect the tax-exempt status of the interest on the Bonds.

Ownership of the Bonds may result in collateral federal income tax consequences to certain taxpayers including, without limitation, certain holders of an interest in a financial asset securitization investment trust, controlled foreign corporations, property and casualty insurance companies, individual recipients of Social Security or Railroad Retirement benefits, individuals who otherwise qualify for the earned income credit, and to individuals and families that qualify for a premium assistance credit amount under Section 36B of the Code. The Code denies the earned income credit to an individual who is otherwise eligible if the aggregate amount of disqualified income of the taxpayer for the taxable year exceeds certain limits set forth in Sections 32(i) and (j) of the Code. Interest on the Bonds will constitute disqualified income for this purpose. The Code also provides that the earned income credit is phased out if the modified adjusted gross income of the taxpayer exceeds certain amounts. Interest on the Bonds is included in determining the modified adjusted gross income of the taxpayer. Section 36B of the Code provides that the amount of the premium assistance credit amount is in part determined by the household income. Section 36B(d) of the Code provides that household income consists of the "modified adjusted gross income" of the taxpayer and certain other individuals. "Modified adjusted gross income" means adjusted gross income increased by certain amounts, including interest received or accrued by the taxpayer which is exempt from tax, such as the interest on the Bonds.

In addition, attention is called to the fact that Section 265(b)(1) of the Code eliminates the interest deduction otherwise allowable with respect to indebtedness deemed incurred by banks, thrift institutions and other financial institutions to purchase or to carry tax-exempt obligations acquired after August 7, 1986 other than "qualified tax-exempt obligations" as defined in Section 265(b)(3) of the Code. The Borough has designated the Bonds as "qualified tax-exempt obligations" for the purposes of Section 265(b)(1) of the Code. Eighty percent (80%) of the interest expense deemed incurred by banks, thrift institutions and other financial institutions to purchase or carry "qualified tax-exempt obligations" is deductible.

Owners of the Bonds should consult their own tax advisors as to the applicability and effect on their federal income taxes of the alternative minimum tax, the branch profits tax and the tax on passive investment income of S corporations, as well as the applicability and effect of any other collateral federal income tax consequences.

#### **New Jersey**

Bond Counsel is also of the opinion that interest on the Bonds and any gain from the sale thereof is not included in the gross income of the owners thereof under the New Jersey Gross Income Tax Act, as presently enacted and construed.

#### **Changes in Federal and State Tax Law**

From time to time, there are legislative proposals in the United States Congress and in the states that, if enacted, could alter or amend the Federal and State tax matters referred to above or adversely affect the market value of the Bonds. It cannot be predicted whether or in what form any such proposals might be enacted or whether, if enacted, it would apply to bonds or notes issued prior to enactment. In addition, regulatory actions are from time to time announced or proposed and litigation is threatened or commenced which, if implemented or concluded in a particular manner, could adversely affect the market value of the Bonds.

PROSPECTIVE PURCHASERS OF THE BONDS SHOULD CONSULT WITH THEIR OWN TAX ADVISORS REGARDING ANY FEDERAL AND STATE INCOME TAX LEGISLATION, WHETHER CURRENTLY PENDING OR PROPOSED, REGULATORY INITIATIVES OR LITIGATION. THE OPINIONS EXPRESSED BY BOND COUNSEL ARE BASED UPON EXISTING LEGISLATION AND REGULATIONS AS INTERPRETED BY RELEVANT JUDICIAL AND REGULATORY AUTHORITIES AS OF THE DATE OF ISSUANCE AND DELIVERY OF THE BONDS AND BOND COUNSEL HAS EXPRESSED NO OPINION AS OF ANY DATE SUBSEQUENT THERETO OR WITH RESPECT TO ANY PENDING LEGISLATION, REGULATORY INITIATIVES OR LITIGATION.

#### LITIGATION

To the knowledge of the Borough's Solicitor, David A. Capozzi, Esq., Haddon Heights, New Jersey ("Solicitor"), there is no litigation of any nature now pending or threatened, restraining or enjoining the issuance or the delivery of the Bonds, or the levy or the collection of any taxes to pay the principal of or the interest on the Bonds, or in any manner questioning the authority or the proceedings for the issuance of the Bonds or for 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. Moreover, to the knowledge of the Solicitor, no litigation is presently pending or threatened that, in the opinion of the Solicitor, would have a material adverse impact on the financial condition of the Borough if adversely decided.

#### **RATING**

S&P Global Ratings, acting through Standard & Poor's Financial Services LLC ("Rating Agency"), has assigned a rating of "AA-" to the Bonds.

The inclusion of the Rating Agency's "stable outlook" ("Outlook") has been provided herein for informational purposes only and is **not** a part of the "Rating" described in the preceding paragraph. The Outlook is only the Rating Agency's forward-looking view of the Borough. The Borough has no obligation to treat any change in the Outlook as a "Disclosure Event", as defined and described under the Rule (as hereinafter defined) or under the provisions of the Borough's Continuing Disclosure Agreement, or to notify Bondholders as to any changes to the Outlook after the date hereof.

An explanation of the significance of the rating may be obtained from the Rating Agency at 55 Water Street, New York, New York, 10041. The rating is not a recommendation to buy, sell or hold the Bonds and there is no assurance that such rating will continue for any given period of time or that such rating will not be revised downward or withdrawn entirely by the Rating Agency if, in its judgment, circumstances so warrant. Any such downward revision or withdrawal of such rating by the Rating Agency may have an adverse effect on the market price of the Bonds.

#### PREPARATION OF OFFICIAL STATEMENT

The Borough hereby states that the descriptions and statements herein and in the Appendices attached hereto, including financial and statistical statements, are true and correct in all material respects, and it will confirm the same to the purchasers of the Bonds by certificates signed by various officers and officials of the Borough upon issuance and delivery of the Bonds.

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

The Borough compiled Appendix "A" from information obtained from various sources they consider to be reliable and makes no warranty, guaranty or other representation with respect to the accuracy and completeness or fairness of the information contained herein and, accordingly, will express no opinion with respect thereto.

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

Bowman & Company LLP only takes responsibility for the financial statements, appearing in Appendix "B" hereto.

#### UNDERWRITING

The Bonds have been purchased from the Borough at a public sale by \_\_\_\_\_\_, as underwriter ("Underwriter"), pursuant to a Certificate of Determination and Award, dated September \_\_\_, 2017. The Underwriter has purchased the Bonds in accordance with the Notice of Sale. The Bonds are being offered for sale at the yields set forth on the inside front cover of this Official Statement. The Underwriter is obligated to purchase all of the Bonds if any of the Bonds are purchased.

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

#### LEGALITY FOR INVESTMENT

The State and all public officers, municipalities, counties, political subdivisions and public bodies, and agencies thereof, all banks, bankers, trust companies, savings and loan associations, savings banks and institutions, building and loan associations, investment companies, and other persons carrying on banking business, all insurance companies, and all executors, administrators, guardians, trustees, and other fiduciaries may legally invest any sinking funds, money or other funds

belonging to them or within their control in any bonds and notes of the Borough, including the Bonds, and such bonds and notes are authorized security for any and all public deposits.

#### NO DEFAULT

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

### **MUNICIPAL ADVISOR**

Phoenix Advisors, LLC, Bordentown, New Jersey, has served as Municipal Advisor to the Borough with respect to the issuance of the Bonds ("Municipal Advisor"). 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 firm and is not engaged in the business of underwriting, trading or distributing municipal securities or other public securities.

#### CONTINUING DISCLOSURE

In accordance with the requirements of Rule 15c2-12 ("Rule"), promulgated under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, by the Securities and Exchange Commission ("Commission"), the Borough will, prior to the issuance of the Bonds, enter into agreements substantially in the forms set forth in Appendix "D".

Within the five years immediately preceding the date of this Official Statement, the Borough previously failed to file, in accordance with the Rule, in a timely manner, under previous filing requirements: event notices in connection with certain bond insurer rating changes in 2013 and 2014. Such notices of events have since been filed with the MSRB's Electronic Municipal Market Access Dataport ("EMMA"). The Borough appointed Phoenix Advisors, LLC in July of 2017 to serve as continuing disclosure agent.

## **LEGAL MATTERS**

The legality of the Bonds will be subject to the approving legal opinion of Parker McCay P.A., Mount Laurel, New Jersey, Bond Counsel to the Borough ("Bond Counsel"). Such opinion will be printed on or accompany the Bonds and provide, *inter alia*, that the Bonds are valid and binding obligations of the Borough, and the Borough has the power and is obligated to levy *ad valorem* taxes upon all the taxable property within the Borough without limitation as to rate or amount for the payment of the Bonds and interest thereon. The enforceability of rights or remedies with respect to the Bonds may be limited by bankruptcy, insolvency, or other law affecting creditors' rights or remedies heretofore or hereinafter enacted. Certain legal matters will be passed upon for the Borough by the Solicitor.

Bond Counsel has not verified the accuracy, completeness or fairness of the statements contained in this Official Statement (except to the extent, if any, as specifically stated herein) and will express no opinion relating thereto.

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

### **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

Additional information may be obtained from Dawn Thompson, Chief Financial Officer of the Borough of Lindenwold, at 856.783.2121 or the Municipal Advisor at 609.291.0130.

So far as any statements made in this Official Statement involve matters of opinion or estimates, whether or not expressly stated, they are set forth as such and not as representations of fact, and no representation is made that any of such statements will be realized. Neither this Official Statement nor any statement which may have been made verbally or in writing is to be construed as a contract or agreement with the owners of the Bonds.

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

	BOROUGH OF LINDENWOLD, NEW JERSEY
	By: DAWN THOMPSON, Chief Financial Officer
Dated: September, 2017	DAVIV THOM CON, CHIEF I Mandar Chieci

APPENDIX A
CERTAIN ECONOMIC, FINANCIAL AND DEMOGRAPHIC INFORMATION REGARDING THE BOROUGH OF LINDENWOLD, IN THE COUNTY OF CAMDEN, NEW JERSEY

#### GENERAL INFORMATION ON THE BOROUGH

## **History**

The Borough of Lindenwold, County of Camden, New Jersey ("Borough") was incorporated in 1929 and was one of six boroughs created by the division of Clementon Township.

The Borough encompasses an area of 4.1 square miles in central Camden County. It is bordered by the Boroughs of Berlin, Clementon, Gibbsboro, Laurel Springs, Pine Hill, Somerdale, Stratford and the Townships of Berlin, Gloucester and Voorhees.

The Borough operates under a Mayor-Council form of government. The Mayor is chief executive officer of the Borough and is elected by general election for a four year term. The Council is the legislative body of the Borough and consists of six members elected by popular vote to three year terms.

The financial affairs of the Township are administered by the Chief Financial Officer/Administrator, who reports to the Borough Council. The Chief Financial Officer/Administrator prepares and then monitors the annual municipal budget after adoption by the Borough Council.

## Library

The Lindenwold Public Library ("Library") was created in 1965 by a group of interested citizens with the help of the Local Government. It has grown from a one room establishment to its own brick building constructed in 1975.

The Library is a station of the County Library System which provides direct access to major lending libraries throughout the County and region. It currently houses more than 16,000 volumes, a collection of over 2,000 DVD's, pamphlets, and over 30 periodicals. The Library also provides copy/fax service, notary public service, 2 children's computers with educational software, 12 public computers with internet access and printers, a research and homework area, craft programs, a junior easy reader section, and an Early Childhood Development section. The Library has a computerized checkout and book search system.

### **Public Safety**

The Borough has a paid, full-time Police Department which consists of a Chief of Police, a Captain, and forty officers.

Fire protection is provided by Lindenwold Fire District No. 1. The District has its own budget, has taxing power and owns and maintains its own building and equipment.

#### **Public Works**

The Public Works Department ("Department"), with a work force of 20, has the responsibility of repairs and maintenance of streets, roads, storm drains, parks, playgrounds and other public areas, snow and leaf removal, and full collection and disposal of garbage, trash and other solid waste materials. The Department has charge of an environmental recycling program consisting of collection and disposal of 14 different types of recycling materials.

#### **Sewer and Water Utilities**

The Borough owns and operates 14 pumping stations and a sewerage collection system that runs throughout the Borough. This system serves nearly the entire Borough, with the rest using a septic system. The current Borough rate for each user is \$139.00 per domestic consumer unit per year.

Sewer treatment services are provided by the Camden County Municipal Utilities Authority (the "CCMUA"). The CCMUA is an autonomous body that owns and operates the treatment facility, and has established an annual rate of \$352.00 per Equivalent Dwelling Unit for 2017.

The New Jersey-American Water Company (the "NJAWC") furnishes almost the entire Borough with water.

#### Recreation

The Borough provides and maintains nine miniparks in residential areas throughout the community. The miniparks furnish the neighborhoods with playground equipment and basketball courts. The Borough provides and maintains 5 ballfields which provide recreational facilities for Little League baseball, football, basketball, softball and tennis. Additionally, there's a 25 acre sports complex that includes 5 baseball fields, a gazebo, a tot lot, walking trails, a workout trail, 2 concession stands, bathroom, an amphitheatre, and a playground.

## **Borough Employees**

	December 31,				
	<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>	2014	<u>2013</u>	<u>2012</u>
Permanent	82	84	77	75 24	68
Part-time	<u>25</u>	<u>22</u>	<u>21</u>	<u>21</u>	<u>20</u>
Total	<u>107</u>	<u>106</u>	<u>98</u>	<u>96</u>	<u>88</u>

## **Employee Collective Bargaining Units**

Lodge No. 9, Fraternal Order of Police, represents the majority of Borough law enforcement officers. Present contract in effect until December 31, 2018. Borough white collar workers are represented by UFCW No. 1360. Present contract in effect until December 31, 2017. Members of the Borough's Public Works Department are represented by Teamsters No. 676. Present contract in effect until December 31, 2020.

## **Compensated Absences**

Borough employees are entitled to fifteen paid sick leave days each year. Unused sick leave may be accumulated and carried forward to the subsequent year. Vacation days not used may be accumulated and carried forward into the succeeding year. For additional information regarding compensated absences see (Appendix A: Financial Statements of the Borough, Note 12 to Financial Statements).

#### **Pension Plans**

Those Borough employees who are eligible for pension coverage are enrolled in one of three pension systems established by acts of the State Legislature. Benefits, contributions, means of funding and the manner of administration are determined by the State. For additional information regarding pension plans, see (Appendix A: Financial Statements of the Borough, Note 9 to Financial Statements).

## Population(1)

2010 Federal Census	17,613
2000 Federal Census	17,416
1990 Federal Census	18,734
1980 Federal Census	18,196
1970 Federal Census	12,375

## **Selected Census 2015 Data for the Borough(1)**

Median household income	\$38,906
Median family income	\$48,576
Per capita income	\$21,155

## Labor Force(2)

The following table discloses annual average labor force data for the Borough, County and State.

	<u>2016</u>	2015	2014	2013	<u>2012</u>
Borough					
Labor Force Employed Unemployed Unemployment Rate	9,253 8,614 639 6.9%	9,275 8,497 778 8.4%	9,233 8,323 910 9.9%	9,309 8,354 955 10.3%	9,426 8,371 1,055 11.2%
County					
Labor Force Employment Unemployment Unemployment Rate	255,629 241,640 13,989 5.5%	254,888 238,354 16,534 6.5%	253,330 233,858 19,472 7.7%	258,682 234,569 24,113 9.3%	262,657 234,504 28,153 10.7%
State					
Labor Force Employment Unemployment Unemployment Rate	4,524,300 4,299,900 224,300 5.0%	4,530,500 4,267,900 262,600 5.8%	4,515,800 4,211,500 304,300 6.7%	4,531,900 4,159,500 372,300 8.2%	4,588,000 4,160,000 428,000 9.3%

## **Housing Stock**

There are approximately 4,117 single-family homes in the Borough and 5,055 multi-dwelling units (Apartments/Condominiums).

## **Business and Industry**

There are several small shopping centers located strategically throughout the Borough. The Borough has a small industrial park for light industry.

<sup>(1)</sup> Source: U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of Census

<sup>(2)</sup> Source: State Department of Labor, U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics

### **Economic Development**

In August of 2016, WaWa reinvested in Lindenwold by purchasing a gas station next to their existing WaWa store, demolished both buildings and built a new Super WaWa on the corner of Laurel and Chews Landing Roads. This 2.7 million dollar reinvestment took two under-performing commercial lots and turned them into one modern business properly integrated into the neighborhood.

In early 2015, a developer purchased the abandoned and dilapidated Iron Horse Bar and Grill, demolished the building and built a new Family Dollar Retail Store. The 2.1 million dollar investment converted a site that was once an eyesore on one of Lindenwold's main thoroughfares to a new business the community could be proud of.

## **Future Economic Development**

In 2005, the Borough designated 114 acres consisting of apartments and condos on Gibbsboro Road as an area in need of redevelopment. Since this time, the Borough has engaged a Planning Firm as well as a Redevelopment Attorney to assist the Borough in crafting a comprehensive and visionary redevelopment plan that will enable us to attract public and private sector partners to help implement our plan. The Borough received planning funds from the NJ Redevelopment Authority (NJRA) to assist with the planning phase of our project.

Although our redevelopment project has been faced with a few obstacles, the Borough continues its efforts by seeking opportunities through government programs as well as meeting and brainstorming with potential developers and investors for our area in need of redevelopment.

## **Building, Zoning and Development Codes**

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

The Borough adopted the Municipal Land Use Law on January 22, 1979. The Municipal Land Use Law gave the Borough Planning Board and the Borough Zoning Board of Adjustment authority to regulate most land use other than single family residential use. However, in 2013, both Boards were dismantled by Ordinance creating a Municipal Joint Land Use Board. In this way, the Borough is able to guide the approximate use or development of land to promote the public health, safety, morals and general welfare.

## **Transportation**

The Borough has the largest transportation hub in Southern New Jersey. Transportation lines include PATCO Hi Speed Line, Atlantic City Rail Line and New Jersey Transit Bus Depot.

## **Building Permits(1)**

Number of Permits <u>Issued</u>	Value of Construction
427	\$3,148,942
775	6,292,957
557	7,734,582
518	4,877,190
489	3,896,731
479	4,520,918
	<u>Issued</u> 427 775 557 518 489

(1) Source: Borough Construction Office

(2) As of August 1, 2017

### **ELEVEN LARGEST NON-GOVERNMENTAL EMPLOYERS(1)**

<u>Employer</u>	Nature of Business	<b>Employees</b>
McDonald's	Fast Food Restaurant	50
Deterdings Market	Food Market	50
Walgreens	Drug Store	49
WaWa	Convenience Store	47
Advanced Scales	Sales, Service and Rentals	40
Vacuum Sales	Manufacturing Company	21
William Hall Company	Manufacturing Company (Dental Abrasives)	20
Forever Young	Daycare	16
Sav-A-Lot	Grocery Store	10
Rite Aid	Drug Store	10
International Welding Technologies	Manufacturing Company	10

## EDUCATION(2)

#### Lindenwold Board of Education

The public school system (the "School System") is comprised of four public schools. There is one central board office for the administration of public schools, which is directly responsible to an elected Board of Education. The School System provides regionally recognized educational programs, ranging from advanced curriculum for the educationally gifted to specialized programs for the functionally impaired student.

The School District is a Pre-K to 12 grade school district. There are two Pre K-4 grade schools, one middle school for grades 5-8, and a high school for grades 9-12.

The School District does not plan on issuing any additional debt within the next 2-3 years.

## **School District Enrollments(2)**

			October 1	5,	
<u>Grade</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>2013</u>	<u>2012</u>	<u>2011</u>
Pre-K	104	104	89	79	66
K	239	247	233	229	199
1	250	246	225	215	216
2	225	226	197	201	186
3	220	189	186	175	180
4	177	192	162	181	156
5	168	165	158	157	133
6	160	169	137	136	152
7	178	151	138	163	163
8	138	141	140	151	126
9	173	166	146	164	144
10	142	121	133	114	111
11	108	115	90	98	93
12	100	89	83	95	86
Special Education	<u>332</u>	<u>313</u>	<u>301</u>	<u>299</u>	<u>299</u>
Total	<u>2,714</u>	<u>2,634</u>	<u>2,418</u>	<u>2,457</u>	<u>2,310</u>

(1) Source: Borough officials(2) Source: School District officials

## **Present School Facilities, Enrollment and Capacity**

<u>Facilities</u>	Date Constructed	Renovations/ Additions	<u>Grades</u>	Enrollment <u>10/15/16</u>	Functional <u>Capacity</u>
No. 4 School	1956	1989/1998/1999	Pre-K-4		726
No. 5 School	1965	1989/1998	Pre-K-4		712
Lindenwold MS	S 1939		5-8		unavailable
Lindenwold HS	3 2001		9-12	_	unavailable

### HIGHER EDUCATION FACILITIES

## **Rutgers University-Camden Campus**

Rutgers University-Camden ("Rutgers"), is a comprehensive, publicly-supported, coeducational four-year institution accredited by the Middle States Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools and funded primarily by the State, was founded in 1950 on a 23.8 acre campus in the City of Camden. As of September, 2016, there were approximately 5,021 undergraduate students and 1,454 graduate students.

## **Camden County College**

Fully accredited by the Middle States Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools, Camden County College ("College") is a comprehensive publicly supported, co-educational two-year institution developed under the State Department of Higher Education. It is funded in part by the County Board of Chosen Freeholders who appoint an eleven (11) member Board of Trustees. The College has three distinct campuses in Blackwood, Camden and Cherry Hill – along with its satellite locations in Lakeland, Sicklerville and elsewhere throughout the County.

As of the Fall of 2016, full time enrollment was 5,181 and part-time enrollment was 5,816 for a total of 10.997.

## **Camden County Technical Schools**

From a vocational school that opened with 400 students in 12 trade areas in 1928, Camden County Technical Schools ("CCTS") has grown to be one of the largest and most comprehensive technical schools in the nation. The district today encompasses a full range of day and evening programs at campuses in Pennsauken and Gloucester Township. Beginning in 2012, the adult programs were operated by Camden County College as part of the Camden County shared services agreement.

For high school students, there are 37 career programs from which to choose. For the 2016-2017 school year, 1,286 students were enrolled at the Gloucester Township Campus, and 729 at the Pennsauken Campus, including 387 Special Education Students. Seniors are offered the opportunity to participate in several of our school-to-career programs and are offered lifetime job placement assistance. In addition, students are offered a full-range of athletics and activities to complement their education. Through Camden County College, high school juniors and seniors at CCTS have various opportunities to earn college credit for college level work completed while in high school. Students may bank the credits earned for future enrollment at colleges and universities.

In addition to the facilities mentioned above, Stockton University, University of Pennsylvania, Temple University, LaSalle University, Villanova University, St. Joseph's University, Drexel University and Rowan University are all within a commuting distance from the Borough.

## **CERTAIN TAX INFORMATION**

## **TEN LARGEST REAL PROPERTY TAXPAYERS(1)**

<u>Apartment</u>	<u>Owner</u>	2017 Assessed <u>Valuation</u>
The Landings	Pine Lake Landings LLC	\$23,600,000
Stonington Court	Coolidge Stonington Court LLC	15,000,000
Coachman Manor	Coachman Manor LP	13,725,000
Emerald Ridge	Trent Court c/o Altman Management Co.	11,350,000
Timber Ridge	Timber Ridge LLC	11,100,000
The Pines	550 Bilper, LLC	10,528,000
Kingsrow	AP Kingsrow LLC	8,500,000
The Heathers	Heathers Realty, LLC c/o SEB Realty	7,070,200
Birchwood Gardens/Quail Run	Birchwood/Quail Run Et Al	6,695,000
The Greens at Pine Hill	Lindenwold Ph, LP c/o RM Inc	5,000,000

## **CURRENT TAX COLLECTIONS(2)**

		Collected in Year of Levy		<u>Outstand</u> i	ing Dec. 31
<u>Year</u>	Total Levy	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Percentage</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Percentage</u>
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2016	\$29,031,056	\$27,706,664	95.44%	\$750,352	2.58%
2015	27,615,500	26,557,134	96.17	721,697	2.62
2014	26,428,763	25,205,776	95.37	921,658	3.49
2013	26,181,946	25,079,771	95.79	734,923	2.81
2012	26,609,631	25,239,063	94.85	761,984	2.87

## **DELINQUENT TAXES(2)**

	Collected											
<u>Year</u>	Outstandin <u>Jan 1</u>	g <u>Added</u>	Amount	<u>Percentage</u>	Transferred To Liens	Other <u>Credits</u>	Outstanding Dec. 31					
2016	\$727,805	\$11,325	\$705,835	95.50%	\$19,951	\$77	\$13,267					
2015	926,842	6,427	898,571	96.29	28,376	214	6,108					
2014	785,273	8,875	707,587	90.11	80,599	778	5,184					
2013	804,831	7,489	712,272	86.68	49,396	2	50,650					
2012	918,075	6,805	796,770	86.15	85,115	25	42,970					

(1) Source: Borough Tax Assessor (2) Source: Borough Reports of Audit

## **TAX TITLE LIENS(1)**

<u>Year</u>	Balance <u>Jan. 1</u>	Added by Sales and <u>Transfers</u>	Collected	Cancellations and <u>Transfers</u>	Balance <u>Dec. 31</u>
2016	\$1,506,960	\$330,709	\$37,488	\$993	\$1,799,188
2015	1,269,871	331,181	94,092		1,506,960
2014	951,456	409,033	90,368	250	1,269,871
2013	674,595	296,131	19,262	8	951,456
2012	450,097	366,262	135,491	6,273	674,595

## **FORECLOSED PROPERTY(1)**

Voor	Balance	Added by Transfers	Adjustment to Assessed Valuation	 Cash	Sales Gain	Canceled	Balance Dec. 31
<u>Year</u>	<u>Jan. 1</u>	<u>ITALISTEIS</u>	<u>valuation</u>	Casii	<u>or (Loss)</u>	Canceled	<u>Dec. 31</u>
2016	\$1,509,750						\$1,509,750
2015	1,509,750						1,509,750
2014	1,509,750						1,509,750
2013	1,509,750						1,509,750
2012	1,509,750						1,509,750

## **NET ASSESSED VALUATIONS AND ANNUAL TAX RATES(2)**

## Tax Rate (3)

<u>Year</u>	Net Assessed <u>Valuation</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>County</u>	Local School	<u>Municipal</u>	Fire <u>District</u>	County Open <u>Space</u>
2017	\$592,796,000	\$4.953	\$.841	\$2.326	\$1.613	\$.153	\$.020
2016	593,516,900	4.842	.886	2.215	1.575	.146	.020
2015	594,946,500	4.634	.911	2.075	1.485	.141	.022
2014	595,291,500	4.440	.852	1.967	1.455	.145	.021
2013	608,790,030	4.297	.833	1.901	1.401	.141	.021

<sup>(1)</sup> Source: Borough Reports of Audit(2) Source: Borough Tax Collector(3) Per \$100 of assessed valuation

## RATIO OF ASSESSED VALUATION TO TRUE VALUE AND TRUE VALUE PER CAPITA(1)

<u>Year</u>	Real Property <u>Assessed Valuation</u>	Percentage of True Value	True Value	True Value per Capita(2)
2017	\$592,795,800	101.77%	\$582,485,801	\$33,071
2016	593,516,700	101.77	583,194,163	33,112
2015	594,946,300	97.63	609,388,815	34,599
2014	595,291,300	94.27	631,474,806	35,853
2013	607,634,800	96.52	629,542,893	35,743

## **REAL PROPERTY CLASSIFICATION(3)**

## **Assessed Value** Land and

2,200
3,300
3,300
,600
,600
3,

<sup>(1)</sup> Source: State of New Jersey, Division of Taxation
(2) Based on Federal Census 2010 of 17,613
(3) Source: Borough Tax Assessor

# BOROUGH OF LINDENWOLD STATEMENT OF INDEBTEDNESS (1)

The following table summarizes the direct debt of the Borough of Lindenwold as of July 31, 2017. The gross debt comprises short and long-term debt issued and debt authorized but not issued, including General, debt of the School District and debt of the Sewer Utility. Deductions from gross debt to arrive at net debt include deductible school district debt, as well as debt that is considered to be self-liquidating. The resulting net debt of \$6,877,031 represents 1.13% of the average of equalized valuations for the Borough for the last three years, within the 3.5% limit imposed by N.J.S.A. 40A:2-6.

	Deductions															
		<u>Bonds</u>	De	ebt Issued Loans		<u>Notes</u>	Debt Authorized But Not Issued			Gross <u>Debt</u>		School <u>Debt</u>	Self- <u>Liquidating</u>		_	Net <u>Debt</u>
General School - Local Sewer Utility	\$	1,992,360 8,805,000 1,586,640	\$	93,346	\$	2,530,515 1,400,000	\$	2,260,810 827,836	\$	6,877,031 8,805,000 3,814,476	\$	8,805,000	\$	3,814,476	\$	6,877,031
-	\$	12,384,000	\$	93,346	\$	3,930,515	\$	3,088,646	\$	19,496,507	\$	8,805,000	\$	3,814,476	\$	6,877,031

(1) As of July 31, 2017

Source: Audit Report

## **DEBT RATIOS AND VALUATIONS(1)(2)**

Average of Equalized Valuations of Real Property with Improvements and Second Class Railroad for 2014, 2015 and 2016	\$608,019,261
Statutory Net Debt as a Percentage of the Average of May	
Improvements for 2014, 2015 and 2016	1.13%
2017 Net Valuation Taxable	\$592,796,000
2017 Equalized Valuation of Real Property and Taxable Personal Property Used in Communications	\$582,486,001
Gross Debt (3): As a percentage of 2017 Net Valuation Taxable	3.29%
As a percentage of 2017 Equalized Valuation of Real Property and Taxable Personal Property Used in Communications	3.35%
Net Debt (3): As a percentage of 2017 Net Valuation Taxable	1.16%
As a percentage of 2017 Equalized Valuation of Real Property and Taxable Personal Property Used in Communications	1.18%
Gross Debt Per Capita (4) Net Debt Per Capita (4)	\$1,107 \$390
BOROUGH BORROWING CAPACITY(1)(2)	
3.5% of Averaged (2014-16) Equalized Valuation of Real Property including Improvements (\$608,019,261)  Net Debt	\$21,280,674 6,877,031
Remaining Borrowing Capacity	\$14,403,643
LOCAL BOARD OF EDUCATION BORROWING CAPACITY(1)(2)	
4% of Averaged (2014-16) Equalized Valuation of Real Property	
including Improvements (\$608,019,261) School Debt	\$24,320,770 8,805,000
Remaining Borrowing Capacity	\$15,515,770
(1) As of July 31, 2017 (2) Source: Borough Auditor (3) Excluding overlapping debt (4) Based on 2010 Federal Census of 17,613	

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# BOROUGH OF LINDENWOLD OVERLAPPING DEBT AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2016

<del>-</del>		Debt <u>Outstanding</u>	<u>Deductions</u>			Statutory Net Debt <u>Outstanding</u>		Net Debt Outstanding Allocated to the Issuer		Debt Auth. but not <u>Issued</u>	
County of Camden(1): General: Bonds Loan Agreements Bonds Issued by Other Public Bodies	\$	38,850,000 310,969,957	\$ 9,347,201		\$	29,502,799 310,969,957	\$	480,896 (4) 5,068,810 (4)	\$	35,665,125	
Guaranteed by the County		288,955,187	288,955,187	(3)							
_	\$	638,775,144	\$ 298,302,388		\$	340,472,756	\$	5,549,706	\$	35,665,125	

<sup>(1)</sup> Source: County of Camden

<sup>(2)</sup> Includes Reserve for Payment of Bonds, Other Accounts Receivable and General Obligation Pension Refunding Bonds.

<sup>(3)</sup> Deductible in accordance with N.J.S. 40:37A-80.

<sup>(4)</sup> Such debt is allocated as a proportion of the Issuer's share of the total 2016 Net Valuation on which County taxes are apportioned, which is 1.63%.

## **Camden County Municipal Utilities Authority**

The CCMUA is a public body politic and corporate of the State and was originally created as the Camden County Sewerage Authority ("Sewerage Authority") by a resolution of the County Board of Chosen Freeholders ("County Board") adopted December 5, 1967. The Sewerage Authority was reorganized in 1972 as a utilities authority and changed its name to the CCMUA pursuant to a resolution of the County Board adopted April 13, 1972. The CCMUA operates under the supervision of nine (9) commissioners who are appointed by the County Board for five (5) year staggered terms. The County has entered into a Deficiency Agreement with the CCMUA ("Deficiency Agreement") whereby the County is obligated to pay to the CCMUA any annual charges equal to any deficits in CCMUA revenues necessary to pay or provide for (i) operation and maintenance expenses of the CCMUA's regional sewer system, (ii) principal and interest payments on bonds and notes of the CCMUA in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$685,500,000 and (iii) the maintenance of reserves required under the Bond Resolution securing the CCMUA's bonds and notes. The obligation of the County, pursuant to the provisions of the Deficiency Agreement, is a direct and general obligation of the County, and any annual charges are ultimately payable by the County to meet its obligations under the Deficiency Agreement. To date, no payments have been required to be made by the County pursuant to the Deficiency Agreement. The County and the CCMUA may agree to amend the Deficiency Agreement at any time to increase the obligation of the County thereunder.

The CCMUA owns and operates a sewerage collection and treatment system, which serves all County residents connected to local sewer collection systems. The CCMUA's system does not include the local sewage collection system of any CCMUA participant, but it owns and operates interceptor sewer lines connecting the local systems to the CCMUA's sewage treatment facilities.

The CCMUA is required to charge and collect service charges for the use of its facilities such that revenues of the CCMUA will at all times be adequate to pay all operating and maintenance expenses, including reserves, insurance, extensions and replacements, and to maintain reserves and sinking funds therefore as may be required by the terms of any agreements with the holders thereof.

The gross debt as of December 31, 2016 for the CCMUA was \$210,044,157. The County guarantees up to \$685,500,000 of debt issued by the CCMUA.

### **Camden County Improvement Authority**

The Camden County Improvement Authority ("CCIA") is a public body corporate and politic of the State and was created by a resolution of the County Board. The CCIA operates under the supervision of a five (5) member Board who are appointed for five (5) year staggered terms by the County Board. The CCIA has from time to time issued its revenue bonds for projects involving the County and for which the County has a repayment obligation or guaranty. The CCIA also issues conduit debt from time to time which is not included in the overlapping debt as there is no obligation by the taxpayers to repay the associated debt service.

The amount of debt which the County has guaranteed or for which it has a repayment obligation as of December 31, 2016 was \$338,635,000.

# BOROUGH OF LINDENWOLD SCHEDULE OF DEBT SERVICE

			Existing							
		General (2)			Sewer		General Ob	ligation Bonds	, Series 2017	Grand
<u>Year</u>	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Interest</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Interest</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Interest</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Total</u>
2017	\$ 268,814.34	\$ 28,952.07	\$ 297,766.41	\$ 135,000.00	\$ 21,624.15	\$ 156,624.15				\$ 454,390.56
2018	186,949.17	45,030.69	231,979.86	160,000.00	35,978.30	195,978.30	\$ 508,000.00		\$ 508,000.00	935,958.16
2019	194,285.21	41,219.79	235,505.00	160,000.00	32,778.30	192,778.30	515,000.00		515,000.00	943,283.30
2020	204,572.34	37,232.66	241,805.00	160,000.00	29,578.30	189,578.30	525,000.00		525,000.00	956,383.30
2021	204,865.25	32,664.75	237,530.00	160,000.00	25,978.30	185,978.30	535,000.00		535,000.00	958,508.30
2022	215,164.04	27,490.96	242,655.00	160,000.00	21,978.30	181,978.30	540,000.00		540,000.00	964,633.30
2023	207,695.97	22,186.14	229,882.11	160,000.00	17,978.30	177,978.30	565,000.00		565,000.00	972,860.41
2024	200,000.00	16,359.20	216,359.20	160,000.00	13,378.30	173,378.30	600,000.00		600,000.00	989,737.50
2025	200,000.00	9,859.20	209,859.20	165,000.00	8,097.05	173,097.05	620,000.00		620,000.00	1,002,956.25
2026	203,360.00	3,304.60	206,664.60	166,640.00	2,707.90	169,347.90	645,000.00		645,000.00	1,021,012.50
2017							975,000.00		975,000.00	975,000.00
2028							990,000.00		990,000.00	990,000.00
						_			_	
	\$ 2,085,706.32	\$ 264,300.06	\$ 2,350,006.38	\$ 1,586,640.00	\$ 210,077.20	\$ 1,796,717.20	\$ 7,018,000.00	\$ -	\$ 7,018,000.00	\$ 11,164,723.58

Source: Borough Auditor

<sup>(1)</sup> As of July 31, 2017

<sup>(2)</sup> Includes Green Acres Loans in the amount of \$93,346.32

# BOROUGH OF LINDENWOLD 2017 MUNICIPAL BUDGET

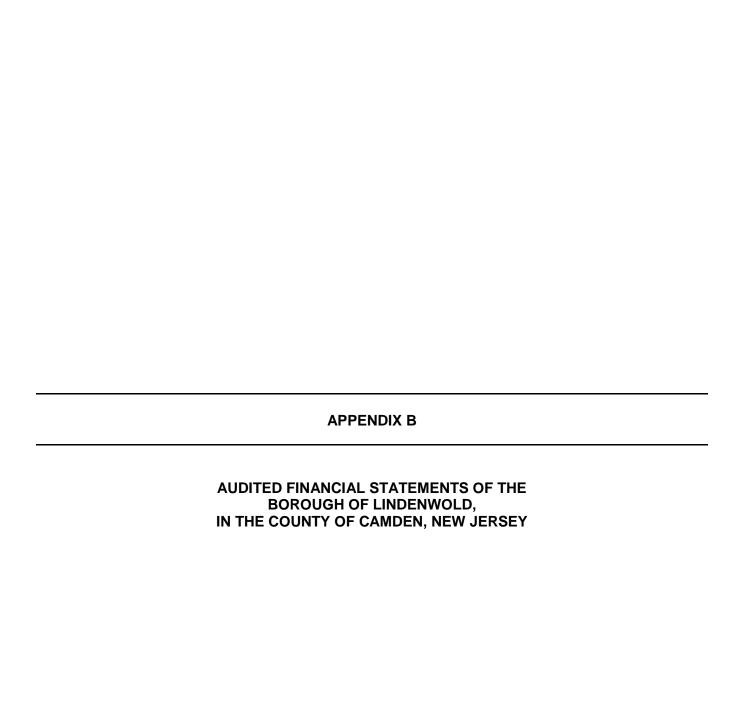
CURRENT FUND		_
Anticipated Revenues:		
Fund Balance	\$	1,498,000.00
Miscellaneous Revenues:		
Local Revenues		493,000.00
State Aid Without Offsetting Appropriations		2,075,649.00
Uniform Construction Code Fees		100,000.00
Shared Services Agreements		65,857.00
Public and Private Programs		135,324.48
Other Special Items		488,000.00
Receipts from Delinquent Taxes		740,000.00
Amount to be Raised by Taxation for Municipal Purpose		9,562,469.52
Total Anticipated Revenues	\$	15,158,300.00
Appropriations:		
Within "CAPS":		
Operations	\$	12,926,747.23
Excluded from "CAPS":		
Other Operations		35,385.00
Shared Services Agreements		80,857.00
Public and Private Programs Off-Set by Revenues		139,890.48
Capital Improvements		98,080.00
Debt Service		520,392.94
Deferred Charges		23,527.00
Reserve for Uncollected Taxes		1,333,420.35
Total Appropriations	\$	15,158,300.00
SEWER UTILITY FUND		
Anticipated Revenues:		
Fund Balance		
Rents	\$	1,338,931.00
Miscellaneous		40,000.00
Total Anticipated Devenues	ф.	1 270 021 00
Total Anticipated Revenues	\$	1,378,931.00
Appropriations:		
Operating	\$	979,309.00
Debt Service		368,300.00
Social Security		31,322.00
Total Appropriations	\$	1,378,931.00

# BOROUGH OF LINDENWOLD CAPITAL PROGRAM 2017-2022

				Capital -		Bonds a	and Notes
		Estimated	1	Improvement			Self-
Project Title		<u>Cost</u>		<u>Fund</u>	9	<u>General</u>	<u>Liquidating</u>
Equipment							
5YD Dump Truck	\$	290,000		\$ 14,500	\$	275,500	
48" Walk Behind Mover	Ψ	5,000	•	250	Ψ	4,750	
Mack Front Load Trash Truck		288,000		14,400		273,600	
Maintenance Truck		55,000		2,750		52,250	
Stake Body Truck With Lift Gate		75,000		3,750		71,250	
Tire Changer, Balancer and Shop Equip		12,500		625		11,875	
4 x 4 Pick - Up with Plow		80,000		4,000		76,000	
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Public Buildings							
Public Works - New Roof		825,000		41,250		783,750	
Public Works - Gate Openers		13,000		650		12,350	
Community Center - Upgrades		61,300		3,065		58,235	
Library - Concrete Work		5,800		290		5,510	
Library - Sprinkler System		5,500		275		5,225	
Library - New Carpet		16,000		800		15,200	
Municipal Building - Parking Lot in Rear		28,000		1,400		26,600	
Municipal Building - Curb around Parking Lot		7,240		362		6,878	
Municipal Building - Sidewalk/Apron		3,481		174		3,307	
Records Mgt Facility - Roof		12,000		600		11,400	
Police Department - Generator		150,000		7,500		142,500	
Police Department -Parking Lot Repaved		70,000		3,500		66,500	
Police Department -Carpet (Hallways)		6,900		345		6,555	
Computer Equipment		56,500		2,825		53,675	
Police Department Live Scan		32,000		1,600		30,400	
Police Vehicles		105,000		5,250		99,750	
Other Improvements							
8 Bleachers Replaced (Memorial Park)		13,000		650		12,350	
Backstop Fence Repair (Memorial Park)		18,500		925		17,575	
Retaining Wall with Steps (Carlton Park)		18,200		910		17,290	
Parking Lot Sealed (Memorial Park)		16,000		800		15,200	
Basket Ball Court Resurfaced		33,000		1,650		31,350	
CCTV (Memorial Park)		18,000		900		17,100	
Playground Equip (Aston Martin Park)		15,000		750		14,250	
Playground (Memorial Park)		245,000		12,250		232,750	

# BOROUGH OF LINDENWOLD CAPITAL PROGRAM 2017-2022

	_		Capital	_	Bonds		
Project Title	E	stimated <u>Cost</u>	Improvemen <u>Fund</u>	t	<u>General</u>	<u>L</u>	Self- <u>iquidating</u>
Sewer Utility							
Sewer Force Main Improvements/Repairs	\$	1,500,000				\$	1,500,000
New Excavator		77,000					77,000
New Quiet-Site Generator		150,000					150,000
All Can-Style Pump Stations to be Renovated							
and Upgraded		250,000					250,000
S.C.A.D.A System (communications system)		110,000					110,000
Non-Clogging Pump Upgrades (Station 12)		210,000					210,000
	\$	4,876,921	\$ 128,996	5 \$	2,450,925	\$	2,297,000





### **INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT**

The Honorable Mayor and Members of the Borough Council Borough of Lindenwold Lindenwold, New Jersey 08021

### Report on the Financial Statements

We have audited the accompanying statements of assets, liabilities, reserves and fund balance - regulatory basis of the various funds of the Borough of Lindenwold, in the County of Camden, State of New Jersey, as of December 31, 2016, 2015, 2014, 2013 and 2012, and the related statements of operations and changes in fund balance - regulatory basis for the years then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Borough's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

### Management's Responsibility 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; this includes 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 Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express opinions on these financial statements based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America; and in compliance with audit requirements as prescribed by the Division of Local Government Services, Department of Community Affairs, State of New Jersey. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the Borough's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements 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's internal control. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinions.

### **Opinions**

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

As described in note 1 to the financial statements, the financial statements are prepared by the Borough on the basis of the financial reporting provisions of the Division of Local Government Services, Department of Community Affairs, State of New Jersey, which is a basis of accounting other than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, to meet the requirements of the State of New Jersey.

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

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

In our opinion, because of the significance of the matter discussed in the "Basis for Adverse Opinion on Accounting Principles Generally Accepted in the United States of America" paragraph, 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 Lindenwold, in the County of Camden, State of New Jersey, as of December 31, 2016, 2015, 2014, 2013 and 2012, or the results of its operations and changes in fund balance for the years then ended.

Opinion on Regulatory Basis of Accounting

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to previously present fairly, in all material respects, the assets, liabilities, reserves and fund balance - regulatory basis of the various funds of the Borough of Lindenwold, in the County of Camden, State of New Jersey, as of December 31, 2016, 2015, 2014, 2013 and 2012, and the results of its operations and changes in fund balance - regulatory basis of such funds for the years then ended, in conformity with accounting principles and practices prescribed by the Division of Local Government Services, Department of Community Affairs, State of New Jersey, as described in note 1.

Respectfully submitted,

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BOWMAN & COMPANY LLP Certified Public Accountants & Consultants

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Todd R. Saler

Certified Public Accountant Registered Municipal Accountant

Voorhees, New Jersey June 27, 2017

# BOROUGH OF LINDENWOLD CURRENT FUND

		A	As of	December 3				
400570	 2016	2015		2014		2013		2012
ASSETS								
Cash	\$ 5,191,622	\$ 3,561,169	\$	5,341,776	\$	3,041,126	\$	2,870,589
Due from State of New Jersey		379		2,719		4,815		11,294
Federal and State Grants Receivable	508,989	742,986		471,059		492,520		382,575
Receivables and Other Assets with Full Reserves: Prepaid Local School District Taxes Delinquent Property Taxes								2,001
Receivable Solid Waste Rents Receivable	763,619 128,407	727,805		926,842		785,273		804,831
Tax Title Liens Receivable	1,799,188	1,506,960		1,269,871		951,456		674,595
Solid Waste Liens Receivable Property Acquired for Taxes	68,503							
Assessed Valuation	1,509,750	1,509,750		1,509,750		1,509,750		1,509,750
Revenue Accounts Receivable Other Accounts Receivable	66,268	64,982		60,832		58,305 814		61,704
Interfunds Receivable	274,516	621,866		107,519		173,435		62,093
Deferred Charges:								
Emergency Authorizations		69,250		13,927		275,000		90,000
Overexpenditures		28,033						
Revaluation		80,000		160,000		240,000		320,000
Codification of Ordinances	00.507	2,720		5,440		8,160		10,880
Severance Liabilities	 23,527	47,054		70,581		94,108		117,635
	\$ 10,334,389	\$ 8,962,953	\$	9,940,316	\$	7,634,761	\$	6,917,946
LIABILITIES, RESERVES AND FUND BALANCE								
Appropriation Reserves	\$ 1,033,981	\$ 573,563	\$	687,863	\$	506,183	\$	560,739
Reserve for Encumbrances	364,918	293,411		278,325		262,440		377,794
Reserve for Federal and State Grants	674,240	390,877		350,609		481,260		301,766
Prepaid Taxes	225,052	227,915		170,977		201,919		156,166
Tax Overpayments	68,847	89,341		74,903		75,295		72,176
State Library Aid	5,188	4,584		5,021		5,306		4,577
Contracts Payable		100,562		21,051		10,277		52,650
Local School Tax Payable	5	7		9		91,483		
Fire District Tax Payable								223,752
Due to County for Added or Omitted Taxes	54,822	3,744		2,626		4,017		19,088
Accounts Payable	18,405	33,801		40,684		25,198		45,053
Interfunds Payable	40,143	243,043		2,073,619		134,488		97,038
Other Liabilities and Special Funds	168,863	21,857		32,608		40,055		42,904
Special Emergency Note	23,527	127,054		230,581		334,108		437,635
Reserve for Receivables and Other Assets	4,610,251	4,431,362		3,874,814		3,479,033		3,114,974
Fund Balance	 3,046,147	2,421,833		2,096,627		1,983,701		1,411,635
	\$ 10,334,389	\$ 8,962,953	\$	9,940,316	\$	7,634,761	\$	6,917,946

# BOROUGH OF LINDENWOLD CURRENT FUND

Statements of Operations and Changes in Fund Balance--Regulatory Basis

		For the Y	′ear	s Ended Dece	mbe	er 31,	
	<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>		2014		2013	2012
Revenue Realized:							
Current Tax Collections	\$ 27,706,664	\$ 26,557,134	\$	25,205,776	\$	25,079,770	\$ 25,239,063
Delinquent Tax Collections	 743,323	992,663		797,955		731,284	932,261
Total Taxes	28,449,987	27,549,796		26,003,730		25,811,055	26,171,324
Miscellaneous Revenues Anticipated	3,736,729	3,795,467		3,491,358		3,303,565	3,311,591
Other Income	2,133,469	1,242,826		1,136,648		1,207,253	1,060,462
Fund Balance Utilized	 1,310,000	994,540		936,512		766,000	390,000
Total Income	 35,630,185	33,582,629		31,568,249		31,087,873	30,933,377
Expenditures and Encumbrances:							
Operating	11,403,061	9,955,532		9,695,547		9,601,752	9,675,028
Capital Improvements	257,123	877,061		354,397		253,780	279,258
Debt Service	497,521	615,445		618,373		662,200	693,112
Deferred Charges	175,497	174,029		516,953		196,247	234,732
Statutory Expenditures	1,633,659	1,457,324		1,472,188		1,510,805	1,458,599
Fire District Taxes	863,124	837,701		860,214		856,466	895,006
County Taxes	5,426,270	5,545,961		5,188,654		5,192,911	5,313,056
Local School Taxes	13,148,379	12,349,207		11,712,576		11,575,779	11,509,245
Other Expenditures	17,033	5,527		20,189		8,036	18,470
Creation of Reserve for Interfunds/	11,000	0,021		20,100		0,000	10, 110
Prepayments	274,204	514,347		93,646		166,831	7,298
Total Expenditures and							
Encumbrances	33,695,871	32,332,134		30,532,738		30,024,807	30,083,803
Elicumbrances	 33,033,071	32,332,134		30,332,730		30,024,007	30,003,003
Excess in Revenues Adjustments to Income Before Fund Balance:	1,934,314	1,250,496		1,035,511		1,063,065	849,573
Expenditures included above which are							
by Statute Deferred Charges to Budget							
of Succeeding Year		69,250		13,927		275,000	207,635
Statutory Excess to Fund Balance	1,934,314	1,319,746		1,049,438		1,338,065	1,057,208
Fund Balance, January 1	 2,421,833	2,096,627		1,983,701		1,411,635	744,427
	4,356,147	3,416,373		3,033,139		2,749,701	1,801,635
Decreased by:							
Utilized as Revenue	 1,310,000	994,540		936,512		766,000	390,000
Fund Balance December 31	\$ 3,046,147	\$ 2,421,833	\$	2,096,627	\$	1,983,701	\$ 1,411,635

# BOROUGH OF LINDENWOLD TRUST AND OTHER FUNDS

Statements of Assets, Liabilities and Reserves--Regulatory Basis

		A	As of	December 3	1,		
ASSETS	 <u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>		<u>2014</u>		<u>2013</u>	2012
Cash Other Accounts Receivable	\$ 1,727,159	\$ 1,950,563 296	\$	990,012 1,579	\$	1,056,917	\$ 517,021
Interfunds Receivable	 40,143			363		2,739	27,134
	\$ 1,767,302	\$ 1,950,859	\$	991,953	\$	1,059,656	\$ 544,155
LIABILITIES AND RESERVES							
Liabilities and Reserve for Special Funds	\$ 1,767,301	\$ 1,939,101	\$	989,119	\$	1,059,650	\$ 544,153
Due to State of New Jersey Interfunds Payable	 1	6 11,752		2,830		5 1	2
	\$ 1,767,302	\$ 1,950,859	\$	991,953	\$	1,059,656	\$ 544,155

# BOROUGH OF LINDENWOLD GENERAL CAPITAL FUND

			As of	December 3	1,		
	<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>		<u>2014</u>		<u>2013</u>	<u>2012</u>
ASSETS							
Cash Interfunds Receivable Deferred Charges to Future Taxation:	\$ 542,072	\$ 1,375,829	\$	636,432 778,304	\$	985,221 130,444	\$ 2,656,226 740
Funded Unfunded Overexpenditures of Ordinance Appropriations	 2,255,423 2,530,515 150,626	2,669,570 2,530,515		3,063,340 866,431		3,446,739 253,333	3,829,776 380,000
	\$ 5,478,637	\$ 6,575,914	\$	5,344,508	\$	4,815,737	\$ 6,866,741
LIABILITIES, RESERVES AND FUND BALANCE							
Serial Bonds Green Acres Trust Development Loan Bond Anticipation Notes Improvement Authorizations:	\$ 2,152,360 103,063 2,530,515	\$ 2,547,360 122,210 1,214,765	\$	2,922,360 140,980 866,431	\$	3,287,360 159,379 253,333	\$ 3,652,360 177,416 380,000
Funded Unfunded Reserve for Encumbrances	262,455 231,137 12,333	363,588 1,948,249		498,376 447,316		1,065,541 11,098 1,445	1,460,617 15,697 15,190
Contracts Payable Interfunds Payable Capital Improvement Fund Fund Balance	129,602 311 18,010 38,851	179,117 161,774 38,851		430,194 38,851		37,387 8 185	1,128,473 8 36,980
i unu Dalance	\$ 5,478,637	\$ 6,575,914	\$	5,344,508	\$	4,815,737	\$ 6,866,741

# BOROUGH OF LINDENWOLD SEWER UTILITY FUND

Statements of Assets, Liabilities, Reserves and Fund Balance--Regulatory Basis

			А	s o	f December 3	1,		
ash terfund Receivables eceivables with Full Reserves: Consumer Accounts Receivable Sewer Utility Liens Total Operating Fund pital Fund: ash terfund Receivables xed Capital xed Capital Authorized and	<u>2016</u>		<u>2015</u>		<u>2014</u>		<u>2013</u>	2012
Operating Fund:								
Cash	\$ 1,706,05	3 \$	1,321,076	\$	.,	\$	-	\$ 922,812
Interfund Receivables			3,557		2,868		5,843	12,916
	447.00		440,400		404 540		454.040	444 400
	117,88		142,422		131,510		151,942	141,463
Sewer Utility Liens	136,09	5	108,896		86,695		65,878	36,447
Total Operating Fund	1,960,02	8	1,575,951		1,293,108		1,207,202	1,113,637
Capital Fund:								
Cash	1,079,33	1	1,558,498		425,616		727,285	1,067,881
Interfund Receivables			3,358		1,200,000			
Fixed Capital	9,130,54	8	9,130,548		9,130,548		7,253,190	7,253,190
Fixed Capital Authorized and								
Uncompleted	3,484,25	0	3,484,250		3,284,250		3,961,608	3,961,608
Total Capital Fund	13,694,12	9	14,176,654		14,040,414		11,942,083	12,282,679
	\$ 15,654,15	7 \$	15,752,604	\$	15,333,522	\$	13,149,285	\$ 13,396,316

# BOROUGH OF LINDENWOLD SEWER UTILITY FUND

Statements of Assets, Liabilities, Reserves and Fund Balance--Regulatory Basis

			Α	s o	f December 3	1,		
LIABILITIES, RESERVES AND FUND BALANCE		<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>		<u>2014</u>		<u>2013</u>	<u>2012</u>
Operating Fund:								
Appropriation Reserves	\$	190,814	\$ 175,048	\$	60,031	\$	95,816	\$ 49,755
Reserve for Encumbrances		15,819	12,640		11,704		7,280	39,958
Interfunds Payable		274,204	3,385		27		9,386	
Accounts Payable								475
Rental Overpayments		3,431	3,836		922		26,680	1,358
Rental Prepayments		337,881	309,087		275,702		263,472	282,472
Accrued Interest on Bonds and Notes		25,058	26,437		27,492		29,169	30,561
Reserve for Receivables		253,976	251,318		218,205		217,820	177,909
Fund Balance		858,846	794,200		699,025		557,579	531,150
Total Operating Fund		1,960,028	1,575,951		1,293,108		1,207,202	1,113,637
Capital Fund:								
Serial Bonds		1,726,640	1,991,640		2,246,640		2,491,640	2,716,640
Reserve for Amortization		9,487,322	9,222,322		8,967,322		8,692,372	8,467,372
Bond Anticipation Notes		1,400,000	1,400,000		1,200,000			
Reserve for Deferred Amortization							29,950	29,950
Improvement Authorizations:		004.040	205 740		400,400		000 000	000.40
Funded		234,816	295,746		403,499		689,269	690,16
Unfunded		529,045	1,234,773		1,095,155		836	836
Contracts Payable		284,133			95,586		E 0.42	345,000
Interfunds Payable		20.472	20 472		39		5,843	546
Fund Balance	-	32,173	32,173		32,173		32,173	32,173
Total Capital Fund	1	3,694,129	14,176,654		14,040,414		11,942,083	12,282,679
	\$ 1	5,654,157	\$ 15,752,604	\$	15,333,522	\$	13,149,285	\$ 13,396,31

# BOROUGH OF LINDENWOLD SEWER UTILITY FUND

Statements of Operations and Changes in Operating Fund Balance--Regulatory Basis

	41,145     39,976     46,764     47,515       146,663     39,598     84,728     50,059       1,810,597     1,556,284     1,574,051     1,514,986       1,006,068     983,007     952,025     923,771       326,882     321,665     311,401     322,493       34,003     33,438     35,788     34,818								
	<u>2016</u>		<u>2015</u>		<u>2014</u>		<u>2013</u>		<u>2012</u>
Revenue Realized:									
Fund Balance	\$ 128,998	\$	123,000	\$	133,391	\$	147,475	\$	114,830
Rents	1,493,792		1,353,710		1,309,168		1,269,938		1,278,773
Miscellaneous	41,145		39,976		46,764		47,515		37,632
Other Credits to Income	 146,663		39,598		84,728		50,059		58,899
Total Income	1,810,597		1,556,284		1,574,051		1,514,986		1,490,135
Expenditures and Encumbrances:									
Operating	1,006,068		983,007		952,025		923,771		925,667
Debt Service	326,882		321,665		311,401		322,493		269,782
Pension, Social Security and									
Unemployment Contributions	 34,003		33,438		35,788		34,818		35,663
Total Expenditures and Encumbrances	 1,366,952		1,338,109		1,299,214		1,281,082		1,231,112
Excess in Revenue	443,645		218,175		274,837		233,904		259,023
Fund Balance January 1	 794,200		699,025		557,579		531,150		496,957
	1,237,844		917,200		832,416		765,054		755,980
Decreased by: Utilized as Revenue in Current Fund Budget	250 000						60 000		110,000
Utilized as Revenue in Sewer Utility Operating	 128,998		123,000		133,391		147,475		114,830
	 378,998		123,000		133,391		207,475		224,830
Fund Balance December 31	\$ 858,846	\$	794,200	\$	699,025	\$	557,579	\$	531,150

# BOROUGH OF LINDENWOLD SOLID WASTE UTILITY OPERATING FUND

Statements of Assets, Liabilities, Reserves and Fund Balance--Regulatory Basis

			А	s of	December 3	1,		
ASSETS	<u>2016</u>		<u>2015</u>		<u>2014</u>		<u>2013</u>	2012
Cash Interfund Receivables Receivables with Full Reserves:		\$	579,715 27	\$	378,658 27	\$	687,016	\$ 331,848
Consumer Accounts Receivable Solid Waste Utility Liens Deferred Charges:			327,660 69,338		317,022 50,450		170,687 29,308	144,354 6,503
Operating Deficit					93,070			144,141
	\$	- \$	976,740	\$	839,227	\$	887,012	\$ 626,846
LIABILITIES, RESERVES AND FUND BALANCE								
Appropriation Reserves Reserve for Encumbrances Accounts Payable		\$	264,675 25,788	\$	368,264 13,338	\$	320,898 84,361 37,000	\$ 376,430 19,659
Interfunds Payable Rental Overpayments Rental Prepayments			208,853 2,212 78,215		12,567 1,187 76,400		162,743 1,076 80,938	5,298 206 74,396
Reserve for Receivables	\$	- \$	396,998 976,740	\$	367,472 839,227	\$	199,996 887,012	\$ 150,857 626,846

# BOROUGH OF LINDENWOLD SOLID WASTE UTILITY OPERATING FUND

Statements of Operations and Changes in Operating Fund Balance--Regulatory Basis

			For the Y	ears"	Ended Dece	embe	er 31,	
	2016		<u>2015</u>		<u>2014</u>		2013	2012
Revenue Realized:								
Rents		\$	1,004,023	\$	865,263	\$	983,598	\$ 367,946
Miscellaneous			46,342		25,265		28,495	4,633
Deficit (General Budget)			53,855		135,706		46,659	
Other Credits to Income			99,359				100,620	
Total Income		-	1,203,578		1,026,234		1,159,372	372,579
Expenditures and Encumbrances:								
Operating			1,104,261		1,112,814		1,009,226	513,763
Pension, Social Security and								
Unemployment Contributions			6,247		6,490		6,005	2,957
Deficit in Operations in Prior Year			93,070				144,141	
Total Expenditures and Encumbrances		-	1,203,578		1,119,304		1,159,372	516,720
Excess (Deficit) in Revenue		-	-	\$	(93,070)		-	\$ (144,141)
Fund Balance January 1		-					_	-
Fund Balance December 31	\$	- \$		\$		\$		\$ 

#### **BOROUGH OF LINDENWOLD**

Notes to Financial Statements
For the Year Ended December 31, 2016

#### Note 1: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

<u>Description of Financial Reporting Entity</u> - The Borough of Lindenwold (hereafter referred to as the "Borough") was incorporated in January, 1929 and is located in southwest New Jersey approximately twenty miles southeast of the City of Philadelphia. The 2010 estimated population according to the U.S. Census Bureau was 17.613.

The Borough operates under a Mayor-Council form of government. The Mayor is chief executive officer of the Borough and is elected by general election for a four year term. The Council is the legislative body of the Borough and consists of six members elected by popular vote to three year terms. Administrative responsibilities are assigned to the Borough Administrator. Policy is determined by Council and the Administrator is responsible for carrying out such policy.

<u>Component Units</u> - The Borough had no component units as defined by Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement No. 14, as amended by GASB Statements No. 39 and No. 61.

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

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

<u>Current Fund</u> - The current fund accounts for resources and expenditures for governmental operations of a general nature, including federal and state grant funds.

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

<u>General Capital Fund</u> - The general capital fund accounts for receipt and disbursement of funds for the acquisition of general capital facilities, other than those acquired in the current fund.

<u>Sewer Utility Operating and Capital Funds</u> - The sewer utility operating and capital funds account for the operations and acquisition of capital facilities of the municipally owned sewer operations.

<u>Solid Waste Utility Operating Fund</u> - The Solid Waste Utility Operating Fund accounts for the operations of the municipally owned Solid Waste Utility. See Note 20.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

<u>Interfunds</u> - 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.

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

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

General Fixed Assets - Accounting for governmental fixed assets, as required by N.J.A.C. 5:30-5.6. differs in certain respects from accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. In accordance with the regulations, all local units, including municipalities, must maintain a general fixed assets reporting system that establishes and maintains a physical inventory of nonexpendable, tangible property as defined and limited by the U.S. Office of Management and Budget's Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards (Part 200, §200.12), 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. No depreciation of general fixed assets is recorded. Donated general fixed assets are recorded at acquisition value as of the date of the transaction. Interest costs relative to the acquisition of general fixed assets are recorded as expenditures when paid. Public domain ("infrastructure") general fixed assets consisting of certain improvements such as roads, bridges, curbs and gutters, streets and sidewalks and drainage systems are not capitalized. Expenditures for construction in progress are recorded in the capital funds until such time as the construction is completed and put into operation. The 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 asset group of accounts, 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 include accurate records indicating asset description, source, ownership, acquisition cost and date, the percentage of Federal participation (if any), and the location, use, and condition of the asset. Periodically, physical inventories must be taken and reconciled with these records. Lastly, all fixed assets must be adequately controlled to safeguard against loss, damage, or theft.

<u>Utility Fixed Assets</u> - Property and equipment purchased by a utility fund are recorded in the utility capital account at cost and are adjusted for disposition and abandonment. The amounts shown do not represent replacement cost or current value. The reserve for amortization and deferred reserve for amortization accounts in the utility capital fund represent charges to operations for the cost of acquisition of property and equipment, improvements, and contributed capital.

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

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

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

<u>Fund Balance</u> - Fund balances included in the current fund and sewer utility operating fund represent amounts available for anticipation as revenue in future years' budgets, with certain restrictions.

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

<u>Revenues</u> - 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.

<u>Property Tax Revenues</u> - 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 Camden, Borough of Lindenwold School District and Borough of Lindenwold Fire District. Unpaid property taxes are subject to tax sale in accordance with the statutes.

<u>School Taxes</u> - The Borough is responsible for levying, collecting, and remitting school taxes for the Borough of Lindenwold School District. Operations is charged for the full amount required to be raised from taxation to operate the local school district for the period from January 1 to December 31.

<u>County Taxes</u> - The municipality is responsible for levying, collecting, and remitting county taxes for the County of Camden. County taxes are determined on a calendar year by the County Board of Taxation based upon the ratables required to be certified to them on January 10 of each year. Operations is charged for the amount due to 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.

<u>Fire District Taxes</u> - The municipality is responsible for levying, collecting, and remitting fire district taxes for the Borough of Lindenwold Fire District. Operations is charged for the full amount required to be raised from taxation to operate the Fire District for the period from January 1 to December 31.

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.

**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.

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

<u>Appropriation Reserves</u> - 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 year. Lapsed appropriation reserves are recorded as income.

<u>Long-Term Debt</u> - 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.

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

#### Note 2: CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS

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

As of December 31, 2016, the Borough's bank balances of \$10,346,039.01 were exposed to custodial credit risk as follows:

Insured by FDIC and GUDPA	\$ 8,904,641.17
Uninsured and Uncollateralized	1,441,397.84
Total	\$ 10,346,039.01

New Jersey Cash Management Fund - During the year, the Borough participated in the New Jersey Cash Management Fund. The Fund is governed by regulations of the State Investment Council, who prescribe standards designed to insure the quality of investments in order to minimize risk to the Funds participants. Deposits with the New Jersey Cash Management Fund are not subject to custodial credit risk as defined above. At December 31, 2016, the Borough's deposits with the New Jersey Cash Management Fund were \$177,660.35.

## Note 3: PROPERTY TAXES

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

#### **Comparative Schedule of Tax Rates**

			Year Ended		
	<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>2013*</u>	<u>2012</u>
Tax Rate	\$ 4.842	\$ 4.634	\$ 4.440	\$ 4.297	\$ 6.496
Apportionment of Tax Rate:			' <u> </u>		
Municipal	1.575	1.485	1.455	1.401	2.159
County	0.906	0.933	0.873	0.854	1.298
Local School District	2.215	2.075	1.967	1.901	2.819
Fire District	0.146	0.141	0.145	0.141	0.220

#### **Assessed Valuation**

<u>Year</u>	
2016	\$ 593,516,900.00
2015	594,946,500.00
2014	595,291,500.00
2013 *	608,790,030.00
2012	408,223,465.00

<sup>\*</sup> Revaluation

## **Comparison of Tax Levies and Collections**

<u>Year</u>	<u>Tax Levy</u>	Collections	Percentage of Collections
2016	\$ 29,031,055.64	\$ 27,706,663.87	95.44%
2015	27,615,499.62	26,557,133.60	96.17%
2014	26,428,763.26	25,205,775.52	95.37%
2013	26,181,945.60	25,079,770.45	95.79%
2012	26,609,630.53	25,239,062.56	94.85%

#### **Delinquent Taxes and Tax Title Liens**

<u>Year</u>	Tax Title <u>Liens</u>	ı	Delinquent <u>Taxes</u>	Total <u>Delinquent</u>	Percentage of Tax Levy
2016	\$1,799,187.67	\$	763,619.19	\$ 2,562,806.86	8.83%
2015	1,506,959.97		727,804.80	2,234,764.77	8.09%
2014	1,269,870.60		926,842.21	2,196,712.81	8.31%
2013	951,455.57		785,273.32	1,736,728.89	6.63%
2012	674,594.68		804,831.30	1,479,425.98	5.56%

#### Note 3: PROPERTY TAXES (CONT'D)

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

<u>Year</u>	<u>Number</u>
2016	247
2015	238
2014	219
2013	187
2012	146

#### Note 4: PROPERTY ACQUIRED BY TAX TITLE LIEN LIQUIDATION

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

<u>Year</u>	<u>Amount</u>
2016	\$1,509,750.00
2015	1,509,750.00
2014	1,509,750.00
2013	1,509,750.00
2012	1,509,750.00

#### Note 5: SEWER UTILITY SERVICE CHARGES

The following is a five-year comparison of sewer utility service charges (rents) for the current and previous four years:

	Balance Begi	inning of Year			
<u>Year</u>	Receivable	<u>Liens</u>	<u>Levy</u>	<u>Total</u>	Collections
· <u> </u>					
2016	\$ 142,421.82	\$ 108,895.50	\$ 1,498,379.27	\$ 1,749,696.59	\$ 1,493,791.64
2015	131,510.01	86,695.43	1,386,234.49	1,604,439.93	1,353,710.25
2014	151,941.84	65,878.31	1,308,077.12	1,525,897.27	1,309,168.15
2013	141,462.76	36,446.56	1,308,200.27	1,486,109.59	1,269,937.56
2012	112,664.89	22,285.72	1,246,140.12	1,381,090.73	1,205,146.07

#### Note 6: SOLID WASTE UTILITY SERVICE CHARGES

The following is information regarding Solid Waste utility service charges (rents) for the current and previous four years (See Note 20):

	Balance Begi	inning of Year			
<u>Year</u>	Receivable	<u>Liens</u>	<u>Levy</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Collections</u>
2016	\$ 327,660.01	\$ 69,937.70	-	\$ 397,597.71	\$ 116,890.74 *
2015	317,022.13	50,449.56	\$ 1,033,290.66	1,400,762.35	1,004,022.50
2014	170,687.41	29,308.23	1,032,297.14	1,232,292.78	865,263.11
2013	144,354.48	6,502.50	1,032,343.10	1,183,200.08	983,598.42
2012	-	-	512,802.58	512,802.58	367,945.70

<sup>\*</sup> Recorded as Miscellaneous Revenue Not Anticipated in the Current Fund

#### Note 7: FUND BALANCES APPROPRIATED

The following schedules detail the amount of fund balances available at the end of the current year and four previous years and the amounts utilized in the subsequent year's budgets:

<u>Year</u>		Balance Dec. 31	Su	Utilized In Budgets of cceeding Year		Percentage of Fund <u>Balance Used</u>
<b>Current Fund</b>						
2016	\$	3,046,146.92	\$	1,498,000.00		49.18%
2015		2,421,832.62		1,310,000.00		54.09%
2014		2,096,627.06		994,540.00		47.44%
2013		1,983,700.52		936,512.00		47.21%
2012		1,411,635.48		766,000.00		54.26%
Sewer Utility Ope	<u>erat</u>	ing Fund				
2016	\$	858,846.49		-		-
2015		794,199.68	\$	378,998.00	(A)	47.72%
2014		699,024.73		123,000.00		17.60%
2013		557,578.59		133,391.00		23.92%
2012		531,149.58		207,475.00	(B)	39.06%

<sup>(</sup>A) Includes \$250,000.00 utilized in Current Fund budget

<sup>(</sup>B) Includes \$60,000.00 utilized in Current Fund budget

#### Note 8: INTERFUND RECEIVABLES AND PAYABLES

The following interfund balances were recorded on the various statements of assets, liabilities, reserves and fund balance as of December 31, 2016:

<u>Fund</u>	Interfunds <u>Receivable</u>	Interfunds <u>Payable</u>
Current Fund	\$ 274,515.66	\$ 40,143.46
Animal Control Fund		1.13
Trust Other Funds	40,143.46	
General Capital Fund		310.76
Sewer Utility Operating Fund		274,203.77
	\$ 314,659.12	\$ 314,659.12
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The interfund receivables and payables above predominately resulted from collections and payments made by certain funds on behalf of other funds. During the year 2017, the Borough expects to liquidate such interfunds, depending upon the availability of cash flow.

#### **Note 9: PENSION PLANS**

A substantial number of the Borough's employees participate in one of the following defined benefit pension plans: the Public Employees' Retirement System ("PERS") and the Police and Firemen's Retirement System ("PFRS"), which are administered by the New Jersey Division of Pensions and Benefits. Each plan has a Board of Trustees that is primarily responsible for its administration. The Division issues a publicly available financial report that includes financial statements and required supplementary information. That report may be obtained by writing to:

State of New Jersey
Division of Pensions and Benefits
P.O. Box 295
Trenton, New Jersey 08625-0295
<a href="http://www.nj.gov/treasury/pensions">http://www.nj.gov/treasury/pensions</a>

#### **General Information about the Pension Plans**

#### **Plan Descriptions**

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

#### General Information about the Pension Plans (Cont'd)

#### Plan Descriptions (Cont'd)

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

#### **Vesting and Benefit Provisions**

**Public Employees' Retirement System -** The vesting and benefit provisions are set by N.J.S.A. 43:15A and 43:3B. The PERS provides retirement, death and disability benefits. All benefits vest after 10 years of service, except for medical benefits, which vest after 25 years of service or under the disability provisions of the PERS.

The following represents the membership tiers for PERS:

#### **Tier Definition**

- 1 Members who were enrolled prior to July 1, 2007
- 2 Members who were eligible to enroll on or after July 1, 2007 and prior to November 2, 2008
- 3 Members who were eligible to enroll on or after November 2, 2008 and prior to May 21, 2010
- 4 Members who were eligible to enroll after May 21, 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 before age 62 with 25 or more years of service credit and tier 5 with 30 or more years of service credit before age 65. Benefits are reduced by a fraction of a percent for each month that a member retires prior to the age at which a member can receive full early retirement benefits in accordance with their respective tier. Tier 1 members can receive an unreduced benefit from age 55 to age 60 if they have at least 25 years of service. Deferred retirement is available to members who have at least 10 years of service credit and have not reached the service retirement age for the respective tier.

**Police and Firemen's Retirement System** - The vesting and benefit provisions are set by N.J.S.A. 43:16A. The PFRS provides retirement, death and disability benefits. All benefits vest after 10 years of service, except disability benefits, which vest after four years of service.

The following represents the membership tiers for PFRS:

#### **Tier Definition**

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

#### General Information about the Pension Plans (Cont'd)

#### **Vesting and Benefit Provisions (Cont'd)**

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

#### **Contributions**

**Public Employees' Retirement System** - The contribution policy is set by N.J.S.A. 43:15A and requires contributions by active members and contributing employers. Members contribute at a uniform rate. Pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 78, P.L. 2011, the active member contribution rate increased from 5.5% of annual compensation to 6.5% plus an additional 1% phased-in over 7 years beginning in July 2012. The member contribution rate was 7.06% in State fiscal year 2016. The phase-in of the additional incremental member contribution rate takes place in July of each subsequent State fiscal year. The rate for members who are eligible for the Prosecutors Part of PERS (Chapter 366, P.L. 2001) increased from 8.5% of base salary to 10%. Employers' contribution amounts are based on an actuarially determined rate. The Borough's contribution amounts are based on an actuarially determined rate which included the normal cost and unfunded accrued liability.

The Borough's contractually required contribution rate for the year ended December 31, 2016 was 13.95% of the Borough's covered payroll. This amount was actuarially determined as the amount that, when combined with employee contributions, is expected to finance the costs of benefits earned by employees during the year, including an additional amount to finance any unfunded accrued liability.

Based on the most recent PERS measurement date of June 30, 2016, the Borough's contractually required contribution to the pension plan for the year ended December 31, 2016 is \$268,773.00, and is payable by April 1, 2017. Due to the basis of accounting described in note 1, no liability has been recorded in the financial statements for this amount. Based on the PERS measurement date of June 30, 2015, the Borough's contractually required contribution to the pension plan for the year ended December 31, 2015 was \$237,365.00, which was paid on April 1, 2016. Employee contributions to the plan during the year ended December 31, 2016 were \$143,363.81.

**Police and Firemen's Retirement System -** The contribution policy is set by N.J.S.A. 43:16A and requires contributions by active members and contributing employers. Pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 78, P.L. 2011, the active member contribution rate increased from 8.5% to 10.0% in October 2011. Employers' contributions are based on an actuarially determined amount which includes the normal cost and unfunded accrued liability.

#### General Information about the Pension Plans (Cont'd)

#### **Contributions (Cont'd)**

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

The Borough's contractually required contribution rate for the year ended December 31, 2016 was 24.79% of the Borough's covered payroll. This amount was actuarially determined as the amount that, when combined with employee contributions, is expected to finance the costs of benefits earned by employees during the year, with an additional amount to finance any unfunded accrued liability.

Based on the most recent PFRS measurement date of June 30, 2016, the Borough's contractually required contribution to the pension plan for the year ended December 31, 2016 is \$857,148.00, and is payable by April 1, 2017. Due to the basis of accounting described in note 1, no liability has been recorded in the financial statements for this amount. Based on the PFRS measurement date of June 30, 2015, the Borough's contractually required contribution to the pension plan for the year ended December 31, 2015 was \$824,912.00, which was paid on April 1, 2016. Employee contributions to the plan during the year ended December 31, 2016 were \$350,473.37.

The amount of contractually required contribution for the State of New Jersey's proportionate share, associated with the Borough, for the year ended December 31, 2016 was 1.87% of the Borough's covered payroll.

Based on the most recent PFRS measurement date of June 30, 2016, the State's contractually required contribution, on-behalf of the Borough, to the pension plan for the year ended December 31, 2016 is \$64,618.00, and is payable by April 1, 2017. Based on the PFRS measurement date of June 30, 2015, the State's contractually required contribution, on-behalf of the Borough, to the pension plan for the year ended December 31, 2015 was \$77,166.00, which was paid on April 1, 2016.

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

**Public Employees' Retirement System -** At December 31, 2016, the Borough's proportionate share of the PERS net pension liability was \$8,960,393.00. The net pension liability was measured as of June 30, 2016, and the total pension liability used to calculate the net pension liability was determined by an actuarial valuation as of July 1, 2015. The total pension liability was calculated through the use of updated procedures to roll forward from the actuarial valuation date to the measurement date of June 30, 2016. The Borough's proportion of the net pension liability 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 employers, actuarially determined. For the June 30, 2016 measurement date, the Borough's proportion was 0.0302540884%, which was an increase of 0.0026448969% from its proportion measured as of June 30, 2015.

At December 31, 2016, the Borough's proportionate share of the PERS pension expense, calculated by the plan as of the June 30, 2016 measurement date is \$855,468.00. This expense is not recognized by the Borough because of the regulatory basis of accounting as described in note 1; however, as previously mentioned, for the year ended December 31, 2016, the Borough's contribution to PERS was \$237,365.00, and was paid on April 1, 2016.

**Police and Firemen's Retirement System -** At December 31, 2016, the Borough's and State of New Jersey's proportionate share of the PFRS net pension liability were as follows:

Borough's Proportionate Share of Net Pension Liability \$20,082,061.00

State of New Jersey's Proportionate Share of Net Pension Liability Associated with the Borough

1,686,395.00

\$ 21,768,456.00

The net pension liability was measured as of June 30, 2016, and the total pension liability used to calculate the net pension liability was determined by an actuarial valuation as of July 1, 2015. The total pension liability was calculated through the use of updated procedures to roll forward from the actuarial valuation date to the measurement date of June 30, 2016. The Borough's proportion of the net pension liability 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 employers and the State of New Jersey, actuarially determined. For the June 30, 2016 measurement date, the Borough's proportion was 0.1051276003%, which was an increase of 0.0036437911% from its proportion measured as of June 30, 2015. Likewise, at June 30, 2016, the State of New Jersey's proportion, on-behalf of the Borough, measured as of June 30, 2015.

At December 31, 2016, the Borough's proportionate share of the PFRS pension expense, calculated by the plan as of the June 30, 2016 measurement date is \$2,385,922.00. This expense is not recognized by the Borough because of the regulatory basis of accounting as described in note 1; however, as previously mentioned, for the year ended December 31, 2016, the Borough's contribution to PFRS was \$824,912.00, and was paid on April 1, 2016.

At December 31, 2016, the State's proportionate share of the PFRS pension expense, associated with the Borough, calculated by the plan as of the June 30, 2016 measurement date is \$215,392.00. This onbehalf expense is not recognized by the Borough because of the regulatory basis of accounting as described in note 1.

# <u>Pension Liabilities, Pension Expense, and Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources Related to Pensions (Cont'd)</u>

**Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources -** At December 31, 2016, the Borough had deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions from the following sources:

	Deferred Outflows of Resources			Defer	red Inflows of Reso	urces
	PERS	PFRS	<u>Total</u>	PERS	PFRS	<u>Total</u>
Differences between Expected and Actual Experience	\$ 166,636.00	\$ -	\$ 166,636.00	\$ -	\$ 131,641.00	\$ 131,641.00
Changes of Assumptions	1,856,115.00	2,781,530.00	4,637,645.00	-	-	-
Net Difference between Projected and Actual Earnings on Pension Plan Investments	341,668.00	1,407,110.00	1,748,778.00	-	-	-
Changes in Proportion and Differences between Borough Contributions and Proportionate Share of Contributions	731,198.00	1,044,707.00	1,775,905.00	279,239.00	99,925.00	379,164.00
Borough Contributions Subsequent to the Measurement Date	134,387.00	428,574.00	562,961.00			
	\$ 3,230,004.00	\$ 5,661,921.00	\$ 8,891,925.00	\$ 279,239.00	\$ 231,566.00	\$ 510,805.00

\$134,387.00 and \$428,574.00 for PERS and PFRS, respectively, included in deferred outflows of resources, will be included as a reduction of the net pension liability in the year ending December 31, 2017. These amounts were based on an estimated April 1, 2018 contractually required contribution, prorated from the pension plans measurement date of June 30, 2016 to the Borough's year end of December 31, 2016.

The Borough will amortize the above other deferred outflow of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions over the following number of years:

	PE	RS	PFRS			
	Deferred Outflows of <u>Resources</u>	Deferred Inflows of Resources	Deferred Outflows of Resources	Deferred Inflows of Resources		
Differences between Expected						
and Actual Experience						
Year of Pension Plan Deferral:						
June 30, 2014	-	-	-	-		
June 30, 2015	5.72	-	-	5.53		
June 30, 2016	5.57	-	-	5.58		
Changes of Assumptions						
Year of Pension Plan Deferral:						
June 30, 2014	6.44	-	6.17	-		
June 30, 2015	5.72	-	5.53	-		
June 30, 2016	5.57	-	5.58			

# <u>Pension Liabilities, Pension Expense, and Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources Related to Pensions (Cont'd)</u>

**Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources (Cont'd) -** The Borough will amortize the above other deferred outflow of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions over the following number of years (cont'd):

	PERS		PFRS			
	Deferred Outflows of Resources	Deferred Inflows of Resources	Deferred Outflows of Resources	Deferred Inflows of Resources		
Net Difference between Projected						
and Actual Earnings on Pension						
Plan Investments						
Year of Pension Plan Deferral:						
June 30, 2014	-	5.00	-	5.00		
June 30, 2015	-	5.00	-	5.00		
June 30, 2016	5.00	-	5.00	-		
Changes in Proportion and Differences						
between Borough Contributions and						
Proportionate Share of Contributions						
Year of Pension Plan Deferral:						
June 30, 2014	6.44	6.44	6.17	6.17		
June 30, 2015	5.72	5.72	5.53	5.53		
June 30, 2016	5.57	5.57	5.58	5.58		

Other amounts included as deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions will be recognized in future periods as follows:

Year Ending Dec 31,	<u>PERS</u>	<u>PFRS</u>	<u>Total</u>
2017	\$ 626,160.00	\$ 1,208,354.00	\$ 1,834,514.00
2018	626,160.00	1,208,354.00	1,834,514.00
2019	710,552.00	1,545,722.00	2,256,274.00
2020	634,833.00	953,852.00	1,588,685.00
2021	218,673.00	85,499.00	304,172.00
	\$ 2,816,378.00	\$ 5,001,781.00	\$ 7,818,159.00

#### **Actuarial Assumptions**

The net pension liability was measured as of June 30, 2016, and the total pension liability used to calculate the net pension liability was determined by an actuarial valuation as of July 1, 2015. The total pension liability was calculated through the use of updated procedures to roll forward from the actuarial valuation date to the measurement date of June 30, 2016. This actuarial valuation used the following actuarial assumptions, applied to all periods included in the measurement:

	PERS	<u>PFRS</u>
Inflation	3.08%	3.08%
Salary Increases: Through 2026 Thereafter	1.65% - 4.15% Based on Age 2.65% - 5.15% Based on Age	2.10% - 8.98% Based on Age 3.10% - 9.98% Based on Age
Investment Rate of Return	7.65%	7.65%
Mortality Rate Table	RP-2000	RP-2000
Period of Actuarial Experience Study upon which Actuarial Assumptions were Based	July 1, 2011 - June 30, 2014	July 1, 2010 - June 30, 2013

For PERS, pre-retirement mortality rates were based on the RP-2000 Employee Preretirement Mortality Table for male and female active participants. Mortality tables are set back 2 years for males and 7 years for females. In addition, the tables provide for future improvements in mortality from the base year of 2013 using a generational approach based on the plan actuary's modified MP-2014 projection scale. Post-retirement mortality rates were based on the RP-2000 Combined Healthy Male and Female Mortality Tables (set back 1 year for males and females) for service retirements and beneficiaries of former members and a one-year static projection based on mortality improvement Scale AA. In addition, the tables for service retirements and beneficiaries of former members provide for future improvements in mortality from the base year of 2013 using a generational approach based on the plan actuary's modified MP-2014 projection scale. Disability retirement rates used to value disabled retirees were based on the RP-2000 Disabled Mortality Table (set back 3 years for males and set forward 1 year for females).

For PFRS, pre-retirement mortality rates were based on the RP-2000 Pre-Retirement mortality tables projected thirteen years using Projection Scale BB and then projected on a generational basis using the plan actuary's modified 2014 projection scales. Post-retirement mortality rates for male service retirements and beneficiaries are based the RP-2000 Combined Healthy Mortality Tables projected one year using Projection Scale AA and two years using the plan actuary's modified 2014 projection scales, which was further projected on a generational basis using the plan actuary's modified 2014 projection scales. Postretirement mortality rates for female service retirements and beneficiaries were based the RP-2000 Combined Healthy Mortality Tables projected thirteen years using Projection Scale BB and then two years using the plan actuary's modified 2014 projection scales, which was further projected on a generational basis using the plan actuary's modified 2014 projection scales. Disability mortality rates were based on special mortality tables used for the period after disability retirement.

#### **Actuarial Assumptions (Cont'd)**

For PERS and PFRS, in accordance with State statute, the long-term expected rate of return on plan investments (7.65% at June 30, 2016) 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 and PFRS's target asset allocation as of June 30, 2016 are summarized in the following table:

	Long-Term
Target	<b>Expected Real</b>
<u>Allocation</u>	Rate of Return
5.00%	0.87%
1.50%	1.74%
8.00%	1.79%
2.00%	1.67%
2.00%	4.56%
1.50%	3.44%
26.00%	8.53%
13.25%	6.83%
6.50%	9.95%
9.00%	12.40%
12.50%	4.68%
2.00%	6.91%
0.50%	5.45%
5.00%	-0.25%
5.25%	5.63%
100.00%	
	5.00% 1.50% 8.00% 2.00% 2.00% 1.50% 26.00% 13.25% 6.50% 9.00% 12.50% 2.00% 0.50% 5.00%

Discount Rate - The discount rate used to measure the total pension liability at June 30, 2016 was 3.98% for PERS and 5.55% for PFRS. For both PERS and PFRS, the respective single blended discount rates were based on the long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments of 7.65%, and a municipal bond rate of 2.85% as of June 30, 2016, based on the Bond Buyer Go 20-Bond Municipal Bond Index which includes tax-exempt general obligation municipal bonds with an average rating of AA/Aa or higher. The projection of cash flows used to determine the discount rates 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 made based on the contribution rate in the most recent fiscal year. The State employer contributed 30% of the actuarially determined contributions and the local employers contributed 100% of their actuarially determined contributions. 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 through 2034 for PERS and through 2050 for PFRS. Therefore, the long-term expected rate of return on plan investments was applied to projected benefit payments through 2034 for PERS and through 2050 for PFRS, and the municipal bond rate was applied to projected benefit payments after that date in determining the total pension liabilities.

# <u>Sensitivity of Borough's Proportionate Share of Net Pension Liability to Changes in the Discount</u> Rate

**Public Employees' Retirement System (PERS) -** The following presents the Borough's proportionate share of the net pension liability at June 30, 2016, the plans measurement date, calculated using a discount rate of 3.98%, 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% lower or 1% higher than the current rates used:

	1%	Current	1%
	Decrease (2.98%)	Discount Rate (3.98%)	Increase (4.98%)
Borough's Proportionate Share			
of the Net Pension Liability	\$ 10,979,916.00	\$ 8,960,393.00	\$ 7,293,102.00

**Police and Firemen's Retirement System (PFRS)** - As previously mentioned, PFRS has a special funding situation, where the State of New Jersey pays a portion of the Borough's annual required contribution. As such, the net pension liability as of June 30, 2016, the plans measurement date, for the Borough and the State of New Jersey, calculated using a discount rate of 5.55%, as well as using a discount rate that is 1% lower or 1% higher than the current rates used is as follows:

	1% Decrease <u>(4.55%)</u>	Current Discount Rate (5.55%)	1% Increase <u>(6.55%)</u>
Borough's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability	\$ 25,894,345.00	\$ 20,082,061.00	\$ 15,342,493.00
State of New Jersey's Proportionate Share of Net Pension Liability			
associated with the Borough	2,174,482.70	1,686,395.00	1,288,388.84
	\$ 28,068,827.70	\$ 21,768,456.00	\$ 16,630,881.84

#### Pension Plan Fiduciary Net Position

For purposes of measuring the net pension liability, deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions, and pension expense, information about the respective fiduciary net position of the PERS and PFRS and additions to/deductions from PERS and PFRS' respective fiduciary net position have been determined on the same basis as they are reported by PERS and PFRS. Accordingly, benefit payments (including refunds of employee contributions) are recognized when due and payable in accordance with the benefit terms. Investments are reported at fair value. For additional information about PERS and PFRS, please refer to the plan's Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) which can be found at <a href="https://www.nj.gov/treasury/pensions">www.nj.gov/treasury/pensions</a>.

#### **Supplementary Pension Information**

In accordance with GASB 68, the following information is also presented for the PERS and PFRS Pension Plans. These schedules are presented to illustrate the requirements to show information for 10 years; however, until a full 10-year trend is compiled, this presentation will only include information for those years for which information is available.

# Schedule of the Borough's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability - Public Employees' Retirement System (PERS) (Last Four Years)

	Measurement Date Ended June 30,							
		<u>2016</u>		<u>2015</u>		<u>2014</u>		<u>2013</u>
Borough's Proportion of the Net Pension Liability	C	0.0302540884%	C	0.0276091915%	C	0.0252115037%	(	).0279467429%
Borough's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability	\$	8,960,393.00	\$	6,197,710.00	\$	4,720,283.00	\$	5,341,178.00
Borough's Covered Payroll (Plan Measurement Period)	\$	2,028,924.00	\$	1,874,052.00	\$	1,724,448.00	\$	1,930,448.00
Borough's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability as a Percentage of its Covered Payroll		441.63%		330.71%		273.73%		276.68%
Plan Fiduciary Net Position as a Percentage of the Total Pension Liability		40.14%		47.93%		52.08%		48.72%

# Schedule of the Borough's Contributions - Public Employees' Retirement System (PERS) (Last Four Years)

	Year Ended December 31,							
		<u>2016</u>		<u>2015</u>		<u>2014</u>		<u>2013</u>
Borough's Contractually Required Contribution	\$	268,773.00	\$	237,365.00	\$	207,840.00	\$	210,573.00
Borough's Contribution in Relation to the Contractually Required Contribution		(268,773.00)		(237,365.00)		(207,840.00)		(210,573.00)
Borough's Contribution Deficiency (Excess)	\$		\$	-	\$	-	\$	
Borough's Covered Payroll (Calendar Year)	\$	1,926,211.00	\$	1,994,624.00	\$	1,889,455.00	\$	1,763,773.00
Borough's Contributions as a Percentage of its Covered Payroll		13.95%		11.90%		11.00%		11.94%

## **Supplementary Pension Information (Cont'd)**

Schedule of the Borough's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability - Police and Firemen's Retirement System (PFRS) (Last Four Years)

	Measurement Date Ended June 30,							
	2	2016		<u>2015</u>		<u>2014</u>		<u>2013</u>
Borough's Proportion of the Net Pension Liability	0.105	51276003%	0	.1014838092%	0	0.0941653597%	0	.0956283280%
Borough's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability	\$ 20,0	082,061.00	\$	16,903,665.00	\$	11,845,129.00	\$	12,712,923.00
State's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability associated with the Borough	1,686,395.00		1,482,395.00		1,275,521.00			1,184,999.00
Total	\$ 21,7	768,456.00	\$	18,386,060.00	\$	13,120,650.00	\$	13,897,922.00
Borough's Covered Payroll (Plan Measurement Period)	\$ 3,4	144,976.00	\$	3,300,512.00	\$	3,040,612.00	\$	3,085,608.00
Borough's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability as a Percentage of its Covered Payroll		582.94%		512.15%		389.56%		412.01%
Plan Fiduciary Net Position as a Percentage of the Total Pension Liability		52.01%		56.31%		62.41%		58.70%

# Schedule of the Borough's Contributions - Police and Firemen's Retirement System (PFRS) (Last Four Years)

	Year Ended December 31,							
		<u>2016</u>		<u>2015</u>		<u>2014</u>		<u>2013</u>
Borough's Contractually Required Contribution	\$	857,148.00	\$	824,912.00	\$	723,255.00	\$	697,683.00
Borough's Contribution in Relation to the Contractually Required Contribution		(857,148.00)		(824,912.00)		(723,255.00)		(697,683.00)
Borough's Contribution Deficiency (Excess)	\$		\$	-	\$	-	\$	-
Borough's Covered Payroll (Calendar Year)	\$	3,457,094.00	\$	3,425,026.00	\$	3,323,558.00	\$	3,096,396.00
Borough's Contributions as a Percentage of its Covered Payroll		24.79%		24.08%		21.76%		22.53%

#### Other Notes to Supplementary Pension Information

#### Public Employees' Retirement System (PERS)

Changes in Benefit Terms - None

Changes in Assumptions - For 2016, the discount rate changed to 3.98%, the long-term expected rate of return changed to 7.65%, demographic assumptions were revised in accordance with the results of the July 1, 2011 - June 30, 2014 experience study and the mortality improvement scale incorporated the plan actuary's modified MP-2014 projection scale. Further, salary increases were assumed to increase between 1.65% and 4.15% (based on age) through fiscal year 2026 and 2.65% and 5.15% (based on age) for each fiscal year thereafter. For 2015, the discount rate changed to 4.90%. In addition, the social security wage base was set at \$118,500 for 2015, increasing 4.00% per annum, compounded annually and the 401(a)(17) pay limit was set at \$265,000 for 2015, increasing 3.00% per annum, compounded annually. For 2014, the discount rate was 5.39%.

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

Changes in Benefit Terms - None

Changes in Assumptions - For 2016, the discount rate changed to 5.55%, the long-term expected rate of return changed to 7.65%, and the mortality improvement scale incorporated the plan actuary's modified 2014 projection scale. Further, salary increases were assumed to increase between 2.10% and 8.98% (based on age) through fiscal year 2026 and 3.10% and 9.98% (based on age) for each fiscal year thereafter. For 2015, the discount rate changed to 5.79% and demographic assumptions were revised in accordance with the results of the July 1, 2010 - June 30, 2013 experience study. For 2014, the discount rate was 6.32%.

#### Note 10: POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS OTHER THAN PENSION BENEFITS

<u>Plan Description</u> - The Borough contributes to the State Health Benefits Program ("SHBP"), a cost-sharing, multiple-employer defined benefit post-employment healthcare plan, administered by the State of New Jersey Division of Pensions and Benefits. SHBP was established in 1961 under N.J.S.A. 52:14-17.25 et seq., to provide health benefits to State employees, retirees, and their dependents. Rules governing the operation and administration of the program are found in Title 17, Chapter 9 of the New Jersey Administrative Code. SHBP provides medical, prescription drugs, mental health/substance abuse, and Medicare Part B reimbursement to retirees and their covered dependents.

The SHBP was extended to employees, retirees, and dependents of participating local public employers in 1964. Local employers must adopt a resolution to participate in the SHBP. In 2001, the Borough authorized participation in the SHBP's post-retirement benefit program through resolution number 92-2001. The majority of the employees are entitled to postemployment benefits in accordance with approved union contracts which indicate that employees retiring from the Borough shall receive medical coverage based on years of employment. The length of time a retiree is eligible for paid postemployment benefits varies based on certain other factors. Specific information can be obtained from the Borough's approved contracts and policies.

The State Health Benefits Commission is the executive body established by statute to be responsible for the operation of the SHBP. The State of New Jersey Division of Pensions and Benefits issues a publicly available financial report that includes financial statements and required supplementary information for the SHBP. That report may be obtained by writing to: State of New Jersey Division of Pensions and Benefits, P.O. Box 295, Trenton, NJ 08625-0295 or by visiting their website at www.state.nj.us/treasury/pensions/.

#### Note 10: POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS OTHER THAN PENSION BENEFITS (CONT'D)

<u>Funding Policy</u> - Participating employers are contractually required to contribute based on the amount of premiums attributable to their retirees. Post-retirement medical benefits under the plan have been funded on a pay-as-you-go basis since 1994. Prior to 1994, medical benefits were funded on an actuarial basis.

Contributions to pay for the health premiums of participating retirees in the SHBP are billed to the Borough on a monthly basis. The Borough funds these benefits on a pay-as-you-go basis and, therefore, does not record accrued expenses related to these benefits.

The Borough's contributions to SHBP for the years ended December 31, 2016, 2015, and 2014, were \$390,211.92, \$309,648.43 and \$362,755.40, respectively, which equaled the required contributions each year. There were approximately 20 retired participants eligible at December 31, 2016.

#### **Note 11: OTHER POST EMPLOYMENT BENEFITS**

The financial statements of the Borough are not prepared in accordance with Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement No. 45. The following information is provided in accordance with the requirements of the Statement and has been implemented prospectively.

#### **Plan Description**

The Borough's defined benefit postemployment healthcare plan, the Lindenwold Borough Postemployment Benefits Plan (the "Borough Plan"), allows retiring employees to receive paid dental benefits up to three years based on years of service, and employees retiring on a disability pension to receive paid dental benefits for life.

The Borough Plan is an agent multiple-employer postemployment healthcare plan administered by the Municipal Reinsurance Health Insurance Fund (the "MRHIF). The benefit provisions of the plans that participate may be established or amended by the respective employer entities; for the Borough Plan that authority rests with the Borough Council. The plan does not issue a separate financial report.

#### **Funding Policy**

The contribution requirement of the Borough is established by policy of the Borough Council and reflected in the various union contracts. The Council may amend its policy, subject to contract inclusion, as deemed necessary. The required contribution is based on projected pay-as-you-go financing requirements. For the years 2016, 2015 and 2014, the Borough contributed \$14,764.00, \$12,844.00 and \$14,988.00, respectively, to the Borough plan for current premiums. Various factors, as stipulated in employee contracts, dictate whether plan members are required to make contributions to the plan. For the years 2016, 2015 and 2014, retiree contributions to the plan were \$3,904.00 \$3,703.24 and \$3,315.96, respectively.

#### **Annual OPEB Cost and Net OPEB Obligation**

The Borough's annual other postemployment benefit (OPEB) cost (expense) is calculated based on the annual required contribution of the employer (ARC), an amount actuarially determined in accordance with the parameters of GASB Statement 45. The ARC represents a level of funding that, if paid on an ongoing basis, is projected to cover normal cost each year and amortize any unfunded actuarial liabilities (or funding excess) over a period not to exceed thirty years.

#### Note 11: OTHER POST EMPLOYMENT BENEFITS (CONT'D)

#### Annual OPEB Cost and Net OPEB Obligation (Cont'd)

The following table shows the components of the Borough's annual OPEB cost, the amount actually contributed to the Plan, and changes in the Borough's net OPEB obligation to the Plan:

	<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>
Annual Required Contribution (ARC) Interest on the Net OPEB Obligation Adjustment to the ARC	\$ 71,112.00 10,626.77 (14,497.73)	\$ 71,112.00 8,138.10 (11,102.53)	\$ 46,216.00 6,845.05 (9,338.54)
Annual OPEB Cost Pay as You Go Cost (Existing Retirees)	67,241.04 (14,764.00)	68,147.57 (12,844.00)	43,722.51 (14,988.00)
Increase (Decrease) in Net OPEB Obligation	52,477.04	55,303.57	28,734.51
Net OPEB Obligation, January 1	236,150.34	180,846.77	152,112.26
Net OPEB Obligation, December 31	\$ 288,627.38	\$ 236,150.34	\$ 180,846.77
Percentage of Annual OPEB Cost Contribution	22.0%	18.8%	34.3%

#### **Funded Status and Funding Progress**

As of December 31, 2015, the most recent actuarial valuation date, the Borough Plan was 0% funded. The actuarial accrued liability for benefits was \$819,114.00, and the actuarial value of assets was \$0, resulting in an unfunded actuarial accrued liability (UAAL) of \$819,114.00. The covered payroll (annual payroll of active employees covered by the plan) was \$5,143,744.95, and the ratio of the UAAL to the covered payroll was 15.9%. Actuarial valuations of an ongoing plan involve estimates of the value of reported amounts and assumptions about the probability of occurrence of events far into the future. Examples include assumptions about future employment, mortality, and the dental care cost trend. Amounts determined regarding the funded status of the plan and the annual required contributions of the employer are subject to continual revision as actual results are compared with past expectations and new estimates are made about the future. The schedule of funding progress, presented on the following page as supplementary information, compares the assets used for funding purposes to the comparable liabilities to determine how well the Borough Plan is funded. The actuarial liability is compared to the actuarial value of assets to determine the funding ratio. The Actuarial Accrued Liability under GASB is determined assuming that the Borough Plan is ongoing and participants continue to terminate employment, retire, etc., in accordance with the actuarial assumptions.

#### **Actuarial Methods and Assumptions**

Projections of benefits for financial reporting purposes are based on the substantive plan (the plan as understood by the employer and plan members) and include the types of benefits provided at the time of each valuation and the historical pattern of sharing of benefit costs between the employer and plan members to that point. The actuarial methods and assumptions used include techniques that are designed to reduce short-term volatility in actuarial accrued liabilities and the actuarial value of assets, consistent with the long-term perspective of the calculations.

#### Note 11: OTHER POST EMPLOYMENT BENEFITS (CONT'D)

#### **Actuarial Methods and Assumptions (Cont'd)**

In the December 31, 2015 actuarial valuation, the projected unit credit cost method was used. The actuarial assumptions included a 4.5% discount rate. The actuarial medical trend assumptions include an annual dental trend rate of 5.0%. The Borough Plan's unfunded actuarial accrued liability is being amortized as a level dollar on an open basis for a period of 30 years.

The funded status of the plan as of the three past actuarial valuation dates is as follows:

	December 31,					
		<u>2015</u>		<u>2012</u>		<u>2010</u>
Actuarial Accrued Liability (AAL) Actuarial Value of Plan Assets	\$	819,114.00 <u>-</u>	\$	560,639.00	\$	425,900.00
Unfunded Actuarial Accrued Liability (UAAL)	\$	819,114.00	\$	560,639.00	\$	425,900.00
Funded Ratio (Actuarial Value of Plan Assets / AAL)		0.0%		0.0%		0.0%
Covered Payroll (Active Plan Members)	\$	5,143,744.95	\$	5,114,402.08	\$	5,684,581.50
UAAL as a Percentage of Covered Payroll		15.9%		11.0%		7.5%

The information presented in the supplementary schedules was determined as part of the actuarial valuation at the date indicated. Additional information as of the latest actuarial valuation follows:

Valuation Date December 31, 2015

Actuarial Cost Method Projected Unit of Credit Cost

Amortization Method 30 Year Straight Line

Remaining Amortization Period 30 years

Asset Valuation Method GASB Accounting Methodology

Key Actuarial Assumptions:

Mortality	RP 2000 Combined Healthy Male Mortality Rates Set Forward Three Years
Turnover	NJ State Pensions Ultimate Withdrawal Rates- prior to benefits eligibility
Assumed Retirement Age	At first eligibility after completing 25 years of service
Full Attribution Period	Service to Assumed Retirement Age
Annual Discount Rate	4.50%
Dental Trend	5% per annum
Cost Aging Factor	NJ SHBP Medical Morbidity Rates

#### Note 11: OTHER POST EMPLOYMENT BENEFITS (CONT'D)

#### **Actuarial Methods and Assumptions (Cont'd)**

Key Actuarial Assumptions (Cont'd):

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

<u>Per capita cost methods</u> – The valuation reflects per capita net premium costs based on actual 2015 dental benefits and the plan option selected. Plan selections are assumed to remain unchanged in retirement.

Retiree Contributions – NJ Chapter 78 requires that certain future retirees contribute toward the cost of their benefits. Specifically, those who had retired prior to passage of Chapter 78 and those employees that had more than 25 years of service on the date of passage are grandfathered. All others are subject to the contribution rates in effect when they retire, but not less than 1.5% of their annual retirement allowance from the Public Employees Retirement System. For purposes of this valuation, we have assumed that future retiree contribution percentages will be equal to the current percentage of premium.

For determining the GASB ARC, the rate of employer contributions to the Plan is composed of the Normal Cost plus amortization of the Unfunded Actuarial Liability. The Normal Cost is a portion of the actuarial present value of plan benefits which is allocated to a valuation year. The Actuarial Liability is that portion of the Present Value of Projected Benefits that will not be paid by Future Employer Normal Costs or active employee contributions. The difference between this liability and the funds accumulated as of the same date is the Unfunded Actuarial Liability.

#### Note 12: <u>COMPENSATED ABSENCES</u>

Borough employees are entitled to fifteen paid sick leave days each year. Unused sick leave may be accumulated and carried forward from year to year. Upon retirement, an employee may sell back to the Borough unused accumulated sick days, subject to certain conditions. Generally, the maximum monetary compensation to be paid is \$15,000.00 for any employee.

The Borough of Lindenwold does not record accrued sick leave. However, based upon current Borough policies and contracts, it is estimated that at December 31, 2016 accrued sick leave benefits payable in future years is valued at \$561,063.48.

Vacation days not used during the current year may be accumulated and carried forward. Upon resignation or retirement from Borough employment, an employee shall be paid cash at the normal rate of pay for any unused vacation leave. It is estimated that at December 31, 2016 accrued vacation benefits payable in future years is valued at \$259,036.64.

The Borough has established a compensated absences trust fund to set aside funds for future payments of compensated absences. At December 31, 2016, the balance of the fund was \$119,219.78.

#### Note 13: <u>DEFERRED COMPENSATION SALARY ACCOUNT</u>

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

Amounts deferred under Section 457 plans must be held in trust for the exclusive benefit of participating employees and not be accessible by the 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 14: DEFERRED CHARGES TO BE RAISED IN SUCCEEDING BUDGETS

Certain expenditures are required to be deferred to budgets of succeeding years. At December 31, 2016, the following deferred charges are shown on the statement of assets, liabilities, reserves and fund balance of the following funds:

	Balance <u>Dec. 31, 2016</u>	2017 Budget Appropriations	Balance to Succeeding <u>Years</u>
Current Fund: Special Emergency Authorizations	\$ 23,527.00	\$ 23,527.00	-
General Capital Fund:  Overexpenditures of Ordinance			
Appropriations	150,626.00	-	\$ 150,626.00

The appropriations in the 2017 Budget as adopted are not less than that required by the statutes.

## Note 15: LEASE OBLIGATIONS

At December 31, 2016, the Borough had lease agreements in effect for the following:

Capital:

Police Vehicles

Operating:

Postage Meter Photocopiers

The following is an analysis of the Borough's capital and operating leases:

#### Capital Leases:

		<u>Balance</u>					
	De	ec. 31, 2016	De	ec. 31, 2015			
Police Vehicles	\$	114,003.37	\$	64,623.13			

#### Note 15: LEASE OBLIGATIONS (CONT'D)

The following is an analysis of the Borough's capital and operating leases (cont'd):

#### Capital Leases (Cont'd):

Future minimum lease payments under capital lease agreements are as follows:

<u>Year</u>	<u> </u>	Principal _	<u>Interest</u>	<u>Total</u>			
2017 2018	\$	72,432.27 41,571.10	\$ 6,924.30 2,537.59	\$	79,356.57 44,108.69		
	\$	114,003.37	\$ 9,461.89	\$	123,465.26		

#### **Operating Leases:**

Future minimum lease payments under operating lease agreements are as follows:

<u>Year</u>	<u>Amount</u>			
2017	\$ 9,911.60			
2018	8,775.96			
2019	4,845.66			
2020	4,488.36			
2021	 2,611.45			
	\$ 30,633.03			

Rental payments under operating leases for the year 2016 were \$9,400.86.

#### **Note 16: CAPITAL DEBT**

#### **General Improvement Bonds**

**General Obligation Bonds, Series 2002 -** On December 30, 2002, the Borough issued \$4,634,000.00 of general obligation bonds, consisting of \$3,109,000.00 General Improvement Bonds and \$1,525,000.00 Sewer Utility Bonds, at interest rates varying from 3.60% to 4.20%. The bonds were issued for the purpose of funding various capital projects in the Borough. The final maturity of the bonds is December 1, 2017.

**General Obligation Bonds, Series 2012 -** On June 7, 2012, the Borough issued \$4,415,000.00 of general obligation bonds, consisting of \$2,373,360.00 General Improvement Bonds and \$2,041,640.00 Sewer Utility Bonds, at interest rates varying from 2.00% to 3.25%. The bonds were issued for the purpose of funding various capital projects in the Borough. The final maturity of the bonds is June 1, 2026.

#### Note 16: CAPITAL DEBT (CONT'D)

#### General Improvement Bonds (Cont'd)

The following schedules represent the remaining debt service, through maturity, for the general obligation bonds:

	General Improvements						
<u>Year</u>	Principal	<u>Interest</u>	<u>Total</u>				
2017	\$ 419,000.00	\$ 57,637.20	\$ 476,637.20				
2018	170,000.00	43,459.20	213,459.20				
2019	180,000.00	39,959.20	219,959.20				
2020	190,000.00	36,259.20	226,259.20				
2021	190,000.00	31,984.20	221,984.20				
2022-2026	1,003,360.00	78,741.40	1,082,101.40				
	\$2,152,360.00	\$ 288,040.40	\$2,440,400.40				

		Sewer Utility	
<u>Year</u>	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Interest</u>	<u>Total</u>
2017	\$ 275,000.00	\$ 44,648.30	\$ 319,648.30
2018	160,000.00	35,978.30	195,978.30
2019	160,000.00	32,778.30	192,778.30
2020	160,000.00	29,578.30	189,578.30
2021	160,000.00	25,978.30	185,978.30
2022-2026	811,640.00	64,139.85	875,779.85
	\$1,726,640.00	\$ 233,101.35	\$1,959,741.35

#### **General Debt - New Jersey Green Acres Trust Development Loans**

On October 1, 1998, the Borough entered into a loan agreement with the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection to provide \$89,567.00, at an interest rate of 2.0%. The proceeds were used to fund the acquisition of open space real property known as the Sherwin Williams properties. Semiannual debt payments are due February and August, with the final payment due February 24, 2018.

Additionally, on July 28, 2003, the Borough entered into a second loan agreement with the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection to provide \$250,000.00, at an interest rate of 2.0%. The proceeds were used to fund improvements to the Lindenwold sports complex and the acquisition of real property. Semiannual debt payments are due April and October, with the final payment due April 28, 2023.

#### Note 16: CAPITAL DEBT (CONT'D)

## General Debt - New Jersey Green Acres Trust Development Loans (Cont'd)

The following schedule represents the remaining debt service, through maturity, for the New Jersey Green Acres Trust Development loans:

		General					
<u>Year</u>		<u>Principal</u>		<u>Interest</u>		<u>Total</u>	
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2017	\$	19,531.51	\$	1,964.10	\$	21,495.61	
2018		16,949.17		1,571.49		18,520.66	
2019		14,285.21		1,260.59		15,545.80	
2020		14,572.34		973.46		15,545.80	
2021		14,865.25		680.55		15,545.80	
2022-2023		22,860.01		458.70		23,318.71	
	\$	103,063.49	\$	6,908.89	\$	109,972.38	

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

Summary of Debt	<u>Year 2016</u>		<u>Year 2015</u>		<u>Year 2014</u>
<u>Issue d</u>					
General:					
Bonds, Loans and Notes	\$ 4,785,938.49		\$ 3,884,335.15		\$ 3,929,770.55
Sewer Utility:					
Bonds and Notes	3,126,640.00	_	3,391,640.00	_	3,446,640.00
Total Issued	 7,912,578.49	_	7,275,975.15	_	7,376,410.55
Authorized but not Issued General:					
Bonds, Loans and Notes			1,315,750.00		
Sewer Utility:			1,313,730.00		
Bonds and Notes	 836.00	-	836.00	_	836.00
Total Authorized but not Issued	 836.00	_	1,316,586.00	_	836.00
Total Issued and Authorized					
but not Issued	 7,913,414.49	_	8,592,561.15	_	7,377,246.55
<u>Deductions</u> Sewer Utility:					
Self-Liquidating Debt	3,127,476.00	_	3,392,476.00	_	3,447,476.00
Total Deductions	3,127,476.00	_	3,392,476.00	=	3,447,476.00
Net Debt	\$ 4,785,938.49	-	\$ 5,200,085.15	=	\$ 3,929,770.55

#### Note 16: CAPITAL DEBT (CONT'D)

## **Summary of Statutory Debt Condition - Annual Debt Statement**

The summarized statement of debt condition which follows is prepared in accordance with the required method of setting up the Annual Debt Statement and indicated a statutory net debt of .787%.

	Gross Debt	<u>Deductions</u>	Net Debt
Local School District	\$ 9,880,000.00	\$ 9,880,000.00	
Sewer Utility	3,127,476.00	3,127,476.00	
General	4,785,938.49		\$ 4,785,938.49
	\$ 17,793,414.49	\$ 13,007,476.00	\$ 4,785,938.49

Net Debt \$4,785,938.49 divided by the Equalized Valuation Basis per N.J.S.A.40A:2-2 as amended, \$608,019,261.33 equals .787%.

#### Borrowing Power Under NJSA 40A:2-6 As Amended

3 1/2% of Equalized Valuation Basis (Municipal) Net Debt	\$ 21,280,674.15 4,785,938.49
Remaining Borrowing Power	\$ 16,494,735.66
Calculation of "Self-Liquidating Purpose,"  Sewer Utility Per NJSA 40A:2-45	

Cash Receipts from Fees, Rents, Fund Balance Anticipated, Interest and Other Investment Income, and Other Charges for Year

\$ 1,663,934.22

#### Deductions:

Operating and Maintenance Cost	\$ 1,040,070.72
Debt Service per Sewer Fund	326,881.56

1,366,952.28

Excess (Deficit) in Revenue

296,981.94

#### **Note 17: RISK MANAGEMENT**

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

New Jersey Unemployment Compensation Insurance - The Borough has elected to fund its New Jersey Unemployment Compensation Insurance under the "Benefit Reimbursement Method". Under this plan, the Borough is required to reimburse the New Jersey Unemployment Trust Fund for benefits paid to its former employees and charged to its account with the State. The Borough is billed quarterly for amounts due to the State.

The following is a summary of Borough contributions, reimbursements to the State for benefits paid and the ending balance of the Borough's trust fund for the current and previous two years:

Year	Borough Contributions	Employee Contributions	• •		Ending <u>Balance</u>	
2016	\$ 50,000.00	\$ 8,817.66	\$ 88.65	\$ 25,994.43	\$ 81,625.06	
2015	50,000.00	8,628.45	64.74	20,243.89	48,713.18	
2014	30,000.00	7,945.01	9.51	35,771.32	10,263.88	

<u>Joint Insurance Pools</u> - The Borough of Lindenwold is a member of the Camden County Municipal Joint Insurance Fund. The Fund offers its members the following coverage:

Workers' Compensation
General Liability
Auto Liability
Property/Boiler and Machinery
Auto Physical Damage
Public Officials
Environmental Impairment Liability

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

The Fund provides the Borough with the following coverage:

Property Insurance
Business Automobile Insurance
Workers Compensation Insurance
Environmental Legal Liability Insurance
Underground Storage Tank Policy
Excess Workers Compensation and Employer's Liability Insurance
Excess Public Officials and Employment Liability Insurance

The Fund publishes its own financial report for the year ended December 31, 2016, which can be obtained at www.camdenmunicpaljif.org.

#### **Note 17: RISK MANAGEMENT**

<u>Joint Insurance Pools (Cont'd)</u> - The Borough of Lindenwold is also a member of the Southern New Jersey Regional Employee Benefits Fund. The Fund provides its members with health benefits coverage, including dental coverage for the Borough.

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

The Fund publishes its own financial report for the year ended December 31, 2016, which can be obtained at <a href="https://www.snjrebf.com">www.snjrebf.com</a>.

#### **Note 18: CONTINGENCIES**

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

#### Note 19: CONCENTRATIONS

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

#### Note 20: DISSOLUTION OF SOLID WASTE UTILITY

On November 11, 2015, the Borough adopted an ordinance to repeal Chapter 276, Article III, sections 17-21 of the Borough's Municipal Code, thereby dissolving the Borough's Solid Waste Utility as of December 31, 2015. During the 2016 annual budget preparation process, the Borough made application to the State of New Jersey, Department of Community Affairs, Division of Local Government Services, Local Finance Board for approval of a cap base adjustment for the transfer of all costs associated with the collection and disposal of solid waste to the 2016 Current Fund Budget. On May 11, 2016, the Borough received such approval. As a result of the dissolution and Local Finance Board approval, all assets, liabilities and reserves reported in the Solid Waste Utility Operating Fund as of December 31, 2015 were transferred to and accounted for in the Current Fund in 2016. Consequently, a Statement of Assets, Liabilities, Reserves and Fund Balance as of December 31, 2016 and a Statement of Operations and Changes in Fund Balance for the year ended December 31, 2016 are not included in the Borough's basic financial statements for the Solid Waste Operating Fund.

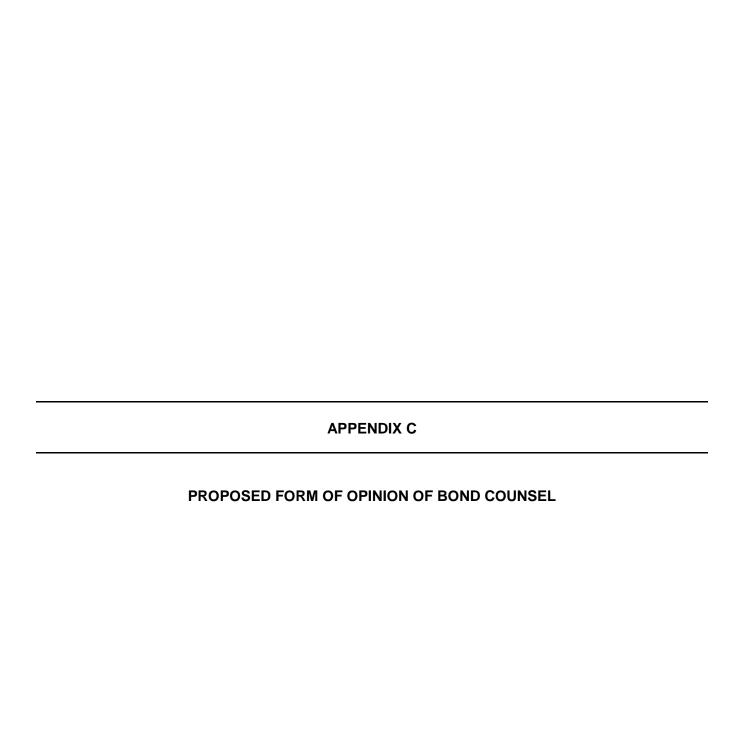
#### **Note 21: TAX ABATEMENTS**

The Borough has entered into property tax abatement agreements with certain entities under Section 37 of the New Jersey Housing and Mortgage Finance Agency Law of 1983 (N.J.S.A. 55:14K-1 et seq.) and/or the Long Term Tax Exemption Law (N.J.S.A. 40A:20-1, et seq.). Under these statutes, tax abatements are granted typically to businesses and/or developers to encourage them to make improvements to property or to locate a project in a distressed or blighted area of the Borough.

The Borough negotiates property tax abatement agreements on an individual basis. The Borough has the following long term tax abatement agreements with three entities as of December 31, 2016:

<u>Purpose</u>	Percentage of Municipal Taxes Abated During 2016	Amount of Municipal Taxes Abated <u>During 2016</u>	Payments In Lieu of Taxes Collected During 2016
Senior Housing - Lindenwold Towers Senior Housing - Harvest House Senior Housing - Linden Lakes	100% 100% 100%	\$ 94,796.10 157,614.98 81,781.88	\$ 20,000.00 60,017.12 37,603.00
		\$ 334,192.95	\$ 117,620.12

Additionally, under the Five-Year Exemption and Abatement Law (N.J.S.A. 40A:21-5, et seq) and Borough ordinance, the Borough has approved dwelling exemptions to various residential property owners for rehabilitation of particular buildings and structures, with an exemption period that lasts no more than five years. These "short-term" tax exemptions have been structured as reduced property tax bills that exclude part of the improvement value. The amount of municipal taxes abated under this program was \$2,529.45 for 2016.



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September \_\_\_\_, 2017

Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Lindenwold 15 North White Horse Pike, Lindenwold, New Jersey

RE: \$7,018,000 BOROUGH OF LINDENWOLD, COUNTY OF CAMDEN, NEW JERSEY, GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS, SERIES 2017

Ladies and Gentlemen:

We have served as Bond Counsel in connection with the authorization, issuance, sale and delivery of the above-referenced obligations ("Bonds") by the Borough of Lindenwold, County of Camden, New Jersey ("Borough"). The Bonds consist of: (i) \$4,791,000 General Improvement Bonds; and (ii) \$2,227,000 Sewer Utility Bonds.

The Bonds are authorized to be issued pursuant to: (i) the Local Bond Law, constituting Chapter 169 of the Laws of 1960 of the State of New Jersey, as amended and supplemented ("Local Bond Law"); (ii) the bond ordinances set forth in the Resolution (hereinafter defined), each duly and finally adopted by the Borough Council and published in accordance with applicable law (collectively, the "Bond Ordinances"); (iii) a resolution adopted by the Borough Council on July 26, 2017 ("Resolution"); and (iv) a Certificate of Determination and Award executed by the Chief Financial Officer of the Borough on September \_\_\_, 2017 ("Award Certificate").

The Bonds are dated September 28, 2017, mature on March 15 in each of the years and in the respective principal amounts set opposite each such year in the table below and bear interest at the interest rates per annum below, payable initially on March 15, 2018 and semi-annually thereafter on September 15 and March 15 in each year until maturity.

	General	Sewer		Interest	General	Sewer		Interest
<b>Year</b>	<b>Improvement</b>	<b>Utility</b>	<b>Combined</b>	Rate Year	<b>Improvement</b>	<b>Utility</b>	<b>Combined</b>	<b>Rate</b>
2018	\$351,000	\$157,000	\$508,000	% 2024	\$410,000	\$190,000	\$600,000	%
2019	350,000	165,000	515,000	2025	425,000	195,000	620,000	
2020	355,000	170,000	525,000	2026	440,000	205,000	645,000	
2021	365,000	170,000	535,000	2027	665,000	310,000	975,000	
2022	365,000	175,000	540,000	2028	680,000	310,000	990,000	
2023	385,000	180,000	565,000					

The Bonds are issued in fully registered book-entry-only form without coupons, and are not subject to redemption prior to maturity.

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The Bonds are being issued to provide funds which will be used to: (i) permanently finance the cost of various capital improvements by the repayment at maturity of the principal of certain bond anticipation notes heretofore issued by the Borough; (ii) permanently finance the costs of various capital improvements for which obligations have been authorized, but not issued; and (iii) pay certain costs and expenses incidental to the issuance and delivery of the Bonds.

As the basis for the opinion set forth below, we have examined such matters of law as we have deemed necessary including, inter alia, the Constitution of the State of New Jersey, the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended ("Code"), and the Local Bond Law. We have also examined such documents, certifications and instruments as we have deemed necessary including, without limitation, the Bond Ordinances, the Resolution, the Award Certificate, the representations and covenants of the Borough given pursuant to the Code as set forth in the Certificate as to Nonarbitrage and Other Tax Matters ("Nonarbitrage Certificate"), and the other certifications, opinions and instruments listed in the closing agenda prepared in connection with the settlement for the Bonds.

In rendering the following opinion, we have relied upon the authenticity, truthfulness and completeness of all documents, instruments and certifications examined including, without limiting the generality of the foregoing, the Nonarbitrage Certificate.

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

- 1. The Bonds are legal, valid and binding obligations of the Borough enforceable in accordance with the terms thereof, except to the extent that enforcement thereof may be limited by bankruptcy, insolvency or other laws or equitable principles affecting the enforcement of creditors' rights generally ("Creditors' Rights Limitations").
- 2. For the payment of principal of and interest on the Bonds, the Borough has the power and is obligated, to the extent payment is not otherwise provided, to levy <u>ad valorem</u> taxes upon all taxable real property within the Borough without limitation as to rate or amount, except to the extent that enforcement thereof may be affected by Creditors' Rights Limitations.
- 3. Interest on the Bonds is not included for federal income tax purposes in the gross income of the owners thereof pursuant to Section 103 of the Code and is not a specific item of tax preference item under Section 57 of the Code for purposes of calculating the alternative minimum tax imposed on individuals and corporations pursuant to Section 55 of the Code.

The adjustment for "adjusted current earnings" set forth in Section 56(g) of the Code is required in determining a corporation's alternative minimum taxable income. Alternative minimum taxable income is increased by seventy-five percent (75%) of the excess, if any, of the "adjusted current earnings" of a corporation over the alternative minimum taxable income (determined without regard to this adjustment or the alternative tax net operating loss deduction).

Interest on tax-exempt obligations, including the Bonds, is not excludable in calculating certain corporation's "adjusted current earnings." Accordingly, a portion of the interest on the Bonds received or accrued by a corporation that owns the Bonds is included in computing such corporation's alternative minimum taxable income for such year.



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Section 884 of the Code imposes on certain foreign corporations a branch profits tax equal to thirty percent (30%) of the "dividend equivalent amount" for the taxable year. Interest on the Bonds 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.

In addition, passive investment income, including interest on the Bonds, may be subject to federal income taxation under Section 1375 of the Code for any S corporation that has Subchapter C earnings and profits at the close of the taxable year if more than twenty-five percent (25%) of the gross receipts of such S corporation is passive investment income.

In rendering this opinion, we have assumed continuing compliance by the Borough that it will comply with the applicable requirements of the Code, including requirements relating to, <u>interalia</u>, the use and investment of proceeds of the Bonds and rebate to the United States Treasury of specified arbitrage earnings, if any, under Section 148(f) of the Code. Failure of the Borough to comply with such covenants could result in the interest on the Bonds being subject to federal income tax from the date of issue. We have not undertaken to monitor compliance with such covenants or to advise any party as to changes in the law after the date hereof that may affect the tax-exempt status of the interest on the Bonds.

Ownership of the Bonds may result in collateral federal income tax consequences to certain taxpayers including, without limitation, certain holders of an interest in a financial asset securitization investment trust, property and casualty insurance companies, controlled foreign corporations, individual recipients of Social Security or Railroad Retirement benefits, individuals who otherwise qualify for the earned income credit, and to individuals and families that qualify for a premium assistance credit amount under Section 36B of the Code. The Code denies the earned income credit to an individual who is otherwise eligible if the aggregate amount of disqualified income of the taxpayer for the taxable year exceeds certain limits set forth in Sections 32(i) and (j) of the Code. Interest on the Bonds will constitute disqualified income for this purpose. The Code also provides that the earned income credit is phased out if the modified adjusted gross income of the taxpayer exceeds certain amounts. Interest on the Bonds is included in determining the modified adjusted gross income of the taxpayer. Section 36B of the Code provides that the amount of the premium assistance credit amount is in part determined by household income. Section 36B(d) of the Code provides that household income consists of the "modified adjusted gross income" of the taxpayer and certain other individuals. "Modified adjusted gross income" means adjusted gross income increased by certain amounts, including interest received or accrued by the taxpayer which is exempt from tax, such as the interest on the Bonds.

In addition, attention is called to the fact that Section 265(b)(1) of the Code eliminates the interest deduction otherwise allowable with respect to indebtedness deemed incurred by banks, thrift institutions and other financial institutions to purchase or to carry tax-exempt obligations acquired after August 7, 1986 other than "qualified tax-exempt obligations" as defined in Section 265(b)(3) of the Code. The Borough has designated the Bonds as "qualified tax-exempt obligations" for purposes of Section 265(b)(3) of the Code. Eighty percent (80%) of the interest expense deemed incurred by banks, thrift institutions and other financial institutions to purchase or carry "qualified tax-exempt obligations" is deductible.



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Owners of the Bonds should consult their own tax advisers as to the applicability and effect on their federal income taxes of the alternative minimum tax, the branch profits tax and the tax on passive investment income of S corporations, as well as the applicability and effect of any other collateral federal income tax consequences.

4. Interest on the Bonds and any gain from the sale thereof is not included in the gross income of the owners thereof under the New Jersey Gross Income Tax Act, as enacted and construed on the date hereof.

We express no opinion as to any matter not set forth in the numbered paragraphs above including, without limitation, any financial or other information which has been or may be supplied to purchasers of the Bonds.

The opinions expressed in the numbered paragraphs above are being rendered on the basis of federal law and the laws of the State of New Jersey, as presently enacted and construed, and we assume no responsibility to advise any party as to any changes in law or fact subsequent to the date hereof.

This is only an opinion letter and not a warranty or guaranty of the matters discussed above.

This letter is being provided solely for the benefit of the Borough and may not be relied upon by any other person, party, firm or organization without our prior written consent.

Very truly yours,



#### CONTINUING DISCLOSURE AGREEMENT

- **THIS CONTINUING DISCLOSURE AGREEMENT** ("Disclosure Agreement") is made on this \_\_\_\_ day of September, 2017 between the Borough of Lindenwold, County of Camden, New Jersey ("Borough") and the Dissemination Agent (hereinafter defined). This Disclosure Agreement is entered into in connection with the issuance and sale by the Borough of its General Obligation Bonds, Series 2017, in the principal amount of \$7,018,000 ("Bonds"). The Bonds consist of: (i) \$4,791,000 General Improvement Bonds; and (ii) \$2,227,000 Sewer Utility Bonds.
- **SECTION 1.** Purpose of the Disclosure Agreement. This Disclosure Agreement is being executed and delivered for the benefit of the holders and beneficial owners of the Bonds (collectively, the "Bondholders") and in compliance with the provisions of Rule 15c2-12(b)(5), promulgated by the Securities and Exchange Commission ("Commission") pursuant to the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as it may be amended from time to time, including administrative or judicial interpretations thereof, as it applies to the Bonds ("Rule").
- **SECTION 2.** <u>Definitions.</u> Capitalized terms, not otherwise defined herein, shall, for purposes of this Disclosure Agreement, have the following meanings:
- "Annual Report" shall mean, the Borough's Annual Report provided pursuant to, and as described in, Sections 3 and 4 of this Disclosure Agreement.
  - "Commission" shall have the meaning set forth in Section 1 of this Disclosure Agreement
- "Business Day" shall mean any day other than a Saturday, Sunday or a day on which the Borough or the Dissemination Agent is authorized by law or contract to remain closed.
- "Continuing Disclosure Information" shall mean: (i) the Annual Report; (ii) any notice required to be filed with the National Repository pursuant to Section 5 hereof; and (iii) any notice of an event required to be filed with the National Repository pursuant to Section 3(c) hereof.
- "<u>Dissemination Agent</u>" shall mean Phoenix Advisors LLC, Bordentown, New Jersey, or any successor Dissemination Agent designated in writing by the Borough and which has filed with the Borough a written acceptance of such designation.
- "EMMA" shall mean the Electronic Municipal Market Access System, an internet based filing system created and maintained by the MSRB in accordance with Release No. 34-59062 of the Commission, dated December 5, 2008, pursuant to which issuers of tax-exempt bonds, including the Bonds, and other filers on behalf of such issuers shall upload Continuing Disclosure Information to assist underwriters in complying with the Rule and to provide the general public with access to such Continuing Disclosure Information.
- "<u>Listed Events</u>" shall mean any of the events listed in Section 5(a) of this Disclosure Agreement.
  - "MSRB" shall mean the Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board.
- "<u>National Repository</u>" shall mean the MSRB, through the internet facilities of EMMA, or any other public or private repository or entity that shall hereafter be designated by the Commission as a repository for purposes of the Rule.

"<u>Official Statement</u>" shall mean the Official Statement of the Borough dated September 13, 2017 relating to the Bonds.

"<u>Opinion of Counsel</u>" shall mean a written opinion of counsel expert in federal securities law acceptable to the Borough.

"Rule" shall have the meaning set forth in Section 1 of this Disclosure Agreement.

#### **SECTION 3. Provision of Annual Report.**

- (a) The Borough shall not later than September 30 of each year, beginning with September 30, 2018 for fiscal year ending December 31, 2017, and for each fiscal year until termination of the Borough's reporting obligations under this Disclosure Agreement pursuant to the provisions of Section 6 hereof provide to the Dissemination Agent the Annual Report prepared for the preceding fiscal year of the Borough. Each Annual Report provided to the Dissemination Agent by the Borough shall comply with the requirements of Section 4 of this Disclosure Agreement but may be submitted as a single document or as separate documents comprising a package and may cross-reference other information submitted to the National Repository. Any and all items that must be included in the Annual Report may be incorporated by reference from other information that is available to the public on EMMA, or that has been filed with the Commission.
- (b) The Dissemination Agent, promptly (within fifteen (15) Business Days) after receiving the Annual Report from the Borough, shall submit each Annual Report received by it to the National Repository and thereafter shall file a written report with the Borough certifying that the Annual Report has been provided pursuant to this Disclosure Agreement to the National Repository and stating the date it was provided to the National Repository.
- (c) If the Borough fails to provide the Annual Report to the Dissemination Agent by the date required in subsection (a) of this Section 3, the Dissemination Agent shall send a notice to the Borough advising of such failure. Whether or not such notice is given or received, if the Borough thereafter fails to submit the Annual Report to the Dissemination Agent within fifteen (15) Business Days after the Annual Report was due pursuant to the provisions of subsection (a) of this Section 3, the Dissemination Agent shall promptly send a notice (with a copy of said notice to the Borough) to the National Repository in substantially the form attached as <u>EXHIBIT "A"</u> hereto.

**SECTION 4.** Contents of Annual Report. Annual Report shall mean: (i) the Borough's annual financial statements, substantially in the form set forth in Appendix B to the Official Statement, audited by an independent certified public accountant, provided that the annual audited financial statements of the Borough may be submitted separately from the balance of the Annual Report and later than the date required in Section 3(a) hereof for the filing of the Annual Report if the annual audited financial statements are not available by that date, but only if the unaudited financial statements of the Borough are included in the Annual Report; and (ii) certain financial information and operating data of the Borough consisting of Borough indebtedness, property valuation information, and tax rate, levy and collection data. Each annual audited financial statements will conform to generally accepted accounting principles applicable to governmental units or will be prepared in accordance with the standards of the Governmental Accounting Standards Board and requirements of the Division of Local Government Services in the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs as such principles, standards and requirements exist at the time of the filing of the particular annual audited financial statements.

## **SECTION 5.** Reporting of Significant Events.

- (a) This Section 5 shall govern the giving of notices of the occurrence of any of the following listed events ("Listed Events"):
  - (1) principal and interest payment delinquencies;
  - (2) non-payment related defaults, if material;
  - (3) unscheduled draws on debt service reserves reflecting financial difficulties;
  - (4) unscheduled draws on credit enhancements reflecting financial difficulties;
  - (5) substitution of credit or liquidity providers or their failure to perform;
  - (6) adverse tax opinions, the issuance by the Internal Revenue Service of proposed or final determinations of taxability, Notices of Proposed Issue (IRS Form 5701-TEB) or other material notices or determinations with respect to the tax status of the Bonds, or other material events affecting the tax status of the Bonds;
  - (7) modifications to the rights of Bondholders, if material;
  - (8) Bond calls (excluding mandatory sinking fund redemptions), if material, or tender offers:
  - (9) defeasances;
  - (10) release, substitution, or sale of property securing repayment of the Bonds, if material:
  - (11) rating changes;
  - (12) bankruptcy, insolvency, receivership or similar event of the Borough;
  - (13) the consummation of a merger, consolidation, or acquisition involving the Borough or the sale of all or substantially all of the assets of the Borough, 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; and
  - (14) appointment of a successor or additional trustee or the change of name of a trustee, if material.
- (b) The Borough shall within ten (10) Business Days of the occurrence of any of the Listed Events, notify the Dissemination Agent in writing to report the event pursuant to subsection (c) of this Section 5. In determining the materiality of a Listed Event specified clauses (2), (7), (8), (10), (13) or (14) of subsection (a) of this Section 5, the Borough may, but shall not be required to, rely conclusively on an Opinion of Counsel.
- (c) If the Dissemination Agent has been instructed by the Borough to report the occurrence of a Listed Event, the Dissemination Agent shall file a notice of such occurrence with the National Repository within five (5) Business Days of the receipt of such instruction, with a copy of such notice provided by the Dissemination Agent to the Borough.
- **SECTION 6.** <u>Termination of Reporting Obligations</u>. The reporting obligations of the Borough under this Disclosure Agreement shall terminate upon the defeasance, prior redemption or payment in full of all of the Bonds or when the Borough is no longer an Obligated Person (as defined in the Rule) with respect to the Bonds.
- **SECTION 7.** <u>Amendment; Waiver.</u> Notwithstanding any other provision of this Disclosure Agreement, the Borough may amend this Disclosure Agreement and any provision of this Disclosure Agreement may be waived, if such amendment or waiver is supported by an

Opinion of Counsel to the effect that such amendment or waiver will not, in and of itself, cause the undertakings herein to violate the Rule. No amendment to this Disclosure Agreement shall change or modify the rights or obligations of the Dissemination Agent without its written assent thereto. The Borough shall give notice of such amendment or waiver to this Disclosure Agreement to the Dissemination Agent and the Dissemination Agent shall file such notice with the National Repository.

**SECTION 8.** Additional Information. Nothing in this Disclosure Agreement shall be deemed to prevent the Borough from disseminating any other information, using the means of dissemination set forth in this Disclosure Agreement or any other means of communication, or including any other information in any Annual Report or notice of occurrence of a Listed Event, in addition to that which is required by this Disclosure Agreement. If the Borough chooses to include any information in any Annual Report or notice of occurrence of a Listed Event in addition to that which is specifically required by this Disclosure Agreement, it shall not have any obligation under this Disclosure Agreement to update such information or include it in any future Annual Report or notice of occurrence of a Listed Event.

**SECTION 9. Default and Remedies.** In the event of a failure of the Borough to comply with any provision of this Disclosure Agreement, the Dissemination Agent may (and, at the request of the Bondholders of at least twenty-five percent (25%) in aggregate principal amount of the outstanding Bonds and provision of indemnity and security for expenses satisfactory to it, shall), or any beneficial owner of the Bonds may, take such actions as may be necessary and appropriate, including seeking mandamus or specific performance by court order, to cause the Borough to comply with its obligations under this Disclosure Agreement. A failure of the Borough to comply with any provision of this Disclosure Agreement shall not be deemed to be a default under the Borough to comply with this Disclosure Agreement in the event of any failure of the Borough to comply with this Disclosure Agreement shall be an action to compel performance.

**SECTION 10.** <u>Notices.</u> All notices and other communications required or permitted under this Disclosure Agreement shall be in writing and shall be deemed to have been duly given, made and received only when delivered (personally, by recognized national or regional courier service, or by other messenger, for delivery to the intended addressee) or when deposited in the United States mail, registered or certified mail, postage prepaid, return receipt requested, addressed as set forth below:

## (i) If to the Borough:

Borough of Lindenwold, County of Camden, New Jersey 15 N. White Horse Pike Lindenwold, New Jersey 08021 Attention: Dawn S. Thompson, Chief Financial Officer

#### (ii) If to the Dissemination Agent:

Phoenix Advisors LLC 4 West Park Street Bordentown, New Jersey 08505 Any party may alter the address to which communications are to be sent by giving notice of such change of address in conformity with the provision of this Section 11 for the giving of notice.

- **SECTION 11.** <u>Beneficiaries</u>. This Disclosure Agreement shall inure solely to the benefit of the Borough, the Dissemination Agent and the Bondholders and nothing herein contained shall confer any right upon any other person.
- **SECTION 12.** <u>Submission of Information to MSRB</u>. Any Continuing Disclosure Information filed with the MSRB in accordance with this Disclosure Agreement shall be in electronic format as shall be prescribed by the MSRB or such other format as the Rule may require or permit, and shall be accompanied by such identifying information as shall be prescribed by the MSRB or as may otherwise be required by the Rule.
- **SECTION 13.** <u>Compensation</u>. The Borough shall pay the Dissemination Agent from time to time reasonable compensation for all services rendered under this Disclosure Agreement, and also all reasonable expenses, charges, counsel fees and other disbursements, including those of its attorneys, agents and employees, incurred in and about the performance of its powers and duties under this Disclosure Agreement.
- **SECTION 14.** <u>Successors and Assigns</u>. All of the covenants, promises and agreements contained in this Disclosure Agreement by or on behalf of the Borough or by or on behalf of the Dissemination Agent shall bind and inure to the benefit of their respective successors and assigns, whether so expressed or not.
- **SECTION 15.** <u>Headings for Convenience Only.</u> The descriptive headings in this Disclosure Agreement are inserted for convenience of reference only and shall not control or affect the meaning or construction of any of the provisions hereof.
- **SECTION 16.** <u>Counterparts</u>. This Disclosure Agreement may be executed in several counterparts, each of which shall be an original and all of which shall constitute but one and the same instrument.
- **SECTION 17.** <u>Severability</u>. If any provision of this Disclosure Agreement, or the application of any such provision in any jurisdiction or to any person or circumstance, shall be held invalid or unenforceable, the remaining provisions of this Disclosure Agreement, or the application of such provision as is held invalid or unenforceable in jurisdictions or to persons or circumstances other than those in or as to which it is held invalid or unenforceable, shall not be affected thereby.
- **SECTION 18.** Governing Law. This Disclosure Agreement shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of New Jersey.

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**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, the parties hereto have executed this Disclosure Agreement as of the date first above written.

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BOROUGH OF LINDENWOLD, NEW JERSEY

PHOENIX ADVISORS LLC, as Dissemination Agent

**Chief Financial Officer** 

By:

SHERRY L. TRACEY, Senior Managing Director

# **EXHIBIT A**

# NOTICE TO NATIONAL REPOSITORY OF FAILURE TO FILE AN ANNUAL REPORT

Name of Issuer:	Borough of Lindenwold, County of Camden, New Jersey
Name of Bond Issues Affected:	General Obligation Bonds, Series 2017
Date of Issuance of the Affected Bond Issue:	<u>September 28, 2017</u>
respect to the above named Bond i Agreement, dated September 28, 20 BE INCLUDED ONLY IF THE D	EN that the Issuer has not provided an Annual Report with ssue as required by Section 3 of the Continuing Disclosure 17, between the Borough and the Dissemination Agent. [TO ISSEMINATION AGENT HAS BEEN ADVISED OF THE Issuer anticipates that such Annual Report will be filed by
Dated:	

PHOENIX ADVISORS LLC, as Dissemination Agent

cc: Borough of Lindenwold, New Jersey