

NOTICE OF SALE

\$5,621,000

TOWNSHIP OF MANSFIELD

County of Burlington, New Jersey

GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS, SERIES 2019

(Bank Qualified)(Book-Entry-Only)(Callable)

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

October 10, 2019

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

<u>Year</u>	<u>Principal Amount</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Principal Amount</u>
2020	\$171,000	2030	\$325,000
2021	175,000	2031	325,000
2022	200,000	2032	325,000
2023	200,000	2033	325,000
2024	325,000	2034	325,000
2025	325,000	2035	325,000
2026	325,000	2036	325,000
2027	325,000	2037	325,000
2028	325,000	2038	325,000
2029	325,000		

The Bonds will be dated October 24, 2019 and bear interest at the rates per annum specified by the successful bidder therefor, payable semiannually on April 15 and October 15, commencing April 15, 2020, in each year until maturity or earlier redemption. The Bonds are subject to redemption prior to their stated maturity dates as set forth in the Preliminary Official Statement, dated October 2, 2019 ("Preliminary Official Statement").

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, and in integral multiples 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 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.

The Preliminary Official Statement has been deemed "final" by the Township 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 Township 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 October 10, 2019, 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 Township'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. 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 Township 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 Township 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 Township 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 Township, 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 Township, and the Township 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 Township or information provided by the bidder.

3. The Township 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 9:00 A.M. (Eastern Time) on the date upon which the Township will receive proposals.

4. Once the bids are communicated electronically via PARITY to the Township 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 Township nor i-Deal shall have any duty or obligation to provide or assure to any bidder, and neither the Township 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 Township is using PARITY as a communication mechanism, and not as the Township's agent, to conduct the electronic bidding for the Bonds. By using PARITY, each bidder agrees to hold the Township 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 Township 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 principal 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 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 Township 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 ("Deposit") in the form of a cash wire, or certified, cashier's or treasurer's check in the amount of **\$112,420**, payable to the order of the "Township of Mansfield". If a cash wire is used, the wire must be received by the Township no later than **11:00 A.M. on THURSDAY, OCTOBER 10, 2019**. Bidders submitting cash wires

must: (i) notify the Township of its intent to use such cash wire prior to **10:00 A.M.** on **THURSDAY, OCTOBER 10, 2019**; (ii) provide proof of electronic transfer of such cash wire prior to **11:00 A.M.** on **THURSDAY, OCTOBER 10, 2019**; and (iii) also enclose return wiring instructions for use by the Township. Wiring instructions may be obtained by contacting the Township's Municipal Advisor, Phoenix Advisors LLC, Bordentown, New Jersey. Calls should be directed to Sherry L. Tracey, Senior Managing Director, at (609) 291-0130 or stracey@muniadvisors.com. If a check is used, the check must be certified or cashier's or treasurer's check drawn upon a bank or trust company and must be delivered to the Township by no later than **11:00 A.M.** on **THURSDAY, OCTOBER 10, 2019**. Bidders submitting good faith checks should also enclose a return envelope for use by the Township. Each bidder accepts responsibility for delivering such cash wire or check on time and the Township 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 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 Township 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 opening of the bids. The successful bidder may not withdraw its proposal until after 5:30 P.M. on the day of such bid opening 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 Township has applied for a rating on the Bonds from S&P Global Ratings, acting through Standard & Poor's Financial Services LLC. The Township 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 Township 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 PARITY. If the Bonds qualify for municipal bond insurance, each bidder shall be required to specify whether municipal bond insurance will be purchased.

POSTPONEMENT

The Township 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 Thursday, October 24, 2019.

CUSIPS

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. In accordance with Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board Rule G-34, as amended, Phoenix Advisors, LLC, municipal advisor to the Township, will request CUSIP identification numbers and will advise CUSIP Global Services of the details related to the sale of the Bonds, including the identity of the winning purchaser of the Bonds. All expenses in relation to the printing of CUSIP numbers on the Bonds shall be paid for by the Township; 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 Township in establishing the issue price and yield of the Bonds and shall execute and deliver to the Township 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 a form attached hereto as Exhibit "A".

Establishment of Issue Price:

(a) The Township 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 Township 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 Township 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 Township 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 Township shall so advise the successful bidder. The Township 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 Township if the Bonds satisfy the 10% Test as of the date and time of the award of the Bonds. The Township 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 Township 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 Township (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 Township 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 Township, 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 Township and receives compensation or fees in excess of \$50,000 in the aggregate from public entities, such as the Township, 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.

BONNIE J. GROUSER, Chief Financial Officer/Treasurer

Dated: October 2, 2019

Exhibit “A”

\$5,621,000
TOWNSHIP OF MANSFIELD
County of Burlington, New Jersey
GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS, SERIES 2019

CERTIFICATE OF UNDERWRITER
REGARDING YIELD AND ISSUE PRICE

The undersigned, an authorized representative of _____, as underwriter ("Underwriter") for the above-captioned bonds ("Bonds"), hereby certifies as follows:

1. This certificate is delivered to the Township of Mansfield, County of Burlington, New Jersey ("Township") and may be relied upon in establishing the reasonable expectations of the Township as to the matters stated herein as may be necessary or appropriate in the preparation by the Township 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 October 10, 2019 ("Sale Date"), the Underwriter submitted and the Township 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 Township and Bond Counsel, which

date will be not later than 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 (as defined below) is _____.]

[5. The Underwriter has offered the Bonds to the Public for purchase at the initial offering price listed in Schedule A ("Initial Offering Price") on or before the Sale Date. A copy of the pricing wire or equivalent communication for the Bonds is attached to this certificate as Schedule B.

6. As set forth in the Notice of Sale and bid award, the Underwriter has agreed in writing that: (i) it would neither offer nor sell any of the Bonds to any person at a price that is higher than the Initial Offering Price during the Holding Period (as defined below) ("hold-the-offering-price rule"); and (ii) any selling group agreement shall contain the agreement of each dealer who is a member of the selling group, and any retail distribution agreement shall contain the agreement of each broker-dealer who is a party to the retail distribution agreement, to comply with the hold-the-offering-price rule. Pursuant to such agreement, no underwriter (as defined below) has offered or sold the Bonds at a price that is higher than the respective Initial Offering Price during the Holding Period.]

[5/7]. The Yield (as defined below) on the Bonds to maturity is not less than _____%

[6/8]. 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 Township (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.

[(iv) "Holding Period" means the period starting on the Sale Date and ending on the earlier of: (i) the close of the fifth business day after the Sale Date; or (ii) the date on which the Underwriter has sold at least 10% of the Bonds to the Public at a price that is no higher than the Initial Offering Price.]

The representations set forth in this certificate are limited to factual matters only. Nothing in this certificate represents the Underwriter's interpretation of any laws, including specifically Sections 103 and 148 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, and the Treasury Regulations thereunder. The undersigned understands that the foregoing information will be relied upon by the Township with respect to certain of the representations set forth in the Certificate as to Nonarbitrage and Other Tax Matters and with respect to compliance with the federal income tax rules affecting the Bonds, and by Parker McCay P.A. in connection with rendering its opinion that the interest on the Bonds is excluded from gross income for federal income tax purposes, the preparation of the Internal Revenue Service Form 8038-G, and other federal income tax advice that it may give to the Township from time to time relating to the Bonds.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this 24th day of October, 2019.

_____,
as Underwriter

By: _____
[NAME], [Title]

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[Schedule A]

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[Schedule B]

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This Preliminary Official Statement and the information contained herein are subject to completion and amendment without notice. Under no circumstances shall this Preliminary Official Statement constitute an offer to sell or a solicitation of an offer to buy, nor shall there be any sale of the Bonds in any jurisdiction in which such offer, solicitation or sale would be unlawful prior to registration or qualification under the securities laws of such jurisdiction. This Preliminary Official Statement is deemed final by the Township within the meaning and for the purposes of Rule 15c2-12 of the Securities and Exchange Commission.

NEW ISSUE – Book-Entry-Only

Rating: S&P: "AA"
(See "RATING" herein)

PRELIMINARY OFFICIAL STATEMENT DATED OCTOBER 2, 2019

In the opinion of Parker McCay P.A., Mount Laurel, New Jersey, Bond Counsel, assuming continuing compliance by the Township of Mansfield, County of Burlington, New Jersey ("Township") 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 calculating the alternative minimum tax imposed on individuals pursuant to Section 55 of the Code. In addition, 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 is not included in the gross income of the owners thereof under the New Jersey Gross Income Tax Act as presently executed and construed. See "TAX MATTERS" herein.

\$5,621,000
TOWNSHIP OF MANSFIELD
County of Burlington, New Jersey
GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS, SERIES 2019
(Bank Qualified) (Callable)

Dated: Date of Delivery

Due: October 15, as shown on inside front cover

The Township of Mansfield, County of Burlington, New Jersey ("Township") is issuing \$5,621,000 aggregate principal amount of its General Obligation Bonds, Series 2019 ("Bonds"). The Bonds shall be issued in fully registered book-entry-only form without coupons.

The principal of the Bonds shall be paid on the respective maturity dates thereof upon presentation and surrender of the Bonds at the offices of the Township or its hereafter designated paying agent, if any. Interest on the Bonds is payable semi-annually on April 15 and October 15 ("Interest Payment Dates"), commencing April 15, 2020, in each year until maturity or earlier redemption. The Bonds are subject to redemption prior to their stated maturity dates on the terms and conditions stated herein.

Upon initial issuance, the Bonds will be registered in the name of Cede & Co., as nominee for The Depository Trust Company, New York, New York ("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 and interest on the Bonds will be made directly to DTC or its nominee, Cede & Co., which will remit such payments to the Direct Participants (as hereinafter defined) which will, in turn, remit such payments to the Beneficial Owners (as hereinafter 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 Direct Participant to receive payment of the principal of and interest on such Bond.

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 2007-02, 2008-08, 2011-06, 2012-06, 2012-11, 2013-10, 2013-07, 2014-11, 2015-04, 2016-10, 2017-07, 2018-03 and 2019-12, each duly and finally adopted by the Township Committee and published in accordance with the requirements of the Local Bond Law; (iii) a resolution duly adopted by the Township Committee on September 18, 2019; and (iv) a Certificate of Determination and Award executed by the Chief Financial Officer/Treasurer of the Township on October __, 2019.

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

This cover contains certain information for quick reference only. It is *not* a summary of this issue. Investors must read the entire Official Statement, including the Appendices attached hereto, to obtain information essential to their 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 Township, and certain other conditions described herein. Certain legal matters will be passed upon for the Township by its Solicitor, John C. Gillespie, Esquire, of the law firm Parker McCay P.A., Mount Laurel, New Jersey. Phoenix Advisors, LLC, Bordentown, New Jersey, has acted as Municipal Advisor to the Township in connection with the issuance of the Bonds. It is anticipated that the Bonds in definitive form will be available for delivery, in immediately available funds, through DTC in New York, New York on or about October 24, 2019.

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GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS, SERIES 2019

MATURITY SCHEDULE, INTEREST RATES, YIELDS AND CUSIP NUMBERS

<u>Year</u>	<u>General Improvement</u>	<u>Interest Rate</u>	<u>Yield</u>	<u>CUSIP¹</u>
2020	\$171,000	%	%	
2021	175,000			
2022	200,000			
2023	200,000			
2024	325,000			
2025	325,000			
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2032	325,000			
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2036	325,000			
2037	325,000			
2038	325,000			

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**TOWNSHIP OF MANSFIELD
COUNTY OF BURLINGTON, NEW JERSEY**

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No broker, dealer, salesperson or other person has been authorized by the Township 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 Township. The information contained herein has been provided by the Township 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 Township. 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 Township Clerk during normal business hours.

This Official Statement does not constitute an offer to sell or the solicitation of an offer to buy, nor 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 Township 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 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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\$5,621,000
TOWNSHIP OF MANSFIELD
County of Burlington, New Jersey
GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS, SERIES 2019
(Bank Qualified) (Callable)

INTRODUCTION

This Official Statement, including the cover page and Appendices hereto, is to provide certain information relating to the issuance by the Township of Mansfield, County of Burlington, New Jersey ("Township") of its \$5,621,000 aggregate principal amount of General Obligation Bonds, Series 2019 ("Bonds").

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 2007-02, 2008-08, 2011-06, 2012-06, 2012-11, 2013-10, 2013-07, 2014-11, 2015-04, 2016-10, 2017-07, 2018-03 and 2019-12 (collectively, the "Bond Ordinances"), each duly and finally adopted by the Township Committee and published in accordance with the requirements of the Local Bond Law; (iii) a resolution duly adopted by the Township Committee on September 18, 2019; and (iv) a Certificate of Determination and Award executed by the Chief Financial Officer/Treasurer of the Township on October __, 2019.

PURPOSE OF THE ISSUE

The Bonds are being issued by the Township 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 Township; (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 improvements and equipment to be permanently financed with the proceeds of the Bonds include the following:

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Bond Ordinances

Ordinance Number	Purpose	Bonds or Notes Authorized	Notes Outstanding	Bonds to be Issued
2007-02	Acquisition of Farmland	\$619,000	\$41,766	\$41,766
2008-08	Various Capital Improvements	3,325,000	1,189,423	1,189,423
2011-06	Generator for MTFAS	52,250	44,778	44,778
2012-06	Refurbish EMS Vehicle	80,750	46,945	46,945
2012-11	Supplemental Funding for Municipal Building	1,710,000	1,592,749	1,592,749
2013-10	Acquisition of Police Vehicles	85,500	57,000	57,000
2013-07	Acquisition of Fire Apparatus	712,500	589,468	589,468
2014-11	Various Capital Improvements	427,500	400,251	400,251
2015-04	Additional Municipal Building Improvements	950,000	937,280	937,280
2016-10	Acquisition of Police Vehicles	95,000	90,000	90,000
2017-07	Various Capital Improvements	193,800	168,000	168,000
2018-03	Acquisition of EMT Vehicles	237,500	226,000	226,000
2019-12	Completion of Road Improvements; Acquisition of Equipment for Police Department	237,500	0	237,340
Total		\$8,726,300	\$5,383,660	\$5,621,000

DESCRIPTION OF THE BONDS

General

The Bonds will be issued in the aggregate principal amount of \$5,621,000. 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 April 15 and October 15 (each an "Interest Payment Date" and collectively, "Interest Payment Dates"), commencing April 15, 2020, in each year until maturity or earlier redemption. The Bonds are subject to redemption prior to their stated maturity dates on the terms and conditions set forth below.

Individual purchases of the Bonds may be made in the principal amount of \$5,000, or any integral multiple of \$5,000, and in integral multiples 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 October 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 offices of the Township or its hereafter designated paying agent, if any. 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 Township for such purpose at the offices of Township or its 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 Township or its hereafter designated paying agent, if any.

Redemption Provisions

The Bonds maturing on and after October 15, 2027 are subject to redemption prior to their stated maturity dates at the option of the Township, upon notice as set forth below, as a whole or in part (and, if in part, such maturities as the Township shall determine and within any such maturity by lot) on any date on or after October 15, 2026, at a redemption price equal to one hundred percent (100%) of the principal amount of the Bonds to be redeemed, plus accrued interest to the redemption date.

Notice of redemption shall be given by mailing first class mail in a sealed envelope with postage pre-paid not less than thirty (30) days nor more than sixty (60) days prior to the redemption date to the owner of every Bond of which all or a portion is to be redeemed at his or

her last known address, if any, appearing on the registration books of the Township. So long as the Bonds are issued in book-entry-only form, all notices of redemption will be sent only to DTC and not be sent to the Beneficial Owners of the Bonds. Failure of an owner of the Bonds to receive such notice or of DTC to advise any Participant or any failure of a Participant to notify any Beneficial Owner of the Bonds shall not affect the validity of any proceedings for the redemption of Bonds. Such notice shall specify: (i) the series and maturity of the Bonds to be redeemed; (ii) the redemption date and the place or places where amounts that are due and payable upon such redemption will be payable; (iii) if less than all of the Bonds are to be redeemed, the letters and numbers or other distinguishing marks of the Bonds to be redeemed; (iv) in the case of a Bond to be redeemed in part only, the portion of the principal amount thereof to be redeemed; (v) that on the redemption date there shall become due and payable with respect to each Bond or portion thereof to be redeemed the redemption price; and (vi) that from and after the redemption date interest on such Bonds or portion thereof to be redeemed shall cease to accrue and be payable.

Book-Entry-Only System¹

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 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 Township. Accordingly, the Township 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 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

¹ Source: The Depository Trust Company

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 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 Township or the 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 Township or its hereafter designated paying agent, if any, on the 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 Township or its hereafter designated paying agent, if any, subject to any statutory or regulatory requirements as may be in effect from time to time. Payment of redemption proceeds and distributions to Cede & Co. (or such other nominee as may be requested by an authorized representative of DTC) is the responsibility of the Township or its hereafter designated paying agent, if any, 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 Township or its hereafter designated paying agent, if any. Under such circumstances, in the event that a successor depository is not obtained, Bond certificates are required to be printed and delivered.

The Township may decide to discontinue use of the system of book-entry-only transfers through DTC (or a successor securities depository). In that event, 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 Township believes to be reliable, but neither the Township nor the Underwriters (as hereinafter defined) take any responsibility for the accuracy thereof.

NEITHER THE TOWNSHIP NOR ITS HEREAFTER DESIGNATED PAYING AGENT, IF ANY, 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 Township or its hereafter

designated paying agent, if any; (ii) the transfer of the Bonds may be registered on the books maintained by the Township or its hereafter designated paying agent, if any, for such purposes only upon the surrender thereof to the Township or its hereafter designated paying agent, if any, together with the duly executed assignment in form satisfactory to the Township or its hereafter designated paying agent, if any; and (iii) for every exchange or registration of transfer of the Bonds, the Township or its hereafter designated paying agent, if any, 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 Township are irrevocably pledged for the payment of the principal of and interest on the Bonds. The Bonds are general obligations of the Township payable as to principal and interest from *ad valorem* taxes that shall be levied upon all taxable real property within the Township without limitation as to rate or amount.

The Township 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 TOWNSHIP

General

General information concerning the Township, 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 Township for the years ending December 31, 2018 through 2017. The 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/Treasurer of the Township.

**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 Township 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 Township is set by statute as the average for the last three years of the equalized value of all taxable real property and improvements as annually determined by the New Jersey State Board of Taxation. Certain categories of debt are permitted by statute to be deducted for purposes of computing the statutory debt limit.

Bonds, notes and long-term loans are included in the computation of debt for the statutory debt limit. The Township, 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 Township may exceed its debt limit with the approval of the Local Finance Board, a State regulatory agency, and as permitted by other statutory exceptions. If all or any part of a proposed debt authorization would exceed its debt limit, the Township may apply to the Local Finance Board for an extension of credit. If the Local Finance Board determines that a proposed debt authorization would not materially impair the credit of the Township or substantially reduce the ability of the Township to meet its obligations or to provide essential public improvements and services, or make certain other statutory determinations, approval may be granted.

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

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

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

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 Township.

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 Township's books, accounts and financial transactions must be performed annually by a Registered Municipal Accountant who is licensed by the State Board of Public Accountants. The audit, conforming to the Division's "Requirements of Audit", includes recommendations for improvement of the 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, 2018 is on file with the Township Clerk and is available for review during business hours.

The Local Fiscal Affairs Law also requires that the Chief Financial Officer of the 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 states, 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 Township to levy *ad valorem* taxes upon all taxable real property within the Township 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 Township to levy *ad valorem* taxes upon all taxable real property within the Township to pay debt service on its bonds or notes, including the 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:

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

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.

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 TOWNSHIP EXPECTS TO RESORT TO THE PROVISIONS OF SUCH BANKRUPTCY CODE OR THAT, IF IT DID, SUCH ACTION WOULD BE APPROVED BY THE COMMISSION, OR THAT ANY PROPOSED PLAN WOULD INCLUDE A DILUTION OF THE SOURCE OF PAYMENT OF AND SECURITY OF THE BONDS.

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 Township's last property revaluation was done in 1989. The most recent reassessment occurred in 2013, and the compliance was done in 2016.

Upon the filing of certified adopted budgets by the Township, the School Districts and the 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 Township are periodically assigned to the Township 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 Township, assuming continuing compliance by the Township with the tax covenants described below, under existing law, interest on the Bonds will not be includible 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 will not constitute a tax preference item for purposes of the alternative minimum tax imposed on individuals.

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 will 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 Township that it will comply with the applicable requirements of the Code, including requirements 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 Township 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 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 Township 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.

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.

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 Township's Solicitor, John C. Gillespie, Esquire, of the firm Parker McCay P.A., Mount Laurel, New Jersey ("Solicitor"), there is no litigation of any nature now pending, seeking to restrain or enjoin 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 Township or the title of any of the present officers. Moreover, to the knowledge of the Solicitor, no litigation is presently pending that, in the opinion of the Solicitor, would have a material adverse impact on the financial condition of the Township 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 based upon the creditworthiness of the Township.

The rating reflects only the views of the Rating Agency. Any desired explanation of the significance of such rating should be obtained directly from the Rating Agency. The Township furnished to the Rating Agency certain information and materials concerning the Bonds and the Township. There can be no assurance that the rating will be maintained for any given period of time or that it may not be raised, lowered or withdrawn entirely if, in the Rating Agency's judgment, circumstances so warrant. Any downward change in or withdrawal of such rating may have an adverse effect on the marketability or market price of the Bonds.

PREPARATION OF OFFICIAL STATEMENT

The Township 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 Township upon issuance and delivery of the Bonds.

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

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, Voorhees, New Jersey, compiled this Official Statement from information obtained from Township management and other various sources they consider to be reliable and makes no warranty, guaranty or other representation with respect to the accuracy and completeness or fairness of the information contained herein and, accordingly, will express no opinion with respect thereto. Bowman & Company LLP does take responsibility for the financial statements, appearing in Appendix "B" hereto, to the extent specified in the Independent Auditor's Report.

UNDERWRITING

The Bonds have been purchased from the Township at a public sale by _____, as underwriter ("Underwriter"), pursuant to a Certificate of Determination and Award, dated October __, 2019. The Underwriter has purchased the Bonds in accordance with the Notice of Sale prepared in connection with the Bonds. The Bonds are being offered for sale at the yields set forth on the inside front cover page 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 may offer and sell the Bonds to certain dealers (including dealers depositing bonds and notes into investment trusts) at yields higher than the public offering yield set forth on the inside front cover page of this Official Statement, and such public offering 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 Township, including the Bonds, and such bonds and notes are authorized security for any and all public deposits.

MUNICIPAL ADVISOR

Phoenix Advisors, LLC, Bordentown, New Jersey, has served as municipal advisor to the Township 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 this 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.

NO DEFAULT

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

CONTINUING DISCLOSURE

In accordance with the requirements of Rule 15c2-12 adopted by the Securities and Exchange Commission under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended ("Rule"), the Township has undertaken to file notice of certain enumerated events with respect to the Bonds pursuant to a Continuing Disclosure Agreement in the form attached as Appendix "D" to this Official Statement.

The Township has previously entered into continuing disclosure undertakings under the Rule. The Township appointed Phoenix Advisors, LLC, Bordentown, New Jersey in April of 2014 to act as Continuing Disclosure Agent for the Township to assist in the filing of certain information on EMMA as required under its obligations.

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 Township ("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 Township, and the Township has the power and is obligated to levy *ad valorem* taxes upon all the taxable property within the Township 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 Township by its 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 legal opinions to be delivered concurrently with the delivery of the Bonds express the professional judgment of the attorneys rendering the opinion 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

Inquiries regarding this Official Statement, including information additional to that contained herein, may be directed to Bonnie Grouser, Chief Financial Officer/Treasurer, Township of Mansfield, at 609-298-0542, or to the Township's Municipal Advisor, Phoenix Advisors, LLC 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 merely as opinions and not as representations of fact, and no representation is made that any 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 with, or a covenant for the benefit of, the holders of the Bonds. The information and expressions of opinion contained herein are subject to change without notice and neither the delivery of this Official Statement nor any sale of the Bonds made hereunder shall, under any circumstances, create any implication that there has been no change in the affairs of the Township since the date hereof. The information contained in the Official Statement is not guaranteed as to accuracy or completeness.

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.

This Official Statement has been duly executed and delivered by the Chief Financial Officer/Treasurer of the Township for and on behalf of the Township.

TOWNSHIP OF MANSFIELD, NEW JERSEY

By: _____
BONNIE GROUSER, Chief Financial Officer/Treasurer

Dated: October __, 2019

APPENDIX A

**CERTAIN ECONOMIC, FINANCIAL AND DEMOGRAPHIC INFORMATION
REGARDING THE TOWNSHIP OF MANSFIELD**

INFORMATION REGARDING THE TOWNSHIP OF MANSFIELD

The following material presents certain economic and demographic information of the Township of Mansfield (the "Township").

Location and Character

The Township is located in the center of New Jersey, approximately 15 miles from Trenton, the capital of New Jersey. The Township is easily accessible to the New Jersey Turnpike, U. S. Interstate 295, New Jersey Routes 130, 206 and 68, to facilitate travel to Philadelphia, thirty miles south, and to New York City, sixty miles north. Fort Dix and McGuire Air Force Base are within a fifteen-mile radius via Route 68 in the Township. The Atlantic Ocean shore points and resort areas are within easy traveling distance by the New Jersey Garden State Parkway.

History of Township

The Township, established as a constabulary in 1688, was incorporated in 1798. It is in the northeast part of Burlington County in the State of New Jersey. It is bounded north and northeast by Chesterfield Township, south by Springfield Township and southeast by Florence Township. The soil is generally sandy loam, land level is flat, and climate is mild. The Township consists of over twenty-three square miles and is a predominantly farming community. There are still residents in this generation who bear the name of the founding fathers.

The Township's original governing body consisted of three elected Township Committee persons, which changed in 1995 to a five-member Committee, each serving alternating three year terms. The Mayor is designated by the five-member committee and each Committee member is selected to be a director of the various departments.

TOWNSHIP SERVICES

Fire Protection and Rescue Squad

The Franklin Fire Company No. 1 is staffed by volunteers and the Mansfield Township Ambulance Corps is staffed by paid EMT's and both are supported financially by the Township and through general funding raising efforts. There are 26 certified EMT members, 1 Paramedic and 1 Doctor (Medical Director) on the ambulance squad. The Fire Company and Ambulance Squad keep up their CEU's by taking CPR and EMT classes.

Police

The Police Department consists of sixteen members operating from the municipal complex located at 3135 Route 206 in Columbus NJ. The Department personnel consist of one Police Chief, one Lieutenant, five Sergeants and nine Officers. The Township is dispatched by Burlington County communications. The New Jersey State Police service the major highways that traverse the Township.

Public Works

The Township has two full-time employees and uses part-time employees as needed, who are responsible for recycling, building maintenance and park and playground upkeep.

Parks and Recreation

Mansfield Community Park is a 40-acre park located in the heart of Columbus off East Main Street. Twenty acres have been developed into a very popular and highly utilized gathering place for all Mansfield residents including regulation youth baseball and softball fields, a regulation Babe Ruth baseball field and outdoor batting cage. A paved 6/10 mile walk path, two regulation soccer fields, outdoor basketball and tennis courts, shuffle board and horse shoe pit, large children's playground, and parking for about 100 vehicles are also included on the property. The undeveloped 20 acres includes an extension of the walking path, known as the Kinkora Trail, with fitness course through a wooded area at the southeast corner of the property. Mansfield Township is also home to Georgetown Park in the Mapleton Development where Mansfield residents can enjoy a newly installed playground and gazebo, baseball and soccer fields, basketball courts and a concession stand. Hedding Park is where Mansfield residents enjoy newly renovated basketball courts and tennis courts as well as baseball fields. Civic Club is home to baseball and soccer fields, a state of the art batting cage and a newly renovated concession stand.

Retirement Systems

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

Pension Information

Employees, who are eligible to participate in a pension plan, are enrolled in PERS, PFRS or DCRP administered by the Division. The Division annually charges municipalities and other participating governmental units for their respective contributions to the plans based upon actuarial calculations. The employees contribute a portion of the cost.

Township Employees

	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>
Full-time	32	32	30	32	28
Part-time	<u>33</u>	<u>34</u>	<u>30</u>	<u>35</u>	<u>37</u>
Total	<u>65</u>	<u>66</u>	<u>60</u>	<u>67</u>	<u>65</u>

Employee Collective Bargaining Units

The Mansfield Township P.B.A. Local 370 is currently represented by twelve (12) police officers. The agreement with the Mansfield Township P.B.A. Local 370 expires on December 31, 2021. There is also a Communications Workers of America, AFL-CIO and Local 1036 which is represented by one (1) public works employee. The agreement with the Communications Workers of America, AFL-CIO and Local 1036 expires on December 31, 2020.

Township Population(1)

2010 Federal Census	8,544
2000 Federal Census	5,090
1990 Federal Census	3,874
1980 Federal Census	2,523
1970 Federal Census	2,597

Selected Census 2017 Data on the Township(1)

Median Household Income	\$87,704
Median Family Income	\$111,713
Per Capita Income	\$45,894

Business and Industry

There are several shopping centers throughout the Township including Homestead Plaza and Mansfield Square as well as several small businesses in the center of town, commonly referred to as the Village of Columbus. Mansfield Township is home to Manheim Car Auction. Mansfield Township is also home to Mansfield Commons and Mansfield Center primarily housing Offices and Professionals.

Building Permits (2)

The Township records of building permits issued by the Township Construction Code Officer illustrate the following growth patterns within the Township for the years 2014 through 2019.

<u>Year</u>	<u>Number of Permits</u>	<u>Value of Construction</u>
2019	246	\$ 2,540,647 (3)
2018	505	9,369,671
2017	651	8,989,015
2016	579	14,093,926
2015	551	14,374,381
2014	514	7,296,647

Labor Force(4)

The following table discloses current labor force data for the Township, County and State.

<u>Year</u>	<u>Labor Force</u>	<u>Employed Persons</u>	<u>Unemployed Persons</u>	<u>Unemployment Rate</u>
Township				
2018	3,810	3,677	133	3.5%
2017	3,861	3,708	153	4.0
2016	3,867	3,700	167	4.3
2015	3,839	3,647	192	5.0
2014	3,803	3,577	226	5.9

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

(2) Source: Township Construction Office

(3) As of August 15, 2019

(4) Source: New Jersey Department of Labor

Labor Force (Continued)(1)

<u>Year</u>	<u>Labor Force</u>	<u>Employed Persons</u>	<u>Unemployed Persons</u>	<u>Unemployment Rate</u>
County				
2018	227,445	218,877	8,568	3.8%
2017	230,174	220,764	9,410	4.1
2016	230,271	219,995	10,276	4.5
2015	230,059	217,756	12,303	5.3
2014	228,530	213,837	14,693	6.4
State				
2018	4,422,900	4,239,600	183,400	4.1%
2017	4,453,500	4,247,500	206,000	4.6
2016	4,474,700	4,252,100	222,600	5.0
2015	4,545,083	4,291,650	253,417	5.6
2014	4,518,715	4,218,423	300,277	6.6

EDUCATION(2)

Primary and Secondary Education

The Township of Mansfield School District (“School District”) is a Type II school district that is coterminous with the borders of the Township. The School District provides a full range of educational services appropriate to Kindergarten through sixth grades.

The Board is comprised of nine members elected by the legally qualified voters in the School District to terms of three years on a staggered basis. The President and Vice President are chosen for one year terms from among the members of the Board.

The Board is the policy making body of the School District and has the general responsibility for providing an education program, the power to establish policies and supervise the public schools in the School District, the responsibility to develop the annual School District budget and present it to the legally registered voters in the School District. The Board’s fiscal year ends each June 30.

The Board appoints a Superintendent and Board Secretary/Business Administrator who are responsible for budgeting, planning and the operational functions of the School District. The administrative structure of the Board gives final responsibility for both the educational process and the business operation to the Superintendent.

(1) Source: New Jersey Department of Labor

(2) Source: School District officials

**TOWNSHIP OF MANSFIELD SCHOOL DISTRICT
SCHOOL ENROLLMENTS**

<u>Grade</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>October 15, 2016</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>
Pre-School	11	7	13	13	9
K	51	61	60	49	70
1	61	63	56	67	70
2	62	60	65	76	74
3	64	68	78	66	89
4	62	75	68	91	99
5	79	67	95	103	96
6	68	92	105	97	87
Special Education	<u>79</u>	<u>73</u>	<u>92</u>	<u>75</u>	<u>64</u>
Totals	<u>537</u>	<u>566</u>	<u>632</u>	<u>637</u>	<u>658</u>

PRESENT SCHOOL FACILITIES, ENROLLMENT AND CAPACITY

<u>Name of School</u>	<u>Date Constructed</u>	<u>Renovations/ Additions</u>	<u>Grades</u>	<u>Enrollment Oct. 15, 2018</u>	<u>Functional Capacity</u>
John Hydock Elementary	1959	1964, 1988	PreK-2	190	280
Mansfield Twp. Elementary	2003	---	3-6	<u>337</u>	640
				<u>527</u> (1)	

**NORTHERN BURLINGTON COUNTY REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT
ENROLLMENTS(2)(3)**

	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>October 15, 2016</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>
Totals	<u>2,197</u>	<u>2,204</u>	<u>2,131</u>	<u>2,072</u>	<u>2,148</u>

HIGHER EDUCATION FACILITIES

Rowan College at Burlington County (Formerly Burlington County College)

Rowan College at Burlington County (formerly Burlington County College) ("RCBC" or the "County College") is a comprehensive, publicly supported, coeducational, two-year institution developed by the County and the State and accredited by the Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools. The County College was founded in October 1965 and opened in September 1969. The 225-acre main campus is located on Pemberton-Browns Mills Road in Pemberton Township, while the Mount Laurel campus opened in July 1995. The Freeholder Board sponsors the College, appointing nine of the twelve Trustees.

(1) Mansfield Twp. Elementary School enrollment had Pre-K in 2018.

(2) Source: Regional District officials

(3) Township students only

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

In July 2015, RCBC announced a transition from its original Pemberton Campus to the more accessible and modern Mount Laurel Campus. All of the academic programs have been moved to Mount Laurel, leaving only athletics and aquatic classes in Pemberton. An athletic facility is in the plans for Mount Laurel. Located at the intersection of Route 38 and I-295, the 100-acre Mount Laurel campus is already home to the Technology and Engineering Center. Joining it as part of the transformed Mount Laurel campus is a new Health Sciences Center as well as a new Student Success Center - a 78,000 square foot, \$25.4 million state-of-the-art building that will feature a one-stop shop for student services from enrollment to academic planning, knowledge commons library, bookstore, dining area and state-of-the-art technology. This building will serve as the gateway to the newly transformed Mount Laurel campus with a total investment of \$55 million and renovation of 240,000 square feet.

RCBC's enrollment as of Spring 2019 consisted of 7,626 students. In addition, the County College serves thousands of other County residents each semester through youth programs, Learning is for Everyone, workforce development, theatrical productions, guest speakers, and art exhibitions.

The Board of Trustees governs the County College and certain fiscal matters are subject to review by the Board of School Estimate. The County College is not permitted to borrow for capital expenditures. Instead, the Board of Trustees and the Board of School Estimate certify the need for funding to the Board, which either currently appropriates the amount certified or authorizes the issuance of County debt, generally in accordance with the provisions of the Local Bond Law.

Burlington County Institute of Technology

The Burlington County Board of Vocational Education was created by the Board in 1962 after a favorable referendum. The enrollment for the two campuses, Westampton and Medford, is 1,972 students as of June 30, 2018.

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

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

Burlington County Special Services School District

The Burlington County Special Services School District ("Special Services School District") was created by the Board in June 1972. The Special Services School District is comprised of state-of-the-art facilities located in the Townships of Westampton, Lumberton, Medford, and Mount Laurel and

programs are provided for: (1) the orthopedically handicapped, the multiple handicapped, autistic and deaf and hard of hearing; (2) elementary school students with severe emotional and social problems; (3) students ages fourteen (14) through twenty-one (21) with educational needs which are beyond the capabilities of existing local school boards and regions; and (4) trainable mentally retarded young people from ages fourteen (14) to twenty-one (21). The enrollment for the Special Services School District for the 2017-18 academic year is 607 students.

CERTAIN TAX INFORMATION

TEN LARGEST TAXPAYERS(1)

The following table outlines the assessed value of the ten (10) largest commercial properties within the Township.

<u>Name of Taxpayer</u>	<u>Nature of Business</u>	2019 <u>Assessed</u> <u>Valuation</u>
N.A.D.E.	Automobiles	\$ 38,720,600
VA Florence LLC	Land Development	8,725,000
Burlington Hatter LLC	Trucking/Storage	3,824,400
Homestead Plaza II	Retail/Office/Professional	3,752,000
Pleasant Farm, Inc.	Agriculture	2,967,300
Transcontinental Gas Pipeline	Gas Transmission	2,772,400
MLC Developers	Retail/Office/Professional	2,756,200
Cubalmart, LP	Self Storage	2,756,200
Tyrog Corp	Agriculture	2,577,910
Danmik, Inc.	Retail/Office/Professional	2,417,400

CURRENT TAX COLLECTIONS (2)

<u>Year</u>	<u>Total Levy</u>	<u>Outstanding Dec. 31</u>		<u>Collected in Year of Levy</u>	
		<u>Amount</u>	<u>Percentage</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Percentage</u>
2018	\$ 30,925,184	\$ 669,302	2.16%	\$ 30,205,823	97.67%
2017	30,776,203	371,436	1.21%	30,329,601	98.55%
2016	30,822,594	322,616	1.05%	30,416,081	98.68%
2015	29,509,482	224,544	0.76%	29,231,246	99.06%
2014	28,268,677	286,016	1.01%	27,891,380	98.67%

(1) Source: Township Tax Assessor

(2) Source: Township Reports of Audit.

DELINQUENT TAXES (1)

<u>Year</u>	<u>Outstanding</u>		<u>Collected</u>		<u>Transferred to Liens</u>	<u>Other Credits</u>	<u>Outstanding Dec. 31</u>
	<u>Jan. 1</u>	<u>Added</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Percentage</u>			
2018	\$ 379,397	\$ 9,445	\$ 375,804	96.65%	\$ 25	\$ 951	\$ 12,062
2017	326,473	-	314,211	96.24%	2,379	1,922	7,960
2016	224,553	11,542	222,989	94.45%	12	9,237	3,858
2015	286,022	5,757	287,223	98.44%	894	3,653	9
2014	253,381	1,223	237,028	93.10%	15,449	2,120	6

TAX TITLE LIENS (1)

<u>Year</u>	<u>Balance Jan. 1</u>	<u>Added by</u>		<u>Cancellations/ Foreclosures</u>	<u>Balance Dec. 31</u>
		<u>Sales and Transfers</u>	<u>Collected</u>		
2018	\$ 125,179	\$ 22,602	\$ -	-	\$ 147,781
2017	125,199	38,120	38,140	-	125,179
2016	154,491	24,609	-	\$ 53,900	125,199
2015	119,638	34,853	-	-	154,491
2014	100,687	43,077	24,127	-	119,638

FORECLOSED PROPERTY(1)(2)

<u>Year</u>	<u>Balance Jan. 1</u>	<u>Added By Transfer</u>	<u>Adjustment to Assessed Valuation</u>	<u>Balance Dec. 31</u>
2017	157,588	\$ 244,012	-	401,600
2016	94,100	63,488	-	157,588
2015	94,100	-	-	94,100
2014	94,100	-	-	94,100

CURRENT SEWER COLLECTIONS(1)

<u>Year</u>	<u>Beginning</u>		<u>Collected in Year of Levy</u>		<u>Outstanding Dec. 31</u>	
	<u>Balance</u>	<u>Total Levy</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Percentage</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Percentage</u>
2018	\$ 3,298	\$ 45,652	\$ 46,290	94.57%	\$ 2,660	5.43%
2017	3,288	43,114	43,103	92.89%	3,298	7.11%
2016	3,612	44,922	45,246	93.23%	3,288	6.77%
2015	2,900	42,264	41,552	92.00%	3,612	8.00%
2014	2,020	42,349	41,469	93.46%	2,900	6.54%

(1) Source: Township Reports of Audits.

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

**NET ASSESSED VALUATIONS AND
ANNUAL TAX RATES (1)**

<u>Year</u>	<u>Net Valuation Taxable</u>	<u>Tax Rate (2)</u>				
		<u>Total Rate</u>	<u>Regional</u>			
			<u>County</u>	<u>High School</u>	<u>Local School</u>	<u>Municipal</u>
2019	\$ 1,007,732,374	\$ 3.252	\$ 0.488	\$ 1.103	\$ 1.161	\$ 0.500
2018	988,904,805	3.118	0.489	1.007	1.141	0.481
2017	986,394,154	3.116	0.496	1.025	1.124	0.471
2016	984,624,884	3.118	0.498	1.039	1.110	0.471
2015	953,750,426	3.086	0.491	1.012	1.118	0.465

**RATIO OF ASSESSED VALUATION TO TRUE VALUE
AND TRUE VALUE PER CAPITA(3)**

<u>Year</u>	<u>Real Property Assessed Valuation</u>	<u>Percentage of True Value</u>	<u>True Value</u>	<u>True Value per Capita</u>
2019	\$ 1,005,914,916	81.88%	\$ 1,228,523,346	\$ 143,788 (4)
2018	987,088,400	81.97%	1,204,206,905	144,439 (4)
2017	985,054,800	82.04%	1,200,700,634	143,100 (4)
2016	983,279,900	82.00%	1,199,121,829	141,987 (4)
2015	952,306,400	84.29%	1,129,797,604	135,464 (4)

REAL PROPERTY CLASSIFICATION(5)

<u>Year</u>	<u>Assessed Value of Land and Improvements</u>	<u>Vacant Land</u>	<u>Residential</u>	<u>Commercial</u>	<u>Industrial</u>	<u>Apartments</u>	<u>Farmland</u>
2019	\$ 1,005,914,916	\$ 21,829,110	\$ 863,643,200	\$ 80,221,800	\$ 4,437,800	\$ 953,400	\$ 34,829,606
2018	987,088,400	11,225,200	855,343,900	80,258,400	4,021,200	1,162,800	35,076,900
2017	985,054,800	11,139,000	848,996,300	80,959,700	4,021,200	1,162,800	38,775,800
2016	983,279,900	12,063,900	845,779,100	81,173,100	4,021,200	1,162,800	39,079,800
2015	952,306,400	15,112,000	812,902,800	80,181,000	4,021,200	1,183,800	38,905,600

(1) Source: Township Tax Collector

(2) Per \$100 of assessed valuation

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

(4) Based on 2010 Census of 8,544

(5) Source: Township Tax Assessor

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

The following table summarizes the direct debt of the Township of Mansfield in accordance with the requirements of the Local Bond Law of the State (N.J.S.A. 40A:2-2 et seq.). The gross debt is comprised of short and long-term debt issued, and debt authorized but not issued, including General, Sewer Utility, and debt of the Local and Regional School Districts. Deductions from gross debt to arrive at net debt include deductible school debt, as well as debt considered to be self-liquidating. The resulting net debt of \$13,888,187 represents 1.155% of the average of equalized valuations for the Township for the last three years, of \$1,201,931,235 within the 3.5% limit imposed by N.J.S.A. 40A:2-6.

	Debt Issued		Debt Auth. But Not Issued	Gross Debt	Deductions				Net Debt
	Bonds	Notes			School Debt	Reserve for Payment of Debt	Sewer Assessment Cash	Self- Liquidating	
General	\$ 8,206,000	\$ 5,383,660	\$ 464,886	\$ 14,054,546		\$ 235,170			\$ 13,819,376
School - Local	4,700,000			4,700,000	\$ 4,700,000				
School - Regional	4,800,436		16,846,015	21,646,452	21,646,452				
Sewer Utility	150,000	74,050	950	225,000			\$ 81,189	\$ 75,000	68,811
	<u>\$ 17,856,436</u>	<u>\$ 5,457,710</u>	<u>\$ 17,311,851</u>	<u>\$ 40,625,998</u>	<u>\$ 26,346,452</u>	<u>\$ 235,170</u>	<u>\$ 81,189</u>	<u>\$ 75,000</u>	<u>\$ 13,888,187</u>

(1) As of December 31, 2018
Source: Township Auditor

DEBT RATIOS AND VALUATIONS(1)

Average of Equalized Valuations of Real Property with Improvements for 2016, 2017 and 2018	\$	1,201,931,235
Statutory Net debt as a Percentage of the Average of Equalized Valuations of Real Property with Improvements for 2016, 2017 and 2018		1.16%
2019 Net Valuation Taxable	\$	1,007,732,374
2019 Equalized Valuation of Real Property and Taxable Personal Property Used in Communications	\$	1,230,340,804
Gross Debt (2)		
As a Percentage of 2019 Net Valuation Taxable		4.03%
As a Percentage of 2019 Equalized Valuation of Real Property and Taxable Personal Property Used in Communications		3.30%
Net Debt (2)		
As a Percentage of 2019 Net Valuation Taxable		1.38%
As a Percentage of 2019 Equalized Valuation of Real Property and Taxable Personal Property Used in Communications		1.13%
Gross Debt per Capita(3)	\$	4,755
Net Debt per Capita(3)	\$	1,625

TOWNSHIP BORROWING CAPACITY(1)

2.5% of Average (2016-18) Equalized Valuation of Real Property with Improvements and Second Class Railroad Property (\$1,201,931,235)	\$	30,048,281
Net Debt		<u>(13,888,187)</u>
Remaining Borrowing Capacity	<u>\$</u>	<u>16,160,094</u>

- (1) As of December 31, 2018
(2) Excluding overlapping debt
(3) Based on 2010 population of 8,544

LOCAL SCHOOL BORROWING CAPACITY(1)

2.5% of Average (2016-18) Equalized Valuation of Real Property with Improvements and Second Class Railroad Property (\$1,201,931,235)	\$ 30,048,281
Local School Debt	<u>(4,700,000)</u>
Remaining Borrowing Capacity	<u>\$ 25,348,281</u>

REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT(1)

3% of Averaged (2016-18) Equalized Valuation of Real Property Including Improvements (\$2,836,800,558)	\$ 85,104,017
Regional High School Debt(2)	<u>(51,090,000)</u>
Remaining Borrowing Capacity	<u>\$ 34,014,017</u>

(1) As of December 31, 2018

(2) Debt portion allocated to the Township is \$21,646,452

**TOWNSHIP OF MANSFIELD
OVERLAPPING DEBT
AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2018**

	<u>DEBT ISSUED</u>			<u>Net Debt Outstanding Allocated to the Issuer</u>	Debt Auth. but not Issued
	<u>Debt Outstanding</u>	<u>Deductions</u>	<u>Net Debt Outstanding</u>		
County of Burlington:					
General:					
Bonds	\$ 184,476,000	\$ 22,040,827 (1)	\$ 162,435,173	\$ 1,563,294 (2)	
Notes	63,165,000		63,165,000	607,907	\$ 23,628,813
Loans	4,232,328		4,232,328	40,732	
Bonds Issued by Other Public Bodies					
Guaranteed by the County	353,917,000	353,917,000 (3)			
Solid Waste Utility	49,810,000	49,810,000			3,209,310
	<u>\$ 655,600,328</u>	<u>\$ 425,767,827</u>	<u>\$ 229,832,501</u>	<u>\$ 2,211,934</u>	<u>\$ 26,838,123</u>

- (1) Includes cash on hand, accounts receivable and County College Bonds paid with State Aid.
- (2) Such debt is allocated as a proportion of the Issuer's share of the total 2018 Net Valuations on which County taxes are apportioned, which is 0.96% .
- (3) Deductible in accordance with N.J.S. 40:37A-80.

**TOWNSHIP OF MANSFIELD
SCHEDULE OF TOWNSHIP DEBT SERVICE (1)
(BONDED DEBT ONLY)**

Existing Debt							
<u>Year</u>	<u>General Debt</u>			<u>Sewer Debt</u>			<u>Grand Total</u>
	<u>Interest</u>	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Interest</u>	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Total</u>	
2019	\$ 341,458	\$ 865,000	\$ 1,206,458	\$ 6,038	\$ 15,000	\$ 21,038	\$ 1,227,495
2020	312,895	900,000	1,212,895	5,475	15,000	20,475	1,233,370
2021	282,745	925,000	1,207,745	4,875	15,000	19,875	1,227,620
2022	245,645	950,000	1,195,645	4,275	15,000	19,275	1,214,920
2023	207,245	990,000	1,197,245	3,675	15,000	18,675	1,215,920
2024	158,383	1,100,000	1,258,383	3,038	15,000	18,038	1,276,420
2025	106,070	1,130,000	1,236,070	2,363	15,000	17,363	1,253,433
2026	50,445	450,000	500,445	1,688	15,000	16,688	517,133
2027	30,195	450,000	480,195	1,013	15,000	16,013	496,208
2028	10,035	446,000	456,035	338	15,000	15,338	471,373
	<u>\$ 1,745,115</u>	<u>\$ 8,206,000</u>	<u>\$ 9,951,115</u>	<u>\$ 32,775</u>	<u>\$ 150,000</u>	<u>\$ 182,775</u>	<u>\$ 10,133,890</u>

(1) As of December 31, 2018
Source: Township Debt Schedules

**TOWNSHIP OF MANSFIELD
2019 MUNICIPAL BUDGET (1)**

CURRENT FUND

Anticipated Revenues:	
Fund Balance	\$ 30,000
Miscellaneous Revenues:	
Local Revenues	354,450
State Aid without Offsetting Appropriations	512,185
Interlocal Municipal Service Agreements	175,000
Public and Private Programs Offset with Appropriations	30,000
Other Special Items of Revenue	1,644,000
Receipts from Delinquent Taxes	595,000
Amount to be Raised by Taxation for Municipal Purposes	5,047,949
Total Appropriated Revenues	\$ 8,388,584
Appropriations:	
Within CAPS:	
Operations	\$ 5,060,013
Deferred Charges and Statutory Expenditures	593,956
Excluded from CAPS:	
Other Operations	23,000
Interlocal Municipal Service Agreements	32,500
Public and Private Programs	30,000
Capital Improvements	15,000
Debt Service	1,909,886
Reserve for Uncollected Taxes	724,229
Total Appropriations	\$ 8,388,584

SEWER UTILITY FUND

Anticipated Revenues:	
Rents	\$ 44,698
Total Anticipated Revenues	\$ 44,698
Appropriations:	
Operating	\$ 36,000
Debt Service	8,698
Total Appropriations	\$ 44,698

(1) 2019 Adopted Budget.

**TOWNSHIP OF MANSFIELD
CAPITAL PROGRAM
PROJECTS SCHEDULED FOR THE YEARS 2019 - 2024 (1)**

	<u>Estimated Total Cost</u>	<u>Capital Improvement Fund</u>	<u>Grants-In Aid and Other Funds</u>	<u>Bonds and Notes</u>	
				<u>General</u>	<u>Self Liquidating</u>
General Improvements:					
Purchase of Public Safety Equipment	\$ 150,000	\$ 5,000		\$ 95,000	
Purchase of Emergency Vehicles	150,000	5,000		95,000	
Purchase of Public Works Equipment	150,000	5,000		95,000	
Totals--All Projects	<u>\$ 450,000</u>	<u>\$ 15,000</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 285,000</u>	<u>\$ -</u>

(1) 2019 Adopted Budget

APPENDIX B

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANSFIELD

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

The Honorable Mayor and
Members of the Township Committee
Township of Mansfield
Columbus, New Jersey 08022

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 Township of Mansfield, in the County of Burlington, State of New Jersey, as of December 31, 2018, and the related statements of operations and changes in fund balance - regulatory basis for the year then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Township'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 entity'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 entity'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 Township on the basis of the financial reporting provisions of the Division of Local Government Services, Department of Community Affairs, State of New Jersey, which is a basis of accounting other than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, to meet the requirements of the State of New Jersey.

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

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 Township of Mansfield, in the County of Burlington, State of New Jersey, as of December 31, 2018, or the results of its operations and changes in fund balance for the year 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 Township of Mansfield, in the County of Burlington, State of New Jersey, as of December 31, 2018, and the results of its operations and changes in fund balance - regulatory basis of such funds for the year 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.

Prior Period Financial Statements

The financial statements of the Township of Mansfield, in the County of Burlington, State of New Jersey, as of and for the year ended December 31, 2017, were audited by other auditors whose report dated June 15, 2018, expressed an adverse opinion under accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America and an unmodified opinion under the regulatory basis of accounting.

Emphasis of Matter

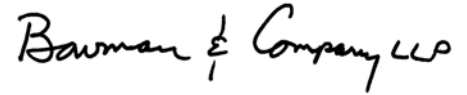
Adoption of New Accounting Principles

As discussed in note 1 to the financial statements, during the year ended December 31, 2018, the Township adopted new accounting guidance, Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement No. 75, *Accounting and Financial Reporting for Postemployment Benefits other than Pensions*. The adoption of this new accounting principle resulted in a material note disclosure (see note 21). As a result of the regulatory basis of accounting, described in the previous paragraph, the implementation of this Statement only required financial statement disclosures. Our opinions are not modified with respect to this matter.

Prior Period Restatement

As discussed in note 19 to the financial statements, during the year ended December 31, 2018, the current fund general capital fund, and general fixed assets account group financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2017 have been restated to correct misstatements. Our opinion is not modified with respect to this matter.

Respectfully submitted,

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BOWMAN & COMPANY LLP
Certified Public Accountants
& Consultants

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Certified Public Accountant
Registered Municipal Accountant

Voorhees, New Jersey
August 22, 2019

TOWNSHIP OF MANSFIELD
CURRENT FUND
Statements of Assets, Liabilities, Reserves
and Fund Balance--Regulatory Basis

	As of December 31,	
	2018	2017(1)
ASSETS		
Cash and Investments	\$ 7,308,431	\$ 9,490,273
Federal and State Grants Receivable	1,180,333	1,364,289
Receivables and other Assets with Full Reserves:		
Delinquent Property Taxes Receivable	681,364	379,397
Tax Title Liens Receivable	147,781	125,179
Property Acquired for Taxes-- Assessed Valuation	401,600	401,600
Revenue Accounts Receivable	20,912	14,585
Deferred Charges	39,289	10,899
Interfunds Receivable	506	14,590
	<u>\$ 9,780,216</u>	<u>\$ 11,800,812</u>
LIABILITIES, RESERVES AND FUND BALANCE		
Appropriation Reserves	\$ 35,331	\$ 131,295
Accounts Payable	7,295	6,193
Due State of New Jersey	8,498	8,823
Reserve for Encumbrances	156,011	102,178
Interfunds Payable	586,125	120,773
County Taxes Payable	11,469	4,944
Local District School Taxes Payable	2,283,642	2,558,635
Regional High School Taxes Payable	4,367,491	4,477,337
Prepaid Taxes	268,306	1,247,677
Tax Overpayments	11,951	6,948
Other Liabilities and Special Funds	89,719	283,503
Reserve for Receivables and Other Assets	1,252,163	935,351
Reserve for Federal and State Grants	635,317	1,342,056
Fund Balance	66,899	575,099
	<u>\$ 9,780,216</u>	<u>\$ 11,800,812</u>

(1) Restated

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

**TOWNSHIP OF MANSFIELD
CURRENT FUND**

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

	Years Ended December 31,	
	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017(1)</u>
Revenue and Other Income Realized:		
Current Tax Collections	\$ 30,205,823	\$ 30,329,601
Delinquent Tax and Tax Title Liens	375,804	352,352
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Total Taxes	30,581,627	30,681,953
Miscellaneous Revenues Anticipated	1,955,392	2,193,414
Non-Budget Revenue	145,664	115,749
Other Credits to Income	74,433	166,299
Fund Balance Utilized	545,000	635,000
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Total Income	33,302,116	33,792,414
Expenditures:		
Operating	4,841,552	4,875,283
Capital Improvements	17,500	3,000
Debt Service	1,787,950	1,781,070
Deferred Charges and Statutory Expenditures	525,835	617,334
County Taxes	4,834,145	4,883,693
Local District School Tax	11,291,574	10,989,160
Regional High School Tax	9,961,034	10,110,680
Overexpenditure of Appropriation Reserves	15,803	1,996
Added Tax Payments	1,798	
Refund of Prior Year Revenue	49	11,950
Reimbursement due to Taxation Audit	1,750	
Refund of Tax Appeals	932	
Interfunds Created		7,909
Prior Year Veterans' and Senior Citizens' Deductions Disallowed	1,281	
Other	603	
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Total Expenditures and Encumbrances	33,281,806	33,282,077
Excess in Revenues	20,310	510,338
Adjustments to Income Before Fund Balance:		
Expenditures included above which are by Statute Deferred Charges to Budget of Succeeding Year	16,491	
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Statutory Excess to Fund Balance	36,801	510,338
Fund Balance Beginning of Year	575,098	699,761
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Decreased by:	611,899	1,210,099
Utilized as Revenue	545,000	635,000
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Fund Balance Ending of Year	\$ 66,899	\$ 575,099

(1) Restated

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TOWNSHIP OF MANSFIELD
GENERAL CAPITAL FUND
Statements of Assets, Liabilities, Reserves
and Fund Balance--Regulatory Basis

	As of December 31,	
	2018	2017(1)
ASSETS		
Cash	\$ 342,405	\$ 265,631
Interfunds Receivable	1,444	1,435
Deferred Charges to Future Taxation:		
Funded	9,809,000	10,944,000
Unfunded	5,848,546	5,751,046
	<u>\$ 16,001,395</u>	<u>\$ 16,962,113</u>
LIABILITIES, RESERVES AND FUND BALANCE		
Serial Bonds	\$ 8,206,000	\$ 9,056,000
Bond Anticipation Notes	5,383,660	5,117,110
BCBC Lease Payable	1,603,000	1,888,000
Improvement Authorizations:		
Funded	15	15
Unfunded	467,335	544,614
Reserve for Encumbrances	72,289	125,592
Capital Improvement Fund	5,300	300
Reserve for Payment of Debt Service	235,170	204,120
Interfunds Payable	485	2,719
Other Liabilities and Special Funds	27,843	23,346
Fund Balance	298	298
	<u>\$ 16,001,395</u>	<u>\$ 16,962,113</u>

(1) Restated

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

TOWNSHIP OF MANSFIELD
SEWER UTILITY FUND
Statements of Assets, Liabilities, Reserves
and Fund Balance--Regulatory Basis

	As of December 31,	
	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>
ASSETS		
Operating Fund:		
Cash and Investments	\$ 40,358	\$ 32,873
Receivables with Full Reserves:		
Sewer Rents Receivable	2,660	3,298
Total Operating Fund	<u>43,019</u>	<u>36,171</u>
Assessment Trust Fund:		
Interfund Receivables	116,125	107,589
Assessments Receivable	68,811	92,347
Total Assessment Trust Fund	<u>184,936</u>	<u>199,936</u>
Capital Fund:		
Cash	1,153,665	1,623,665
Interfund Receivables	470,000	
Fixed Capital Authorized and Uncompleted	75,000	75,000
Total Capital Fund	<u>1,698,665</u>	<u>1,698,665</u>
	<u>\$ 1,926,620</u>	<u>\$ 1,934,773</u>

TOWNSHIP OF MANSFIELD
SEWER UTILITY FUND
Statements of Assets, Liabilities, Reserves
and Fund Balance--Regulatory Basis

	As of December 31,	
	2018	2017
LIABILITIES, RESERVES AND FUND BALANCE		
Operating Fund:		
Reserve for Encumbrances	\$ 1,272	\$ 685
Appropriation Reserves	4,034	6,237
Accrued Interest on Bonds and Notes	2,187	1,895
Interfunds Payable	1,334	485
Reserve for Receivables	2,660	3,298
Fund Balance	31,532	23,571
Total Operating Fund	43,019	36,171
Assessment Trust Fund:		
Serial Bonds Payable	150,000	165,000
Fund Balance	34,936	34,936
Total Assessment Trust Fund	184,936	199,936
Capital Fund:		
Bond Anticipation Note	74,050	74,050
Improvement Authorizations:		
Funded	1,614,602	1,614,602
Unfunded	9,063	9,063
Interfunds Payable	110	950
Reserve for Payment of Debt Service	840	
Total Capital Fund	1,698,665	1,698,665
	\$ 1,926,620	\$ 1,934,773

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

**TOWNSHIP OF MANSFIELD
SEWER UTILITY FUND**

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

	For the Years Ended December 31,	
	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>
Revenue and Other Income Realized:		
Rents	\$ 46,290	\$ 43,536
Other Credits to Income	5,048	6,787
Total Income	51,338	50,323
Expenditures:		
Operating	35,712	36,900
Debt Service	7,665	7,750
Total Expenditures	43,377	44,650
Statutory Excess to Fund Balance	7,961	5,673
Fund Balance Beginning of Year	23,571	17,898
Fund Balance Ending of Year	\$ 31,532	\$ 23,571

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

TOWNSHIP OF MANSFIELD
TRUST FUND
Statements of Assets, Liabilities and Reserves--Regulatory Basis

	As of December 31,	
	2018	2017
ASSETS		
Cash	\$ 1,500,985	\$ 1,554,002
Interfunds Receivable		1,450
Investments	502,651	563,659
	\$ 2,003,637	\$ 2,119,111
LIABILITIES AND RESERVES		
Interfunds Payable	\$ 2,822	\$ 3,730
Payroll Deductions Payable	7,282	27,769
Other Liabilities and Special Funds	1,993,533	2,087,612
	\$ 2,003,637	\$ 2,119,111

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

TOWNSHIP OF MANSFIELD
Notes to Financial Statements
For the Year Ended December 31, 2018

Note 1: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Description of Financial Reporting Entity - The Township of Mansfield (hereafter referred to as the "Township") was incorporated as a township by an act of the New Jersey legislature in 1798. It is in the northeast part of Burlington County and is bounded north and northeast by Bordentown Township, northeast by Chesterfield Township, south by Springfield Township and southwest by Florence Township. According to the 2010 census, the population is 8,544.

The Township is governed under the Township Committee form of government, with a five-member Committee. The Committee is elected directly by the voters in partisan elections to serve three-year terms of office on a staggered basis, with one or two seats coming up for election each year. At an annual reorganization meeting, the Committee selects one of its members to serve as Mayor and another as Deputy Mayor. Legislative and executive power is vested in the Committee.

Component Units - The Township had no component units as defined by Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement No. 14, as amended by GASB Statements No. 39, No. 61 and No. 80.

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

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

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

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

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

Sewer Utility Operating, Capital and Assessment Funds - The sewer utility operating, capital and assessment funds account for the operations and acquisition of capital facilities of the municipally owned sewer operations.

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

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

Budgets and Budgetary Accounting - The Township must adopt an annual budget for its current, sewer assessment 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 Township's financial statements.

Cash, Cash Equivalents and Investments - Cash and cash equivalents include petty cash, change funds and cash on deposit with public depositories. All certificates of deposit are recorded as cash regardless of the date of maturity. Investments are stated at cost; therefore, unrealized gains or losses on investments have not been recorded. Investments recorded in the trust fund for the Township's length of service awards program, however, are stated at fair value.

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

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

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

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

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

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

General Fixed Assets - Accounting for governmental fixed assets, as required by N.J.A.C. 5:30-5.6, differs in certain respects from accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. In accordance with the regulations, all local units, including municipalities, must maintain a general fixed assets reporting system that establishes and maintains a physical inventory of nonexpendable, tangible property as defined and limited by the U.S. Office of Management and *Budget's Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards* (Part 200, §200.12), except that the useful life of such property is at least five years. The Township has adopted a capitalization threshold of \$1,000.00. Generally, assets are valued at historical cost; however, assets acquired prior to December 31, 1985 are valued at actual historical cost or estimated historical cost. No depreciation of general fixed assets is recorded. Donated general fixed assets are recorded at acquisition value as of the date of the transaction. Interest costs relative to the acquisition of general fixed assets are recorded as expenditures when paid. Public domain ("infrastructure") general fixed assets consisting of certain improvements such as roads, bridges, curbs and gutters, streets and sidewalks and drainage systems are not capitalized. Expenditures for construction in progress are recorded in the capital funds until such time as the construction is completed and put into operation. The Township is required to maintain a subsidiary ledger detailing fixed assets records to control additions, retirements, and transfers of fixed assets. In addition, a statement of general fixed asset group of accounts, reflecting the activity for the year, must be included in the Township's basic financial statements.

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

Utility Fixed Assets - 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.

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

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

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

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

Fund Balance - Fund 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.

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

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

School Taxes - The Township is responsible for levying, collecting, and remitting school taxes for the Township of Mansfield School District and Northern Burlington Regional High School District. Operations is charged for the Township's share of the amount required to be raised by taxation for the period from July 1 to June 30, increased by the amount deferred at December 31, 2017 and decreased by the amount deferred at December 31, 2018 for both school districts.

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

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

Expenditures - Expenditures are recorded on the "budgetary" basis of accounting. Generally, expenditures are recorded when paid. However, for charges to amounts appropriated for "other expenses", an amount is encumbered through the issuance of a numerically controlled purchase order or when a contract is executed 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)

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

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

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

Impact of Recently Issued Accounting Principles

Recently Issued and Adopted Accounting Pronouncements

For the year ended December 31, 2018, the Township adopted GASB Statement No. 75, *Accounting and Financial Reporting for Postemployment Benefits Other Than Pensions*. As a result of adopting Statement No. 75, the Township was required to measure and disclose liabilities, deferred outflows of resources, deferred inflows of resources, and expense/expenditures related to their postemployment benefits plan. As a result of the regulatory basis of accounting previously described in note 1, the implementation of this Statement only required financial statement disclosures. There exists no impact on the financial statements of the Township.

Note 2: CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS

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

As of December 31, 2018, the Township's bank balances of \$10,333,378.17 were exposed to custodial credit risk as follows:

Insured by FDIC and GUDPA	\$ 9,870,688.54
Uninsured and Uncollateralized	<u>462,689.63</u>
Total	<u><u>\$ 10,333,378.17</u></u>

Note 3: PROPERTY TAXES

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

	<u>Year Ended</u>				
	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>
Tax Rate	\$ 3.118	\$ 3.116	\$ 3.118	\$ 3.086	\$ 2.958
Apportionment of Tax Rate:					
Municipal	\$.481	\$.471	\$.471	\$.465	\$.441
County	.489	.496	.498	.491	.454
Regional High School	1.007	1.025	1.039	1.012	.965
Local School	1.141	1.124	1.110	1.118	1.098

Assessed Valuation

<u>Year</u>	<u>Amount</u>
2018	\$ 988,904,805.00
2017	986,394,154.00
2016	984,624,884.00
2015	953,750,426.00
2014	951,355,510.00

Comparison of Tax Levies and Collections

<u>Year</u>	<u>Tax Levy</u>	<u>Collections</u>	<u>Percentage of Collections</u>
2018	\$ 30,925,184.07	\$ 30,205,822.63	97.67%
2017	30,776,202.67	30,329,601.08	98.55%
2016	30,822,594.44	30,416,080.72	98.68%
2015	29,509,482.02	29,231,246.43	99.06%
2014	28,268,676.52	27,891,380.00	98.67%

Delinquent Taxes and Tax Title Liens

<u>Year</u>	<u>Tax Title Liens</u>	<u>Delinquent Taxes</u>	<u>Total Delinquent</u>	<u>Percentage of Tax Levy</u>
2018	\$ 147,780.90	\$ 681,363.73	\$ 829,144.63	2.68%
2017	125,179.25	379,397.05	504,576.30	1.64%
2016	125,199.00	326,473.00	451,672.00	1.47%
2015	154,491.00	224,553.00	379,044.00	1.28%
2014	119,637.00	286,022.00	405,659.00	1.44%

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>
2018	15
2017	15
2016	15
2015	12
2014	13

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>
2018	\$ 401,600.00
2017	401,600.00
2016	157,587.85
2015	94,100.00
2014	94,100.00

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:

<u>Year</u>	<u>Balance Beginning of Year</u>		<u>Total</u>	<u>Cash Collections</u>
	<u>Receivable</u>	<u>Levy</u>		
2018	\$ 3,298.19	\$ 45,651.86	\$ 48,950.05	\$ 46,289.68
2017	3,287.87	43,113.67	46,401.54	43,103.35
2016	3,612.09	44,921.58	48,533.67	45,245.80
2015	2,900.11	42,263.95	45,164.06	41,551.97
2014	2,019.74	42,348.94	44,368.68	41,468.57

Note 6: 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:

Current Fund

<u>Year</u>	<u>Balance December 31,</u>	<u>Utilized in Budget of Succeeding Year</u>	<u>Percentage of Fund Balance Used</u>
2018	\$ 66,899.45	\$ 30,000.00	44.84%
2017	575,098.51	545,000.00	94.77%
2016	699,760.95	635,000.00	90.75%
2015	791,863.64	650,000.00	82.08%
2014	1,114,993.86	936,000.00	83.95%

Sewer Utility Operating Fund

<u>Year</u>	<u>Balance December 31,</u>	<u>Utilized in Budget of Succeeding Year</u>	<u>Percentage of Fund Balance Used</u>
2018	\$ 31,532.07	\$ -	
2017	23,570.99	-	
2016	17,898.30	-	
2015	4,109.14	-	
2014	9,479.14	6,706.00	70.74%

Note 7: 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, 2018:

<u>Fund</u>	<u>Interfunds Receivable</u>	<u>Interfunds Payable</u>
Current	\$ 506.26	\$ 116,124.92
Federal and State Grant		470,000.00
Trust - Other		20.81
General Capital	1,444.06	485.45
Sewer Utility - Operating		1,333.79
Sewer Assessment Trust Fund	116,124.92	
Sewer Utility - Capital	470,000.00	110.27
Totals	<u>\$ 588,075.24</u>	<u>\$ 588,075.24</u>

The interfund receivables and payables above predominately resulted from collections and payments made by certain funds on behalf of other funds. During the year 2019, the Township expects to liquidate such interfunds, depending upon the availability of cash flow.

Note 8: PENSION PLANS

A substantial number of the Township's employees participate in one of the following defined benefit pension plans: the Public Employees' Retirement System ("PERS") and the Police and Firemen's Retirement System ("PFRS"), which are administered by the New Jersey Division of Pensions and Benefits. In addition, several Township employees participate in the Defined Contribution Retirement Program ("DCRP"), which is a defined contribution pension plan. This Plan is administered by Prudential Financial for 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, required supplementary information and detailed information about the PERS and PFRS plan's fiduciary net position which can be obtained by writing to or at the following website:

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

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

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

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

Defined Contribution Retirement Program - The Defined Contribution Retirement Program is a multiple-employer defined contribution pension fund established on July 1, 2007 under the provisions of Chapter 92, P.L. 2007, and Chapter 103, P.L. 2007 (N.J.S.A. 43:15C-1 et. seq.). The DCRP is a tax-qualified defined contribution money purchase pension plan under Internal Revenue Code (IRC) § 401(a) et seq., and is a "governmental plan" within the meaning of IRC § 414(d). The DCRP provides retirement benefits for eligible employees and their beneficiaries. Individuals covered under DCRP are employees enrolled in PERS on or after July 1, 2007, who earn salary in excess of established "maximum compensation" limits; employees enrolled in New Jersey State Police Retirement System (SPRS) or the Police and Firemen's Retirement System (PFRS) after May 21, 2010, who earn salary in excess of established "maximum compensation" limits; employees otherwise eligible to enroll in PERS on or after November 2, 2008, who do not earn the minimum annual salary for tier 3 enrollment but who earn salary of at least \$5,000.00 annually; and employees and employees otherwise eligible to enroll in PERS after May 21, 2010 who do not work the minimum number of hours per week required for tiers 4 or 5 enrollment, but who earn salary of at least \$5,000.00 annually.

Note 8: PENSION PLANS (CONT'D)**General Information about the Pension Plans (Cont'd)****Vesting and Benefit Provisions**

Public Employees' Retirement System - The vesting and benefit provisions are set by N.J.S.A. 43:15A. The PERS provides retirement, death and disability benefits. All benefits vest after 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 1/55th of final average salary for each year of service credit is available to tiers 1 and 2 members upon reaching age 60 and to tier 3 members upon reaching age 62. Service retirement benefits of 1/60th of final average salary for each year of service credit is available to tier 4 members upon reaching age 62 and tier 5 members upon reaching age 65. Early retirement benefits are available to tiers 1 and 2 members before reaching age 60, tiers 3 and 4 with 25 years or more of service credit before age 62, and tier 5 with 30 or more years of service credit before age 65. Benefits are reduced by a fraction of a percent for each month that a member retires prior to the age at which a member can receive full early retirement benefits in accordance with their respective tier. Tier 1 members can receive an unreduced benefit from age 55 to age 60 if they have at least 25 years of service. Deferred retirement is available to members who have at least 10 years of service credit and have not reached the service retirement age for the respective tier.

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

The following represents the membership tiers for PFRS:

Tier Definition

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

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

Note 8: PENSION PLANS (CONT'D)**General Information about the Pension Plans (Cont'd)****Vesting and Benefit Provisions (Cont'd)**

Defined Contribution Retirement Program - Eligible members are provided with a defined contribution retirement plan intended to qualify for favorable Federal income tax treatment under IRC Section 401(a), a noncontributory group life insurance plan and a noncontributory group disability benefit plan. A participant's interest in that portion of his or her defined contribution retirement plan account attributable to employee contributions shall immediately become and shall at all times remain fully vested and non-forfeitable. A participant's interest in that portion of his or her defined contribution retirement plan account attributable to employer contributions shall be vested and non-forfeitable on the date the participant commences the second year of employment or upon his or her attainment of age 65, while employed by an employer, whichever occurs first.

Contributions

Public Employees' Retirement System - The contribution policy is set by N.J.S.A. 43:15A and requires contributions by active members and contributing employers. Pursuant to the provisions of 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 7.34% in State fiscal year 2018. 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 (P.L. 2001, C. 366) was 10% in State fiscal year 2018. Employers' contribution are based on an actuarially determined amount, which includes the normal cost and unfunded accrued liability.

The Township's contractually required contribution rate for the year ended December 31, 2018 was 14.32% of the Township's covered payroll. This amount was actuarially determined as the amount that, when combined with employee contributions, is expected to finance the costs of benefits earned by employees during the year, including an additional amount to finance any unfunded accrued liability.

Based on the most recent PERS measurement date of June 30, 2018, the Township's contractually required contribution to the pension plan for the year ended December 31, 2018 is \$112,294.00, and was payable by April 1, 2019. 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, 2017, the Township's contractually required contribution to the pension plan for the year ended December 31, 2017 was \$105,752.00, which was paid on April 1, 2018. Employee contributions to the Plan during the year ended December 31, 2018 were \$58,196.23.

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 P.L. 2011, C. 78, the active member contribution rate was 10% in State fiscal year 2018. Employers' contributions are based on an actuarially determined amount, which includes the normal cost and unfunded accrued liability.

Note 8: PENSION PLANS (CONT'D)**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 Township's contractually required contribution rate for the year ended December 31, 2018 was 26.80% of the Township's covered payroll. This amount was actuarially determined as the amount that, when combined with employee contributions, is expected to finance the costs of benefits earned by employees during the year, with an additional amount to finance any unfunded accrued liability.

Based on the most recent PFRS measurement date of June 30, 2018, the Township's contractually required contribution to the pension plan for the year ended December 31, 2018 is \$284,948.00, and was payable by April 1, 2019. 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, 2017, the Township's contractually required contribution to the pension plan for the year ended December 31, 2017 was \$211,919.00, which was paid on April 1, 2018. Employee contributions to the Plan during the year ended December 31, 2018 were \$107,397.10.

The amount of contractually required contribution for the State of New Jersey's proportionate share, associated with the Township, for the year ended December 31, 2018 was 2.98% of the Township's covered payroll.

Based on the most recent PFRS measurement date of June 30, 2018, the State's contractually required contribution, on-behalf of the Township, to the pension plan for the year ended December 31, 2018 is \$31,728.00, and was payable by April 1, 2019. Based on the PFRS measurement date of June 30, 2017, the State's contractually required contribution, on-behalf of the Township, to the pension plan for the year ended December 31, 2017 was \$20,705.00, which was paid on April 1, 2018.

Defined Contribution Retirement Program - The contribution policy is set by N.J.S.A. 43:15C-3 and requires contributions by active members and contributing employers. In accordance with Chapter 92, P.L. 2007 and Chapter 103, P.L. 2007, Plan members are required to contribute 5.5% of their annual covered salary. In addition to the employee contributions, the Township contributes 3% of the employees' base salary, for each pay period, to Prudential Financial not later than the fifth business day after the date on which the employee is paid for that pay period.

For the year ended December 31, 2018, employee contributions totaled \$7,668.82, and the Township's contributions were \$4,643.52. There were no forfeitures during the year.

Note 8: PENSION PLANS (CONT'D)

Pension Liabilities, Pension Expense, and Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources Related to Pensions

Public Employees' Retirement System - At December 31, 2018, the Township's proportionate share of the PERS net pension liability was \$2,222,845.00. The net pension liability was measured as of June 30, 2018, and the total pension liability used to calculate the net pension liability was determined by an actuarial valuation as of July 1, 2017. 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, 2018. The Township's proportion of the net pension liability was based on a projection of the Township's long-term share of contributions to the pension plan relative to the projected contributions of all participating employers, actuarially determined. For the June 30, 2018 measurement date, the Township's proportion was .0112894949%, which was a decrease of .0001259602% from its proportion measured as of June 30, 2017.

At December 31, 2018, the Township's proportionate share of the PERS pension expense, calculated by the Plan as of the June 30, 2018 measurement date is \$67,693.00. This expense is not recognized by the Township because of the regulatory basis of accounting as described in note 1; however, as previously mentioned, for the year ended December 31, 2018, the Township's contribution to PERS was \$105,752.00, and was paid on April 1, 2018.

Police and Firemen's Retirement System - At December 31, 2018, the Township's and State of New Jersey's proportionate share of the PFRS net pension liability were as follows:

Township's Proportionate Share of Net Pension Liability	\$ 3,943,975.00
State of New Jersey's Proportionate Share of Net Pension Liability Associated with the Township	<u>535,724.00</u>
	<u>\$ 4,479,699.00</u>

The net pension liability was measured as of June 30, 2018, and the total pension liability used to calculate the net pension liability was determined by an actuarial valuation as of July 1, 2017. 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, 2018. The Township's proportion of the net pension liability was based on a projection of the Township's long-term share of contributions to the pension plan relative to the projected contributions of all participating employers and the State of New Jersey, actuarially determined. For the June 30, 2018 measurement date, the Township's proportion was .0291462975%, which was an increase of .0052011472% from its proportion measured as of June 30, 2017. Likewise, at June 30, 2018, the State of New Jersey's proportion, on-behalf of the Township, was .0291462975%, which was an increase of .0052011472% from its proportion, on-behalf of the Township, measured as of June 30, 2017.

At December 31, 2018, the Township's proportionate share of the PFRS pension expense, calculated by the Plan as of the June 30, 2018 measurement date is \$308,113.00. This expense is not recognized by the Township because of the regulatory basis of accounting as described in note 1; however, as previously mentioned, for the year ended December 31, 2018, the Township's contribution to PFRS was \$211,919.00, and was paid on April 1, 2018.

At December 31, 2018, the State's proportionate share of the PFRS pension expense, associated with the Township, calculated by the Plan as of the June 30, 2018 measurement date is \$63,456.00. This on-behalf expense is not recognized by the Township because of the regulatory basis of accounting as described in note 1.

Note 8: PENSION PLANS (CONT'D)

Pension Liabilities, Pension Expense, and Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources Related to Pensions (Cont'd)

Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources - At December 31, 2018, the Township had deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions from the following sources:

	<u>Deferred Outflows of Resources</u>			<u>Deferred Inflows of Resources</u>		
	<u>PERS</u>	<u>PFRS</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>PERS</u>	<u>PFRS</u>	<u>Total</u>
Differences between Expected and Actual Experience	\$ 42,390.00	\$ 40,125.00	\$ 82,515.00	\$ 11,462.00	\$ 16,321.00	\$ 27,783.00
Changes of Assumptions	366,288.00	338,537.00	704,825.00	710,748.00	1,010,773.00	1,721,521.00
Net Difference between Projected and Actual Earnings on Pension Plan Investments	-	-	-	20,850.00	21,577.00	42,427.00
Changes in Proportion and Differences between Township Contributions and Proportionate Share of Contributions	85,769.00	732,628.00	818,397.00	213,936.00	598,437.00	812,373.00
Township Contributions Subsequent to the Measurement Date	56,147.00	142,474.00	198,621.00	-	-	-
	<u>\$ 550,594.00</u>	<u>\$ 1,253,764.00</u>	<u>\$ 1,804,358.00</u>	<u>\$ 956,996.00</u>	<u>\$ 1,647,108.00</u>	<u>\$ 2,604,104.00</u>

\$56,147.00 and \$142,474.00 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, 2019. These amounts were based on an estimated April 1, 2020 contractually required contribution, prorated from the pension plans' measurement date of June 30, 2018 to the Township's year end of December 31, 2018.

Note 8: **PENSION PLANS (CONT'D)**

Pension Liabilities, Pension Expense, and Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources Related to Pensions (Cont'd)

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

	<u>PERS</u>		<u>PFRS</u>	
	<u>Deferred Outflows of Resources</u>	<u>Deferred Inflows of Resources</u>	<u>Deferred Outflows of Resources</u>	<u>Deferred Inflows of Resources</u>
Differences between Expected and Actual Experience				
Year of Pension Plan Deferral:				
June 30, 2014	-	-	-	-
June 30, 2015	5.72	-	-	5.53
June 30, 2016	5.57	-	-	5.58
June 30, 2017	5.48	-	5.59	-
June 30, 2018	-	5.63	5.73	-
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	-
June 30, 2017	-	5.48	-	5.59
June 30, 2018	-	5.63	-	5.73
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	-
June 30, 2017	-	5.00	-	5.00
June 30, 2018	-	5.00	-	5.00
Changes in Proportion and Differences between Township 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
June 30, 2017	5.48	5.48	5.59	5.59
June 30, 2018	5.63	5.63	5.73	5.73

Note 8: **PENSION PLANS (CONT'D)**

Pension Liabilities, Pension Expense, and Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources Related to Pensions (Cont'd)

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

<u>Year Ending Dec 31,</u>	<u>PERS</u>	<u>PFRS</u>	<u>Total</u>
2019	\$ (43,099.00)	\$ 36,137.00	\$ (6,962.00)
2020	(72,602.00)	(118,047.00)	(190,649.00)
2021	(158,939.00)	(333,303.00)	(492,242.00)
2022	(142,218.00)	(160,649.00)	(302,867.00)
2023	(45,691.00)	40,044.00	(5,647.00)
	<u>\$ (462,549.00)</u>	<u>\$ (535,818.00)</u>	<u>\$ (998,367.00)</u>

Actuarial Assumptions

The net pension liability was measured as of June 30, 2018, and the total pension liability used to calculate the net pension liability was determined by an actuarial valuation as of July 1, 2017. 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, 2018. This actuarial valuation used the following actuarial assumptions, applied to all periods included in the measurement:

	<u>PERS</u>	<u>PFRS</u>
Inflation Rate	2.25%	2.25%
Salary Increases:		
Through 2026	1.65% - 4.15% Based on Age	2.10% - 8.98% Based on Age
Thereafter	2.65% - 5.15% Based on Age	3.10% - 9.98% Based on Age
Investment Rate of Return	7.00%	7.00%
Period of Actuarial Experience Study upon which Actuarial Assumptions were Based	July 1, 2011 - June 30, 2014	July 1, 2010 - June 30, 2013

Note 8: PENSION PLANS (CONT'D)**Actuarial Assumptions (Cont'd)**

For PERS, preretirement mortality rates were based on the RP-2000 Employee Preretirement Mortality Table for male and female active participants. For State employees, mortality tables are set back 4 years for males and females. For local employees, 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 Conduent modified 2014 projection scale. Postretirement 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. In addition, the tables for service retirements and beneficiaries of former members provide for future improvements in mortality from 2012 to 2013 using Projection Scale AA and using a generational approach based on the Conduent modified 2014 projection scale thereafter. 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, preretirement mortality rates were based on the RP-2000 Combined Healthy Mortality tables projected on a generational basis from the base year of 2000 to 2013 using Projection Scale BB and the Conduent modified 2014 projection scale thereafter. For preretirement accidental mortality, a custom table with representative rates was used and there is no mortality improvements assumed. Post-retirement mortality rates for male service retirements are based the RP-2000 Combined Healthy Mortality Tables projected on a generational basis using Projection Scale AA from the base year of 2012 to 2013 and the Conduent modified 2014 projection scale thereafter. Postretirement mortality rates for female service retirements and beneficiaries were based on the RP-2000 Combined Healthy Mortality Tables projected on a generational basis from the base year 2000 to 2013 using Projection Scale BB and the Conduent modified 2014 projection scale thereafter. Disability mortality rates were based on a custom table with representative rates and no mortality improvements assumed.

For PERS and PFRS, in accordance with State statute, the long-term expected rate of return on Plan investments (7.00% at June 30, 2018) is determined by the State Treasurer, after consultation with the Directors of the Division of Investments and Division of Pensions and Benefits, the board of trustees and the actuaries. The long-term expected rate of return was determined using a building block method in which best-estimate ranges of expected future real rates of return (expected returns, net of pension Plan investment expense and inflation) are developed for each major asset class. These ranges are combined to produce the long-term expected rate of return by weighting the expected future real rates of return by the target asset allocation percentage and by adding expected inflation. Best estimates of arithmetic rates of return for each major asset class included in PERS' and PFRS' target asset allocation as of June 30, 2018 are summarized in the following table:

Note 8: **PENSION PLANS (CONT'D)****Actuarial Assumptions (Cont'd)**

<u>Asset Class</u>	<u>Target Allocation</u>	<u>Long-Term Expected Real Rate of Return</u>
Risk Mitigation Strategies	5.00%	5.51%
Cash Equivalents	5.50%	1.00%
U.S. Treasuries	3.00%	1.87%
Investment Grade Credit	10.00%	3.78%
High Yield	2.50%	6.82%
Global Diversified Credit	5.00%	7.10%
Credit Oriented Hedge Funds	1.00%	6.60%
Debt Related Private Equity	2.00%	10.63%
Debt Related Real Estate	1.00%	6.61%
Private Real Asset	2.50%	11.83%
Equity Related Real Estate	6.25%	9.23%
U.S. Equity	30.00%	8.19%
Non-U.S. Developed Markets Equity	11.50%	9.00%
Emerging Markets Equity	6.50%	11.64%
Buyouts/Venture Capital	8.25%	13.08%
	<u>100.00%</u>	

Discount Rate - The discount rate used to measure the total pension liability at June 30, 2018 was 5.66% for PERS and 6.51% 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 7.00%, and a municipal bond rate of 3.87% as of June 30, 2018, 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 50% 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 2046 for PERS and through 2062 for PFRS; therefore, the long-term expected rate of return on Plan investments was applied to projected benefit payments through 2046 for PERS and through 2062 for PFRS, and the municipal bond rate was applied to projected benefit payments after that date in determining the total pension liabilities.

Note 8: **PENSION PLANS (CONT'D)**

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

Public Employees' Retirement System (PERS) - The following presents the Township's proportionate share of the net pension liability at June 30, 2018, the Plan's measurement date, calculated using a discount rate of 5.66%, as well as what the Township's proportionate share of the net pension liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is 1% lower or 1% higher than the current rates used:

	PERS		
	1% Decrease <u>(4.66%)</u>	Current Discount Rate <u>(5.66%)</u>	1% Increase <u>(6.66%)</u>
Township's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability	\$ 2,794,972.00	\$ 2,222,845.00	\$ 1,742,868.00

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 Township's annual required contribution. As such, the net pension liability as of June 30, 2018, the Plan's measurement date, for the Township and the State of New Jersey, calculated using a discount rate of 6.51%, as well as using a discount rate that is 1% lower or 1% higher than the current rates used is as follows:

	PFRS		
	1% Decrease <u>(5.51%)</u>	Current Discount Rate <u>(6.51%)</u>	1% Increase <u>(7.51%)</u>
Township's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability	\$ 5,278,521.00	\$ 3,943,975.00	\$ 2,843,218.00
State of New Jersey's Proportionate Share of Net Pension Liability associated with the Township	717,000.09	535,724.00	386,204.24
	<u>\$ 5,995,521.09</u>	<u>\$ 4,479,699.00</u>	<u>\$ 3,229,422.24</u>

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 <https://www.nj.gov/treasury/pensions/financial-reports.shtml>.

Note 8: PENSION PLANS (CONT'D)

Supplementary Pension Information

In accordance with GASBS 68, the following information is also presented for the PERS and PFRS Pension Plans. These schedules are presented to illustrate the requirements to show information for 10 years; 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 Township's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability - Public Employees' Retirement System (PERS) (Last Six Years)

	<u>Measurement Date Ended June 30,</u>		
	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>
Township's Proportion of the Net Pension Liability	0.0112894949%	0.0114154551%	0.0116460675%
Township's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability	\$ 2,222,845.00	\$ 2,657,335.00	\$ 3,449,231.00
Township's Covered Payroll (Plan Measurement Period)	\$ 792,812.00	\$ 790,184.00	\$ 801,164.00
Township's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability as a Percentage of Covered Payroll	280.37%	336.29%	430.53%
Plan Fiduciary Net Position as a Percentage of the Total Pension Liability	53.60%	48.10%	40.14%
	<u>Measurement Date Ended June 30,</u>		
	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>2013</u>
Township's Proportion of the Net Pension Liability	0.0112303627%	0.0139710110%	0.0128555575%
Township's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability	\$ 2,520,991.00	\$ 2,615,755.00	\$ 2,456,952.00
Township's Covered Payroll (Plan Measurement Period)	\$ 774,672.00	\$ 916,596.00	\$ 931,512.00
Township's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability as a Percentage of Covered Payroll	325.43%	285.38%	263.76%
Plan Fiduciary Net Position as a Percentage of the Total Pension Liability	47.93%	52.08%	48.72%

Note 8: **PENSION PLANS (CONT'D)**

Supplementary Pension Information (Cont'd)

Schedule of the Township's Contributions - Public Employees' Retirement System (PERS) (Last Six Years)

	<u>Year Ended December 31,</u>		
	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>
Township's Contractually Required Contribution	\$ 112,294.00	\$ 105,752.00	\$ 103,462.00
Township's Contribution in Relation to the Contractually Required Contribution	(112,294.00)	(105,752.00)	(103,462.00)
Township's Contribution Deficiency (Excess)	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>
Township's Covered Payroll (Calendar Year)	\$ 784,028.00	\$ 802,234.00	\$ 782,305.00
Township's Contributions as a Percentage of Covered Payroll	14.32%	13.18%	13.23%
	<u>Year Ended December 31,</u>		
	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>2013</u>
Township's Contractually Required Contribution	\$ 96,551.00	\$ 115,175.00	\$ 96,864.00
Township's Contribution in Relation to the Contractually Required Contribution	(96,551.00)	(115,175.00)	(96,864.00)
Township's Contribution Deficiency (Excess)	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>
Township's Covered Payroll (Calendar Year)	\$ 764,211.00	\$ 776,668.00	\$ 903,692.00
Township's Contributions as a Percentage of Covered Payroll	12.63%	14.83%	10.72%

Note 8: **PENSION PLANS (CONT'D)**

Supplementary Pension Information (Cont'd)

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

	<u>Measurement Date Ended June 30,</u>		
	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>
Township's Proportion of the Net Pension Liability	0.0291462975%	0.0239451503%	0.0300581134%
Township's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability	\$ 3,943,975.00	\$ 3,696,668.00	\$ 5,741,869.00
State's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability associated with the Township	535,724.00	414,058.00	482,175.00
Total	<u>\$ 4,479,699.00</u>	<u>\$ 4,110,726.00</u>	<u>\$ 6,224,044.00</u>
Township's Covered Payroll (Plan Measurement Period)	\$ 939,420.00	\$ 853,584.00	\$ 960,732.00
Township's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability as a Percentage of Covered Payroll	419.83%	433.08%	597.66%
Plan Fiduciary Net Position as a Percentage of the Total Pension Liability	62.48%	58.60%	52.01%
	<u>Measurement Date Ended June 30,</u>		
	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>2013</u>
Township's Proportion of the Net Pension Liability	0.0293560623%	0.0292515360%	0.0289866298%
Township's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability	\$ 4,889,697.00	\$ 3,679,572.00	\$ 3,853,511.00
State's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability associated with the Township	428,810.00	396,228.00	359,194.00
Total	<u>\$ 5,318,507.00</u>	<u>\$ 4,075,800.00</u>	<u>\$ 4,212,705.00</u>
Township's Covered Payroll (Plan Measurement Period)	\$ 929,656.00	\$ 923,904.00	\$ 909,696.00
Township's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability as a Percentage of Covered Payroll	525.97%	398.26%	423.60%
Plan Fiduciary Net Position as a Percentage of the Total Pension Liability	56.31%	62.41%	58.70%

Note 8: **PENSION PLANS (CONT'D)**

Supplementary Pension Information (Cont'd)

***Schedule of the Township's Contributions - Police and Firemen's Retirement System (PFRS)
(Last Six Years)***

	<u>Year Ended December 31,</u>		
	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>
Township's Contractually Required Contribution	\$ 284,948.00	\$ 211,919.00	\$ 245,076.00
Township's Contribution in Relation to the Contractually Required Contribution	<u>(284,948.00)</u>	<u>(211,919.00)</u>	<u>(245,076.00)</u>
Township's Contribution Deficiency (Excess)	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>
Township's Covered Payroll (Calendar Year)	\$ 1,063,347.00	\$ 944,100.00	\$ 838,993.00
Township's Contributions as a Percentage of Covered Payroll	26.80%	22.45%	29.21%
	<u>Year Ended December 31,</u>		
	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>2013</u>
Township's Contractually Required Contribution	\$ 238,621.00	\$ 224,672.00	\$ 211,480.00
Township's Contribution in Relation to the Contractually Required Contribution	<u>(238,621.00)</u>	<u>(224,672.00)</u>	<u>(211,480.00)</u>
Township's Contribution Deficiency (Excess)	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>
Township's Covered Payroll (Calendar Year)	\$ 868,623.00	\$ 903,822.00	\$ 925,213.00
Township's Contributions as a Percentage of Covered Payroll	27.47%	24.86%	22.86%

Note 8: PENSION PLANS (CONT'D)**Other Notes to Supplementary Pension Information*****Public Employees' Retirement System (PERS)***Changes in Benefit Terms

None

Changes in Assumptions

The Discount Rate changed at June 30th over the following years, 5.39% 2014, 4.90% 2015, 3.98% 2016, 5.00% 2017 and 5.66% 2018.

The Long-term Expected Rate of Return changed at June 30th over the following years, 7.90% 2014 and 2015, 7.65% 2016, 7.00% 2017 and 2018.

For 2016, 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 social security wage base was set at \$118,500.00 for 2015, increasing 4.00% per annum, compounded annually and the 401(a)(17) pay limit was set at \$265,000.00 for 2015, increasing 3.00% per annum, compounded annually.

Police and Firemen's Retirement System (PFRS)Changes in Benefit Terms

In 2017, Chapter 26, P.L. 2016 increased the accidental death benefit payable to children if there is no surviving spouse to 70% of final compensation.

Changes in Assumptions

The Discount Rate changed at June 30th over the following years, 6.32% 2014, 5.79% 2015, 5.55% 2016, 6.14% 2017 and 6.51% 2018.

The Long-term Expected Rate of Return changed at June 30th over the following years, 7.90% 2014 and 2015, 7.65% 2016, 7.00% 2017 and 2018.

For 2016, 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, demographic assumptions were revised in accordance with the results of the July 1, 2010 - June 30, 2013 experience study.

Note 9: LENGTH OF SERVICE AWARDS PROGRAM

Plan Description - The Township's length of service awards program (the "Plan"), which is a defined contribution plan reported in the Township's trust fund, was created by a Township Resolution adopted on September 22, 2002 pursuant to Section 457(e)(11)(B) of the Internal Service Code of 1986, as amended, except for provisions added by reason of the length of service award program as enacted into federal law in 1997. The accumulated assets of the Plan are not administered through a trust that meets the criteria of paragraph 4 of GASB Statement No. 68, *Accounting and Financial Reporting for Pensions - an amendment of GASB Statement No. 27*.

The voters of the Township approved the adoption of the Plan at the general election held on November 5, 2002, and the first year of eligibility for entrance into the length of service awards program by qualified volunteers was calendar year 2003. The Plan provides tax deferred income benefits to active volunteer firefighters and emergency medical personnel, and is administered by Lincoln National Life Insurance Company ("Plan Administrator"), a State of New Jersey approved length of service awards program provider. The Township's practical involvement in administering the Plan is essentially limited to verifying the eligibility of each participant and remitting the funds to the Plan Administrator.

The tax deferred income benefits for emergency service volunteers of the Franklin Fire Company, consisting of the volunteer fire department, come from contributions made solely by the governing body of the Township, on behalf of those volunteers who meet the criteria of the Plan created by that governing body. Participants should refer to the Plan agreement for a more complete description of the Plan's provisions.

Plan Amendments - The Township may make minor amendments to the provisions of the Plan at any time, provided, however, that no amendment affects the rights of participants or their beneficiaries regarding vested accumulated deferrals at the time of the amendment. The Plan can only be amended by resolution of the governing body of the Township, and the following procedures must be followed: (a) any amendment to the Plan shall be submitted for review and approval by the Director of Local Government Services, State of New Jersey (the "Director") prior to implementation by the Township's governing body, provided, however, that any amendment required by the IRS, may be adopted by the Township's governing body without the advance approval of the Director (although such amendment shall be filed with the Director); (b) the documentation submitted to the Director shall identify the regulatory authority for the amendment and the specific language of the change; and (c) the Township shall adopt the amendment by resolution of the governing body, and a certified copy of the resolution shall be forwarded to the Director. The Township may amend the Plan agreement to accommodate changes in the Internal Revenue Code, Federal statutes, state laws or rules or operational experience. In cases of all amendments to the Plan, the Township shall notify all participants in writing prior to making any amendment to the Plan.

Contributions - If an active member meets the year of active service requirement, a length of service awards program must provide a benefit between the minimum contribution of \$100.00 and a maximum contribution of \$1,150.00 per year. While the maximum amount is established by statute, it is subject to periodic increases that are related to the consumer price index (N.J.S.A. 40A:14-185(f)). The Division of Local Government Services of the State of New Jersey will issue the permitted maximum annually.

The Township elected to contribute between \$680.00 and \$1,575.00 for the year ended December 31, 2018 per eligible volunteer, into the Plan, depending on how many years the volunteer has served. Participants direct the investment of the contributions into various investment options offered by the Plan. The Township has no authorization to direct investment contributions on behalf of eligible volunteers nor has the ability to purchase or sell investment options offered by the Plan. The types of investment options, and the administering of such investments, rests solely with the Plan Administrator.

For the year ended December 31, 2018, the Township's total expenditure to the Plan was \$21,284.46.

Note 9: LENGTH OF SERVICE AWARDS PROGRAM (CONT'D)

Participant Accounts - Each participant's account is credited with the Township's contribution and Plan earnings, and charged with administrative expenses. The benefit to which a participant is entitled is the benefit that can be provided from the participant's vested account. The Township has placed the amounts deferred, including earnings, in a trust maintained by a third-party administrator for the exclusive benefit of the Plan participants and their beneficiaries. The contributions from the Township to the Plan, and the related earnings, are not irrevocable, and such funds are not legally protected from the creditors of the Township. These funds, however, are not available for funding the operations of the Township.

Vesting - The Township, in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:14-188 and N.J.A.C. 5:30-11.63 may make a yearly contribution to the length of service awards program account in the deferred income program for an active volunteer who has satisfied the requirements for receipt of an award, but the volunteer shall not be able to receive a distribution of the funds until the completion of a five year vesting period or be in accordance with changes to vesting conveyed through the issuance of a Local Finance Notice and/or publication of a public notice in the New Jersey Register, with payment of that benefit only being as otherwise permitted by the Plan.

Payment of Benefits - Upon separation from volunteer service, retirement or disability, termination of the Plan, participants may select various payout options of vested accumulated deferrals, which include lump sum, periodic, or annuity payments. In the case of death, with certain exceptions, any amount invested under the participant's account is paid to the beneficiary or the participant's estate.

In the event of an unforeseeable emergency, as outlined in the Plan document, a participant or a beneficiary entitled to vested accumulated deferrals may request the local plan administrator to payout a portion of vested accumulated deferrals.

Forfeited Accounts - For the year ended December 31, 2018, no accounts were forfeited.

Investments - The investments of the length of service awards program reported in the trust - other funds on the statements of assets, liabilities, reserves, and fund balance - regulatory basis are recorded at fair value.

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

Note 10: COMPENSATED ABSENCES

Under the existing policy of the Township, unaffiliated full-time employees are entitled to accumulate annual unused sick leave and vacation days, and police are entitled to accumulate unused sick and vacation days in accordance with their bargaining agreements. Unused sick leave may be accumulated and carried forward to the subsequent year. Vacation days not used during the year may be accumulated and carried forward, but the carry-forward is limited to the equivalent of one year's accrued vacation days.

The Township does not record accrued expenses related to compensated absences. However, it is estimated that, at December 31, 2018, accrued benefits for compensated absences are valued at \$147,760.50.

Note 11: DEFERRED COMPENSATION SALARY ACCOUNT

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

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

Note 12: LEASE OBLIGATIONS

Capital Leases - The Township has authorized participation in the Burlington County Bridge Commission's 2003 Governmental Leasing Program. Under this program, the Commission will acquire or construct certain equipment and improvements and lease these assets to the Township under capital lease agreements.

The Commission will finance this project through the issuance of County-Guaranteed Lease Revenue Bonds, Series 2003. Lease payments by the Township are based upon the principal and interest necessary to amortize debt service on the Series 2003 bonds. Payments by the Township are adjusted to reflect accrued interest earned on the balance of funds unused and held in trust by the Commission. The Township began utilizing the Program's funds during 2003 for various improvements and equipment authorizations. Principal and interest payments began in 2005 and the final maturity is August 2023. The following schedule represents the remaining debt service, through maturity, for the capital lease:

<u>Year</u>	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Interest</u>	<u>Total</u>
2019	\$ 296,000.00	\$ 74,150.00	\$ 370,150.00
2020	304,000.00	62,310.00	366,310.00
2021	321,000.00	50,150.00	371,150.00
2022	332,000.00	34,100.00	366,100.00
2023	350,000.00	17,500.00	367,500.00
Total	<u>\$ 1,603,000.00</u>	<u>\$ 238,210.00</u>	<u>\$ 1,841,210.00</u>

Note 13: CAPITAL DEBT

General Improvement Bonds

General Improvement Bonds, Series 2011 - On March 30, 2011, the Township issued \$5,616,000.00 of general improvement bonds, with interest rates ranging from 2.0 - 4.5%. The bonds were issued for the purpose of funding ordinances 2005-21, 2006-10, 2006-20, 2007-02, 2007-17, 2007-08, 2008-08 and 2009-14. The final maturity of the bonds is April 1, 2028.

Refunding Bonds, Series 2014 - On November 18, 2014, the Township issued \$5,610,000.00 of refunding bonds with interest rates ranging from 3.0 – 5.0%. The final maturity of the bonds is September 1, 2025.

Note 13: CAPITAL DEBT (CONT'D)

General Improvement Bonds (Cont'd)

The following schedule represents the remaining debt service, through maturity, for the general improvement bonds:

<u>Year</u>	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Interest</u>	<u>Total</u>
2019	\$ 865,000.00	\$ 341,457.50	\$ 1,206,457.50
2020	900,000.00	312,895.00	1,212,895.00
2021	925,000.00	282,745.00	1,207,745.00
2022	950,000.00	245,645.00	1,195,645.00
2023	990,000.00	207,245.00	1,197,245.00
2024-2028	<u>3,576,000.00</u>	<u>355,127.50</u>	<u>3,931,127.50</u>
Totals	<u>\$ 8,206,000.00</u>	<u>\$ 1,745,115.00</u>	<u>\$ 9,951,115.00</u>

Sewer Assessment Bonds

Sewer Assessment Bonds, Series 2011 - On March 30, 2011, the Township issued \$270,000.00 of assessment bonds, with interest rates ranging from 2.0 – 4.5% The bonds were issued for the purpose of funding construction of sanitary sewer improvements in the Lynnwood Farms section of the Township. The final maturity of the bonds is April 1, 2028. The following schedule represents the remaining debt service, through maturity, for the sewer improvement bonds:

<u>Year</u>	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Interest</u>	<u>Total</u>
2019	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 6,037.50	\$ 21,037.50
2020	15,000.00	5,475.00	20,475.00
2021	15,000.00	4,875.00	19,875.00
2022	15,000.00	4,275.00	19,275.00
2023	15,000.00	3,675.00	18,675.00
2024-2028	<u>75,000.00</u>	<u>8,437.50</u>	<u>83,437.50</u>
Totals	<u>\$ 150,000.00</u>	<u>\$ 32,775.00</u>	<u>\$ 182,775.00</u>

Note 13: CAPITAL DEBT (CONT'D)

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

	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>
<u>Issued</u>			
General:			
Bonds and Notes	\$ 13,589,660.00	\$ 14,173,110.00	\$ 14,955,060.00
Sewer Utility:			
Assessment Bonds and Notes	150,000.00	165,000.00	180,000.00
Bonds and Notes	74,050.00	74,050.00	75,000.00
Total Issued	<u>13,813,710.00</u>	<u>14,412,160.00</u>	<u>15,210,060.00</u>
<u>Authorized but not Issued</u>			
General:			
Bonds, Loans and Notes	464,886.00	633,936.00	627,136.00
Sewer Utility:			
Bonds, Loans and Notes	950.00	950.00	
Total Authorized but not Issued	<u>465,836.00</u>	<u>634,886.00</u>	<u>627,136.00</u>
Total Issued and Authorized but not Issued	<u>14,279,546.00</u>	<u>15,047,046.00</u>	<u>15,837,196.00</u>
<u>Deductions</u>			
General:			
Reserve for Debt Service	235,170.22	204,119.51	238,616.92
Sewer Utility:			
Self-Liquidating	75,000.00	75,000.00	75,000.00
Sewer Assessment:			
Sewer Assessment Cash	81,189.07	72,653.00	78,884.32
Total Deductions	<u>391,359.29</u>	<u>351,772.51</u>	<u>392,501.24</u>
Net Debt	<u>\$ 13,888,186.71</u>	<u>\$ 14,695,273.49</u>	<u>\$ 15,444,694.76</u>

Summary of Statutory Debt Condition - Annual Debt Statement

The summarized statement of debt condition which follows is prepared in accordance with the required method of setting up the annual debt statement and indicated a statutory net debt of 1.155%.

	<u>Gross Debt</u>	<u>Deductions</u>	<u>Net Debt</u>
Local School Purposes	\$ 4,700,000.00	\$ 4,700,000.00	
Regional School Purposes	21,646,451.89	21,646,451.89	
Self-Liquidating	75,000.00	75,000.00	
Sewer Assessment:			
Sewer Assessment Cash	150,000.00	81,189.07	\$ 68,810.93
General	14,054,546.00	235,170.22	13,819,375.78
	<u>\$ 40,625,997.89</u>	<u>\$ 26,737,811.18</u>	<u>\$ 13,888,186.71</u>

Net debt \$13,888,186.71 divided by the equalized valuation basis per N.J.S.A.40A:2-2, as amended, \$1,201,931,235.53, equals 1.155%.

Note 13: CAPITAL DEBT (CONT'D)

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

Cash Receipts from Fees, Rents, Fund Balance Anticipated, Interest and Other Investment Income, and Other Charges for the Year	\$	46,289.68
Deductions:		
Operating and Maintenance Costs	\$	35,711.20
Debt Service		<u>7,665.18</u>
Total Deductions		<u>43,376.38</u>
Excess in Revenue	\$	<u>2,913.30</u>

A revised Annual Debt Statement should be filed by the Chief Financial Officer.

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, 2018, the following deferred charges are shown on the statement of assets, liabilities, reserves and fund balance of the following funds:

<u>Description</u>	<u>Balance December 31, 2018</u>	<u>2019 Budget Appropriation</u>
Current Fund:		
Overexpenditure of Appropriations	\$ 687.74	\$ 687.74
Overexpenditure of Appropriation Reserves	15,803.00	15,803.00
Federal and State Grant Fund:		
Overexpenditure of Grant	22,798.21	-

The appropriations in the 2019 Budget as adopted are not less than that required by the statutes.

Note 15: SCHOOL TAXES

Township of Mansfield School District and Northern Burlington Regional High School District taxes have been raised and the liability deferred by statutes, resulting in the school tax payable set forth in the current fund liabilities as follows:

	<u>Local School District</u>		<u>Regional High School District</u>	
	<u>Balance December 31, 2018</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>Balance December 31, 2018</u>	<u>2017</u>
Balance of Tax	\$ 5,269,341.85	\$ 5,544,335.00	\$ 5,048,974.29	\$ 5,158,820.34
Deferred	<u>2,985,700.00</u>	<u>2,985,700.00</u>	<u>681,483.00</u>	<u>681,483.00</u>
Taxes Payable	<u>\$ 2,283,641.85</u>	<u>\$ 2,558,635.00</u>	<u>\$ 4,367,491.29</u>	<u>\$ 4,477,337.34</u>

Note 16: RISK MANAGEMENT

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

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

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

<u>Year</u>	<u>Township Contributions</u>	<u>Employee Contributions</u>	<u>Amount Reimbursed</u>	<u>Ending Balance</u>
2018	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,100.76	\$ 29,819.81
2017	15,000.00	-	5,967.27	30,920.57
2016	15,000.00	13,615.00	6,727.16	21,887.84

There are no unreimbursed payments on behalf of the Township at December 31, 2018.

Joint Insurance Pool - The Township is a member of the Burlington County Insurance Pool Joint Insurance Fund and the Municipal Excess Liability Joint Insurance Fund. The Fund provides its members with the following coverage:

- Public Officials Bonds in excess of amounts statutorily required
- Public Employees Dishonesty Bonds
- Automobile Liability
- Workers' Compensation and Employer's Liability
- Commercial Property
- General Liability
- Public Officials Liability
- Employment Practices Liability
- Environmental Liability

Contributions to the JIF and MEL, including a reserve for contingencies, are payable in two installments and are based on actuarial assumptions determined by each of the fund's actuaries. 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 Funds publish their own financial reports which can be obtained from:

Burlington County Municipal Joint Insurance Fund
P.O. Box 325
Hammonton, New Jersey 08037

Municipal Excess Liability Joint Insurance Fund
Park 80 West Plaza I
Saddle Brook, New Jersey 07663

Note 17: CONTINGENCIES

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

Litigation - Correspondence from the Township's Solicitor indicated that there is no pending or threatened litigation claims, contingent liabilities, unasserted claims or assessments or statutory violations involving the Township which might materially affect the Township's financial position or results of operations.

Note 18: CONCENTRATIONS

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

Note 19: PRIOR PERIOD ADJUSTMENTS

Current Fund – The following prior period adjustments were made in the current fund:

- a) The Township's December 31, 2017 investments included \$2,640,408.22 in certificates of deposits that were erroneously listed as money market funds. Under the regulatory basis of accounting all certificates of deposits should be classified as cash.
- b) The Township's December 31, 2017 change funds listed incorrect amounts. Adjustments were recorded to properly report the correct amounts.
- c) During 2016, the Township foreclosed on two properties, however, the Township failed to increase the values of the block and lots to their assessed valuations.
- d) Deferred charges as a result of overexpenditures of \$1,996.28 were misclassified as overexpenditures of appropriation reserves.
- e) The amount recorded for the reserve for tax sale premiums did not agree to the subsidiary listing of premiums by \$8,593.99.
- f) The cumulative effect to the December 31, 2017 fund balance was \$8,793.99.

The net effect of the adjustments is the following:

	Balance Dec. 31, 2017 As Previously Reported	Prior Period Adjustment	Balance Dec. 31, 2017 As Restated
<u>Current Fund:</u>			
a) Cash	\$ 6,843,260.74	\$ 2,640,608.22	\$ 9,483,868.96
a) Investments	2,640,608.22	(2,640,608.22)	-
b) Cash - Change Fund	475.00	200.00	675.00
c) Property Acquired for Taxes - Assessed Valuation	157,587.85	244,012.15	401,600.00
Deferred Charges:			
d) Overexpenditure of Appropriation Reserves	10,898.97	(1,996.28)	8,902.69
d) Overexpenditure of Appropriations		1,996.28	1,996.28
e) Reserve for Tax Sale Premiums	(268,593.99)	8,593.99	(260,000.00)
c) Reserves for Receivables and Other Assets	(691,339.01)	(244,012.15)	(935,351.16)
f) Fund Balance	(566,304.52)	(8,793.99)	(575,098.51)

Note 19: PRIOR PERIOD ADJUSTMENTS (CONT'D)

General Capital Fund - The Township's December 31, 2017 General Capital Fund omitted encumbrances that were recorded to the Reserve for Sewer Plant. As a result, encumbrances of \$4,497.41 were understated. An adjustment was recorded to properly show the encumbrances in the prior year. The net effect of the adjustment is the following:

	Balance Dec. 31, 2017 As Previously Reported		Prior Period Adjustment		Balance Dec. 31, 2017 As Restated
General Capital Fund:					
Reserve for Encumbrances	\$ (121,094.77)	\$	(4,497.41)	\$	(125,592.18)
Reserve for Payment of Debt Service	(208,616.92)		4,497.41		(204,119.51)

General Fixed Assets Account Group – The values of the Township's December 31, 2017 fixed assets did not agree to the Township's subsidiary records. As a result, the values were overstated by \$4,727,642.95. An adjustment was recorded to properly reflect fixed assets in the prior year. The net effect of the adjustment is the following:

	Balance Dec. 31, 2017 As Previously Reported		Prior Period Adjustment		Balance Dec. 31, 2017 As Restated
General Fixed Asset Account Group:					
Land and Buildings	\$ 18,053,315.00	\$	(18,053,315.00)	\$	-
Land			2,821,212.00		2,821,212.00
Buildings			10,638,400.00		10,638,400.00
Equipment and Vehicles	4,981,899.95		(133,939.95)		4,847,960.00
Investment in General Fixed Assets	(23,035,214.95)		4,727,642.95		(18,307,572.00)

Note 20: OTHER ADJUSTMENTS AND RECLASSIFICATIONS

In addition to the financial statements, certain prior year supplementary statements have also been corrected for prior period errors.

General Capital Fund – The following other adjustments and reclassifications were noted in the general capital fund:

- a) Various balances on the Statement of General Capital Cash and Investments (Exhibit SC-2) were improperly reported. The beginning balances on the statement were revised to properly reflect the correct balances.
- b) Misclassifications of balances were noted on the Statement of Deferred Charges to Future Taxation – Unfunded (Exhibit SC-4). The beginning balances on the statement were revised to properly reflect the correct balances.
- c) Misclassifications of balances were noted on the Statement of Bonds and Notes Authorized But Not Issued (Exhibit SC-14). The beginning balances on the statement were revised to properly reflect the correct balances.

Note 20: OTHER ADJUSTMENTS AND RECLASSIFICATIONS (CONT'D)

General Capital Fund (Cont'd) - The net effect of the adjustments is the following:

	Balance (Deficit) Dec. 31, 2017 As Previously Reported	Adjustment/ Reclassification	Balance (Deficit) Dec. 31, 2017 As Restated
<u>General Capital Fund:</u>			
a) (Exhibit SC-2) - Statement of General Capital Cash:			
Reserve for Payment of Debt Services	\$ 208,616.92	\$ (4,497.71)	\$ 204,119.21
Reserve for Encumbrances	121,094.77	4,497.71	125,592.48
Ord. 20015-04 Municipal Building Improvements	(199,550.00)	132,000.00	(67,550.00)
Ord. 2017-07 Various Capital Improvements	132,415.00	(132,000.00)	415.00
b) (Exhibit SC-4) - Statement of Deferred Charges to Future Taxation - Unfunded:			
Ord. 2007-02 Acquisition of Farmland	33,993.00	8,333.00	42,326.00
Ord. 2012-06 Refurbish EMS Vehicle	64,084.00	(8,333.00)	55,751.00
c) (Exhibit SC-14) - Statement of Bonds and Notes Authorized But Not Issued:			
Ord. 2015-04 Municipal Building Improvements	199,550.00	(132,000.00)	67,550.00
Ord. 2017-17 Various Capital Improvements	6,800.00	132,000.00	138,800.00

Sewer Utility Capital Fund – Balances on the Statement of Sewer Capital Cash and Investments (Exhibit SD-2) were improperly reported. The beginning balances on the statement were revised to properly reflect the correct balances. In addition, in the prior year the Township did not report a balance of Bonds and Notes Authorized But Not Issued. The correct amount is \$950.00. The following was restated:

	Balance (Deficit) Dec. 31, 2017 As Previously Reported	Adjustment/ Reclassification	Balance (Deficit) Dec. 31, 2017 As Restated
<u>Sewer Utility Capital Fund:</u>			
<u>(Exhibit SD-2) - Statement of General Capital Cash:</u>			
Due General Capital Fund	\$ -	\$ 950.00	\$ 950.00
Ord. 2014-10 Improvements to Lynwood Farm	9,062.99	(950.00)	8,112.99
<u>(Exhibit SD-15) - Statement of Bonds and Notes Authorized But Not Issued:</u>			
Ord. 2014-10 Improvements to Lynwood Farm	-	950.00	950.00

Note 21: POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS OTHER THAN PENSIONS (OPEB)**General Information about the OPEB Plan**

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

The Plan provides medical and prescription drug benefit coverage to retirees and their covered dependents of the employers. Under the provisions of Chapter 88, P.L. 1974 and Chapter 48, P.L. 1999, local government employers electing to provide postretirement medical coverage to their employees must file a resolution with the Division. Under Chapter 88, local employers elect to provide benefit coverage based on the eligibility rules and regulations promulgated by the State Health Benefits Commission. Chapter 48 allows local employers to establish their own age and service eligibility for employer paid health benefits coverage for retired employees. Under Chapter 48, the employer may assume the cost of postretirement medical coverage for employees and their dependents who: 1) retired on a disability pension; or 2) retired with 25 or more years of service credit in a State or locally administered retirement system and a period of service of up to 25 years with the employer at the time of retirement as established by the employer; or 3) retired and reached the age of 65 with 25 or more years of service credit in a State or locally administered retirement system and a period of service of up to 25 years with the employer at the time of retirement as established by the employer; or 4) retired and reached age 62 with at least 15 years of service with the employer. Further, the law provides that the employer paid obligations for retiree coverage may be determined by means of a collective negotiations agreement.

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

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

Note 21: POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS OTHER THAN PENSIONS (OPEB) (CONT'D)**General Information about the OPEB Plan (Cont'd)**

Contributions - The funding policy for the OPEB plan is pay-as-you-go; therefore, there is no prefunding of the liability. However, due to premium rates being set prior to each calendar year, there is a minimal amount of net position available to cover benefits in future years. Contributions to pay for the health benefit premiums of participating employees in the OPEB plan are collected from the State of New Jersey, participating local employers, and retired members.

The Township was billed monthly by the Plan and paid \$30,692.72 for the year ended December 31, 2018, representing 1.66% of the Township's covered payroll. During the year ended December 31, 2018, retirees were required to contribute \$1,652.32.

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

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

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

The amount of actual contributions to the OPEB Plan made by the State, on-behalf of the Township, is not known, however, under the Special Funding Situation, the State's OPEB expense, on-behalf of the Township, is \$99,293.00 for the year ended December 31, 2018 representing 5.37% of the Township's covered payroll.

Note 21: POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS OTHER THAN PENSIONS (OPEB) (CONT'D)

OPEB Liability, OPEB Expense, and Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources

OPEB Liability - At December 31, 2018 the Township's and State's proportionate share of the net OPEB liability were as follows:

Township's Proportionate Share of Net OPEB Liability	\$ 2,723,015.00
State of New Jersey's Proportionate Share of Net OPEB Liability Associated with the Township	<u>3,280,102.00</u>
	<u>\$ 6,003,117.00</u>

The net OPEB liability was measured as of June 30, 2018, and the total OPEB liability used to calculate the net OPEB liability was determined by an actuarial valuation as of June 30, 2017, which was rolled forward to June 30, 2018.

The Township's proportion of the net OPEB liability was based on the ratio of the plan members of an individual employer to the total members of the Plan's nonspecial funding situation during the measurement period July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018. For the June 30, 2018 measurement date, the Township's proportion was .017381% which was a decrease of .000729% from its proportion measured as of the June 30, 2017 measurement date.

The State's proportion of the net OPEB liability, on-behalf of the Township was based on the ratio of the plan members of an individual employer to the total members of the Plan's special funding situation during the measurement period July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018. For the June 30, 2018 measurement date, the State's proportion on-behalf of the Township was .052787% which was an increase of .002491% from its proportion measured as of the June 30, 2017 measurement date.

OPEB Expense - At December 31, 2018, the Township's proportionate share of the OPEB expense, calculated by the Plan as of the June 30, 2018 measurement date is \$34,266.00. This expense is not recognized by the Township because of the regulatory basis of accounting as described in note 1; however, as previously mentioned, for the year ended December 31, 2018, the Township made contributions to the Plan totaling \$30,692.72.

At December 31, 2018, the State's proportionate share of the OPEB expense, associated with the Township, calculated by the Plan as of the June 30, 2018 measurement date is \$99,293.00. This on-behalf expense is not recognized by the Township because of the regulatory basis of accounting as described in note 1.

Note 21: POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS OTHER THAN PENSIONS (OPEB) (CONT'D)

OPEB Liability, OPEB Expense, and Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources (Cont'd)

Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources - At December 31, 2018, the Township had deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to the OPEB liability from the following sources:

	<u>Deferred Outflows of Resources</u>	<u>Deferred Inflows of Resources</u>
Differences between Expected and Actual Experience	\$ -	\$ 552,869.00
Changes of Assumptions	-	690,728.00
Net Difference between Projected and Actual Earnings on OPEB Plan Investments	1,439.00	-
Changes in Proportion and Differences between Township Contributions and Proportionate Share of Contributions	-	455,492.00
Township Contributions Subsequent to the Measurement Date	-	-
	<u>\$ 1,439.00</u>	<u>\$ 1,699,089.00</u>

Note 21: POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS OTHER THAN PENSIONS (OPEB) (CONT'D)

OPEB Liability, OPEB Expense, and Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources (Cont'd)

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

	<u>Deferred Outflows of Resources</u>	<u>Deferred Inflows of Resources</u>
Changes of Assumptions		
Year of OPEB Plan Deferral:		
June 30, 2017	-	8.04
June 30, 2018	-	8.14
Net Difference between Projected and Actual Earnings on OPEB Plan Investments		
Year of OPEB Plan Deferral:		
June 30, 2017	5.00	-
June 30, 2018	5.00	-
Changes in Proportion and Differences between Township Contributions and Proportionate Share of Contributions		
Year of OPEB Plan Deferral:		
June 30, 2017	8.04	8.04
June 30, 2018	8.14	8.14

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

Year Ending <u>Dec. 31,</u>	
2019	\$ (254,107.00)
2020	(254,107.00)
2021	(254,107.00)
2022	(254,260.00)
2023	(254,505.00)
Thereafter	<u>(426,564.00)</u>
	<u>\$ (1,697,650.00)</u>

Note 21: POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS OTHER THAN PENSIONS (OPEB) (CONT'D)**Actuarial Assumptions**

The actuarial assumptions vary for each plan member depending on the pension plan in which the member is enrolled. The actuarial valuation at June 30, 2018 used the following actuarial assumptions, applied to all periods in the measurement:

Inflation Rate	2.50%
Salary Increases *	
Through 2026	1.65% - 8.98%
Thereafter	2.65% - 9.98%

* Salary Increases are Based on the Defined Benefit Plan that the Member is Enrolled in and his or her Age.

Preretirement mortality rates were based on the RP-2006 Headcount-Weighted Healthy Employee Male/Female mortality table with fully generational mortality improvement projections from the central year using the MP-2017 scale. Postretirement mortality rates were based on the RP-2006 Headcount-Weighted Healthy Annuitant Male/Female mortality table with fully generational improvement projections from the central year using the MP-2017 scale. Disability mortality was based on the RP-2006 Headcount-Weighted Disabled Male/Female mortality table with fully generational improvement projections from the central year using the MP-2017 scale.

Certain actuarial assumptions used in the July 1, 2017 valuation were based on the results of the pension plans' experience studies for which the members are eligible for coverage under this Plan – the Police and Firemen Retirement System (PFRS) and the Public Employees' Retirement System (PERS). The PFRS and PERS experience studies were prepared for the periods July 1, 2010 to June 30, 2013 and July 1, 2011 to June 30, 2014, respectively.

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

All of the Plan's investments are in the State of New Jersey Cash Management Fund ("CMF"). The New Jersey Division of Investments manages the CMF, which is available on a voluntary basis for investment by State and certain non-State participants. The CMF is considered to be an investment trust fund as defined in GASB Statement No. 31, *Certain Investments and External Investment Pools*. The CMF invests in U.S. Government and Agency Obligations, Commercial Paper, Corporate Obligations and Certificates of Deposit. Units of ownership in the CMF may be purchased or redeemed on any given business day (excluding State holidays) are the unit cost of value of \$1.00. Participant shares are valued on a fair value basis. The CMF pay interest to participants on a monthly basis.

Discount Rate - The discount rate used to measure the OPEB Liability at June 30, 2018 was 3.87%. This represents the municipal bond return rate as chosen by the State. The source is the Bond Buyer Go 20-Bond Municipal Bond Index, which includes tax-exempt general obligation municipal bonds with an average rating of AA/Aa or higher. As the long-term rate of return is less than the municipal bond rate, it is not considered in the calculation of the discount rate, rather the discount rate is set at the municipal bond rate.

Health Care Trend Assumptions - For pre-Medicare preferred provider organization (PPO) and health maintenance organization (HMO) medical benefits, the trend rate is initially 5.8% and decreases to a 5.0% long-term trend rate after eight years. For self-insured post-65 PPO and HMO medical benefits, the trend rate is 4.5%. For prescription drug benefits, the initial trend rate is 8.0% decreasing to a 5.0% long-term trend rate after seven years. The Medicare Advantage trend rate is 4.5% and will continue in all future years.

Note 21: POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS OTHER THAN PENSIONS (OPEB) (CONT'D)

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

As previously mentioned, the OPEB Plan has a special funding situation where the State of New Jersey pays a portion of the Township's contributions for certain eligible employees. As such, the proportionate share of the net OPEB liability as of June 30, 2018, the Plan's measurement date, for the Township and the State of New Jersey, calculated using a discount rate of 3.87%, 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>(2.87%)</u>	Current Discount Rate <u>(3.87%)</u>	1% Increase <u>(4.87%)</u>
Township's Proportionate Share of the Net OPEB Liability	\$ 3,194,817.00	\$ 2,723,015.00	\$ 2,346,152.00
State of New Jersey's Proportionate Share of the Net OPEB Liability Associated with the Township	<u>3,848,427.00</u>	<u>3,280,102.00</u>	<u>2,826,139.00</u>
	<u>\$ 7,043,244.00</u>	<u>\$ 6,003,117.00</u>	<u>\$ 5,172,291.00</u>

Sensitivity of the net OPEB Liability to Changes in the Healthcare Cost Trend Rates

The Township's and State's proportionate share of the net OPEB Liability as of June 30, 2018, the Plan's measurement date, using a healthcare cost trend rates that are 1% lower or 1% higher than the current healthcare cost trend rate used, is as follows:

	1% Decrease	Healthcare Cost Trend Rates	1% Increase
Township's Proportionate Share of the Net OPEB Liability	\$ 2,271,431.00	\$ 2,723,015.00	\$ 3,307,432.00
State of New Jersey's Proportionate Share of the Net OPEB Liability Associated with the Township	<u>2,736,131.00</u>	<u>3,280,102.00</u>	<u>3,984,081.00</u>
	<u>\$ 5,007,562.00</u>	<u>\$ 6,003,117.00</u>	<u>\$ 7,291,513.00</u>

OPEB Plan Fiduciary Net Position

For purposes of measuring the net OPEB liability, deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to OPEB, and OPEB expense, information about the respective fiduciary net position of the State Health Benefits Local Government Retired Employees Plan and additions to/deductions from the Plan's respective fiduciary net position have been determined on the same basis as they are reported by the Plan. Accordingly, contributions (including refunds of employee contributions) are recognized when due and payable in accordance with the benefit terms. Investments are reported at fair value. For additional information about the Plan, please refer to the Plan's Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) which can be found at <https://www.state.nj.us/treasury/pensions/financial-reports.shtml>.

Note 21: POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS OTHER THAN PENSIONS (OPEB) (CONT'D)

Supplementary OPEB Information

In accordance with GASB 75, the following information is also presented for the State Health Benefits Local Government Retired Employees Plan. These schedules are presented to illustrate the requirements to show information for 10 years; however, until a full 10-year trend is compiled, this presentation will only include information for those years for which information is available.

Schedule of the Township's Proportionate Share of the net OPEB Liability (Last 2 Years) –

	<u>Measurement Date Ended June 30,</u>	
	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>
Township's Proportion of the Net OPEB Liability	0.017381%	0.018110%
Township's Proportionate Share of the Net OPEB Liability	\$ 2,723,015.00	\$ 3,697,299.00
State's Proportionate Share of the Net OPEB Liability Associated with the Township	<u>3,280,102.00</u>	<u>4,373,445.00</u>
Total	<u>\$ 6,003,117.00</u>	<u>\$ 8,070,744.00</u>
Township's Covered Payroll (Plan Measurement Period)	\$ 1,805,273.00	\$ 1,680,242.00
Township's Proportionate Share of the Net OPEB Liability as a Percentage of Covered Payroll	150.84%	220.05%
Plan Fiduciary Net Position as a Percentage of the Total OPEB Liability	1.97%	1.03%

Schedule of the Township's Contributions (Last 2 Years) –

	<u>Year Ended December 31,</u>	
	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>
Township's Required Contributions	\$ 30,692.72	\$ 10,410.24
Township's Contributions in Relation to the Required Contribution	<u>(30,692.72)</u>	<u>(10,410.24)</u>
Township's Contribution Deficiency (Excess)	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>
Township's Covered Payroll (Calendar Year)	\$ 1,847,375.00	\$ 1,746,334.00
Township's Contributions as a Percentage of Covered Payroll	1.66%	0.60%

Note 21: POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS OTHER THAN PENSIONS (OPEB) (CONT'D)

Supplementary OPEB Information (Cont'd)

Other Notes to Supplementary OPEB Information

Changes in Benefit Terms - None

Changes in Assumptions – In 2017, the discount rate changed to 3.58% from 2.85%. In 2018, the discount rate changed to 3.87% from 3.58%, there were changes in the census, claims and premiums experience and a decrease in the assumed health care cost trend and excise tax assumptions.

Note 22: SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

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

<u>Purpose</u>	<u>Adoption</u>	<u>Authorization</u>
General Improvements		
Acquisition of Various Pieces of Equipment and Completion of Various Capital Improvements	7/29/2019	\$ 237,500.00

APPENDIX C

FORM OF BOND COUNSEL OPINION



October __, 2019

Mayor and Township Committee
of the Township of Mansfield
3135 Route 206 South, Suite 1
Columbus, New Jersey

**RE: \$5,621,000 TOWNSHIP OF MANSFIELD, COUNTY OF BURLINGTON,
NEW JERSEY, GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS, SERIES 2019**

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 Township of Mansfield, County of Burlington, New Jersey ("Township").

The Bonds are authorized pursuant to and in accordance with: (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 Township Committee and published in accordance with the Local Bond Law (collectively, the "Bond Ordinances"); (iii) a resolution adopted by the Township Committee on September 18, 2019 ("Resolution"); and (iv) a Certificate of Determination and Award executed by the Chief Financial Officer of the Township on October 10, 2019 ("Award Certificate").

The Bonds are dated their date of delivery, mature on October 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 in the table below, payable semi-annually on April 15 and October 15, commencing April 15, 2020, in each year until maturity or earlier redemption.

<u>Year</u>	<u>Principal Amount</u>	<u>Interest Rate</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Principal Amount</u>	<u>Interest Rate</u>
2020	\$171,000	%	2030	\$325,000	%
2021	175,000		2031	325,000	
2022	200,000		2032	325,000	
2023	200,000		2033	325,000	
2024	325,000		2034	325,000	
2025	325,000		2035	325,000	
2026	325,000		2036	325,000	
2027	325,000		2037	325,000	
2028	325,000		2038	325,000	
2029	325,000				

The Bonds are issued in fully registered book-entry-only form without coupons, and are subject to redemption prior to maturity as stated therein.

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The Bonds are being issued to provide funds which will be used to: (i) permanently finance the cost of various general capital improvements by the repayment at maturity of the principal of certain bond anticipation notes heretofore issued by the Township; (ii) permanently finance the cost of various general capital improvements for obligations which have been authorized, but not yet 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 Township 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, certifications and opinions 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 Township enforceable in accordance with the terms thereof, except to the extent that enforcement thereof may be limited by bankruptcy, insolvency, moratorium or other laws or equitable principles affecting the enforcement of creditors' rights generally ("Creditors' Rights Limitations").
2. For the payment of principal and interest on the Bonds, the Township has the power and is obligated, to the extent payment is not otherwise provided, to levy ad valorem taxes upon all taxable real property within the Township 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 will not be includible for federal income tax purposes in the gross income of the owners thereof pursuant to Section 103 of the Code and will not constitute a tax preference item for purposes of the alternative minimum tax imposed on individuals.

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 will 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 Township that it will comply with the applicable requirements of the Code, including requirements 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 Township 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 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 Township 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.

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 Township and may not be relied upon by any other person, party, firm or organization without our prior written consent.

Very truly yours,

APPENDIX D

FORM OF CONTINUING DISCLOSURE AGREEMENT

CONTINUING DISCLOSURE AGREEMENT

THIS CONTINUING DISCLOSURE AGREEMENT ("Disclosure Agreement") is made on this ___ day of October, 2019 between the Township of Mansfield, County of Burlington, New Jersey ("Township") and the Dissemination Agent (hereinafter defined). This Disclosure Agreement is entered into in connection with the issuance and sale by the Township of its General Obligation Bonds, Series 2019, in the principal amount of \$5,621,000 ("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. Definitions. Capitalized terms, not otherwise defined herein, shall, for purposes of this Disclosure Agreement, have the following meanings:

"Annual Report" shall mean, the Township'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 Township 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.

"Dissemination Agent" shall mean Phoenix Advisors, LLC, Bordentown, New Jersey, or any successor Dissemination Agent designated in writing by the Township and which has filed with the Township 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.

"Listed Events" shall mean any of the events listed in Section 5(a) of this Disclosure Agreement.

"MSRB" shall mean the Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board.

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

"Official Statement" shall mean the Official Statement of the Township, dated October 10, 2019, relating to the Bonds.

"Opinion of Counsel" shall mean a written opinion of counsel expert in federal securities law acceptable to the Township.

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

SECTION 3. Provision of Annual Report.

(a) The Township shall not later than two hundred seventy (270) days after the end of its fiscal year (currently December 31) for each fiscal year until termination of the Township's reporting obligations under this Disclosure Agreement pursuant to the provisions of Section 6 hereof provide to the Dissemination Agent the Annual Report prepared for the preceding fiscal year of the Township (commencing for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2019). Each Annual Report provided to the Dissemination Agent by the Township shall comply with the requirements of Section 4 of this Disclosure Agreement but may be submitted as a single document or as separate documents comprising a package and may cross-reference other information submitted to the National Repository. Any and all items that must be included in the Annual Report may be incorporated by reference from other information that is available to the public on EMMA, or that has been filed with the Commission.

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

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

SECTION 4. Contents of Annual Report. Annual Report shall mean: (i) the Township'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 Township 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 Township are included in the Annual Report; and (ii) certain financial information and operating data of the Township consisting of Township 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 obligated person;
- (13) the consummation of a merger, consolidation, or acquisition involving an obligated person or the sale of all or substantially all of the assets of the obligated person, other than in the ordinary course of business, the entry into a definitive agreement to undertake such an action or the termination of a definitive agreement relating to any such actions, other than pursuant to its terms, if material;
- (14) appointment of a successor or additional trustee or the change of name of a trustee, if material;
- (15) incurrence of a financial obligation¹ of the obligated person, if material, or agreement to covenants, events of default, remedies, priority rights, or other similar terms of a financial obligation of the obligated person, any of which affect security holders, if material; and
- (16) default, event of acceleration, termination event, modification of terms, or other similar events under the terms of a financial obligation of the obligated person, any of which reflect financial difficulties.

(b) The Township 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), (14) or (15) of subsection (a) of this Section 5, the Township may, but shall not be required to, rely conclusively on an Opinion of Counsel.

¹ The term "financial obligation" means a (i) debt obligation; (ii) derivative instrument entered into in connection with, or pledged as security or a source of payment for, an existing or planned debt obligation; or (iii) guarantee of (i) or (ii). The term financial obligation shall not include municipal securities as to which a final official statement has been provided to the Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board consistent with Rule 15c2-12.

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

SECTION 6. Termination of Reporting Obligations. The reporting obligations of the Township under this Disclosure Agreement shall terminate upon the defeasance, prior redemption or payment in full of all of the Bonds or when the Township is no longer an Obligated Person (as defined in the Rule) with respect to the Bonds.

SECTION 7. Amendment; Waiver. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Disclosure Agreement, the Township 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 Township 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 Township 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 Township 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 Township 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 Township to comply with its obligations under this Disclosure Agreement. A failure of the Township to comply with any provision of this Disclosure Agreement shall not be deemed to be a default under the Bonds. The sole remedy under this Disclosure Agreement in the event of any failure of the Township to comply with this Disclosure Agreement shall be an action to compel performance.

SECTION 10. Notices. 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 Township:

Township of Mansfield
3135 Route 206 South, Suite 1
Columbus, New Jersey 08022
Attention: Chief Financial Officer

(ii) If to the Dissemination Agent:

Phoenix Advisors, LLC
625 Farnsworth Avenue
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 10 for the giving of notice.

SECTION 11. Beneficiaries. This Disclosure Agreement shall inure solely to the benefit of the Township, the Dissemination Agent and the Bondholders and nothing herein contained shall confer any right upon any other person.

SECTION 12. Submission of Information to MSRB. Any Continuing Disclosure Information filed with the MSRB in accordance with this Disclosure Agreement shall be in electronic format as shall be prescribed by the MSRB or such other format as the Rule may require or permit, and shall be accompanied by such identifying information as shall be prescribed by the MSRB or as may otherwise be required by the Rule.

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

SECTION 15. Headings for Convenience Only. The descriptive headings in this Disclosure Agreement are inserted for convenience of reference only and shall not control or affect the meaning or construction of any of the provisions hereof.

SECTION 16. Counterparts. 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. Severability. If any provision of this Disclosure Agreement, or the application of any such provision in any jurisdiction or to any person or circumstance, shall be held invalid or unenforceable, the remaining provisions of this Disclosure Agreement, or the application of such provision as is held invalid or unenforceable in jurisdictions or to persons or circumstances other than those in or as to which it is held invalid or unenforceable, shall not be affected thereby.

SECTION 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.

TOWNSHIP OF MANSFIELD, NEW JERSEY

By: _____
BONNIE J. GROUSER, Chief Financial Officer/Treasurer

**PHOENIX ADVISORS, LLC,
as Dissemination Agent**

By: _____
SHERRY L. TRACEY, Senior Managing Director

EXHIBIT A

NOTICE TO NATIONAL REPOSITORY OF FAILURE TO FILE AN ANNUAL REPORT

Name of Issuer: Township of Mansfield, County of Burlington, New Jersey

Name of Bond Issues Affected: General Obligation Bonds, Series 2019

Date of Issuance of the Affected
Bond Issue: October 24, 2019

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Issuer has not provided an Annual Report with respect to the above named Bond issue as required by Section 3 of the Continuing Disclosure Agreement, dated October 24, 2019, between the Township and the Dissemination Agent. [TO BE INCLUDED ONLY IF THE DISSEMINATION AGENT HAS BEEN ADVISED OF THE EXPECTED FILING DATE - The Issuer anticipates that such Annual Report will be filed by _____.]

Dated: _____

PHOENIX ADVISORS, LLC,
as Dissemination Agent

cc: Township of Mansfield, New Jersey