

PRELIMINARY OFFICIAL STATEMENT DATED AUGUST 18, 2022

NEW ISSUE

RATING: See "Rating" herein

In the opinion of Parker McCay P.A., Mount Laurel, New Jersey, Bond Counsel, assuming continuing compliance by the Township (as hereinafter defined) with certain tax covenants described herein, under existing law, interest on the Notes (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 (the "Code"), and does not constitute a tax preference item for purposes of the alternative minimum tax imposed on individuals. In addition, interest on the Notes and any gain from the sale thereof is not included in the gross income of owners thereof under the New Jersey Gross Income Tax Act, as presently executed and construed. See "TAX MATTERS" herein.

\$9,597,233

**TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON
County of Gloucester, New Jersey
BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES OF 2022, SERIES A
(BOOK-ENTRY ONLY) (BANK QUALIFIED) (NON-CALLABLE)**

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Dated: Date of Delivery

Due: September 7, 2023

The \$9,597,233 Bond Anticipation Notes of 2022, Series A (the "Notes"), are general obligations of the Township of Washington, County of Gloucester, New Jersey (the "Township"), payable from *ad valorem* taxes levied upon all the taxable property within the Township for the payment of the Notes and the interest thereon without limitation as to rate or amount, as more fully described herein.

The Notes will be issued as fully registered notes in the name of Cede & Co., as registered owner and nominee for The Depository Trust Company, New York, New York ("DTC"), which will maintain a book-entry system for recording ownership interests of DTC Participants. Individual purchases of beneficial ownership interests in the Notes may be made in book-entry form only on the records of DTC and its Participants and only in the principal amount of \$5,000, or any integral multiple of \$1,000 in excess thereof, or in such amount necessary to issue the principal amount of the Notes. Beneficial Owners of the Notes will not receive certificates representing their interests in the Notes. As long as Cede & Co. is the registered owner, as nominee of DTC, references in this Official Statement to the registered owners shall mean Cede & Co., and not the Beneficial Owners of the Notes.

Principal of and interest on the Notes will be payable by the Township or a duly designated paying agent at the date of maturity. The Notes will bear interest at the rate per annum indicated above, commencing from their date of delivery. Interest on the Notes will be payable at maturity. While DTC is acting as securities depository for the Notes, the principal of and interest on the Notes will be payable by wire transfer to DTC or its nominee, which is obligated to remit such principal and interest payments to DTC Participants. DTC Participants and Indirect Participants will be responsible for remitting such principal and interest payments to the Beneficial Owners of the Notes. The Notes are not subject to redemption prior to their stated maturity date.

The Notes 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 O009-2021 and O009-2022, each duly and finally adopted by the Township Council and published in accordance with the requirements of the Local Bond Law; and (iii) a Certificate of Determination and Award executed by the Chief Financial Officer of the Township on August __, 2022.

The Notes are being issued by the Township to provide funds which will be used to: (i) temporarily 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 (ii) pay certain costs and expenses incidental to the issuance and delivery of the Notes.

This cover page contains certain information for quick reference only. It is not a summary of this issue. Investors must read the entire official statement to obtain information essential to the making of an informed investment decision.

The Notes are offered when, as and if issued and subject to prior sale, to withdrawal or modification of the offer without notice, and to the 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, Stuart Platt, Esquire, Washington Township, New Jersey. Acacia Financial Group, Inc., Mount Laurel, New Jersey has served as Municipal Advisor to the Township in connection with the Notes. The Notes are expected to be available for delivery in definitive form through DTC in New York, New York on or about September 8, 2022.

BID PROPOSALS FOR THE NOTES WILL BE RECEIVED BY THE TOWNSHIP ON AUGUST 25, 2022 UNTIL 11:00 AM BY EMAIL: MSCHIMENTI@ACACIAFIN.COM OR ELECTRONICALLY VIA THE PARITY ELECTRONIC BID SUBMISSION SYSTEM. FOR MORE DETAILS ON HOW TO BID PLEASE VIEW THE NOTICE OF SALE POSTED AT WWW.GOVDEBT.NET.

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This is a Preliminary Official Statement, complete with the exception for the specific information permitted to be omitted by Rule 15c2-12 of the Securities and Exchange Commission. The Township has authorized distribution of this Preliminary Official Statement to prospective purchasers and others. In accordance with Rule 15c2-12, this Preliminary Official Statement is deemed final. Upon the sale of the Notes described herein, the Township will deliver a final Official Statement within seven business days following such sale.

**TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON
COUNTY OF GLOUCESTER, 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 Notes 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 foregoing. 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 the Underwriter or, as to information from sources other than itself, by the Township. The information and the expressions of opinion herein are subject to change without notice, and neither the delivery of this Official Statement nor any sale hereunder under any circumstances shall create any implication that there has been no change in any of the information herein since the date hereof or since the date as of which such information is given, if earlier.

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

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

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

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

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

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OFFICIAL STATEMENT
Relating to
\$9,597,233
TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON
County of Gloucester, New Jersey
BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES OF 2022, SERIES A
(BOOK-ENTRY ONLY) (BANK QUALIFIED) (NON-CALLABLE)

INTRODUCTION

This Official Statement, which includes the cover page and the appendices attached hereto, has been prepared by the Township of Washington in the County of Gloucester, New Jersey (the “Township”), in connection with the sale and the issuance of its \$9,597,233 Bond Anticipation Notes of 2022, Series A (the “Notes”). This Official Statement has been executed by and on behalf of the Township by the Chief Financial Officer and may be distributed in connection with the sale of the Notes.

THE NOTES

The Notes shall be dated and shall bear interest from their date of delivery and shall mature on the date and in the amount shown on the front cover page hereof. The Notes shall bear interest, payable at maturity, at the rate shown on the front cover page hereof. Interest on the Notes shall be calculated on the basis of twelve (12) thirty (30) day months in a three hundred sixty (360) day year. The Notes are not subject to redemption prior to their stated maturity date.

The Notes will be issued as fully registered notes in book-entry only form, if applicable, and when issued, will be registered in the name of and held by Cede & Co., as nominee of DTC. DTC will act as securities depository for the Notes. Principal of and interest on the Notes will be payable by the Township or a duly designated paying agent on the date of maturity by wire transfer of immediately available funds to DTC or its nominee. Purchases of beneficial interests in the Notes will be made in book-entry only form, without certificates, in denominations of \$5,000, or any integral multiple of \$1,000 in excess thereof, or in such amount necessary to issue the principal amount of the Notes, through book entries made on the books and records of DTC and its participants. Under certain circumstances, such beneficial interests in the Notes are exchangeable for one or more fully registered Note certificates in authorized denominations.

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

AUTHORIZATION AND PURPOSE OF THE NOTES

The Notes 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 O009-2021 and O009-2022 (collectively, the “Bond Ordinances”), each duly and finally adopted by the Township Council and published in accordance with the requirements of the Local Bond Law; and (iii) a Certificate of Determination and Award executed by the Chief Financial Officer of the Township on August __, 2022.

The Notes are being issued by the Township to provide funds which will be used to: (i) temporarily 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 (ii) pay certain costs and expenses incidental to the issuance and delivery of the Notes. The following table sets forth certain information with respect to the Bond Ordinances authorizing the Notes.

<u>Ordinance Number</u>	<u>Description</u>	Amount Authorized	Prior Notes Outstanding	Amount of Notes to be Issued
O009-2021	Completion of Capital Improvements and the Acquisition of Capital Equipment	\$4,868,133	\$0	\$4,868,133
O009-2022	Completion of Capital Improvements and the Acquisition of Capital Equipment	4,729,100	0	4,729,100
	Total:	\$9,597,233	\$0	\$9,597,233

BOOK-ENTRY ONLY SYSTEM

General

The description which follows of the procedures and recordkeeping with respect to beneficial ownership interest in the Notes, payment of principal and interest and other payments on the Notes to DTC Participants or Beneficial Owners (as such terms are defined or used herein), confirmation and transfer of beneficial ownership interests in the Notes and other related transactions by and between DTC, DTC Participants and Beneficial Owners, is based on certain information furnished by DTC to the Township. Accordingly, the Township does not make any representations concerning these matters.

DTC will act as securities depository for the Notes. The Notes will be issued as fully registered securities registered in the name of Cede & Co. (DTC’s partnership nominee) or such other name as may be requested by an authorized representative of DTC. One fully registered certificate will be issued for each maturity of the Notes, each in the aggregate principal amount of such maturity, and will be deposited with DTC.

DTC, the world’s largest depository, is a limited-purpose trust company organized under the New York Banking Law, a “banking organization” within the meaning of the New York Banking Law, a member of the Federal Reserve System, a “clearing corporation” within the meaning of the New York Uniform Commercial Code, and a “clearing agency” registered pursuant to the provisions of Section 17A of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. DTC holds and provides asset servicing for over 3.5 million

issues of U.S. and non-U.S. equity issues, corporate and municipal debt issues, and money market instruments from over 100 countries that DTC's participants ("Direct Participants") deposit with DTC. DTC also facilitates the post-trade settlement among Direct Participants of sales and other securities transactions in deposited securities, through electronic computerized book-entry transfers and pledges between Direct Participants' accounts. This eliminates the need for physical movement of securities certificates. Direct Participants include both U.S. and non-U.S. securities brokers and dealers, banks, trust companies, clearing corporations, and certain other organizations. DTC is a wholly-owned subsidiary of The Depository Trust & Clearing Corporation ("DTCC"). DTCC is the holding company for DTC, National Securities Clearing Corporation and Fixed Income Clearing Corporation, all of which are registered clearing agencies. DTCC is owned by the users of its regulated subsidiaries. Access to the DTC system is also available to others such as both U.S. and non-U.S. securities brokers and dealers, banks, trust companies, and clearing corporations that clear through or maintain a custodial relationship with a Direct Participant, either directly or indirectly ("Indirect Participants"). DTC has a Standard & Poor's rating of "AA+". The DTC Rules applicable to its Participants are on file with the Securities and Exchange Commission. More information about DTC can be found at www.dtcc.com.

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

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

Conveyance of notices and other communications by DTC to Direct Participants, by Direct Participants to Indirect Participants, and by Direct Participants and Indirect Participants to Beneficial Owners will be governed by arrangements among them, subject to any statutory or regulatory requirements as may be in effect from time to time. Beneficial Owners of the Notes may wish to take certain steps to augment the transmission to them of notices of significant events with respect to the Notes, such as redemptions, tenders, defaults, and proposed amendments to the Note documents. Beneficial Owners of the Notes may wish to ascertain that the nominee holding the Notes for their benefit has agreed to obtain and transmit notices to Beneficial Owners, or in the alternative, Beneficial Owners may wish to provide their names and addresses to the registrar and request that copies of notices be provided directly to them.

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

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

Principal and interest payments on the Notes will be made to Cede & Co., or such other nominee as may be requested by an authorized representative of DTC. DTC's practice is to credit Direct Participants' accounts upon DTC's receipt of funds and corresponding detail information from the Township or agent, 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 nor its nominee, agent, or the Township, subject to any statutory or regulatory requirements as may be in effect from time to time. Payment of principal and interest to Cede & Co. (or such other nominee as may be requested by an authorized representative of DTC) is the responsibility of the Township or agent, disbursement of such payments to Direct Participants is the responsibility of DTC, and disbursement of such payments to the Beneficial Owners will be the responsibility of Direct and Indirect Participants.

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

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

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

Discontinuation of Book-Entry Only System

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

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

SECURITY AND SOURCE OF PAYMENT

The Notes are valid and legally binding general obligations of the Township and the Township has pledged its full faith and credit for the payment of the principal of and the interest on the Notes.

Unless paid from other sources, the Notes are payable from *ad valorem* taxes to be levied upon all the taxable real property within the Township without limitation as to rate or amount. However, the enforceability of rights or remedies with respect to such Notes may be limited by bankruptcy, moratorium or similar laws relating to the enforcement of creditors' rights or to the application of general principles of equity by a court of competent jurisdiction.

The Township may pledge only its own credit and taxing power in respect of the Notes, and has no power to pledge the credit or taxing power of the State of New Jersey ("State") or any other political subdivision thereof, nor shall the Notes 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 Notes.

GENERAL INFORMATION REGARDING THE TOWNSHIP

General

The Township is located in the County of Gloucester, New Jersey (the "County"). 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 ended December 31, 2021, 2020, 2019, 2018 and 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 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 (3.5%) of its equalized valuation basis. The equalized valuation basis of the Township is set by statute as the average for the last three years of the equalized value of all taxable real property and improvements as annually determined

by the 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 Notes, will not exceed its three and one-half percent (3.5%) debt limit.

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

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

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

Refunding Bonds – Refunding bonds may be issued pursuant to the Local Bond Law for the purpose of paying, funding or refunding 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 refunding bonds.

Local Fiscal Affairs Law

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

Each municipality is required to cause an annual audit of its books, accounts and financial transactions to be made and completed within 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 municipality's financial procedures and must be filed with the report, together with all recommendations made. A Summary of Audit, together with recommendations, must be published in a local newspaper within 30 days of its submission. The entire annual audit report for the year ended December 31, 2021 is on file with the Township Clerk and is available for review during business hours, and is available online at the Township's website: www.twp.washington.nj.us.

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

The Local Budget Law

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

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

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

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

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

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

Exclusions from the two percent (2%) tax levy cap include: (i) increases required to be raised by taxation for capital expenditures, including debt service as defined by law; (ii) increases in pension

contributions and accrued liability for pension contributions in excess of 2.0%; (iii) increases in health care costs equal to that portion of the actual increase in total health care costs for the budget year that is in excess of 2.0% of the total health care costs in the prior year, but is not in excess of the product of the total health care costs in the prior year and the average percentage increase of the State Health Benefits Program, P.L.1961, c.49 (C.52:14-17.25 et seq.), as annually determined by the Division of Pensions and Benefits in the Department of the Treasury; and (iv) and extraordinary costs incurred by a local unit directly related to a declared emergency, as defined by regulation promulgated by the Commissioner of the Department of Community Affairs, in consultation with the Commissioner of Education, as appropriate. The amendments to the tax levy sections of the “Cap Law” (specifically, N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45-46) in 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%) cap. However, counties, municipalities, fire districts and solid waste collection districts may request, through a public question submitted to the voters, an increase in the amount to be raised by taxes above the two percent (2%) tax levy cap. Such approval must be achieved by an affirmative vote in excess of fifty percent (50%) of those voting on such public question.

In response to the outbreak of the Coronavirus (as defined and described under the heading “CERTAIN RISK FACTORS – Recent Healthcare Developments” below), the State Legislature enacted P.L. 2020, c. 74 (A3971), under which a local unit may adopt an emergency appropriation to fund certain deficits and expenditures resulting from Coronavirus with approval of the Director and may either fund it as a deferred charge or issue special emergency notes to fund it payable by 1/5 each year beginning in the year after the year in which the deferred charge appears in the financial statements so it is paid off no later than the last day of the sixth fiscal year following the end of the fiscal year in which the application is made. If there is a showing of fiscal distress, that may be extended to ten (10) years. Such emergency appropriation must be approved by 2/3 vote of the governing body of the local unit and be accompanied by a certification of the Chief Financial Officer stating that the resolution covers deficits and expenses incurred during the emergency response to the Coronavirus. Moreover, to the extent that such Coronavirus-related emergency appropriations exceed the cost of providing similar services under non-emergency conditions, the deferred charge to be raised in the following year’s budget is an eligible exception to both the levy cap and the appropriations cap. The Director may also promulgate guidelines modifying the standard for anticipated revenues when the amount realized in cash from the same source during the next preceding fiscal year experienced reductions due to Coronavirus. The Township has made no appropriations for Coronavirus related deficits or expenses.

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

Miscellaneous Revenues

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

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

Real Estate Taxes

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

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

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:

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

In response to the outbreak of the Coronavirus, on May 4, 2020, the Local Finance Board released Local Finance Notice 2020-11 specifically permitting alternative methodologies for calculating the reserve for uncollected taxes. In particular, instead of using the methodology described above for purpose of calculating the reserve for uncollected taxes, one of the following two alternatives may be used: (i) N.J.S.A. 40A:4-41(c) allows for use of the average of the prior three (3) years’ tax collection rate to mitigate a short-term decrease in the tax collection rate; or (ii) N.J.S.A. 40A:4-41(d) allows for a municipality to reduce the prior year’s certified tax levy by the amount of any tax levy adjustment resulting from a tax appeal judgement. Use of either alternative calculation requires submission to the Division of Local Government Services in the Department of Community Affairs of a resolution of the governing body and subsequent approval therefrom.

See “CERTAIN RISK FACTORS – Recent Healthcare Developments” below for additional information on temporary changes made to property tax laws and regulations in response to the Coronavirus.

Deferral of Current Expenses

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

The exceptions are certain enumerated projects to cover the cost of the extraordinary expense for the repair or reconstruction of streets, roads or bridges, or other public property damaged by snow, ice, frost or flood, where such expense was not foreseen at the time of the adoption of the budget, which may be amortized over three (3) 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 (5) 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 (2) months of the year and, although subaccounts within an appropriation are not subject to the same year-end transfer restriction, they are subject to internal review and approval.

Capital Budget

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

Related Constitutional and Statutory Provisions

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

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

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

The State Constitution may only be amended after: (i) approval of a proposed amendment by three-fifths (3/5) of all of the members of each house of the State Legislature and approval by a majority vote in a statewide referendum; or (ii) approval in two successive legislative years by a majority of all of the members of each house and approval by a majority vote in a statewide referendum. Amendments

failing to receive voter approval may not be resubmitted for voter approval before the third succeeding general election after such disaffirmance.

Rights and Remedies of Owners of Bonds

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

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

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

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

Limitation of Remedies Under Federal Bankruptcy Code

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

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

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

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 resulting in a decrease of the assessment ratio to its present level of 89.87%. This method assures equitable treatment to like property owners. Because of the escalation of property resale values, annual adjustments could not keep pace with rising values. The last complete revaluation of property within the Township was completed by the County Tax Assessor in 2019 and was effective for the 2020 budget.

Upon the filing of certified adopted budgets by the Township and the County of Gloucester (“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% per annum on any amounts in excess of \$1,500.00. These interest penalties are the maximum permitted under State Statutes. Additionally, a 6% 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 State Statutes. Tax liens retained by the Township are periodically assigned to the 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 State 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.

LITIGATION

To the knowledge of the Township's Solicitor, Stuart Platt, Esquire (the "Solicitor"), there is no litigation of any nature now pending, restraining or enjoining the issuance or the delivery of the Notes, or the levy or the collection of any taxes to pay the principal of or the interest on the Notes, or in any manner questioning the authority or the proceedings for the issuance of the Notes or for the levy or the collection of 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

Moody's Investors Service ("Moody's") has assigned an underlying rating of "MIG 1" to the Notes based upon the creditworthiness of the Township.

The rating reflects only the views of the Rating Agency and an explanation of the significance of such rating may only be obtained from the Rating Agency. The Township forwarded to the Rating Agency certain information and materials concerning the Notes and the Township. There can be no assurance that the rating will be maintained for any given period of time or that the rating 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 Notes.

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 Notes 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 (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 Notes received or accrued by a foreign corporation subject to the branch profits tax may be included in computing the "dividend equivalent amount" of such corporation.

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

In rendering its opinion, Bond Counsel has relied on the Township's covenants contained in the bond ordinances, and in the Certificate as to Non-Arbitrage and Other Tax Matters, that it will comply with the applicable requirements of the Code, relating to, inter alia, the use and investment of proceeds of the Notes 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 Notes being subject to federal income tax from the date of issue. Bond Counsel has not undertaken to

monitor compliance with such covenants or to advise any party as to changes in the law after the date of issuance of the Notes that may affect the tax-exempt status of the interest on the Notes.

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

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 Notes as “qualified tax-exempt obligations” for the purposes of Section 265(b)(1) of the Code.

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

New Jersey

Bond Counsel is also of the opinion that interest on the Notes 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 Notes. 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 Notes.

PROSPECTIVE PURCHASERS OF THE NOTES 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 NOTES AND BOND COUNSEL HAS EXPRESSED NO OPINION AS OF ANY DATE SUBSEQUENT THERETO OR WITH RESPECT TO ANY PENDING LEGISLATION, REGULATORY INITIATIVES OR LITIGATION.

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 (the “Rule”), the Township has undertaken to file notice of certain enumerated events, pursuant to Information Reporting Undertaking Agreement for the Notes, substantially in the form set forth in Appendix “D” hereto.

The Township previously failed to timely file certain annual financial information for the year ended 2018. The Township filed a failure to file notice in accordance with the Rule. The Township has hired a dissemination agent to ensure future timely filings.

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.

CERTAIN RISK FACTORS

Recent Healthcare Developments

The outbreak of COVID-19, a respiratory disease caused by a new strain of coronavirus (“Coronavirus” or “COVID-19”), which was first detected in China and has spread to other countries, including the United States, has been declared a pandemic by the World Health Organization, a national emergency by the President of the United States (“President”) and a state of emergency by the Governor of the State (“Governor”).

In response, the President declared a national emergency on March 13, 2020. Additionally, on March 9, 2020, the Governor issued Executive Order 103, pursuant which the Governor declared a State of Emergency and a Public Health Emergency, thereby allowing State agencies and departments to utilize State resources to assist affected communities in response to the COVID-19 outbreak. Other Executive Orders (some of which have since been modified or rescinded), limited various activities and undertook measures in an attempt to slow the spread of COVID-19 throughout the State. Quarantine and other “social distancing” measures undertaken by government agencies, businesses, schools and other entities in response to the COVID-19 outbreak altered behavior and have affected commerce in a manner that has negatively affected global, national and local economies.

On June 4, 2021, the Governor signed legislation ending the public health emergency and keeping certain executive orders in place until January 1, 2022. On January 11, 2022, the Governor reaffirmed the state of emergency and declared a new public health emergency in response to a surge in cases tied to new variants of COVID-19, in particular the Omicron Variant. With hospitalizations falling, vaccines and treatments available and COVID-19 moving into an endemic stage, the Governor announced Friday March 4, 2022 with Executive Order 292 that he is ending the State's public health emergency and lifting certain restrictions effective Monday March 7, 2022. Depending on future circumstances, ongoing actions

could be taken by State, federal and local governments and private entities to mitigate the spread and impacts of COVID-19, its variants or other critical health care challenges.

In an effort to provide relief to entities impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic, the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, H.R. 1319 (“Plan”) was signed into law by President Biden on March 12, 2021 and provides \$1.9 trillion in financial assistance to businesses, individuals and governmental entities. In particular, the Plan includes various forms of financial relief, including up to a \$1,400 increase in direct stimulus payments to individuals and various other forms of economic relief, including extended unemployment benefits, continued eviction and foreclosure moratoriums, an increase in the child tax credit, an increase in food and housing aid, assistance grants to restaurants and bars, and other small business grants and loans. The Plan also provides funding for state and local governments to recoup and offset costs related to COVID-19 and to encourage and re-establish economic development and certain infrastructure improvements.

Pursuant to the funding methodology under the Plan, the Township received approximately \$3,534,671 in funding (“Plan Funds”), all of which must be expended by December 31, 2024. Such funds were received in two (2) equal payments; one (1) was received within 60 days of enactment of the Plan, and the balance was received approximately 12 months from the initial payment. Pursuant to the Plan (codified as Section 603(c) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 603(c)), Plan Funds may be utilized to: (i) respond to the public health emergency with respect to COVID-19 or its negative economic impacts, including assistance to households, small businesses, and nonprofits, or aid to impacted industries such as tourism, travel, and hospitality; (ii) respond to workers performing essential work during the COVID-19 public health emergency by providing premium pay to eligible workers of the Township that are performing such essential work, or by providing grants to eligible employers that have eligible workers who perform essential work; (iii) provide government services to the extent of the reduction in revenue due to the public health emergency relative to revenues collected in the most recent full fiscal year of the Township prior to the emergency; and (iv) make necessary investments in water, sewer or broadband infrastructure. Plan Funds may not, however, be utilized for debt service, legal settlements or judgments or financial reserves.

While the effects of COVID-19 have abated significantly in the State, the Township cannot predict, and does not predict, the duration, severity or ultimate impact of COVID-19 upon global, State-wide and local economies and operations, including that of the Township.

Moreover, the Township has provided and intends to continue to provide essential services in and for the Township including, but limited to, emergency services, core health and human services, and public works, together with certain other vital services the Township deems necessary to remain operational and responsive to public needs.

Cyber Security

The Township relies on a large and complex technology environment to conduct its various operations. As a result, the Township faces certain cyber security threats at various times including, but not limited to, hacking, phishing, viruses, malware and other attacks on its computing and digital networks and systems. To mitigate the risks of business operations impact and/or damage from cybersecurity incidents or cyber-attacks, the Township has invested in multiple forms of cybersecurity and operational safeguards. Specifically, the Township has an extensive security system in place, including network firewalls and established administrative rights and restrictions, with varying level of approvals, implemented entity-wide, for access to network drives and applications that are reviewed regularly to ensure proper internal control and protections and provide relevant employees and staff with cyberattack training. The Township participates in a yearly comprehensive cyber awareness training program including phishing simulated emails administered by the Joint Insurance Fund and developed by

MediaPro, KnowBe4 and Pivot Point Security. The municipality also participates in an annual cyber audit conducted by Secure Data Consulting Services as part of the Joint Insurance Fund's Cyber Risk Management Program. In addition, the Township maintains insurance coverage for cyberattacks and related events.

UNDERWRITING

The Notes have been purchased from the Township at a public sale by _____, _____ (the "Underwriter") at a price of \$ _____ (the "Purchase Price"). The Purchase Price reflects the par amount of the Notes plus a bid premium of \$ _____.

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

MUNICIPAL ADVISOR

Acacia Financial Group, Inc., Mount Laurel, New Jersey has served as municipal advisor to the Township (the "Municipal Advisor") with respect to the issuance of the Notes. This Official Statement has been prepared with the assistance of the Municipal Advisor. Certain information set forth herein has been obtained from the Township and other sources, which are deemed reliable, but no warranty, guaranty or other representation as to the accuracy or completeness is made as to such information contained herein. There is no assurance that any of the assumptions or estimates contained herein will be realized. The Municipal Advisor is a municipal advisory firm, and is not engaged in the business of underwriting, marketing or trading municipal securities or any other negotiable instrument.

APPROVAL OF LEGAL PROCEEDINGS

Certain legal matters incident to the authorization, issuance, sale and delivery of the Notes are subject to the approval of Bond Counsel, whose approving legal opinion will be delivered with the Notes substantially in the form set forth in Appendix "C" hereto. Certain legal matters will be passed on for the Township by the Solicitor.

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

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

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 of the Township, including the Notes, and such Notes are authorized security for any and all public deposits.

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 Notes by certificates signed by various officers and officials of the Township upon issuance and delivery of the Notes.

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.

Bowman & Company LLP compiled Appendix "A" from information obtained from various sources they consider to be reliable and makes no warranty, guaranty or other representation with respect to the accuracy and completeness or fairness of the information contained herein and, accordingly, will express no opinion with respect thereto. Bowman & Company LLP, Voorhees, New Jersey, only takes responsibility for the financial statements, appearing in Appendix "B" hereto.

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.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Inquiries regarding this Official Statement, including information additional to that contained herein, may be directed to Colette Bachich, Chief Financial Officer, Township of Washington, at 856-589-0520, or to the Township's Municipal Advisor, Acacia Financial Group, Inc., at 856-234-2266.

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 Notes. 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 Notes made hereunder shall, under any circumstances, create any implication that there has been no change in the affairs of the Township since the date hereof.

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 of the Township for and on behalf of the Township.

**THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON IN THE
COUNTY OF GLOUCESTER, NEW JERSEY**

By: _____
COLETTE BACHICH, Chief Financial Officer

Dated: August __, 2022

APPENDIX A

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

GENERAL INFORMATION ON THE TOWNSHIP

History

The Township of Washington, County of Gloucester, New Jersey ("Township") was settled about 1677 by English settlers who were given land by the crown as a reward for their bravery in crossing the Atlantic. At that time, the Township was home to the Mantese Indians, part of the Lenni-Lenape tribe. In 1677, the Mantese, with whom the settlers are reported to have had friendly relations, deeded the land of which the Township is a part to the settlers in return for various items, including tools, weapons, articles of clothing and trinkets.

The Township was once a part of the largest township in Gloucester County – Deptford Township as it was called by the English. On February 17, 1836, a part of old Deptford Township was set aside and assigned the name "The Township of Washington" in honor of George Washington. On March 11, 1844, Camden County was formed and Washington Township was "set off to that county". On February 28, 1871, the Township was put back into Gloucester County. Monroe Township was a part of Washington Township from 1836 until March 3, 1859, when that new township was incorporated. There have been a few minor boundary changes since 1871.

In addition to farming, early commercial activity included grist mills and saw mills. Today the Township is primarily a residential suburban community experiencing continued growth and development.

Location

The Township is within the Delaware Valley economic region, a tri-state region composed of eleven counties in the States of New Jersey, Pennsylvania and Delaware. It is a major transportation center, combining one of the largest port facilities in the world with extensive rail, air and interstate highway systems.

The Township falls within the Philadelphia, PA-NJ Metropolitan Statistical Area ("MSA"), a region, which includes Bucks, Chester, Delaware, Montgomery and Philadelphia Counties in Pennsylvania and Burlington, Camden, and Gloucester Counties in New Jersey. The population of New Jersey as a whole increased from 8,791,894 in 2010, to 9,288,994 in 2020, as determined by the United States Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census. According to the 2020 Census, the population of Gloucester County increased from 288,288 in 2010 to 302,294 in 2020, an increase of 4.86 percent. The population of the Township has remained consistent in the last decade from 48,559 in 2010 to 48,677 in 2020.

Organization

The Township is governed by a Mayor and a five-member Township Council. The Mayor and members of the Township Council are elected for staggered four-year terms in elections held every two years. The Mayor and two members of Council are elected in one election and two years later, the other three members of Council are elected.

The Mayor is the Chief Executive Officer of the Township. The responsibilities of the Mayor include: execution and enforcement of laws of the State and ordinances of the Township, recommending to Council such measures as he/she deems necessary or appropriate for the health, safety, and welfare of the Township, and preparing and submitting the annual budget to Council for its consideration.

The responsibilities of Council, are, among others, to adopt the municipal budget and to enact ordinances to promote the health, safety, and welfare of the Township and its residents.

The Township's Business Administrator serves the Township on a full-time basis as its Chief Operating Officer and Director of Finance. As the Township's Chief Operating Officer, the Business Administrator is responsible for the daily operations of the Township, staffing and personnel matters, preparation and implementation of the budget, and Township receipts and disbursements.

The Township's Chief Financial Officer is the custodian of all public moneys of the Township and also serves as Treasurer.

The Township Clerk assists with administering the affairs of the Township, including attending Council meetings and providing for the taking and preparation of minutes thereof; compilation, preservation, indexing and publication of all ordinances and resolutions; and any other duties which Council may assign.

Police, Fire Protection and Emergency Services

The Township provides police protection through the employment of 81 full-time officers and ten special police officers. The police department has recently installed a new computer network, added vehicles and body cameras, added mounted and mobile radios, and has completed approximately 80% of the conversion from traditional police cruisers to more specialized sports utility vehicles (SUV's). The Township police department recently received accreditation and Gold Standard in Public Safety. This is an accreditation that less than 1% of all law enforcement agencies in the US receive.

Fire protection is provided by a paid and volunteer network, separate and distinct from Township operations, which has its own taxing power. Ambulance service is provided by an autonomous volunteer network. The Township does not allocate an annual expenditure in the budget for this service, but does contribute \$16,419.00 to the fire district through a shared service agreement.

Library

The Margaret E. Heggan Free Public Library of the Township is open seven days per week, all year long. The library's collection includes books, movies, recorded books, magazines, music, and museum passes. There is always a reference librarian on duty to answer questions. The library contains separate adult, children, and teen computer areas and offers programs for babies, toddlers, and school-age children. There is also an ample collection of books, movies, music, and magazines for teenagers. It became a municipal library in 1991. It is located at 606 Delsea Drive and is 20,000 square feet. Residents can also enjoy the benefits of other area libraries as part of a three-county consortium.

Recreation

A number of services are provided by the Township and paid for from general revenues. The Parks and Recreation Department oversees Township parks, playgrounds and recreational activities. Washington Lake Park is home to several spring and summer events including movies, concerts, and a Super Saturday Town Fair. It is also host to an annual summer wine festival that attracts people from all over the area. The park contains three playgrounds – two of which are handicap accessible and a new state of the art playground that includes a rock wall and parent/child swing set. Additionally, the Township has completed the rejuvenation of Cedar Lake, incorporating it into Washington Lake Park complex as a whole. This has included a new fishing dock (to be annually stocked with fish), rejuvenation of the lake itself, additional walking and hiking trails, added parking areas, as well as a new dog park facility within the Cedar Lake area. Recreational activities in the Township include eleven organized sports and over thirty summer programs. In addition, the recreational department offers summer discount theme park ticketing.

Transportation

The Township is located on the North-South Freeway (State Highway 42) at the beginning of the Atlantic City Expressway, approximately twenty minutes from downtown Philadelphia, the Philadelphia International Airport, and the main hub of AMTRAK and New Jersey Transit's Northeast Corridor Train Service. Interstate Routes 295, 95, 676, and the New Jersey Turnpike are less than ten minutes away. Local train service is available from nearby Woodbury (the County seat) or the Lindenwold High Speed Line operated by PATCO. The Township is serviced by New Jersey Transit Bus Service. Newark International Airport is approximately ninety minutes away, center city Manhattan, New York City two hours, and the Delaware Memorial Bridge forty minutes.

Hospital

Washington Township has become known as a major medical hub in South Jersey. Cooper Medicine, Penn Medicine, Rothman Institute, Virtua Health Systems, and Jefferson Health Hospital all have several medical locations within the Township. Jefferson Health, Washington Township, currently offers 230 acute care beds, a 111-bed long-term care facility, and a 79-bed sub-acute rehabilitation center. Also offered are multiple ambulatory services, 24-hour emergency services, inpatient and outpatient services, and diagnostic programs. In addition, Jefferson Health houses Gloucester County's only Level 3 Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU), providing life-saving care for the most fragile infants.

In 2021, Jefferson Health completed a \$222 million expansion. The expansion features an 8-level enclosed parking facility, which houses 835-plus parking spaces; and an 180,000 square-foot, 7-floor hospital patient tower with approximately 90 all-private patient rooms. The construction provided \$170 million direct, and an estimated \$200 million indirect investment in community while providing more than 2,200 construction jobs.

Trash and Recyclables

Trash, including recyclables, is collected on behalf of the Township by a private contractor, Gold Medal Environment, Inc. ("Gold Medal"). The Township has a three-year contract with Gold Medal expiring July 31, 2024. Residential trash is directed to Wheelabrator Gloucester County, Westville, New Jersey or Gloucester County Improvement Authority, Woodbury, New Jersey for disposal. Recyclable materials are processed by Omni Recycling, with whom the Township has just completed a new five year contract which runs from March 1, 2021 through February of 2026. At the present time, the cost per ton for disposal is \$73.85.

Washington Township Municipal Utilities Authority

The Washington Township Municipal Utilities Authority ("Authority"), a public body corporate and politic of the State, was created pursuant to an ordinance duly adopted on June 22, 1962, as amended by Ordinance No. 10 duly adopted July 17, 1985, by the Township Council of the Township. The Authority was created for the purpose of constructing and operating a sanitary sewerage system for the proper collection and disposal of certain sanitary sewerage and other wastes arising within the Township and a water distribution system within the Township.

Water Service

The Authority provides water service to Township residents. The Authority currently has sixteen wells in operation with a 13 million gallon per day output maximum. Additional storage tanks exist with a capacity of ten million gallons.

Residents pay a minimum quarterly charge of \$27.00 for 10,000 gallons of water. The water rates for usages greater than 10,000 gallons are based on a tiered system. The price per 1,000 gallons is indicated in the following schedules:

**WATER RATES
(Per Quarter)**

Residential (5/8" Meter)

0	-	10,000	=	\$27.00 min.
10,000	-	35,000	=	\$1.85 per 1,000
35,001	-	60,000	=	\$3.15 per 1,000
60,001	-	85,000	=	\$4.15 per 1,000
85,001	-	125,000	=	\$5.55 per 1,000
125,001	-	200,000	=	\$8.55 per 1,000
200,000	-	and up	=	\$10.55 per 1,000

Commercial (5/8" Meter)

0	-	10,000	=	\$37.00 min.
10,001	-	50,000	=	\$1.91 per 1,000
50,001	-	75,000	=	\$3.05 per 1,000
75,001	-	100,000	=	\$4.05 per 1,000
100,000	-	and up	=	\$5.05 per 1,000

Water Service

Apartments

All gallonage allowances are per apartment

0	-	5,000	=	\$32.00 per apt.
5,001	-	15,000	=	\$1.91 per apt., per 1,000
15,001	-	30,000	=	\$3.05 per apt., per 1,000
30,001	-	and up	=	\$10.55 per apt., per 1,000

Industrial (5/8" Meter)

0	-	10,000	=	\$37.00 min.
10,001	-	50,000	=	\$1.91 per 1,000
50,001	-	75,000	=	\$2.55 per 1,000
75,001	-	100,000	=	\$4.05 per 1,000
100,000	-	and up	=	\$5.05 per 1,000

Sewer Service

The Authority provides sewer service to the Township residents. The fixed rate is \$72.00 per quarter with a variable rate of \$1.80 per 1,000 gallons based on water consumption during the previous winter quarter.

Most residents in developments are connected to the Authority's system. The Authority currently has approximately 17,500 customers serviced by its water and sewer system.

Personnel

The Township employs 181 persons on a full-time year-round basis and 84 (265 Total) persons on a part-time basis, of whom 81 of the full-time personnel are police officers.

Employee Collective Bargaining Units

The Township maintains collective bargaining relationships with the following organizations:

- (1) The American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees (AFSCME – Clerical, Local 3303L), with a four-year contract from January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2024.
- (2) The American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees (AFSCME – Blue Collar / Public Works, Local 3303A), with a six-year contract from January 1, 2020 through December 31, 2025.
- (3) The American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees (AFSCME – Municipal Services Supervisors & Coordinators, Local 3303S), with a six-year contract from January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2026.
- (4) Police Benevolent Association of New Jersey, Local 318, with a four-year contract from January 1, 2020 through December 31, 2023.
- (5) Policemen's Benevolent Association of New Jersey, Police Sergeant's Association, Local 318, with a four-year contract from January 1, 2020 through December 31, 2023.
- (6) Superior Officers Association, Fraternal Order of Police, Lodge 86, with a five-year contract from January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2026.

Township Population (1)

2020 Federal Census	48,677
2010 Federal Census	48,559
2000 Federal Census	47,114
1990 Federal Census	41,960
1980 Federal Census	27,878

Selected Census 2020 Data for the Township(1)

Median household income	\$101,012
Per capita income	44,612

Labor Force(2)

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

	<u>2017</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2021</u>
Township					
Labor Force	25,095	24,850	25,409	25,452	26,700
Employment	24,113	23,980	24,629	23,188	25,262
Unemployment	982	870	780	2,264	1,438
Unemployment Rate	3.9%	3.5%	3.1%	8.9%	5.4%
County					
Labor Force	149,423	148,379	150,912	151,080	158,303
Employment	142,533	142,339	145,571	137,052	148,799
Unemployment	6,890	6,040	5,341	14,028	9,504
Unemployment Rate	4.6%	4.1%	3.5%	9.3%	6.0%
State					
Labor Force	4,476,100	4,455,500	4,522,200	4,495,200	4,661,625
Employment	4,274,100	4,278,300	4,367,300	4,055,300	4,363,717
Unemployment	202,000	177,200	154,900	439,900	297,917
Unemployment Rate	4.5%	4.0%	3.4%	9.8%	6.4%

Business and Industry

Commercial Development within Washington Township continues to prosper, while the residential population slowly rises. Recently, Washington Township has been listed on Redfin as one of the hottest neighborhoods for the 2021 year. Recently constructed businesses include, but are not limited to: Axia Women's Health, At Home, Bison Coffee, Rizzeri's Spa, Chipotle, Michael's, Sushi Circle, Yoshimoto, Bath and Body Works, First Watch, Fat Jack's BBQ, Creative Galleries, and MOD Car Wash. New construction on Route 42 has brought in businesses such as: Jersey Mike's Hoagies and Panda Express. Other store locations within Washington Township that are also being renovated, include: Platinum Suites Salon, Vision Solar, Fun City (a 40,000 s/f family entertainment facility), and Burlington Coat Factory's new location next to Target. The relocation of Vision Solar's Headquarters to a 40,000 sq. ft. Washington Township building, will create 1,000 jobs by the year 2023.

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

(2) Source: New Jersey Department of Labor

Washington Township has redevelopment projects currently in progress: Washington Square and Delsea Drive. By qualifying these areas as Redevelopment Zones, the Township has made it easier for businesses to move into and expand in these areas. The projects include 138 townhouses being constructed on Delsea Drive, while Washington Square has begun the process of developing commercial property, as well as 330 residential apartments and 100 townhouses. The Township also offers five-year Property Tax Abatements for Commercial/Industrial Properties on a graduated “in lieu of tax” payment schedule.

Washington Township is also home to the Republic Bank Arts Centre, one of the Delaware Valley’s largest indoor entertainment venues, with seating for 2,500. The Centre is located within the Washington Township High School. Additionally, the Township houses large businesses such as the Turnersville Auto Mall, which consists of ten dealerships, Hampton Inn, Walmart, Kohl’s, Target, Home Depot, Lowes, At Home, Shop-Rite, Acme, Aldi Supermarket, United Artist movie theater and the Bowlero Bowling Center.

Building, Zoning and Development Codes

The Township has established development regulations governing the size of lots for various types of construction. The land requirements are based on the type and nature of the building.

The Township building codes conform to standards of the Uniform Construction Code of New Jersey. These codes and other municipal codes are codified as a basis for improved administration and regulation.

The Township’s Municipal Land Use Law gives the Township Zoning Board of Adjustment authority to regulate most land use other than family residential use. In this way, the Township is able to guide the approximate use or development of land to promote the public health, safety, morals and general welfare.

Building Permits(1)

<u>Year</u>	<u>Number of Permits Issued</u>	<u>Value of Construction</u>
2022 (2)	1,485	\$26,710,923
2021	2,854	57,683,618
2020	2,399	51,025,969
2019	2,642	113,936,340
2018	2,724	79,770,000
2017	2,907	79,804,761

(1) Source: Township’s Construction office
 (2) As of August 1, 2022

TEN LARGEST NON-GOVERNMENTAL EMPLOYERS(1)

<u>Employer</u>	<u>Type of Business</u>	<u>Approximate Number of Employees</u>
Thomas Jefferson Hospital	Health Care	700
Walmart	Retail Store	385
Virtua Health Care	Health Care	250
Bottino's Shoprite	Supermarket	240
Health Care Center at Washington Township	Assisted Living	180
Home Depot	Retail Store	170
Kohl's	Retail Store	154
Lowe's	Retail Store	150
Target	Retail Store	140
At Home	Retail Store	100
AcmeMarkets	Supermarket	95

GENERAL INFORMATION ON THE SCHOOL DISTRICT(2)

Education

The Washington Township Board of Education ("Board" when referring to the governing body and "School District" when referring to the legal entity governed by the Board) is a Type II School District functioning through a nine-member board elected for three-year terms. The School District operates six elementary schools, three middle schools, one high school complex, and one pre-school/kindergarten center, providing educational services for grades pre-kindergarten through twelve.

**TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON SCHOOL DISTRICT
SCHOOL ENROLLMENTS (3)**

<u>Grade</u>	<u>As of October 15,</u>				
	<u>2016</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2020</u>
K	452	472	448	452	471
1	452	472	469	466	466
2	428	456	472	469	469
3	448	436	465	481	480
4	442	453	466	482	481
5	486	460	471	489	489
6	486	513	473	478	480
7	556	490	513	477	478
8	525	558	483	505	506
9	463	487	506	444	444
10	464	474	487	509	511
11	498	479	474	488	489
12	533	500	486	476	483
Special Education	<u>1,240</u>	<u>1,093</u>	<u>988</u>	<u>1,042</u>	<u>969</u>
Totals	<u>7,473</u>	<u>7,344</u>	<u>7,202</u>	<u>7,258</u>	<u>7,216</u>

(1) Source: Respective Employers

(2) Source: School District officials

(3) Source: Application for State School Aid

Present School Facilities, Enrollment and Capacity(1)

<u>Name of School</u>	<u>Date Constructed</u>	<u>Renovations / Additions</u>	<u>Grades</u>	<u>Enrollment</u>	
				<u>Oct. 15, 2020(2)</u>	<u>Functional Capacity</u>
Bells Elementary School	1969	1997	1-5	443	675
Birches Elementary School	1969	1997	1-5	424	675
Thomas Jefferson Elementary School	1980	1997	K-5	549	675
Hurffville Elementary School	1959	1997	1-5	507	600
Grenloch Terrace	1940	1991	K	318	600
Wedgewood Elementary School	1969	1997	1-5	500	675
Whitman Elementary School	1965	1997	K-5	540	675
Chestnut Ridge Middle School	1989		6-8	621	900
Orchard Valley Middle School	1989		6-8	523	900
Washington Township High School	1961,1980	1997	9-12	2,219	3,200
Bunker Hill Middle School	1997		6-8	<u>572</u>	<u>800</u>
Totals				<u>7,216</u>	<u>10,375</u>

HIGHER EDUCATION FACILITIES

Rowan College of South Jersey

Rowan College of South Jersey, formerly known as Rowan College at Gloucester County and Gloucester County College, is a public community college with two campuses, one in Sewell and one in Vineland. The College was established in 1966 as Gloucester County College. In 2014 the College changed its name to Rowan College of Gloucester County when Rowan University and Gloucester County College entered into a partnership. The College then expanded in 2019, combining Rowan College at Gloucester County and Cumberland County College to become Rowan College of South Jersey. The College now offers conditional dual enrollment with Rowan University depending on GPA. While GCC took the Rowan name, the community college maintains its independence with its own Board of Trustees and administration.

Total enrollment for the fall 2021³ semester was 8,132 students. In addition, the College's Division of Career and Technical Education provides various educational, career training and personal enrichment courses, as well as outreach programs, to community residents.

The College offers more than 120 academic programs in a full spectrum of career fields. The College also maintains a well-rounded cultural, artistic and sports calendar of events.

A number of selective admission programs related to the allied-health field, including nursing, diagnostic medical sonography (DMS) and nuclear medicine technology (NMT) are available at the College.

The College awards both certificate and associate degrees leading to immediate career and transfer opportunities. With an extensive record of matriculation agreements with four-year colleges and universities, graduates are able to transfer seamlessly into baccalaureate and master degree programs. The College added an automatic-dual acceptance initiative with five (5) four-year universities which makes earning a bachelor's degree an uncomplicated progression with added benefits. The College's educational partners offer a variety of programs and incentives to the College graduates ranging from tuition discounts to obtaining a bachelor's degree on the College campus.

(1) Source: School District officials

(2) Excludes 111 Out of District students

(3) Represents the latest data available. (Unaudited)

The College is currently constructing a 27,390 square-foot Health Science Center to open January 2023.

Located on 250 acres in Deptford Township, New Jersey, the College's main campus also houses the Career and Technical Education Center that will provide wind turbine technician training for employers in the off-shore wind industry.

Recent projects completed in 2021 include a one-story economic development center to house the New Jersey Department of Labor and Workforce Development, the Gloucester County Chamber of Commerce and the Gloucester County Economic Development Department. In addition, a two story, 56,000 square-foot medical and academic building for Rowan School of Osteopathic Medicine.

Rowan University

Rowan University ("Rowan" or the "University") is a selective, medium-sized national public research university located primarily in Glassboro, New Jersey. It is recognized for its nationally-ranked academic and athletic programs, talented professors, and high-tech facilities. Rowan prides itself on being able to provide its approximately 19,700 students an outstanding education at an exceptional value.

The University's approved degree programs as of June 30, 2021 include 93 bachelor's degrees, 52 master's degrees, nine doctoral degrees (Ed.D. and Ph.D.) and two professional degrees, a Doctor of Medicine (M.D.) and a Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine (D.O.). Students may pursue degrees at the main Glassboro campus, the Camden campus, Cooper Medical School of Rowan University in Camden, the Rowan University School of Osteopathic Medicine in Stratford, online through Rowan Global, or at multiple community college locations.

Rowan is continually recognized for excellence by top organizations including U.S. News & World Report, Forbes, the Chronicle of Higher Education and the website College Factual.

- For 2022, U.S. News & World Report ranked Rowan #179 among national research universities and #88 among public research universities. Its engineering program was also ranked #19 in the nation among undergraduate engineering programs.
- The Chronicle of Higher Education recognized Rowan as the nation's 4th fastest-growing research university in the U.S. in the fall of 2021.
- In the fall of 2021 U.S. News & World Report rated Rowan among the best school for veterans.

The University's main campus, on approximately 200 acres in the southern New Jersey town of Glassboro, is about 20 minutes southeast of Philadelphia and about one hour west of Atlantic City. It is approximately two hours from New York City and just a two-and-a-half-hour drive to Washington, D.C. The locale provides students all of the advantages of a suburban campus plus opportunities for entertainment, cultural events and professional opportunities in major east coast metropolises and the nation's capital.

The State of New Jersey ("State") recognizes the University as a comprehensive research university and as a public institution of higher education. The New Jersey Legislature appropriates funds annually to support the University. However, the University operates autonomously from the State.

Rowan has acquired approximately 600 acres of open space in Glassboro and neighboring Harrison and Mantua Townships, some of which is home to the South Jersey Technology Park at Rowan University. A portion of the land on that parcel informally referred to as the "West Campus" was developed into athletic fields. In May of 2016, Rowan sold 100 acres of West Campus land in Harrison Township to Inspira Health Network of New Jersey ("Inspira"). Inspira built a new \$349 million, 467,000 square foot, 204-bed medical center which opened in December 2019 which provides Rowan with a

wide range of educational opportunities. It will also act as an anchor that is expected to attract health-care providers, researchers, and businesses to the area.

On July 6, 1992, Mr. & Mrs. Henry M. Rowan pledged \$100 million to the Glassboro State College Development Fund. Terms of the gift required establishment of an Inductotherm Scholarship Fund in the amount of \$3 million and the creation of a School of Engineering. In 1992, the name of the University was changed from Glassboro State College to Rowan College of New Jersey. On March 21, 1997, the school became Rowan University.

In Fiscal Year 2015, following a subsequent gift announcement from the Henry M. Rowan Family Foundation of \$15 million, the College of Engineering was renamed the Henry M. Rowan College of Engineering in Mr. Rowan's honor.

On October 17, 2016, Rowan University alumni Jean and Ric Edelman made history when they announced a \$25 million gift to transform the Rowan University Fossil Park into a world-class destination for scientific discovery and "citizen science." The Fossil Park will be known as the Jean & Ric Edelman Fossil Park at Rowan University. The gift from the Edelman's is the largest ever from Rowan alumni and the second largest gift in the institution's history. Plans for the tract include a museum and visitor center, laboratory spaces, a nature trail, a paleontology-themed playground, and social spaces. Construction began in the 4th quarter of 2021 to establish a world-class museum and visitor center focusing on STEM, Education laboratory spaces for research a paleontology-themed playground and social spaces. The \$71 million-dollar Museum project will attract victors worldwide and enhance Gloucester County as known tourism destination. Estimated completion date is Spring 2023.

In 2017, Rowan opened the new \$63.2 million dollar, four-story, 96,500-square-foot Rohrer College of Business facility, which houses 16 classrooms, 7 conference rooms, 10 specialty spaces, 15 administrative offices, and 70 faculty offices. Along with the new College of Business facility, Rowan opened a three story, 90,500 square-foot, \$71 million addition to the College of Engineering building and opened the new \$145 million Holly Pointe Commons housing complex, which houses 1,400 students on campus.

In 2021, Rowan completed Discovery Hall, a 68,000 square-foot academic and research building. Anchoring the academic corridor from the east end of Rowan University's Glassboro campus, Discovery Hall expands facilities for the School of Earth & Environment and the College of Science & Mathematics.

The Rowan University School of Veterinary Medicine (SVM) building complex will be located on the north side of Rowan's West Campus. Designed as a multipurpose learning environment, the envisioned 135,000 sf complex is proposed to contain an approximately 60,000 square-foot academic building, a 25,000 square-foot hospital, and 50,000 square-foot of research space. The SVM will be serving approximately 400 students of all levels by its fifth year of operation who will have access to physical resources such as large auditoriums and break out study rooms, pre-clinical laboratories and surgical facilities, and state of the-art-technologies for learning and teaching.

In collaboration with the Gloucester County Improvement Authority, Rowan University intends to build a proposed Global Solutions Facility with a 100,000 square-foot mixed R&D and manufacturing facility.

Gloucester County Institute of Technology

The Gloucester County Institute of Technology ("Institute") provides a full range of regionalized occupational and technical County-wide educational services and programs appropriate to the needs of the students of 13 public high schools, and adults who seek educational opportunities that lead to employment or higher education. The Institute also provides programming for secondary students who wish to continue to higher education through Tech Prep matriculation agreements with various county colleges and four-year institutions.

As of April 13, 2022, there are approximately 1,589 students are enrolled in the Institute's Academy and Career-Technical programs. Recent construction has added, among other things, a cafeteria, gymnasium and classrooms to the academic facilities in order to keep pace with demand.

In addition to its day school enrollment, the Institute serves an average of 1,000 residents in various programs, including: (i) adult and continuing education programs; (ii) County employees in customized training programs; (iii) adults in the skill center; (iv) over 455 at-risk youth and their families in school-based youth services counseling; (v) the U.S. swim team of 200 members; and (vi) the joint auto technology program with Rowan College serving 40 adult students in an AAS degree program.

Gloucester County Special Services School District

Gloucester County Special Services School District ("GCSSSD") provides a wide range of educational services to the families of the County. GCSSSD serves children with special needs from birth to age 21. The enrollment for the 28-acre Bankbridge complex in Deptford, as of April 13, 2022, was 535 special needs students.

Bankbridge Regional opened its doors in September 2000 and serves secondary level students who have special needs. In September 2002, GCSSSD opened Bankbridge Elementary School. The elementary school is located next to Bankbridge Regional and serves special needs students from pre-kindergarten to grade five (5).

The Bankbridge Development Center ("BDC") opened in 2007. With an emphasis on developing skills in the areas of communication, socialization, and independence, the BDC strives toward helping students become participating and contributing members of their community. Education, advocacy, public awareness efforts, and the promotion of research form the cornerstones of the activities. Together, they can promote lifelong access and opportunity for all individuals within the autism spectrum and/or multiply disabled.

BDC student outcome goals include, but are not limited to:

- The development of a functional communication system in order to increase interaction and enhance adaptive behaviors.
- Effectively providing functional, skill-based instruction to develop each student's social, behavioral and academic abilities.
- Providing students with the skills necessary to become contributing and functional members of society.

The staff at BDC is dedicated to educating and supporting the special needs students who attend BDC. Each classroom and specialty area has been carefully designed to provide an encouraging but challenging learning environment to help the children reach their maximum potential. The programs are tailored to meet the specific needs of each child. The philosophy, goals, and objectives of the BDC reflect the diversity of the children they serve. Programs are designed to meet their educational, social, and emotional needs.

In addition to the schools, GCSSSD provides the following services to support the special needs children of the County: (i) the Early Intervention Program for children from birth to age 3 and their families; and (ii) the Center for Regional Education Support Services (CRESS) which provides professional services to the school districts in the County and the County of Camden.

GCSSSD also provides support to nonpublic students through their schools including remedial programs, speech-language therapy and textbook purchasing. GCSSSD's Special Projects Program provides Migrant Services to more than 3,000 students and families throughout the southern region of New Jersey.

**CERTAIN TAX INFORMATION
TEN LARGEST REAL PROPERTY TAXPAYERS (1)**

<u>Name of Taxpayer</u>	<u>Nature of Business</u>	2022	
		<u>Assessed</u>	<u>Valuation</u>
Cars DB5 LP	Auto Sales	\$	48,310,800
Virtua West Jersey c/o Altus Group	Healthcare		36,428,000
Society Hill Apartment Associates LP	Apartments		32,079,000
Centro Bradley c/o Ryan LLC	Retail Stores (Cross Keys Commons)		25,000,000
Wal-Mart Property c/o Ryan LLC	Retail Stores		20,185,500
BRE RC Cross Keys NJ LLC	Retail Stores		19,137,000
Birches Realty c/o Sigma Mgmt Co	Apartments		17,596,000
Washington Center LLC	Retail Stores		17,317,000
Turnersville Interstate LLC	Retail Stores		15,960,000
Target Corp	Retail Stores		14,160,000

CURRENT TAX COLLECTIONS (2)

<u>Year</u>	<u>Total Levy</u>	<u>Collected in Year of Levy</u>		<u>Outstanding Dec. 31</u>	
		<u>Amount</u>	<u>Percentage</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Percentage</u>
2021	\$ 162,788,145	\$ 162,490,469	99.82%	\$ 15,454	0.01%
2020	159,787,536	159,489,538	99.81%	10,379	0.01%
2019	156,085,228	155,730,645	99.77%	15,582	0.01%
2018	154,344,422	153,838,774	99.67%	48,194	0.03%
2017	152,011,142	151,433,911	99.62%	50,070	0.03%

DELINQUENT TAXES (2)

<u>Year</u>	<u>Outstanding</u>		<u>Collected</u>		<u>Transfer 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>			
2021	\$ 10,407	\$ 5,125	\$ 11,439	73.65%	\$ -	\$ 4,025	\$ 68
2020	26,602	17,486	40,580	92.04%	29	3,451	28
2019	350,911	12,321	48,363	13.31%	302,758	1,092	11,019
2018	311,847	12,061	19,204	5.93%	-	1,986	302,718
2017	321,449	5,544	65,216	19.94%	-	-	261,777

(1) Source: Gloucester County Tax Assessor

(2) Source: Annual Reports of Audit

TAX TITLE LIENS (1)

<u>Year</u>	<u>Balance</u>	<u>Added by</u>		<u>Credits</u>	<u>Transfer to</u>	<u>Balance</u>
	<u>Jan. 1</u>	<u>Sales and</u>	<u>Other</u>		<u>Property Acq.</u>	
		<u>Transfers</u>	<u>Collected</u>		<u>for Taxes</u>	<u>Dec. 31</u>
2021	\$ 1,635,160	\$ 193,957	\$ 65,902	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,763,215
2020	1,538,408	233,796	137,044	-	-	1,635,160
2019	885,382	916,440	82,269	-	181,145	1,538,408
2018	749,666	212,173	76,457	-	-	885,382
2017	664,208	218,801	133,343	-	-	749,666

FORECLOSED PROPERTY (1)(2)

<u>Year</u>	<u>Balance</u>	<u>Added By</u>	<u>Adjustment</u>	<u>Sales</u>	<u>Balance</u>
	<u>Jan. 1</u>	<u>Transfer</u>	<u>to Assessed</u>	<u>(Gain)</u>	
			<u>Valuation</u>	<u>or Loss</u>	<u>Dec. 31</u>
2021	\$ 1,300,025	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,300,025
2020	1,300,025	-	-	-	1,300,025
2019	865,625	181,145	253,255	-	1,300,025
2018	865,625	-	-	-	865,625
2017	865,625	-	-	-	865,625

NET ASSESSED VALUATIONS AND ANNUAL TAX RATES (3)

<u>Year</u>	<u>Net</u>	<u>Tax Rate (4)</u>					
		<u>Valuation</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Local</u>			<u>Fire</u>
				<u>County</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>Municipal</u>	
	<u>Taxable</u>	<u>Rate</u>					
2022	\$ 4,738,268,675	\$ 3.477	\$ 0.711	\$ 1.956	\$ 0.651	\$ 0.159	
2021	4,725,112,369	3.433	0.718	1.920	0.648	0.147	
2020 (5)	4,711,518,046	3.381	0.719	1.890	0.633	0.139	
2019	4,265,315,844	3.645	0.748	2.052	0.701	0.144	
2018	4,262,047,553	3.604	0.737	2.027	0.702	0.138	

(1) Source: Annual Reports of Audit

(2) These amounts are reflected on the basis of assessed value in the year of acquisition in accordance with the regulation of the Division of Local Government Services. These amounts represent the property acquired for taxes and by deed by the Township of Washington.

(3) Source: Gloucester County Tax Assessor

(4) Per \$100 of assessed valuation

(5) Revaluation

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

<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>
2022	\$ 4,732,998,115	89.87%	\$ 5,266,493,952	\$ 108,193 (3)
2021	4,720,001,615	95.83%	4,925,390,394	101,185 (3)
2020 (2)	4,706,640,565	96.92%	4,856,211,891	99,764 (3)
2019	4,260,882,915	91.65%	4,649,081,195	95,741 (4)
2018	4,257,625,000	92.60%	4,597,867,171	94,686 (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>Farmland & Industrial</u>	<u>Apartment</u>
2022	\$ 4,732,998,115	\$ 50,472,600	\$ 3,798,455,400	\$ 818,554,615	\$ 14,677,500	\$ 50,838,000
2021	4,720,001,615	55,280,300	3,780,486,000	818,726,015	14,671,300	50,838,000
2020 (2)	4,706,640,565	59,627,400	3,761,563,900	819,961,965	14,649,300	50,838,000
2019	4,260,882,915	48,881,700	3,406,608,000	741,104,515	11,836,700	52,452,000
2018	4,257,625,000	54,273,100	3,400,109,200	733,249,300	11,547,500	58,445,900

- (1) Source: State of New Jersey, Department of Treasury, Division of Taxation
(2) Revaluation
(3) Based on Census 2020 of 48,677
(4) Based on Census 2010 of 48,559
(5) Source: Gloucester County Tax Assessor

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

The following table summarizes the direct debt of the Township as of December 31, 2021. The gross debt comprises short and long-term debt issued, and debt authorized but not issued, including General and debt of the School District. Deductions from gross debt to arrive at net debt include deductible school district debt. The resulting net debt of \$41,760,794 represents .835% of the average of equalized valuations for the Township for the last three years, which is within the 3.5% limit imposed by N.J.S.A. 40A:2-6.

	Debt Issued		Authorized But Not Issued	Gross Debt	Deductions	Net Debt
	Bonds	Loans			School District	
General	\$ 36,800,000	\$ 92,661	\$ 4,868,133	\$ 41,760,794		\$ 41,760,794
School District	9,250,000			9,250,000	\$ 9,250,000	
	<u>\$ 46,050,000</u>	<u>\$ 92,661</u>	<u>\$ 4,868,133</u>	<u>\$ 51,010,794</u>	<u>\$ 9,250,000</u>	<u>\$ 41,760,794</u>

(1) Source: Annual Debt Statement

DEBT RATIOS AND VALUATIONS(1)(2)

Average of Equalized Valuations of Real Property with Improvements and Second Class Railroad for 2019, 2020 and 2021	\$	5,000,881,110
Statutory Net debt as a Percentage of the Average of Equalized Valuations of Real Property with Improvements for 2019, 2020 and 2021		0.835%
2022 Net Valuation Taxable	\$	4,738,268,675
2022 Equalized Valuation of Real Property and Taxable Personal Property Used in Communications	\$	5,271,764,512
Gross Debt (3):		
As a Percentage of 2022 Net Valuation Taxable		1.08%
As a Percentage of 2022 Equalized Valuation of Real Property and Taxable Personal Property Used in Communications		0.97%
Net Debt (3):		
As a Percentage of 2022 Net Valuation Taxable		0.88%
As a Percentage of 2022 Equalized Valuation of Real Property and Taxable Personal Property Used in Communications		0.79%
Gross Debt per Capita(4)	\$	1,048
Net Debt per Capita(4)	\$	858

TOWNSHIP BORROWING CAPACITY(1)(2)

3.5% of Average (2019-21) Equalized Valuation of Real Property including Improvements (\$5,000,881,110)	\$	175,030,839
Net Debt		<u>(41,760,794)</u>
Remaining Borrowing Capacity	\$	<u><u>133,270,045</u></u>

LOCAL BOARD OF EDUCATION BORROWING CAPACITY(1)(2)

4% of Average (2019-21) Equalized Valuation of Real Property including Improvements (\$5,000,881,110)	\$	200,035,244
School Debt		<u>(9,250,000)</u>
Remaining Borrowing Capacity	\$	<u><u>190,785,244</u></u>

(1) As of December 31, 2021
(2) Source: Township Auditor
(3) Excluding Overlapping Debt
(4) Based on 2020 Federal Census of 48,677

**TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON
OVERLAPPING DEBT
AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2021**

	DEBT ISSUED			Net Debt Outstanding Allocated to the Issuer	Debt Auth. but not Issued
	<u>Debt Outstanding</u>	<u>Deductions</u>	<u>Net Debt Outstanding</u>		
County of Gloucester(1):					
General	\$255,305,000	\$ 15,878,532	(3) \$ 239,426,468	\$ 41,827,804	(5)
Bonds Issued by Other Public Bodies					
Guaranteed by the County	239,053,085	239,053,085	(4)		
Washington Township MUA(2)	4,130,000			4,130,000	
Washington Township Fire District(2)	9,665,000			9,665,000	
	<u>\$508,153,085</u>	<u>\$ 254,931,617</u>	<u>\$ 253,221,468</u>	<u>\$ 55,622,804</u>	<u>\$ -</u>

(1) Source: County's Annual Debt Statement.

(2) Entity's Audit Report

(3) Includes Reserve for Payment of Debt and County College Bonds.

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

(5) Such debt is allocated as a proportion of the Issuer's share of the total 2021 Net Valuation on which County taxes are apportioned, which is 17.47%.

**TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON
SCHEDULE OF TOWNSHIP DEBT SERVICE
(BONDED DEBT AND LONG-TERM LOANS)**

Year	Existing Debt(1)							Grand Total
	Bonds			Loans				
	Principal	Interest	Total	Principal	Interest	Total		
2022	\$ 2,300,000.00	\$ 1,115,358.23	\$ 3,415,358.23	\$ 20,073.78	\$ 1,691.48	\$ 21,765.26	\$ 3,437,123.49	
2023	2,465,000.00	908,087.52	3,373,087.52	7,916.25	1,412.36	9,328.61	3,382,416.13	
2024	2,480,000.00	842,637.52	3,322,637.52	8,075.37	1,253.24	9,328.61	3,331,966.13	
2025	2,515,000.00	769,537.52	3,284,537.52	8,237.68	1,090.92	9,328.60	3,293,866.12	
2026	2,555,000.00	695,262.52	3,250,262.52	8,403.26	925.35	9,328.61	3,259,591.13	
2027	2,590,000.00	619,512.52	3,209,512.52	8,572.17	756.45	9,328.62	3,218,841.14	
2028	2,625,000.00	542,462.52	3,167,462.52	8,744.47	584.14	9,328.61	3,176,791.13	
2029	2,660,000.00	463,712.52	3,123,712.52	8,920.24	408.38	9,328.62	3,133,041.14	
2030	2,705,000.00	387,175.02	3,092,175.02	9,099.53	229.09	9,328.62	3,101,503.64	
2031	2,750,000.00	316,056.26	3,066,056.26	4,618.12	46.18	4,664.30	3,070,720.56	
2032	2,280,000.00	250,331.26	2,530,331.26			-	2,530,331.26	
2033	2,330,000.00	196,406.26	2,526,406.26				2,526,406.26	
2034	2,385,000.00	141,156.26	2,526,156.26				2,526,156.26	
2035	2,450,000.00	83,843.76	2,533,843.76				2,533,843.76	
2036	855,000.00	41,146.88	896,146.88				896,146.88	
2037	855,000.00	13,893.75	868,893.75				868,893.75	
	<u>\$ 36,800,000.00</u>	<u>\$ 7,386,580.32</u>	<u>\$ 44,186,580.32</u>	<u>\$ 92,660.87</u>	<u>\$ 8,397.59</u>	<u>\$ 101,058.46</u>	<u>\$ 44,287,638.78</u>	

(1) As of December 31, 2021

Source: Township Auditor

TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON
2022 MUNICIPAL BUDGET (1)

CURRENT FUND

Anticipated Revenues:	
Fund Balance	\$ 6,000,000
Miscellaneous Revenues:	
Local Revenues	1,760,500
State Aid without Offsetting Appropriations	3,201,429
Dedicated Uniform Construction Code Fees	900,000
Public and Private Programs Offset with Appropriations	817,642
Other Special Items of Revenue	3,102,077
Receipts from Delinquent Taxes	74,000
Minimum Library Tax	1,752,380
Amount to be Raised by Taxation for Municipal Purposes	<u>28,638,578</u>
Total Appropriated Revenues	<u><u>\$ 46,246,605</u></u>
Appropriations:	
Within CAPS:	
Operations	\$ 35,077,551
Deferred Charges and Statutory Expenditures	4,177,236
Excluded from CAPS:	
Other Operations	1,824,379
Shared Service Agreements	16,419
Public and Private Programs	819,892
Capital Improvements	250,000
Debt Service	3,437,123
Reserve for Uncollected Taxes	<u>644,005</u>
Total Appropriations	<u><u>\$ 46,246,605</u></u>

(1) Adopted April 27, 2022

**TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON
CAPITAL PROGRAM
PROJECTS SCHEDULED FOR THE YEARS 2022 - 2027 (1)**

	Estimated Total Cost	Capital Improvement Fund	Bonds and Notes General
Road Program	\$ 3,400,000.00	\$ 170,000.00	\$ 3,230,000.00
CDBG	50,000.00	2,500.00	47,500.00
Springdale Road Widening	75,000.00	3,750.00	71,250.00
Various Roads Erosion Improvements	260,000.00	13,000.00	247,000.00
Various Stormwater Infrastructure Improvements	74,000.00	3,700.00	70,300.00
GIS System Maintenance	50,000.00	2,500.00	47,500.00
Public Works Charging Station and Vehicles	100,000.00	5,000.00	95,000.00
Various Park Improvements	10,000.00	500.00	9,500.00
Police Vehicles	698,000.00	34,900.00	663,100.00
Police Facility Upgrades	44,200.00	2,210.00	41,990.00
Police Traffic and Safety Equipment	56,000.00	2,800.00	53,200.00
Municipal Building Equipment and Upgrades	10,800.00	540.00	10,260.00
Various Municipal Building Repairs	150,000.00	7,500.00	142,500.00
Totals--All Projects	<u>\$ 4,978,000.00</u>	<u>\$ 248,900.00</u>	<u>\$ 4,729,100.00</u>

(1) Adopted April 27, 2022

APPENDIX B

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

The Honorable Mayor and
Members of the Township Council
Township of Washington
Sewell, New Jersey 08080

Report on the Audit of the Financial Statements

Opinions

We have audited the accompanying statements of assets, liabilities, reserves and fund balance - regulatory basis of the various funds of the Township of Washington, in the County of Gloucester, State of New Jersey, as of December 31, 2021, 2020, 2019, 2018 and 2017, and the related statements of operations and changes in fund balance - regulatory basis for the years then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Township's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

Unmodified Opinions on Regulatory Basis of Accounting

In our opinion, the accompanying financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the assets, liabilities, reserves and fund balance - regulatory basis of the various funds of the Township of Washington, in the County of Gloucester, State of New Jersey, as of December 31, 2021, 2020, 2019, 2018 and 2017, and the results of its operations and changes in fund balance - regulatory basis of such funds for the years then ended, in conformity with accounting principles and practices prescribed by the Division of Local Government Services, Department of Community Affairs, State of New Jersey, as described in note 1.

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

In our opinion, because of the significance of the matter discussed in the *Basis for Adverse Opinion on Accounting Principles Generally Accepted in the United States of America* section of our report, the accompanying financial statements referred to above do not present fairly the financial position of the Township of Washington, in the County of Gloucester, State of New Jersey, as of December 31, 2021, 2020, 2019, 2018 and 2017, or the results of its operations and changes in fund balance for the years then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Basis for Opinions on Regulatory Basis of Accounting

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America; and in compliance with audit requirements as prescribed by the Division of Local Government Services, Department of Community Affairs, State of New Jersey, which is a basis of accounting other than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, to meet the requirements of the State of New Jersey. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the *Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements* section of our report. We are required to be independent of the Township and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audit. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinions.

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

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

Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements

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

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

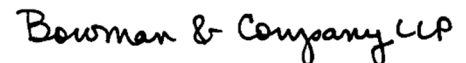
Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinions. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance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

In performing an audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, we:

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

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

Respectfully submitted,



BOWMAN & COMPANY LLP
Certified Public Accountants
& Consultants



Carol A. McAllister
Certified Public Accountant
Registered Municipal Accountant

Voorhees, New Jersey
July 26, 2022

**TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON
CURRENT FUND**

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

	As of December 31,				
	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>
ASSETS					
Regular Fund:					
Cash:					
Treasurer	\$15,791,415.67	\$15,500,649.02	\$15,716,625.71	\$14,698,339.04	\$16,769,600.48
Change Fund	1,780.00	1,580.00	1,580.00	1,580.00	1,580.00
Due from State of New Jersey (Ch.73, P.L.1976)	64,804.15	65,376.79	65,582.74	63,751.79	66,240.80
	<u>15,857,999.82</u>	<u>15,567,605.81</u>	<u>15,783,788.45</u>	<u>14,763,670.83</u>	<u>16,837,421.28</u>
Receivables and Other Assets with Full Reserves:					
Delinquent Property Taxes Receivable	15,522.11	10,406.79	26,601.92	350,911.48	311,846.60
Tax Title Liens Receivable	1,763,215.19	1,635,160.04	1,538,408.44	885,381.89	749,666.02
Miscellaneous Liens Receivable	2,688.48	8,206.19	7,872.83	10,983.63	14,764.03
Property Acquired for Taxes- Assessed Valuation	1,300,025.00	1,300,025.00	1,300,025.00	865,625.00	865,625.00
Revenue Accounts Receivable	156,998.81	7,741.92	26,078.81	22,095.71	29,280.63
Loan Receivable - County House Village	1,920,000.00	1,920,000.00	1,920,000.00	1,920,000.00	1,920,000.00
Accrued Interest Receivable on Loan	1,305,600.00	1,248,000.00	1,190,400.00	1,132,800.00	1,075,200.00
Due from Trust Other Fund	264.07	16,040.53			
Due from Animal Control Trust Fund	15,285.91	19,391.41	19,391.41		
Due from Open Space Trust Fund		251.82	369,025.97		
Due from General Capital Fund			142,481.65	255,746.28	226,245.79
	<u>6,479,599.57</u>	<u>6,165,223.70</u>	<u>6,540,286.03</u>	<u>5,443,543.99</u>	<u>5,192,628.07</u>
Deferred Charges:					
Emergency Authorization (40A:4-46)					30,000.00
	<u>22,337,599.39</u>	<u>21,732,829.51</u>	<u>22,324,074.48</u>	<u>20,207,214.82</u>	<u>22,060,049.35</u>
Federal and State Grant Fund:					
Federal and State Grants Receivable	1,037,261.13	912,590.08	824,504.78	660,018.90	758,364.10
Due from the Current Fund	2,229,539.57	165,382.63	744,323.51	731,639.35	643,132.11
	<u>3,266,800.70</u>	<u>1,077,972.71</u>	<u>1,568,828.29</u>	<u>1,391,658.25</u>	<u>1,401,496.21</u>
	<u>\$ 25,604,400.09</u>	<u>\$ 22,810,802.22</u>	<u>\$ 23,892,902.77</u>	<u>\$ 21,598,873.07</u>	<u>\$ 23,461,545.56</u>

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**TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON
CURRENT FUND**

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

	As of December 31,				
	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>
<u>LIABILITIES, RESERVES AND FUND BALANCE</u>					
Regular Fund:					
Appropriation Reserves	\$4,039,580.71	\$4,387,160.07	\$3,422,210.95	\$2,039,654.79	\$2,281,188.80
Reserve for Encumbrances	703,747.69	651,531.33	639,631.65	465,001.66	580,080.89
Accounts Payable			627.00	4,195.79	
Payroll Deductions Payable	13,475.25	14,182.62	102,100.28	83,851.54	208,224.67
Prepaid Taxes	1,484,421.62	1,455,029.06	1,361,949.12	1,351,496.12	4,396,812.60
Tax Overpayments	86,378.90	42,142.47	44,598.01		532.74
Due County for Added and Omitted Taxes	121,005.00	104,357.70	126,141.02	142,987.38	91,079.01
Local School District Tax Payable				10.00	
Due to Library	34,111.98	34,042.97	33,959.58	34,224.03	31,905.43
Due to State of New Jersey - DCA Fees	34,924.00	14,766.00	39,659.00	22,044.00	46,424.00
Due to State of New Jersey - Marriage and Burial Fees	1,410.00	1,310.00	1,390.00	1,225.00	1,115.00
Due Other Entities PILOT Payment		292,714.55	13,326.97		
Due to MUA for Tax Sale Charges			17,858.65		
Due to Federal and State Grant Fund	2,229,539.57	165,382.63	744,323.51	731,639.35	643,132.11
Due General Capital Fund	1,163.49	132,730.53			
Due to Open Space Trust Fund					23,028.15
Due to Trust Other Fund			37,816.85	36,990.91	34,043.29
	8,749,758.21	7,295,349.93	6,585,592.59	4,913,320.57	8,337,566.69
Reserves for Receivables	6,479,599.57	6,165,223.70	6,540,286.03	5,443,543.99	5,192,628.07
Fund Balance	7,108,241.61	8,272,255.88	9,198,195.86	9,850,350.26	8,529,854.59
	<u>22,337,599.39</u>	<u>21,732,829.51</u>	<u>22,324,074.48</u>	<u>20,207,214.82</u>	<u>22,060,049.35</u>
Federal and State Grant Fund:					
Reserve for:					
Federal and State Grants Unappropriated	1,284,335.50		18,983.54	9,436.44	88,964.58
Federal and State Grants Appropriated	1,214,061.12	1,025,387.67	1,169,202.31	1,219,639.34	1,033,256.91
Encumbrances	768,404.08	46,535.04	380,642.44	162,582.47	279,274.72
Due to Trust Other Fund		6,050.00			
	<u>3,266,800.70</u>	<u>1,077,972.71</u>	<u>1,568,828.29</u>	<u>1,391,658.25</u>	<u>1,401,496.21</u>
	<u>\$25,604,400.09</u>	<u>\$22,810,802.22</u>	<u>\$23,892,902.77</u>	<u>\$21,598,873.07</u>	<u>\$23,461,545.56</u>

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TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON
CURRENT FUND
 Statements of Operations and Changes in Fund Balance - Regulatory Basis

	For the Years Ended December 31,				
	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017
Revenue and Other Income Realized:					
Fund Balance Utilized	\$6,000,000.00	\$5,400,000.00	\$4,585,000.00	\$3,485,000.00	\$2,060,000.00
Miscellaneous Revenues Anticipated	8,836,942.42	8,299,058.64	9,404,883.03	9,121,145.68	9,138,549.09
Receipts from Delinquent Taxes	77,340.54	177,624.66	130,631.37	95,660.78	198,560.13
Receipts from Current Taxes	162,490,468.99	159,489,538.24	155,730,644.98	153,838,774.36	151,433,910.80
Nonbudget Revenues	219,891.43	127,572.87	137,827.75	205,076.68	308,750.68
Other Credits to Income:					
Unexpended Balance of Appropriation Reserves	4,175,494.20	3,154,207.97	1,905,813.07	2,091,991.35	1,781,760.59
Grant Reimbursement Received for Previously Canceled Grants Receivable				53,515.75	
Statutory Excess - Animal Control Fund	15,285.91		19,391.41		
Refund of Prior Year Expenditures			180,000.00	180,000.00	
Cancellation of Accounts Payable			4,195.79		46,797.14
Cancellation of Federal, State and Other Grants Appropriated	42,865.17	4,910.66	80,816.64		
Reserves Liquidated	20,133.78	511,255.80	113,264.63		
	<u>181,878,422.44</u>	<u>177,164,168.84</u>	<u>172,292,468.67</u>	<u>169,071,164.60</u>	<u>164,968,328.43</u>
Expenditures:					
Budget and Emergency Appropriations:					
Appropriations Within "CAPS"					
Operations:					
Salaries and Wages	16,141,951.00	15,885,186.00	15,477,186.00	14,496,200.16	13,953,736.06
Other Expenses	18,465,585.00	17,318,210.00	17,099,300.00	16,457,035.00	16,372,660.00
Deferred Charges and Statutory Expenditures	4,031,158.76	3,639,875.20	3,351,721.00	3,231,706.33	2,957,734.00
Appropriations Excluded from "CAPS"					
Operations:					
Salaries and Wages	92,061.68	117,231.40	38,042.29	20,345.85	19,765.94
Other Expenses	2,944,711.46	2,301,905.14	2,358,479.92	2,157,403.14	2,140,055.29
Capital Improvements	310,000.00	238,335.00	450,000.00	555,000.00	300,000.00
Municipal Debt Service	2,882,483.98	3,105,148.25	3,004,354.02	3,015,547.40	2,522,034.73
Deferred Charges				30,000.00	
Fire District Taxes	6,925,487.00	6,540,339.00	6,092,905.00	5,862,393.00	5,893,235.00
County Taxes	33,868,979.70	33,841,450.66	31,862,376.32	31,378,444.53	30,621,327.24
Due County for Added Taxes	121,005.00	104,357.70	126,141.02	142,987.38	91,079.01
Local District School Tax	90,716,085.00	89,056,719.00	87,487,011.00	86,363,492.00	85,079,713.00
Municipal Open Space Tax	474,778.72	473,238.28	429,120.40	428,322.31	438,543.26
Prior Year Revenue Refund	575.98				
Cancellation of Federal, State and Other Grants Receivable	46,473.89	15,532.43	96,926.49		
Cancellation of Prior Year Taxes-Creation of Tax Overpayment	14,731.03	27,484.97	85,321.15	85,229.71	104,191.05
Cancellation of Capital Grants Receivable	1,243.93				
Reserves Created for Interfund Receivables		16,040.53	388,417.38	29,500.49	134,344.46
Prior Year Senior Citizen and Disabled Disallowed Taxes	5,124.58	9,055.26	12,321.08	12,061.63	5,544.40
	<u>177,042,436.71</u>	<u>172,690,108.82</u>	<u>168,359,623.07</u>	<u>164,265,668.93</u>	<u>160,633,963.44</u>
Excess in Revenue to Fund Balance	4,835,985.73	4,474,060.02	3,932,845.60	4,805,495.67	4,334,364.99
Adjustments to Income Before Fund Balance -					
Expenditures Included Above Which Are by Statute Deferred Charges to Budget of Succeeding Year					
					30,000.00
	4,835,985.73	4,474,060.02	3,932,845.60	4,805,495.67	4,364,364.99
Fund Balance January 1	8,272,255.88	9,198,195.86	9,850,350.26	8,529,854.59	6,225,489.60
	13,108,241.61	13,672,255.88	13,783,195.86	13,335,350.26	10,589,854.59
Decreased by:					
Utilization as Anticipated Revenue	6,000,000.00	5,400,000.00	4,585,000.00	3,485,000.00	2,060,000.00
Fund Balance December 31	<u>\$7,108,241.61</u>	<u>\$8,272,255.88</u>	<u>\$9,198,195.86</u>	<u>\$9,850,350.26</u>	<u>\$8,529,854.59</u>

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TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON
TRUST FUNDS
Statements of Assets, Liabilities and Reserves - Regulatory Basis

	As of December 31,				
	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>
<u>ASSETS</u>					
Animal Control Fund:					
Cash - Treasurer	\$54,931.51	\$60,269.33	\$59,274.81	\$42,296.99	\$30,561.35
Open Space Trust Fund:					
Cash - Treasurer	2,218,187.75	2,288,392.74	3,540,366.75	2,741,480.84	2,793,762.65
Due from Current Fund					23,028.15
	<u>2,218,187.75</u>	<u>2,288,392.74</u>	<u>3,540,366.75</u>	<u>2,741,480.84</u>	<u>2,816,790.80</u>
Trust Other Funds:					
Cash - Treasurer	3,060,921.00	2,892,728.24	2,812,521.94	2,305,396.62	1,811,709.35
Cash - Collector	2,259,673.08	3,116,461.09	1,607,805.15	1,366,540.95	1,592,599.43
Cash - Change Fund	300.00	300.00	300.00	300.00	300.00
Due from Current Fund		6,050.00	37,816.85	36,990.91	34,043.29
	<u>5,320,894.08</u>	<u>6,015,539.33</u>	<u>4,458,443.94</u>	<u>3,709,228.48</u>	<u>3,438,652.07</u>
	<u>\$7,594,013.34</u>	<u>\$8,364,201.40</u>	<u>\$8,058,085.50</u>	<u>\$6,493,006.31</u>	<u>\$6,286,004.22</u>
<u>LIABILITIES AND RESERVES</u>					
Animal Control Fund:					
Reserve for Animal Control Expenditures	\$39,639.60	\$40,873.72	\$39,873.20	\$42,094.59	\$29,826.35
Prepaid Dog License Fees				164.60	613.20
Due to State of New Jersey	6.00	4.20	10.20	37.80	121.80
Due to Current Fund	15,285.91	19,391.41	19,391.41		
	<u>54,931.51</u>	<u>60,269.33</u>	<u>59,274.81</u>	<u>42,296.99</u>	<u>30,561.35</u>
Open Space Trust Fund:					
Reserve for Open Space	2,218,187.75	2,288,140.92	3,171,340.78	2,741,480.84	2,816,790.80
Due to Current Fund		251.82	369,025.97		
	<u>2,218,187.75</u>	<u>2,288,392.74</u>	<u>3,540,366.75</u>	<u>2,741,480.84</u>	<u>2,816,790.80</u>

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TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON
TRUST FUNDS

Statements of Assets, Liabilities and Reserves - Regulatory Basis

	As of December 31,				
	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>
<u>LIABILITIES AND RESERVES</u>					
Trust Other Funds:					
Due to Current Fund	\$264.07	\$16,040.53			
Miscellaneous Trust Reserves:					
Youth Services	50,130.46	50,130.46	\$52,730.46	\$53,680.46	\$56,280.46
Escrow	498,644.82	518,022.86	498,263.20	622,817.31	430,349.65
Cash Bonds	251,539.31	221,504.09	78,557.33	149,235.77	72,252.37
Unemployment Claims	66,132.25	51,282.47	34,691.19	14,365.63	157.95
Parks and Recreation Trust	767,141.84	600,897.50	703,728.84	726,802.95	827,816.89
Off-Duty Police	14,518.50	19,078.75	74,894.88	57,517.38	59,595.38
Affordable Housing	892,161.07	884,159.70	883,512.23	568,634.61	239,676.84
Forfeited Funds	40,210.01	64,893.28	10,872.69	13,780.04	32,232.19
Self Insurance Claims	162.63		997.21	473.20	15.60
Clean Up Day Donations	3,345.56	3,345.56	3,345.56	2,870.56	2,739.69
POAA Fees	1,017.00	983.00	921.00	883.00	847.00
Technology and Communications	128.00	128.00	128.00	128.00	128.00
Sidewalk Fund	58,763.18	31,722.38	31,722.38	38,497.38	41,382.38
Speed humps	593.53	593.53	593.53	593.53	593.53
Historical Properties	28,915.63	16,604.12	18,296.42	18,744.03	25,689.69
Storm Recovery	239,909.40	248,237.40	350,000.00		
Police Donations	22,428.79	3,473.70	7,612.33	12,755.86	5,869.39
K-9 Donations	23,625.13	21,408.58	28,599.75	32,156.82	23,930.14
Earth Day Donations	784.31	833.46	833.46	911.25	1,287.33
Veterans Wall	6,669.05	8,940.43	9,883.43	2,905.15	2,357.80
4th of July Festival	17,981.04	26,981.04	29,857.50	3,927.50	2,364.49
Public Defender	25,519.31	24,844.31	21,429.31	12,229.31	7,584.31
Super Saturday	6,367.59	9,973.09	9,168.09	8,777.79	12,901.56
Accumulated Absences	44,268.52	75,000.00			
Miscellaneous Trust Escrows Reserves:					
Tax Sale Premiums	2,129,700.00	2,858,400.00	1,441,700.00	1,300,400.00	1,535,500.00
Redemption of Tax Title Liens	129,973.08	258,061.09	166,105.15	66,140.95	57,099.43
	<u>5,320,894.08</u>	<u>6,015,539.33</u>	<u>4,458,443.94</u>	<u>3,709,228.48</u>	<u>3,438,652.07</u>
	<u>\$7,594,013.34</u>	<u>\$8,364,201.40</u>	<u>\$8,058,085.50</u>	<u>\$6,493,006.31</u>	<u>\$6,286,004.22</u>

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

**TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON
GENERAL CAPITAL FUND**

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

	As of December 31,				
	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>
<u>ASSETS</u>					
Cash	\$5,620,813.96	\$3,984,778.38	\$4,319,861.66	\$10,542,090.96	\$9,299,486.95
Grant Receivable		1,243.93	1,243.93	1,243.93	1,243.93
Interfund Receivables	1,163.49	132,730.53			
Deferred Charges to Future Taxation:					
Funded	36,892,660.87	18,969,530.71	21,270,772.57	23,551,398.86	25,792,608.61
Unfunded	4,868,133.00	20,219,975.00	16,379,615.00	10,679,615.00	5,537,455.00
	<u>\$47,382,771.32</u>	<u>\$43,308,258.55</u>	<u>\$41,971,493.16</u>	<u>\$44,774,348.75</u>	<u>\$40,630,794.49</u>
<u>LIABILITIES, RESERVES AND FUND BALANCE</u>					
General Serial Bonds Payable	\$36,800,000.00	\$18,845,000.00	\$21,115,000.00	\$23,365,000.00	\$25,535,000.00
Loan Payable - Green Trust	92,660.87	124,530.71	155,772.57	186,398.86	257,608.61
Bond Anticipation Notes Payable		16,186,940.00	10,679,615.00	10,679,615.00	5,537,455.00
Improvement Authorizations:					
Funded	4,057,777.74	716,946.67	2,034,536.41	2,168,353.91	2,908,874.16
Unfunded	3,480,853.30	5,096,842.86	5,032,113.70	4,784,275.09	3,736,421.82
Due to Current Fund			142,481.65	255,746.28	226,245.79
Capital Improvement Fund	156,236.15	122,453.15	121,383.15	121,383.15	92,023.15
Reserve for:					
Accrued Interest	22,010.37	22,010.37	22,010.37	22,010.37	22,010.37
Debt Service	15,760.50	15,760.50	15,760.50	15,760.50	15,760.50
Reserve for Encumbrances	1,648,877.34	1,778,762.06	2,205,514.81	2,449,374.23	1,574,112.69
Fund Balance	1,108,595.05	399,012.23	447,305.00	726,431.36	725,282.40
	<u>\$47,382,771.32</u>	<u>\$43,308,258.55</u>	<u>\$41,971,493.16</u>	<u>\$44,774,348.75</u>	<u>\$40,630,794.49</u>

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

TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON
Notes to Financial Statements
For the Year Ended December 31, 2021

Note 1: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Description of Financial Reporting Entity - The Township of Washington (hereafter referred to as the "Township") was incorporated on February 17, 1836 and is located in southwest New Jersey approximately twenty miles southeast of the City of Philadelphia. The population according to the 2020 census is 48,677. The Township is 21.5 square miles.

The Township has a Mayor-Council form of government known as the Mayor-Council Plan A under the Optional Municipal Charter Law of 1960, popularly known as the Faulkner Act. The Mayor is separately elected. Executive and administrative responsibility rests with the Mayor, who is assisted by the Business Administrator. Department Heads are appointed by the Mayor, with the consent of the Council. The five (5) member Township Council exercises legislative responsibilities.

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

Washington Township Municipal Utilities Authority
152 Whitman Drive
Turnersville, New Jersey 08012

Margaret E. Heggan Free Public Library
606 Delsea Drive
Sewell, New Jersey 08080

Annual financial reports may be inspected directly at the offices of these component units during regular business hours.

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

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

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

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

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.

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

Budgets and Budgetary Accounting - The Township must adopt an annual budget for its current and municipal open space trust funds in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:4 et seq. N.J.S.A. 40A:4-5 requires the governing body to introduce and approve the annual municipal budget no later than 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.

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.

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

Cash, Cash Equivalents and Investments (Cont'd) - 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.

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 \$5,000.00, the maximum amount allowed by the Circular. Generally, assets are valued at historical cost; however, assets acquired prior to December 31, 1985 are valued at actual historical cost or estimated historical cost. No depreciation of general fixed assets is recorded. Donated general fixed assets are recorded at acquisition value as of the date of the transaction. Interest costs relative to the acquisition of general fixed assets are recorded as expenditures when paid. Public domain ("infrastructure") general fixed assets consisting of certain improvements such as roads, bridges, curbs and gutters, streets and sidewalks and drainage systems are not capitalized. Expenditures for construction in progress are recorded in the capital funds until such time as the construction is completed and put into operation. The Township is required to maintain a subsidiary ledger detailing fixed assets records to control additions, retirements, and transfers of fixed assets. In addition, a statement of general fixed asset group of accounts, reflecting the activity for the year, must be included in the Township's basic financial statements.

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

Foreclosed Property - Foreclosed property is recorded in the current fund at the assessed valuation when such property was acquired and is fully reserved. Ordinarily it is the intention of the municipality to resell foreclosed property in order to recover all or a portion of the delinquent taxes or assessments and to return the property to a taxpaying basis. For this reason, the value of foreclosed property has not been included in the general fixed asset group of accounts. If such property is converted to 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 balance included in the current fund represents amounts available for anticipation as revenue in future years' budgets, with certain restrictions.

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

Property Tax Revenues - Property tax revenues are collected in quarterly installments due February 1, May 1, August 1, and November 1. The amount of tax levied includes not only the amount required in support of the Township's annual budget, but also the amounts required in support of the budgets of the County of Gloucester, the Township of Washington School District, and the Township of Washington Fire 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 Washington School District. Operations is charged for the full amount required to be raised from taxation to operate the school district for the period from January 1 to December 31.

County Taxes - The municipality is responsible for levying, collecting, and remitting county taxes for the County of Gloucester. 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.

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

Library Taxes - The municipality is responsible for levying, collecting and remitting library taxes for the Margaret E. Heggan Free Public Library. The amount of the library tax is a separate local levy tax and is remitted to the Library through the municipal budget.

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

Expenditures - Expenditures are recorded on the "budgetary" basis of accounting. Generally, expenditures are recorded when paid. However, for charges to amounts appropriated for "other expenses", an amount is encumbered through the issuance of a numerically controlled purchase order or when a contract is executed in accordance with N.J.A.C. 5:30-5.2. When encumbered charges are paid, the amount encumbered is simultaneously liquidated in its original amount.

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

Expenditures (Cont'd) - 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 and interest payments on outstanding general capital bonds and notes are provided on the cash basis.

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

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

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

Note 2: CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS

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, 2021, the Township's bank balances of \$28,182,677.20 were exposed to custodial credit risk as follows:

Insured by FDIC and GUDPA	\$ 27,511,792.64
Uninsured and Uncollateralized	<u>670,884.56</u>
Total	<u><u>\$ 28,182,677.20</u></u>

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

New Jersey Asset and Rebate Management Program (NJ/ARM) - During the year, the Township participated in the New Jersey Asset & Rebate Management Program. The program was created in 1989 as a joint investment trust under the Interlocal Service Act. NJ/ARM provides local governments in New Jersey with investment management services for capital, reserve, general operating funds and for arbitrage rebate compliance for bond and note issue. The program advisory board is made up of New Jersey local government officials and is managed by PFM Asset Management LLC. The Program is designed to be in compliance with New Jersey statues and regulations for allowable investments. The fund deposits can be liquidated on a daily basis and have an AAA rating by Standard & Poor's. NJ/ARM funds are not subject to custodial risk as defined above. Township deposits with the fund are considered cash equivalents and at December 31, 2021 the balance was \$405,282.10.

Note 3: PROPERTY TAXES

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

Comparative Schedule of Tax Rates

	<u>Year Ended</u>				
	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020 (1)</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>
Tax Rate	\$ 3.433	\$ 3.381	\$ 3.645	\$ 3.604	\$ 3.559
Apportionment of Tax Rate:					
Municipal	\$.603	\$.589	\$.655	\$.656	\$.657
Municipal Open Space	.011	.010	.010	.011	.010
Municipal Library	.034	.034	.036	.035	.035
County	.676	.678	.704	.693	.677
County Open Space					
Preservation Trust Fund	.042	.041	.044	.044	.043
Local School	1.920	1.890	2.052	2.027	1.998
Special District Rates - Fire	.147	.139	.144	.138	.139

Assessed Valuation

<u>Year</u>	<u>Amount</u>
2021	\$ 4,725,112,369.00
2020 (1)	4,711,518,046.00
2019	4,265,315,844.00
2018	4,262,047,553.00
2017	4,258,451,544.00

(1) Revaluation

Note 3: PROPERTY TAXES (CONT'D)

Five-year comparison of certain statistical information relative to property taxes and property tax collections for the current and previous four calendar years (cont'd):

Comparison of Tax Levies and Collections

<u>Year</u>	<u>Tax Levy</u>	<u>Collections</u>	<u>Percentage of Collections</u>
2021	\$ 162,788,145.12	\$ 162,490,468.99	99.82%
2020	159,787,535.88	159,489,538.24	99.81%
2019	156,085,228.16	155,730,644.98	99.77%
2018	154,344,421.63	153,838,774.36	99.67%
2017	152,011,142.29	151,433,910.80	99.62%

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>
2021	\$ 1,763,215.19	\$ 15,522.11	\$ 1,778,737.30	1.09%
2020	1,635,160.04	10,406.79	1,645,566.83	1.03%
2019	1,538,408.44	26,601.92	1,565,010.36	1.00%
2018	885,381.89	350,911.48	1,236,293.37	0.80%
2017	749,666.02	311,846.60	1,061,512.62	0.70%

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>
2021	55
2020	52
2019	57
2018	63
2017	63

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>
2021	\$ 1,300,025.00
2020	1,300,025.00
2019	1,300,025.00
2018	865,625.00
2017	865,625.00

Note 5: FUND BALANCES APPROPRIATED

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

<u>Year</u>	<u>Balance December 31,</u>	<u>Utilized in Budget of Succeeding Year</u>	<u>Percentage of Fund Balance Used</u>
2021	\$ 7,108,241.61	\$ 6,000,000.00	84.41%
2020	8,272,255.88	6,000,000.00	72.53%
2019	9,198,195.86	5,400,000.00	58.71%
2018	9,850,350.26	4,585,000.00	46.55%
2017	8,529,854.59	3,485,000.00	40.86%

Note 6: INTERFUND RECEIVABLES AND PAYABLES

The following interfund balances were recorded on the various statements of assets, liabilities, reserves and fund balance as of December 31, 2021:

<u>Fund</u>	<u>Interfunds Receivable</u>	<u>Interfunds Payable</u>
Current	\$ 15,549.98	\$ 2,230,703.06
Federal, State and Other Grant	2,229,539.57	
Trust - Animal Control		15,285.91
Trust - Other		264.07
General Capital	1,163.49	
	<u>\$ 2,246,253.04</u>	<u>\$ 2,246,253.04</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 2022, the Township expects to liquidate such interfunds, depending upon the availability of cash flow.

Note 7: PENSION PLANS

In June of 2022, the New Jersey Division of Local Government Services issued Local Finance Notice 2022-12 which allows local units to disclose the most recently available information as it relates to the New Jersey Division of Pension's reporting on GASBS No. 68, *Accounting and Financial Reporting for Pensions-an amendment of GASB Statement No. 27*. As of the date of this report, the information for the measurement period ended June 30, 2021 was not available; therefore, the information from the measurement period June 30, 2020 is disclosed below.

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 plans' fiduciary net position which can be obtained by writing to or at the following website:

State of New Jersey
Division of Pensions and Benefits
P.O. Box 295
Trenton, New Jersey 08625-0295

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

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

Public Employees' Retirement System - The Public Employees' Retirement System is a cost-sharing multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan which was established as of January 1, 1955, under the provisions of N.J.S.A. 43:15A. The PERS' designated purpose is to provide retirement, death, 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 otherwise eligible to enroll in PERS after May 21, 2010 who do not work the minimum number of hours per week required for tiers 4 or 5 enrollment, but who earn salary of at least \$5,000.00 annually.

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

Public Employees' Retirement System - The vesting and benefit provisions are set by N.J.S.A. 43:15A. The PERS provides retirement, death and disability benefits. All benefits vest after 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 7: 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 P.L. 2011, C. 78, the member contribution rate is currently 7.50% of base salary, effective July 1, 2018. The rate for members who are eligible for the Prosecutors Part of PERS (P.L. 2001, C. 366) is 10.0%. Employers' contributions are based on an actuarially determined amount, which includes the normal cost and unfunded accrued liability.

The Township's contractually required contribution rate for the year ended December 31, 2020 was 14.66% 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, 2020, the Township's contractually required contribution to the pension plan for the year ended December 31, 2020 is \$804,667.00, and was payable by April 1, 2021. Due to the basis of accounting described in note 1, no liability has been recorded in the financial statements for this amount. For the prior year measurement date of June 30, 2019, the Township's contractually required contribution to the pension plan for the year ended December 31, 2019 was \$634,929.00, which was paid on April 1, 2020.

Employee contributions to the Plan for the year ended December 31, 2020 were \$418,697.63.

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

Note 7: 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, 2020 was 31.63% 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, 2020, the Township's contractually required contribution to the pension plan for the year ended December 31, 2020 is \$2,345,463.00, and was payable by April 1, 2021. Due to the basis of accounting described in note 1, no liability has been recorded in the financial statements for this amount. For the prior year measurement date of June 30, 2019, the Township's contractually required contribution to the pension plan for the year ended December 31, 2019 was \$1,995,593.00, which was paid on April 1, 2020.

Employee contributions to the Plan for the year ended December 31, 2020 were \$742,142.60.

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, 2020 was 4.37% of the Township's covered payroll.

Based on the most recent PFRS measurement date of June 30, 2020, the State's contractually required contribution, on-behalf of the Township, to the pension plan for the year ended December 31, 2020 was \$323,967.00, and was payable by April 1, 2021. For the prior year measurement date of June 30, 2019, the State's contractually required contribution, on-behalf of the Township, to the pension plan for the year ended December 31, 2019 was \$257,229.00, which was paid on April 1, 2020.

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, 2021, employee contributions totaled \$34,149.68, and the Township's contributions were \$15,872.59. There were no forfeitures during the year.

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

Pension Liability - As of December 31, 2020, the Township's proportionate share of the PERS net pension liability was \$11,995,075.00. The net pension liability was measured as of June 30, 2020 and the total pension liability used to calculate the net pension liability was determined by an actuarial valuation as of July 1, 2019. 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, 2020. 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, 2020 measurement date, the Township's proportion was .0735560918%, which was an increase of .0082815339% from its proportion measured as of June 30, 2019.

Pension Expense - For the year ended December 31, 2020, the Township's proportionate share of the PERS pension (benefit) expense, calculated by the Plan as of the June 30, 2020 measurement date was \$987,113.00. This (benefit) 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, 2020, the Township's contribution to PERS was \$634,929.00, and was paid on April 1, 2020.

Police and Firemen's Retirement System

Pension Liability - As of December 31, 2020, 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	\$ 27,127,879.00
State of New Jersey's Proportionate Share of Net Pension Liability Associated with the Township	<u>4,210,123.00</u>
	<u>\$ 31,338,002.00</u>

The net pension liability was measured as of June 30, 2020, and the total pension liability used to calculate the net pension liability was determined by an actuarial valuation as of July 1, 2019. 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, 2020. 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, 2020 measurement date, the Township's proportion was .2099466694%, which was an increase of .0123848373% from its proportion measured as of June 30, 2019. Likewise, at June 30, 2020, the State of New Jersey's proportion, on-behalf of the Township, was .2099466694%, which was an increase of .0123848373% from its proportion, on-behalf of the Township, measured as of June 30, 2019.

Pension Expense - For the year ended December 31, 2020, the Township's proportionate share of the PFRS pension (benefit) expense, calculated by the Plan as of the June 30, 2020 measurement date was \$1,584,184.00. This (benefit) 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, 2020, the Township's contribution to PFRS was \$1,995,593.00, and was paid on April 1, 2020.

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

Pension Expense (Cont'd) - For the year ended December 31, 2020, the State's proportionate share of the PFRS pension (benefit) expense, associated with the Township, calculated by the Plan as of the June 30, 2020 measurement date, was \$477,133.00. This on-behalf (benefit) expense is not recognized by the Township because of the regulatory basis of accounting as described in note 1.

Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources - As of December 31, 2020, the Township had deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions from the following sources:

	Deferred Outflows of Resources			Deferred Inflows of Resources		
	<u>PERS</u>	<u>PFRS</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>PERS</u>	<u>PFRS</u>	<u>Total</u>
Differences between Expected and Actual Experience	\$ 218,410.00	\$ 273,495.00	\$ 491,905.00	\$ 42,420.00	\$ 97,359.00	\$ 139,779.00
Changes of Assumptions	389,134.00	68,267.00	457,401.00	5,022,451.00	7,272,822.00	12,295,273.00
Net Difference between Projected and Actual Earnings on Pension Plan Investments	410,001.00	1,590,634.00	2,000,635.00	-	-	-
Changes in Proportion and Differences between Township Contributions and Proportionate Share of Contributions	1,930,245.00	2,273,486.00	4,203,731.00	161,094.00	1,600,292.00	1,761,386.00
Township Contributions Subsequent to the Measurement Date	402,334.00	1,172,732.00	1,575,066.00	-	-	-
	<u>\$ 3,350,124.00</u>	<u>\$ 5,378,614.00</u>	<u>\$ 8,728,738.00</u>	<u>\$ 5,225,965.00</u>	<u>\$ 8,970,473.00</u>	<u>\$ 14,196,438.00</u>

Deferred outflows of resources in the amounts of \$402,334.00 and \$1,172,732.00 for PERS and PFRS, respectively, will be included as a reduction of the net pension liability during the year ended December 31, 2021. These amounts were based on an estimated April 1, 2022 contractually required contribution, prorated from the pension plans' measurement date of June 30, 2020 to the Township's year end of December 31, 2020.

Note 7: **PENSION PLANS (CONT'D)**

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

Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources (Cont'd) - The Township will amortize the other deferred outflows 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, 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	-
June 30, 2019	5.21	-	-	5.92
June 30, 2020	5.16	-	5.90	-
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
June 30, 2019	-	5.21	-	5.92
June 30, 2020	-	5.16	-	5.90
Net Difference between Projected and Actual Earnings on Pension Plan Investments				
Year of Pension Plan Deferral:				
June 30, 2016	5.00	-	5.00	-
June 30, 2017	5.00	-	5.00	-
June 30, 2018	5.00	-	5.00	-
June 30, 2019	5.00	-	5.00	-
June 30, 2020	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
June 30, 2019	5.21	5.21	5.92	5.92
June 30, 2020	5.16	5.16	5.90	5.90

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

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

Year Ending Dec 31,	PERS	PFRS	Total
2021	\$ (894,100.00)	\$ (2,570,231.00)	\$ (3,464,331.00)
2022	(902,909.00)	(1,819,217.00)	(2,722,126.00)
2023	(466,481.00)	(649,612.00)	(1,116,093.00)
2024	1,288.00	200,809.00	202,097.00
2025	(15,973.00)	73,660.00	57,687.00
	<u>\$ (2,278,175.00)</u>	<u>\$ (4,764,591.00)</u>	<u>\$ (7,042,766.00)</u>

Actuarial Assumptions

The net pension liability was measured as of June 30, 2020, and the total pension liability used to calculate the net pension liability was determined by an actuarial valuation as of July 1, 2019. 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, 2020. This actuarial valuation used the following actuarial assumptions, applied to all periods included in the measurement:

	<u>PERS</u>	<u>PFRS</u>
Inflation Rate:		
Price	2.75%	2.75%
Wage	3.25%	3.25%
Salary Increases: ⁽¹⁾		
Through 2026	2.00% - 6.00%	
Thereafter	3.00% - 7.00%	
Through All Future Years		3.25% - 15.25%
Investment Rate of Return	7.00%	7.00%
Period of Actuarial Experience		
Study upon which Actuarial		
Assumptions were Based	July 1, 2014 - June 30, 2018	July 1, 2013 - June 30, 2018

⁽¹⁾ based on years of service

Note 7: PENSION PLANS (CONT'D)**Actuarial Assumptions (Cont'd)**

Public Employees' Retirement System - Pre-retirement mortality rates were based on the Pub-2010 General Below-Median Income Employee mortality table with an 82.2% adjustment for males and 101.4% adjustment for females, and with future improvement from the base year of 2010 on a generational basis. Post-retirement mortality rates were based on the Pub-2010 General Below-Median Income Healthy Retiree mortality table with a 91.4% adjustment for males and 99.7% adjustment for females, and with future improvement from the base year of 2010 on a generational basis. Disability retirement rates used to value disabled retirees were based on the Pub-2010 Non-Safety Disabled Retiree mortality table with a 127.7% adjustment for males and 117.2% adjustment for females, and with future improvement from the base year of 2010 on a generational basis. Mortality improvement is based on Scale MP-2020.

Police and Firemen's Retirement System - Pre-retirement mortality rates were based on the Pub-2010 Safety Employee mortality table with a 105.6% adjustment for males and 102.5% adjustment for females, and with future improvement from the base year of 2010 on a generational basis. Post-retirement mortality rates were based on the Pub-2010 Safety Retiree Below-Median Income Weighted mortality table with a 96.7% adjustment for males and 96.0% adjustment for females, and with future improvement from the base year of 2010 on a generational basis. For beneficiaries (contingent annuitants), the Pub-2010 General Retiree Below-Median Income Weighted mortality table was used, unadjusted, and with future improvement from the base year of 2010 on a generational basis. Disability rates were based on the Pub-2010 Safety Disabled Retiree mortality table with a 152.0% adjustment for males and 109.3% adjustment for females, and with future improvement from the base year of 2010 on a generational basis. Mortality improvement is based on Scale MP-2020.

For both PERS and PFRS, in accordance with State statute, the long-term expected rate of return on Plan investments (7.00% at June 30, 2020) 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, 2020 are summarized in the table that follows:

<u>Asset Class</u>	<u>Target Allocation</u>	<u>Long-Term Expected Real Rate of Return</u>
U.S. Equity	27.00%	7.71%
Non-US Developed Markets Equity	13.50%	8.57%
Emerging Market Equity	5.50%	10.23%
Private Equity	13.00%	11.42%
Real Assets	3.00%	9.73%
Real Estate	8.00%	9.56%
High Yield	2.00%	5.95%
Private Credit	8.00%	7.59%
Investment Grade Credit	8.00%	2.67%
Cash Equivalents	4.00%	0.50%
U.S. Treasuries	5.00%	1.94%
Risk Mitigation Strategies	3.00%	3.40%
	<u>100.00%</u>	

Note 7: PENSION PLANS (CONT'D)

Actuarial Assumptions (Cont'd)

Discount Rate -

Public Employees' Retirement System - The discount rate used to measure the total pension liability was 7.00% as of June 30, 2020. This single blended discount rate was based on the long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments of 7.00% and a municipal bond rate of 2.21% as of the June 30, 2020 measurement date 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 rate assumed that contributions from Plan members will be made at the current member contribution rates and that contributions from employers would be based on 78% of the actuarially determined contributions for the State and 100% of actuarially determined contributions for the local employers. Based on those assumptions, the Plan's fiduciary net position was projected to be available to make projected future benefit payments of current plan members. Therefore, the long-term expected rate of return on Plan investments was applied to all projected benefit payments to determine the total pension liability.

Police and Firemen's Retirement System - The discount rate used to measure the total pension liability was 7.00% as of June 30, 2020. This single blended discount rate was based on the long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments of 7.00%, and a municipal bond rate of 2.21% as of June 30, 2020 measurement date 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 rate assumed that contributions from Plan members will be made at the current member contribution rates and that contributions from employers will be based on 78% of the actuarially determined contributions for the State and 100% of actuarially determined contributions for the local employers. Based on those assumptions, the Plan's fiduciary net position was projected to be available to make all projected future benefit payments of current plan members. Therefore, the long-term expected rate of return on Plan investments was applied to all projected benefit payments to determine the total pension liability.

Sensitivity of 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 as of the June 30, 2020 measurement date, calculated using a discount rate of 7.00%, 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 (6.00%)	Current Discount Rate (7.00%)	1% Increase (8.00%)
Township's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability	\$ 15,099,798.00	\$ 11,995,075.00	\$ 9,360,632.00

Note 7: PENSION PLANS (CONT'D)**Sensitivity of Township's Proportionate Share of Net Pension Liability to Changes in the Discount Rate (Cont'd)**

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 the June 30, 2020 measurement date, for the Township and the State of New Jersey, calculated using a discount rate of 7.00%, as well as using a discount rate that is 1% lower or 1% higher than the current rates used, is as follows:

	PFRS		
	1% Decrease (6.00%)	Current Discount Rate (7.00%)	1% Increase (8.00%)
Township's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability	\$ 36,074,495.00	\$ 27,127,879.00	\$ 19,697,030.00
State of New Jersey's Proportionate Share of Net Pension Liability associated with the Township	5,598,597.00	4,210,123.00	3,056,889.00
	<u>\$ 41,673,092.00</u>	<u>\$ 31,338,002.00</u>	<u>\$ 22,753,919.00</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 (benefit) expense, information about the respective fiduciary net position of the PERS and PFRS and additions to/deductions from PERS and PFRS' respective fiduciary net position have been determined on the same basis as they are reported by PERS and PFRS. Accordingly, benefit payments (including refunds of employee contributions) are recognized when due and payable in accordance with the benefit terms. Investments are reported at fair value.

Note 7: 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 Eight Plan Years)

	Measurement Date Ended June 30,			
	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>
Township's Proportion of the Net Pension Liability	0.0735560918%	0.0652745580%	0.0664153342%	0.0648899635%
Township's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability	\$ 11,995,075.00	\$ 11,761,485.00	\$ 13,076,857.00	\$ 15,105,346.00
Township's Covered Payroll (Plan Measurement Period)	\$ 5,223,908.00	\$ 4,589,552.00	\$ 4,467,216.00	\$ 4,356,276.00
Township's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability as a Percentage of Covered Payroll	229.62%	256.27%	292.73%	346.75%
Plan Fiduciary Net Position as a Percentage of the Total Pension Liability	58.32%	56.27%	53.60%	48.10%
	Measurement Date Ended June 30,			
	<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>2013</u>
Township's Proportion of the Net Pension Liability	0.0581344292%	0.0580378078%	0.0567239966%	0.0526724877%
Township's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability	\$ 17,217,751.00	\$ 13,028,325.00	\$ 10,620,284.00	\$ 10,066,759.00
Township's Covered Payroll (Plan Measurement Period)	\$ 3,893,260.00	\$ 3,829,156.00	\$ 3,733,472.00	\$ 3,328,700.00
Township's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability as a Percentage of Covered Payroll	442.25%	340.24%	284.46%	302.42%
Plan Fiduciary Net Position as a Percentage of the Total Pension Liability	40.14%	47.93%	52.08%	48.72%

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

	<u>Year Ended December 31,</u>			
	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>
Township's Contractually Required Contribution	\$ 804,667.00	\$ 634,929.00	\$ 660,618.00	\$ 601,136.00
Township's Contribution in Relation to the Contractually Required Contribution	\$ (804,667.00)	\$ (634,929.00)	(660,618.00)	(601,136.00)
Township's Contribution Deficiency (Excess)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Township's Covered Payroll (Calendar Year)	\$ 5,487,100.00	\$ 5,190,765.00	\$ 4,730,578.00	\$ 4,431,994.00
Township's Contributions as a Percentage of Covered Payroll	14.66%	12.23%	13.96%	13.56%
	<u>Year Ended December 31,</u>			
	<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>2013</u>
Township's Contractually Required Contribution	\$ 516,458.00	\$ 498,969.00	\$ 467,624.00	\$ 396,876.00
Township's Contribution in Relation to the Contractually Required Contribution	(516,458.00)	(498,969.00)	(467,624.00)	(396,876.00)
Township's Contribution Deficiency (Excess)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Township's Covered Payroll (Calendar Year)	\$ 4,327,799.00	\$ 3,833,703.00	\$ 3,840,817.00	\$ 3,723,473.00
Township's Contributions as a Percentage of Covered Payroll	11.93%	13.02%	12.18%	10.66%

Note 7: **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 Eight Plan Years)***

	<u>Measurement Date Ended June 30,</u>			
	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>
Township's Proportion of the Net Pension Liability	0.2099466694%	0.1975618321%	0.1922716849%	0.2135861668%
Township's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability	\$ 27,127,879.00	\$ 24,177,259.00	\$ 26,017,529.00	\$ 32,973,575.00
State's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability associated with the Township	<u>4,210,123.00</u>	<u>3,817,635.00</u>	<u>3,543,051.00</u>	<u>3,693,318.00</u>
Total	<u>\$ 31,338,002.00</u>	<u>\$ 27,994,894.00</u>	<u>\$ 29,560,580.00</u>	<u>\$ 36,666,893.00</u>
Township's Covered Payroll (Plan Measurement Period)	\$ 7,244,184.00	\$ 6,722,560.00	\$ 6,378,708.00	\$ 6,849,844.00
Township's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability as a Percentage of Covered Payroll	374.48%	359.64%	407.88%	481.38%
Plan Fiduciary Net Position as a Percentage of the Total Pension Liability	63.52%	65.00%	62.48%	58.60%
	<u>Measurement Date Ended June 30,</u>			
	<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>2013</u>
Township's Proportion of the Net Pension Liability	0.2133344047%	0.2084462374%	0.2001693684%	0.2116314551%
Township's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability	\$ 40,752,328.00	\$ 34,719,877.00	\$ 25,179,450.00	\$ 28,134,492.00
State's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability associated with the Township	<u>3,422,185.00</u>	<u>3,044,817.00</u>	<u>2,711,404.00</u>	<u>2,622,476.00</u>
Total	<u>\$ 44,174,513.00</u>	<u>\$ 37,764,694.00</u>	<u>\$ 27,890,854.00</u>	<u>\$ 30,756,968.00</u>
Township's Covered Payroll (Plan Measurement Period)	\$ 6,789,260.00	\$ 6,569,064.00	\$ 6,322,316.00	\$ 6,423,448.00
Township's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability as a Percentage of Covered Payroll	600.25%	528.54%	398.26%	438.00%
Plan Fiduciary Net Position as a Percentage of the Total Pension Liability	52.01%	56.31%	62.41%	58.70%

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

	<u>Year Ended December 31,</u>			
	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>
Township's Contractually Required Contribution	\$ 2,345,463.00	\$ 1,995,593.00	\$ 1,879,739.00	\$ 1,890,277.00
Township's Contribution in Relation to the Contractually Required Contribution	<u>(2,345,463.00)</u>	<u>(1,995,593.00)</u>	<u>(1,879,739.00)</u>	<u>(1,890,277.00)</u>
Township's Contribution Deficiency (Excess)	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>
Township's Covered Payroll (Calendar Year)	\$ 7,414,842.00	\$ 7,214,515.00	\$ 6,803,091.00	\$ 6,604,944.00
Township's Contributions as a Percentage of Covered Payroll	31.63%	27.66%	27.63%	28.62%
	<u>Year Ended December 31,</u>			
	<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>2013</u>
Township's Contractually Required Contribution	\$ 1,739,402.00	\$ 1,694,357.00	\$ 1,537,439.00	\$ 1,544,016.00
Township's Contribution in Relation to the Contractually Required Contribution	<u>(1,739,402.00)</u>	<u>(1,694,357.00)</u>	<u>(1,537,439.00)</u>	<u>(1,544,016.00)</u>
Township's Contribution Deficiency (Excess)	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>
Township's Covered Payroll (Calendar Year)	\$ 6,805,762.00	\$ 6,759,230.00	\$ 6,515,802.00	\$ 6,420,441.00
Township's Contributions as a Percentage of Covered Payroll	25.56%	25.07%	23.60%	24.05%

Other Notes to Supplementary Pension Information***Public Employees' Retirement System (PERS)*****Changes in Benefit Terms**

The June 30, 2020 measurement date included two changes to the plan provisions. Chapter 157, P.L. 2019 expanded the definition of regular or assigned duties for purposes of accidental disability. The Division of Pension and Benefits (DPB) also adopted a new policy regarding the crediting of interest on member contributions for the purpose of refund of accumulated deductions.

Note 7: PENSION PLANS (CONT'D)**Other Notes to Supplementary Pension Information (Cont'd)*****Public Employees' Retirement System (PERS) (Cont'd)***Changes in Assumptions

The discount rate used as of June 30 measurement date is as follows:

<u>Year</u>	<u>Rate</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Rate</u>
2020	7.00%	2016	3.98%
2019	6.28%	2015	4.90%
2018	5.66%	2014	5.39%
2017	5.00%		

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

<u>Year</u>	<u>Rate</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Rate</u>
2020	7.00%	2016	7.65%
2019	7.00%	2015	7.90%
2018	7.00%	2014	7.90%
2017	7.00%		

The mortality assumption was updated upon direction from the DPB.

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

None

Changes in Assumptions

The discount rate used as of June 30 measurement date is as follows:

<u>Year</u>	<u>Rate</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Rate</u>
2020	7.00%	2016	5.55%
2019	6.85%	2015	5.79%
2018	6.51%	2014	6.32%
2017	6.14%		

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

<u>Year</u>	<u>Rate</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Rate</u>
2020	7.00%	2016	7.65%
2019	7.00%	2015	7.90%
2018	7.00%	2014	7.90%
2017	7.00%		

The mortality assumption was updated upon direction from the DPB.

Note 8: POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS OTHER THAN PENSION BENEFITS**A. State Health Benefits Local Government Retired Employees Plan**

In June of 2022, the New Jersey Division of Local Government Services issued Local Finance Notice 2022-12 which allows local units to disclose the most recently available information as it relates to the New Jersey Division of Pension's reporting on GASBS No. 75, *Accounting and Financial Reporting for Postemployment Benefits other than Pensions*. As of the date of this report, the information for the measurement period ended June 30, 2021 was not available; therefore, the information from the measurement period June 30, 2020 is disclosed below.

General Information about the State Health Benefit Local Government Retired Employees 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") annual financial statements, which can be found at <https://www.state.nj.us/treasury/pensions/financial-reports.shtml>.

The Plan provides medical and prescription drug to retirees and their covered dependents of the participating employers. Under the provisions of Chapter 88, P.L. 1974 and Chapter 48, P.L. 1999, local government employers electing to provide postretirement medical coverage to their employees must file a resolution with the Division. Under Chapter 88, local employers elect to provide benefit coverage based on the eligibility rules and regulations promulgated by the State Health Benefits Commission. Chapter 48 allows local employers to establish their own age and service eligibility for employer paid health benefits coverage for retired employees. 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 8: POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS OTHER THAN PENSION BENEFITS (CONT'D)**A. State Health Benefits Local Government Retired Employees Plan (Cont'd)****General Information about the State Health Benefit Local Government Retired Employees 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 \$1,609,250.10, for the year ended December 31, 2020, representing 12.47% of the Township's covered payroll. During the year ended December 31, 2020, retirees not required to contribute to the Plan.

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

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

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

The amount of actual contributions to the OPEB Plan made by the State, on-behalf of the Township, is not known; however, under the special funding situation, the State's OPEB (benefit) expense, on-behalf of the Township, is (\$11,192.00) for the year ended December 31, 2020, representing -0.09% of the Township's covered payroll.

Note 8: POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS OTHER THAN PENSION BENEFITS (CONT'D)**A. State Health Benefits Local Government Retired Employees Plan (Cont'd)****OPEB Liability, OPEB (Benefit) Expense, and Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources**

OPEB Liability - At December 31, 2020, the Township's and State's proportionate share of the net OPEB liability were as follows:

Township's Proportionate Share of Net OPEB Liability	\$ 53,628,544.28
State of New Jersey's Proportionate Share of Net OPEB Liability Associated with the Township	<u>224,828.00</u>
	<u>\$ 53,853,372.28</u>

The net OPEB liability was measured as of June 30, 2020, and the total OPEB liability used to calculate the net OPEB liability was determined by an actuarial valuation as of June 30, 2019, which was rolled forward to June 30, 2020.

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, 2019 through June 30, 2020. For the June 30, 2020 measurement date, the Township's proportion was .298823%, which was an increase of .023185% from its proportion measured as of the June 30, 2019 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, 2019 through June 30, 2020. For the June 30, 2020 measurement date, the State's proportion on-behalf of the Township was .004116%, which was an increase of .000762% from its proportion measured as of the June 30, 2019 measurement date.

OPEB (Benefit) Expense - At December 31, 2020, the Township's proportionate share of the OPEB (benefit) expense, calculated by the Plan as of the June 30, 2020 measurement date, is \$681,403.40. This (benefit) 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, 2020, the Township made contributions to the Plan totaling \$1,609,250.10.

Note 8: POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS OTHER THAN PENSION BENEFITS (CONT'D)**A. State Health Benefits Local Government Retired Employees Plan (Cont'd)****OPEB Liability, OPEB (Benefit) 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, 2020, the Township had deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources from the following sources:

	<u>Deferred Outflows of Resources</u>	<u>Deferred Inflows of Resources</u>
Differences between Expected and Actual Experience	\$ 1,412,534.74	\$ 9,986,635.12
Changes of Assumptions	8,021,142.27	11,926,159.74
Net Difference between Projected and Actual Earnings on OPEB Plan Investments	34,057.16	-
Changes in Proportion	5,287,695.20	2,442,025.04
Township Contributions Subsequent to the Measurement Date	791,978.11	-
	<u>\$ 15,547,407.48</u>	<u>\$ 24,354,819.90</u>

Deferred outflows of resources in the amount of \$791,978.11 will be included as a reduction of the Township's net OPEB liability during the year ending December 31, 2021. The Township will amortize the above other deferred outflows 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>
Differences between Expected and Actual Experience		
June 30, 2018	-	8.14
June 30, 2019	-	8.05
June 30, 2020	7.87	-
Changes of Assumptions		
Year of OPEB Plan Deferral:		
June 30, 2017	-	8.04
June 30, 2018	-	8.14
June 30, 2019	-	8.05
June 30, 2020	7.87	-
Net Difference between Projected and Actual Investment Earnings on OPEB Plan Investments		
Year of OPEB Plan Deferral:		
June 30, 2017	5.00	-
June 30, 2018	5.00	-
June 30, 2019	5.00	-
June 30, 2020	5.00	-
Changes in Proportion		
Year of OPEB Plan Deferral:		
June 30, 2017	8.04	8.04
June 30, 2018	8.14	8.14
June 30, 2019	8.05	8.05
June 30, 2020	7.87	7.87

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

A. State Health Benefits Local Government Retired Employees Plan (Cont'd)

OPEB Liability, OPEB (Benefit) Expense, and Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources (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 the OPEB liability will be recognized in future periods as follows:

Year Ending Dec. 31,	
2021	\$ (2,626,069.00)
2022	(2,628,683.00)
2023	(2,632,907.00)
2024	(2,636,768.00)
2025	(1,308,882.00)
Thereafter	<u>2,233,918.46</u>
	<u>\$ (9,599,390.54)</u>

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, 2019 used the following actuarial assumptions, applied to all periods in the measurement:

Inflation Rate	2.50%
Salary Increases *	
PERS:	
Initial Fiscal Year Applied:	
Rate through 2026	2.00% to 6.00%
Rate Thereafter	3.00% to 7.00%
PFRS:	
Rate for all Future Years	3.25% to 15.25%

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

PERS mortality rates were based on Pub-2010 General classification headcount weighted mortality with fully generational morality improvement projections from the central year using Scale MP-2020.

PFRS mortality rates were based on Pub-2010 Safety classification headcount weighted mortality with fully generational morality improvement projections from the central year using Scale MP-2020.

Actuarial assumptions used in the June 30, 2019 valuation were based on the results of the PFRS and PERS experience studies prepared for July 1, 2013 to June 30, 2018 and July 1, 2014 to June 30, 2018, respectively.

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

Note 8: POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS OTHER THAN PENSION BENEFITS (CONT'D)**A. State Health Benefits Local Government Retired Employees Plan (Cont'd)****Actuarial Assumptions (Cont'd)**

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

Discount Rate - The discount rate used to measure the OPEB liability at June 30, 2020 was 2.21%. 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 medical benefits, the trend is initially 5.6% and decreases to a 4.5% long-term trend rate after seven years. For post-65 medical benefits, the actual fully-insured Medicare Advantage trend rates for fiscal year 2021 through 2022 are reflected. The rates used for 2023 and 2024 are 21.83% and 18.53%, respectively, trending to 4.5% for all future years. For prescription drug benefits, the initial trend rate is 7.00% and decreases to a 4.5% long-term trend rate after seven years.

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

The net OPEB liability, calculated using a discount rate of 2.21%, as well as using a discount rate that is 1% lower or 1% higher than the current rate used, is as follows:

	1% Decrease (1.21%)	Current Discount Rate (2.21%)	1% Increase (3.21%)
Township's Proportionate Share of the Net OPEB Liability	\$ 63,400,270.00	\$ 53,628,544.00	\$ 45,893,335.00
State of New Jersey's Proportionate Share of the Net OPEB Liability Associated with the Township	265,794.00	224,828.00	192,400.00
	<u>\$ 63,666,064.00</u>	<u>\$ 53,853,372.00</u>	<u>\$ 46,085,735.00</u>

Note 8: POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS OTHER THAN PENSION BENEFITS (CONT'D)**A. State Health Benefits Local Government Retired Employees Plan (Cont'd)****Sensitivity of the Net OPEB Liability to Changes in the Healthcare Cost Trend Rate**

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

	<u>1%</u> <u>Decrease</u>	<u>Healthcare Cost</u> <u>Trend Rate</u>	<u>1%</u> <u>Increase</u>
Township's Proportionate Share of the Net OPEB Liability	\$ 44,377,675.00	\$ 53,628,544.00	\$ 65,742,683.00
State of New Jersey's Proportionate Share of the Net OPEB Liability Associated with the Township	186,045.00	224,828.00	275,614.00
	<u>\$ 44,563,720.00</u>	<u>\$ 53,853,372.00</u>	<u>\$ 66,018,297.00</u>

OPEB Plan Fiduciary Net Position

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

Supplementary OPEB Information

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

Schedule of the Township's Proportionate Share of the Net OPEB Liability (Last Four Plan Years)

	<u>Measurement Date Ended June 30,</u>			
	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>
Township's Proportion of the Net OPEB Liability	0.298823%	0.275638%	0.279916%	0.275384%
Township's Proportionate Share of the Net OPEB Liability	\$ 53,628,544.28	\$ 37,338,124.79	\$ 43,853,347.46	\$ 56,221,796.13
State's Proportionate Share of the Net OPEB Liability Associated with the Township	224,828.00	185,333.00	218,665.00	312,426.00
Total	<u>\$ 53,853,372.28</u>	<u>\$ 37,523,457.79</u>	<u>\$ 44,072,012.46</u>	<u>\$ 56,534,222.13</u>
Township's Covered Payroll (Plan Measurement Period)	\$ 12,558,638.00	\$ 12,020,755.00	\$ 11,385,062.00	\$ 10,914,545.00
Township's Proportionate Share of the Net OPEB Liability as a Percentage of Covered Payroll	427.03%	310.61%	385.18%	515.11%
Plan Fiduciary Net Position as a Percentage of the Total OPEB Liability	0.91%	1.98%	1.97%	1.03%

Note 8: POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS OTHER THAN PENSION BENEFITS (CONT'D)**A. State Health Benefits Local Government Retired Employees Plan (Cont'd)****Supplementary OPEB Information (Cont'd)****Schedule of the Township's Contributions (Last Four Years)**

	<u>Year Ended December 31,</u>			
	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>
Township's Required Contributions	\$ 1,609,250.10	\$ 1,611,115.34	\$ 2,715,570.05	\$ 2,742,029.42
Township's Contributions in Relation to the Required Contribution	<u>(1,609,250.10)</u>	<u>(1,611,115.34)</u>	<u>(2,715,570.05)</u>	<u>(2,742,029.42)</u>
Township's Contribution Deficiency (Excess)	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>
Township's Covered Payroll (Calendar Year)	\$ 12,901,942.00	\$ 12,405,280.00	\$ 11,533,669.00	\$ 11,036,938.00
Township's Contributions as a Percentage of Covered Payroll	12.47%	12.99%	23.54%	24.84%

Other Notes to Supplementary OPEB Information

Changes in Benefit Terms - The actuarial valuation as of June 30, 2019 included updates to the provisions of Chapter 48, along with newly adopted changes in different levels of subsidy for employers.

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

<u>Year</u>	<u>Rate</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Rate</u>
2020	2.21%	2018	3.87%
2019	3.50%	2017	3.58%

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

In addition to changes in the discount rate, other factors that affected the valuation of the net OPEB liability included changes in the trend, repealment of the excise tax, and updated mortality improvement assumptions.

The health care trend assumption is used to project the growth of the expected claims over the lifetime of the health care recipients. Medical and prescription drug trend rates are determined by utilizing experience data, industry experience which includes surveys and Aon trend guidance. These rates are adjusted further to be appropriate with respect to the plan provisions. For pre-Medicare medical benefits, the trend is initially 5.6% and decreases to a 4.50% long-term trend rate after seven years. For post-65 medical benefits, the actual fully-insured Medicare Advantage rates for Plan Years 2019 through 2022 are reflected. For Plan Year 2023 the Medicare Advantage trend rate includes an assumed increase in the premiums based on recent experience and discussions with the Medicare Advantage vendor. The assumed post-65 medical trend is 4.50% for all future years. For prescription drug benefits, the initial trend rate is 7.00% decreasing to a 4.50% long-term trend rate after seven years.

On October 21, 2020, the Society of Actuaries (SOA) released an updated set of life expectancy mortality improvement assumptions, Scale MP-2020. The MP-2020 scale reflects more recent mortality data for the U.S. population.

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

B. Township of Washington Postemployment Benefit Plan

Plan Description and Benefits Provided - The Township provides postretirement dental benefits and reimbursement of Medicare Part B and health insurance premiums to certain retirees. The Township provides a single employer post-employment dental plan, which is not administered through a trust that meets the criteria in paragraph 4 of the GASB Statement No. 75, *Accounting and Financial Reporting for Postemployment Benefits other than Pensions*, and covers the following retiree population: police officers retiring after the age of 55 or older with at least twenty (20) years of service or having retired under disability pension from a New Jersey administered pension plan; and non-uniformed employees retiring after the age of 62 or older with at least twenty (20) year of service. Coverage is provided for the retirees and their spouse. The Plan is administered by the Township; therefore, premium payments are made directly to the insurance carriers. Plan members receiving benefits are not required to make any contributions. The Township also provides a single employer post-employment Medicare Part B and health insurance premium reimbursement plan, which is not administered through a trust that meets the criteria in paragraph 4 of the GASB Statement No. 75, *Accounting and Financial Reporting for Postemployment Benefits other than Pensions*, and covers the following retiree population: all Medicare-eligible retirees and their eligible dependents for the full premium cost of Medicare Part B medical coverage and retired police officers with 20 years of service for health insurance premiums. The Plan is administered by the Township and the premium reimbursements are paid directly to the retirees.

Employees Covered by Benefit Terms - As of January 1, 2020, the most recent actuarial valuation date, the following employees were covered by the benefit terms:

Inactive Employees or Beneficiaries Currently Receiving Benefit Payments	148
Inactive Employees Entitled to but Not Yet Receiving Benefit Payments	-
Active Employees	179
	327

Total OPEB Liability - The Township's total OPEB liability of \$29,394,800.00 was measured as of December 31, 2021 and was determined by an actuarial valuation as of January 1, 2020.

Actuarial Assumptions and Other Inputs - The following actuarial assumptions and other inputs, applied to all periods included in the measurement, unless otherwise specified:

Inflation	3.00%
Salary Increases	3.00% Annually
Discount Rate	2.25%
Healthcare Cost Trend Rates	8.00% Decreasing to 5.00% Ultimate
Retirees' Share of Benefit-Related Costs	None

The discount rate was based on the S&P Municipal Bond 20 year High Grade Bond index rate.

Mortality rates were based on the RP-2006 Mortality Table with MP-2020 Projection.

An experience study was not performed on the actuarial assumptions used in the January 1, 2020 valuation since the Plan had insufficient data to produce a study with credible results. Mortality rates, termination rates and retirement rates were based on standard tables issued by Society of Actuaries. The actuary has used their professional judgement in applying these assumptions to this Plan.

Note 8: POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS OTHER THAN PENSION BENEFITS (CONT'D)**B. Township of Washington Postemployment Benefit Plan (Cont'd)****Changes in Total OPEB Liability**

Balance at December 31, 2020 (As Reported)		\$ 27,881,078.00
Adjustment for Change in Sharing Percentage		<u>78,504.00</u>
Balance at December 31, 2020 (As Adjusted)		27,959,582.00
Changes for the Year:		
Service Cost	\$ 650,780.00	
Interest Cost	536,151.00	
Benefit Payments	(359,433.00)	
Changes in Assumptions	1,896,429.00	
Difference between Expected and Actual Experience	<u>(1,288,709.00)</u>	
Net Changes		<u>1,435,218.00</u>
Balance at December 31, 2021		<u>\$ 29,394,800.00</u>

Changes of benefit terms reflect no increase in the retirees' share of health insurance premiums.

Changes of assumptions and other inputs reflect a change in the discount rate from 1.93% at December 31, 2020 to 2.25% at December 31, 2021.

Sensitivity of Total OPEB Liability to Changes in Discount Rate - The following presents the total OPEB liability of the Township, as well as what the Township's total OPEB liability would be if it were calculated for using a discount rate that is 1-percentage -point lower or 1-percentage-point higher than the current discount rate:

	<u>December 31, 2021</u>		
	1.00% Decrease (1.25%)	Current Discount Rate (2.25%)	1.00% Increase (3.25%)
Total OPEB Liability	<u>\$ 33,426,870.00</u>	<u>\$ 29,394,800.00</u>	<u>\$ 25,362,728.00</u>

Sensitivity of Total OPEB Liability to Changes in Health Cost Trend Rate - The following presents the total OPEB liability of the Township, as well as what the Township's total OPEB liability would be if it were calculated using healthcare cost trend rates that are 1-percentage-point lower or 1-percentage-point higher than the current healthcare cost trend rates:

	<u>December 31, 2021</u>		
	1.00% Decrease	Healthcare Cost Trend Rates	1.00% Increase
Total OPEB Liability	<u>\$ 24,529,988.00</u>	<u>\$ 29,394,800.00</u>	<u>\$ 35,153,894.00</u>

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

B. Township of Washington Postemployment Benefit Plan (Cont'd)

OPEB Expense and Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources Related to OPEB - For the year ended December 31, 2021, the Township recognized OPEB expense of \$2,307,096.00. As of December 31, 2021, the Township reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to OPEB from the following sources:

	<u>Deferred Outflows of Resources</u>	<u>Deferred Inflows of Resources</u>
Changes of Assumptions	\$ 4,330,248.00	\$ 1,127,620.00
Difference Between Expected and Actual Experience	<u>3,461,019.00</u>	<u>123,169.00</u>
	<u><u>\$ 7,791,267.00</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 1,250,789.00</u></u>

Amounts reported as deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to OPEB will be recognized in OPEB expense as follows:

Year Ending	
Dec. 31, 2022	\$ 1,120,166.00
Dec. 31, 2023	1,120,166.00
Dec. 31, 2024	1,120,166.00
Dec. 31, 2025	1,142,569.00
Dec. 31, 2026	980,726.00
Thereafter	<u>1,056,685.00</u>
	<u><u>\$ 6,540,478.00</u></u>

Supplementary OPEB Information

In accordance with GASB No. 75, the following information is also presented for the Township's OPEB Plan. These schedules are presented to illustrate the requirements to show information for 10 years; however, until a full 10-year trend is compiled, this presentation will only include information for those years for which information is available.

Note 8: POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS OTHER THAN PENSION BENEFITS (CONT'D)**B. Township of Washington Postemployment Benefit Plan (Cont'd)****Supplementary OPEB Information (Cont'd)*****Schedule of Changes in the Township's Total OPEB Liability and Related Ratios (Last Four Years)***

	<u>Plan Measurement Date December 31,</u>			
	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>
Total OPEB Liability				
Service Cost	\$ 650,780.00	\$ 330,198.00	\$ 289,422.00	\$ 265,038.00
Interest Cost	536,151.00	647,232.00	666,198.00	649,489.00
Benefit Payments	(359,433.00)	(335,730.00)	(310,214.00)	(284,574.00)
Changes in Assumptions	1,896,429.00	7,217,757.00	1,241,065.00	-
Difference Between Expected and Actual Experience	(1,288,709.00)	-	(98,757.00)	(158,109.00)
Net Change in Total OPEB Liability	<u>1,435,218.00</u>	<u>7,859,457.00</u>	<u>1,787,714.00</u>	<u>471,844.00</u>
Total OPEB Liability - Beginning of Year (As Reported)	27,881,078.00	20,244,952.00	18,457,238.00	17,985,394.00
Adjustment for Change in Sharing Percentage	<u>78,504.00</u>	<u>(223,331.00)</u>		
Total OPEB Liability - Beginning of Year (As Adjusted)	<u>27,959,582.00</u>	<u>20,021,621.00</u>	<u>18,457,238.00</u>	<u>17,985,394.00</u>
Total OPEB Liability - End of Year	<u>\$ 29,394,800.00</u>	<u>\$ 27,881,078.00</u>	<u>\$ 20,244,952.00</u>	<u>\$ 18,457,238.00</u>
Covered-Employee Payroll	\$ 15,308,764.56	\$ 14,499,607.40	\$ 14,565,619.31	\$ 14,125,644.14
Total OPEB Liability as a Percentage of Covered Payroll	192.01%	192.29%	138.99%	130.66%

Other Notes to Supplementary OPEB Information**Changes in Benefit Terms**

None

Changes in Assumptions

The discount rate changed from 1.93% as of December 31, 2020 to 2.25% as of December 31, 2021.

Note 9: COMPENSATED ABSENCES

The Township provides to its employees compensated absences benefits for holidays, sick days, vacation, personal, jury duty, military leave, bereavement for immediate family members and for occupational injuries in accordance with labor contracts and Township policies.

Superior Officers are entitled to 36 to 49 accumulated leave days per year based on years of service. Such days can be carried forward until retirement or termination. Existing Captains and Lieutenants (as of August 15, 2017) are permitted to accumulate up to 100 leave days which may either be used as terminal leave upon retirement, "cashed in" during last five years of retirement, or be "paid out" upon retirement. Lieutenants promoted after August 15, 2017 may accumulate up to a maximum of 80 days.

Police Sergeants are entitled to 28 to 48 accumulated leave days per year based on years of service. Employees retiring on either age and service or disability pension shall be paid a lump sum payment for each full day of earned and unused accumulated leave which is credited to him/her on the effective date of his/her retirement. The amount to be paid shall be computed at the rate of 100% of the daily rate of pay for each day earned and unused accumulated leave, not to exceed 100 days based on the average annual compensation received during the last twelve months of employment prior to the effective date of his/her retirement divided by 1,872 hours. All employees must request compensation for earned and accumulated leave days to be paid beginning in the 21st year of his/her employment, and continuing in years 22, 23, 24, and 25. The yearly payments shall be for one-fifth of the employee's unused and accumulated leave fixed until retirement as of the date of the initial request. Accumulated and unused leave time may also be used as "terminal leave", or any combination thereof.

Patrol Officers are entitled to 10 to 25 vacation days per year based on years of service. An employee who terminates his employment with the Township, or whose employment is terminated by the Township, shall be entitled to vacation time and/or vacation pay on a pro-rata basis. Sick leave accrues for regular full-time employees at the rate of one and one-quarter working days per month in every calendar year of employment and shall accumulate from year to year, up to 100 days. Employees retiring on either regular or disability pension shall be paid for all accumulated holidays, vacations, and accumulated sick leave which is credited to him on the effective date of his retirement. The payment shall be computed at the rate of 100% of the daily rate of pay for each day earned and unused, based upon the average annual compensation received during the last year of his employment prior to the effective date of his retirement.

Full time Public Works union employees are entitled to sick leave with full pay on a basis of 6 hours and 45 minutes for each completed month of service. For employees hired before July 1, 2006, accumulation of sick time is limited to 90 days. For employees hired after July 1, 2006, accumulation of sick time shall be capped at a maximum of \$15,000.00. All employees must request compensation for earned and accumulated leave days to be paid beginning in the 21st year of his/her employment and continuing in years 22, 23, 24, and 25. The yearly payments shall be for one-fifth of the employee's unused and accumulated leave fixed until retirement as of the date of the initial request. Full time Public Works union employees are also entitled between 5 to 30 days of vacation per year based on their years of service and up to one week of vacation can be carried forward subject to the approval of the Business Administrator. At termination or retirement they would be paid for 100% of their accumulated vacation pay. Public Works employees also have the option of taking vacation pay in lieu of vacation days at the end of the year.

Municipal Services Supervisors and Coordinators earn between 5 and 25 vacation leave days per year. Employees may carry up to 10 days into the next calendar year. An employee who terminates his employment with the Township, or whose employment is terminated by the Township, shall be entitled to vacation time and/or vacation pay on a pro-rata basis. Said payment shall also include any vacation time accrued and not used from a previous year (carried over). Employees shall receive 3 personal days per year. Unused personal days may not be carried over from one calendar year to the next and employees who terminate their employment shall be reimbursed for any unused personal days on a prorated basis.

Note 9: COMPENSATED ABSENCES (CONT'D)

Municipal Services Supervisors and Coordinators (Cont'd) - Employees are entitled to 15 sick days per year and those employed before January 1, 1995 are entitled to sell back up to 20% of accumulated sick time annually. Employees employed after January 1, 1995 and have a minimum of 400 sick hours in their bank are entitled to sell back up to 15 sick days annually. In the event of retirement, resignation, layoff or termination of employment an employee shall receive a lump sum payment at 100% of their hourly rate for all accumulated sick time.

Clerical union employees earn between 62 and 214 vacation leave hours per year. Employees may carry up to 5 days into the next calendar year. Upon retirement or termination or resignation of employment, employees shall be paid for all vacation leave not used at their then hourly rate of pay. Employees shall receive 24 personal hours per year. Unused personal hours may not be carried over from one calendar year to the next and employees who terminate their employment shall be reimbursed for any unused personal hours on a prorated basis. Employees are entitled to a total of 90 sick hours per year. Upon retirement or termination, they would receive a lump sum payment at their then hourly rate of pay for 100% up to \$15,000.00 of accumulated sick time. All employees must request compensation for earned and accumulated leave days to be paid beginning in the 21st year of his/her employment and continuing in years 22, 23, 24, and 25.

Other full-time nonunion employees earn one hour of sick leave for every 30 hours worked and earn between 32 and 208 vacation hours per year. Personal days are accrued as follows: all full-time nonunion employees will receive 3 personal days per year; four day per week employees and five day, forty hour per week employees will be entitled to 24 hours per year and five day, thirty-two hour per week employees will be entitled to 18 hours per year. Unused sick leave may be accumulated and carried forward to the subsequent year and up to 12 days may be sold back to the Township. Up to one week of vacation can be carried forward to the next year. Upon termination or retirement any employee having worked longer than one year is entitled to be paid for all unused sick, vacation, and personal days.

The Township does not record accrued expenses related to compensated absences; however, the Township has established a compensated absences trust fund to set aside funds for future payments of compensated absences. At December 31, 2021, the balance of the fund was \$44,268.52. It is estimated that, at December 31, 2021, accrued benefits for compensated absences are valued at \$4,575,628.63.

Note 10: DEFERRED COMPENSATION SALARY ACCOUNT

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

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

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

General Obligation Bonds, Series 2012 - On December 13, 2012, the Township issued \$8,530,000.00 of general obligation bonds, with interest rates ranging from 2.0% to 3.0%. The purpose of the bonds is to fund capital ordinances 33-2006 and 09-2012. The final maturity of the bonds is November 15, 2031.

General Obligation Bonds, Series 2017 - On April 20, 2017, the Township issued \$13,410,000.00 in general obligation bonds, with interest rates ranging from 2.0% to 5.0%. The purpose of the bonds is to fund capital ordinances 36-2013, 03-2015, and 12-2016. The final maturity of the bonds is February 1, 2037.

General Obligation Bonds, Series 2021 - On June 18, 2021, the Township issued \$20,210,000.00 in general obligation bonds, with interest rates ranging from 0.05% to 3.0%. The purpose of the bonds is to fund capital ordinances 7-2017, 15-2018, 18-2019, and 5-2020. The final maturity of the bonds is May 15, 2035.

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>
2022	\$ 2,300,000.00	\$ 1,115,358.23	\$ 3,415,358.23
2023	2,465,000.00	908,087.52	3,373,087.52
2024	2,480,000.00	842,637.52	3,322,637.52
2025	2,515,000.00	769,537.52	3,284,537.52
2026	2,555,000.00	695,262.52	3,250,262.52
2027-2031	13,330,000.00	2,328,918.84	15,658,918.84
2032-2036	10,300,000.00	712,884.42	11,012,884.42
2037	855,000.00	13,893.75	868,893.75
	<u>\$ 36,800,000.00</u>	<u>\$ 7,386,580.32</u>	<u>\$ 44,186,580.32</u>

General Debt - New Jersey Green Acres Loans

On July 12, 2002, the Township entered into a loan agreement with the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection to provide \$400,000.00, at an interest rate of 2.0%. The proceeds were used to fund the Washington Township Lake Park Phase II Project. Semiannual debt payments are due April 19th and October 19th through 2022.

On August 9, 2011, the Township entered into a loan agreement with the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection to provide \$150,018.00, at an interest rate of 2.0%. The proceeds were used to fund the Washington Township Lake Park Enhancement Project. Semiannual debt payments are due May 12th and November 12th through 2031.

Note 11: CAPITAL DEBT (CONT'D)

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

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

<u>Year</u>	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Interest</u>	<u>Total</u>
2022	\$ 20,073.78	\$ 1,691.48	\$ 21,765.26
2023	7,916.25	1,412.36	9,328.61
2024	8,075.37	1,253.24	9,328.61
2025	8,237.68	1,090.92	9,328.60
2026	8,403.26	925.35	9,328.61
2027-2031	<u>39,954.53</u>	<u>2,024.24</u>	<u>41,978.77</u>
	<u>\$ 92,660.87</u>	<u>\$ 8,397.59</u>	<u>\$ 101,058.46</u>

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

	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>
<u>Issued</u>			
General:			
Bonds, Loans and Notes	\$ 36,892,660.87	\$ 35,156,470.71	\$ 31,950,387.57
<u>Authorized but not Issued</u>			
General:			
Bonds, Loans and Notes	<u>4,868,133.00</u>	<u>4,033,035.00</u>	<u>5,700,000.00</u>
Net Debt	<u>\$ 41,760,793.87</u>	<u>\$ 39,189,505.71</u>	<u>\$ 37,650,387.57</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 .835%.

	<u>Gross Debt</u>	<u>Deductions</u>	<u>Net Debt</u>
School Purposes	\$ 9,250,000.00	\$ 9,250,000.00	
General	<u>41,760,793.87</u>		<u>\$ 41,760,793.87</u>
	<u>\$ 51,010,793.87</u>	<u>\$ 9,250,000.00</u>	<u>\$ 41,760,793.87</u>

Net debt \$41,760,793.87 divided by the equalized valuation basis per N.J.S.A.40A:2-2, as amended, \$5,000,881,110.33, equals .835%.

Note 11: CAPITAL DEBT (CONT'D)

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

3 1/2% of Equalized Valuation Basis (Municipal)	\$ 175,030,838.86
Less: Net Debt	<u>41,760,793.87</u>
Remaining Borrowing Power	<u><u>\$ 133,270,044.99</u></u>

Note 12: 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>Interest Earnings</u>	<u>Amount Reimbursed</u>	<u>Ending Balance</u>
2021	\$ -	\$ 23,327.21	\$ 298.59	\$ 8,776.02	\$ 66,132.25
2020	-	22,360.50	230.90	6,000.12	51,282.47
2019	-	25,819.46	180.29	5,674.19	34,691.19

Joint Insurance Pool - The Township of Washington is a member of the Gloucester, Salem and Cumberland Counties Municipal Insurance Joint Insurance Fund. The Fund provides its members with the following coverage:

- Workers' Compensation including Employer's Liability
- General Liability including Police Professional and Employee Benefit Liability
- Automobile Liability
- Blanket Crime including Public Employee Dishonesty
- Property Including Boiler and Machinery
- Public Officials and Employment Practices Liability
- Volunteer Directors and Officers Liability
- Cyber Liability

The following coverages are provided to the Fund's member local units by their membership in the Municipal Excess Liability Joint Insurance Fund (MEL):

- Excess Workers' Compensation
- Excess General Liability
- Non-Owned Aircraft Liability
- Excess Auto Liability
- Fidelity and Performance (Blanket)
- Excess Property including Boiler and Machinery
- Crime including Excess Public Employee and Public Official Coverage

Note 12: RISK MANAGEMENT (CONT'D)**Joint Insurance Pool (Cont'd)**

Environmental Impairment Liability coverage is provided to the Fund's member local units by the Fund's membership in the New Jersey Municipal Environmental Risk Management Fund.

Contributions to the Fund, including a reserve for contingencies, are payable in two installments and are based on actuarial assumptions determined by the Fund's actuary. The Commissioner of Banking and 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 Township's agreement with the Pool provides that the Pool will be self-sustaining through member premiums and will reinsure through the Municipal Excess Liability Joint Insurance Fund, which is an insurance pool formed by all the other joint insurance funds.

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

Gloucester, Salem and Cumberland
Counties Municipal Joint Insurance Fund
6000 Sagemore Drive, Suite 6203
P.O. Box 490
Marlton, New Jersey 08053

Note 13: OPEN SPACE, RECREATION AND FARMLAND PRESERVATION TRUST

On November 7, 2000, pursuant to P.L. 1997, c. 24 (N.J.S.A. 40:12-15.1 et seq.), the voters of the Township of Washington authorized the establishment of the Township of Washington Open Space Trust Fund effective January 1, 2001, for the purpose of raising revenue for the acquisition of land, easements and/or development rights to preserve underdeveloped areas in the Township. As approved by the referendum, the Township levies a tax not to exceed two cents per one hundred dollars of assessed valuation. Amounts raised by taxation are assessed, levied and collected in the same manner and at the same time as other taxes. Future increases in the tax rate or to extend the authorization must be authorized by referendum. On October 25, 2017, the Township adopted Ord. 29-2017 to amend the funding for the Open Space Trust Fund. Effective January 1, 2018 and every year thereafter, the Open Space Trust Fund shall be funded through the dedication to the fund in the amount of \$0.01 per \$100 of the assessed tax levy.

All revenue received is accounted for in a Trust Fund dedicated by rider (N.J.S.A. 40A:4-39) for the purpose stated. Interest earned on the investment of these funds is credited to the Township of Washington Open Space Trust Fund. A budget indicating the anticipated revenues and expenditures of the Open Space Trust Fund for each year is adopted as part of the Township's annual budget.

Note 14: CONTINGENCIES

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

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

Note 15: 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 16: TAX ABATEMENTS

Short Term - The Township is authorized to enter into property tax abatement agreements for commercial and industrial structures under N.J.S.A. 40A:21-1 (Chapter 441, P.L. 1991) known as the “Five Year Exemption and Abatement Law”, Chapter 229 of the Township Code of the Township of Washington, Taxation, Article I, and Ordinance No. 37-1998; amended in its entirety by Ordinance 19-2019. Under these laws, the Township may grant property tax abatements for a period of five years from the date of completion of construction for the purpose of encouraging the construction of new commercial and industrial structures.

The first calendar year following completion, 0 percent of taxes are due, and each subsequent calendar year the percentage of taxes due increases by 20 percent. During the 6th calendar year, 100 percent of taxes are assessed and due. The property owner agrees that the payment in lieu of taxes shall be made to the Township in quarterly installments on those dates when real estate tax payments are due. Failure to make timely payments shall result in interest being assessed at the highest rate permitted for unpaid taxes and a real property tax lien on the land.

For the year ended December 31, 2021, the Township received \$74,860.62 in payment in lieu of taxes; and the total property taxes abated amounted to \$92,886.68 under this program, including the following property tax abatement agreements for property improvements or new construction that each exceeded 10 percent of the total, which is the percentage the Township considers to be material for purposes of individual disclosure:

<u>Business Name</u>	<u>Purpose</u>	<u>Percent Abated</u>	<u>Amount Abated</u>
Turnersville Development Co.	Retail Stores	40%	\$ 24,204.68
Delsea Drive Self Storage Phase II	Self Storage Facility	60%	23,286.57
Provco Sicklerville, LLC	Retail Stores	100%	25,417.21

Long Term - The Township is authorized to enter into long term property tax abatement agreements pursuant to the provisions of the Local Redevelopment and Housing Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-1 et seq. (the “Redevelopment Law”). Under the Redevelopment Law, a municipality which has adopted a redevelopment plan may enter into a financial agreement with an urban renewal entity for the undertaking of a project as set forth in a redevelopment plan. At the Township Council meeting held on November 9, 2016, the Township Council adopted Ordinances 21-2016, 22-2016, 23-2016 and 24-2016 approving financial agreements for tax exemption for urban renewal projects with respect to a portion of the Washington Square Redevelopment Area located within the Township for 25 years. Under the terms of the agreements, the Township will exempt the taxes of certain urban renewal entities qualified to do business under the provisions of the Long Term Tax Exemption Law as amended as supplemented, N.J.S.A. 40A:20-1, et seq. (Long Term Tax Exemption Law). For the year ended December 31, 2021, the Township abated property taxes of approximately \$705,000.00. In return, the entities will pay the Township an annual service charge, plus a 2% administrative fee. The agreements further stipulate that the Township shall remit 5% of the net amount for any year to the County of Gloucester. In addition, on March 8, 2017, the Township Council adopted Ordinance 4-2017, approving an agreement with the Board of Education of the Township of Washington to provide with 44% of the annual service charge component net of the administrative fee and any portion of payment paid to the County of Gloucester.

Note 16: TAX ABATEMENTS (CONT'D)

Long Term (Cont'd) – For the year ended December 31, 2021, the Township received from the entities payments in lieu of taxes in the amount of \$700,034.00 and after distribution to the County of Gloucester and the Board of Education of the Township of Washington, recognized revenues in the amount of \$232,503.65.

Note 17: 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		
Various Capital Improvements and the Acquisition of Various Capital Equipment	04/27/22	\$ 4,729,100.00

COVID-19 - On January 30, 2020, the World Health Organization (“WHO”) announced a global health emergency because of a new strain of coronavirus originating in Wuhan, China (the “COVID-19 outbreak”) and the risks to the international community as the virus spreads globally beyond its point of origin. In March 2020, the WHO classified the COVID-19 outbreak as a pandemic, based on the rapid increase in exposure globally.

The full impact of the COVID-19 outbreak continues to evolve as of the date of this report. As such, it is uncertain as to the full magnitude that the pandemic will have on the Township’s financial condition, liquidity, and future results of operations. Management is actively monitoring the global situation on its financial condition, liquidity, operations, suppliers, industry, and workforce. Given the daily evolution of the COVID-19 outbreak and the global responses to curb its spread, the Township is not able to estimate the effects of the COVID-19 outbreak on its results of operations, financial condition, or liquidity for calendar year 2022.

APPENDIX C
FORM OF BOND COUNSEL OPINION



September __, 2022

Mayor and Township Council
of the Township of Washington
523 Egg Harbor Road
Sewell, New Jersey

RE: \$9,597,233 TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON, COUNTY OF GLOUCESTER, NEW JERSEY, BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES OF 2022, SERIES A

Ladies and Gentlemen:

We have served as Bond Counsel to the Township of Washington, County of Gloucester, New Jersey ("Township"), in connection with the authorization, issuance, sale and delivery of the above-referenced obligations ("Notes").

The Notes are issued 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) bond ordinances O009-2021 and O009-2022, each duly and finally adopted by the Township Council (collectively, the "Bond Ordinances"), and published in accordance with the requirements of the Local Bond Law; and (iii) a Certificate of Determination and Award executed by the Chief Financial Officer of the Township on August 25, 2022 ("Award Certificate").

The Notes are issued to temporarily finance the costs of certain improvements described in the Bond Ordinances. The notes are issued in [bearer] [registered] form and are not subject to redemption prior to maturity. The Notes are dated September 8, 2022 and mature on September 7, 2023.

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 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 Notes.

In rendering the following opinion, we have relied upon the authenticity, truthfulness and completeness of all documents, certifications, instruments 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 Notes 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 of and interest on the Notes, 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 Notes is not included for federal income tax purposes in the gross income of the owners thereof pursuant to Section 103 of the Code and does 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 Notes received or accrued by a foreign corporation subject to the branch profits tax may be included in computing the "dividend equivalent amount" of such corporation.

In addition, passive "investment" income, including interest on the Notes, 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 Notes 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 Notes being subject to federal income tax from the date of issue. We have not undertaken to monitor compliance with such covenants or to advise any party as to changes in the law after the date hereof that may affect the tax-exempt status of the interest on the Notes.

Ownership of the Notes 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 Notes 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 Notes 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 Notes.

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 Notes as "qualified tax-exempt obligations" for purposes of Section 265(b)(3) of the Code.

Owners of the Notes 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 Notes 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 Notes.

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 INFORMATION REPORTING UNDERTAKING AGREEMENT

INFORMATION REPORTING UNDERTAKING AGREEMENT

ISSUER: Township of Washington, County of Gloucester, New Jersey ("Issuer")

ISSUE: \$9,597,233 Bond Anticipation Notes of 2022, Series A
(Bank Qualified) (Non-Callable) ("Notes")

DATED: September 8, 2022

CUSIP:

This Information Reporting Undertaking Agreement ("Agreement") is executed and delivered by the Issuer as of the date set forth below for the purpose of providing continuing disclosure with respect to the Issuer in order to comply with the provisions of Rule 15c2-12 ("Rule"), promulgated by the Securities and Exchange Commission ("Commission") pursuant to the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as it may be amended and supplemented from time to time.

Section 1. (a) The Issuer, as an obligated person for purposes of and as defined in the Rule ("Obligated Person"), hereby agrees, in accordance with the provisions of the Rule, so long as any of the Notes are outstanding to provide or cause to be provided to the Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board ("MSRB"), through the internet facilities of the Electronic Municipal Market Access System ("EMMA")¹, 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 (each a "National Repository") and any public or private repository or entity designated by the State of New Jersey as a state information repository for purpose of the Rule ("State Repository" and together with each National Repository, the "Repository" or "Repositories"), as applicable, notice of the occurrence of any of the following listed events (each a "Listed Event" or "Listed Events") with respect to the Notes:

- i. Principal and interest payment delinquencies;
- ii. Non-payment related defaults, if material
- iii. Unscheduled draws on debt service reserves reflecting financial difficulties;
- iv. Unscheduled draws on credit enhancements reflecting financial difficulties;
- v. Substitution of credit or liquidity providers, or their failure to perform;
- vi. Adverse tax opinions, the issuance by the Internal Revenue Service of proposed or final determinations of taxability, Notices of Proposed Issue (IRS Form 5701-TEB) or other material notices or determinations with respect to the tax status of the Notes, or other material events affecting the tax status of the Notes;

¹ 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 Notes, and other filers on behalf of such issuers shall upload certain information and notices to assist underwriters in complying with the Rule and to provide the general public with access thereto.

- vii. Modifications to the rights of Noteholders, if material;
- viii. Note calls (excluding mandatory sinking fund redemptions), if material, or tender offers;
- ix. Defeasances;
- x. Release, substitution, or sale of property securing repayment of the Notes, if material;
- xi. Rating changes;
- xii. Bankruptcy, insolvency, receivership or similar event of the Issuer;
- xiii. 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 Issuer, other than in the ordinary course of business, the entry into a definitive agreement to undertake such an action or the termination of a definitive agreement relating to any such actions, other than pursuant to its terms, if material;
- xiv. Appointment of a successor or additional trustee or the change of name of a trustee, if material;
- xv. Incurrence of a financial obligation of the 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
- xvi. 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 Issuer shall, within ten (10) business days of the occurrence of any of the Listed Events, report the event to the MSRB, through the internet facilities of EMMA, or any other Repositories, as applicable, pursuant to the provisions of Section 1(a) hereof. In determining the materiality of a Listed Event specified in subsections (a)(ii), (vii), (viii), (x), (xiii), (xiv) and (xv) of this Section 1, the Issuer may, but shall not be required to, rely conclusively on a written opinion of counsel expert in federal securities law acceptable to the Issuer.

Section 2. The Issuer reserves the right to terminate its obligation to provide notices of Listed Events, if material, as set forth above, if and when the Issuer no longer remains an Obligated Person with respect to the Notes within the meaning of the Rule. The Issuer will provide notice of such termination to the MSRB via the internet facilities of EMMA and the State Repository, if any.

Section 3. The Issuer agrees that its undertaking pursuant to the Rule set forth in Section 1 of this Agreement is intended to be for the benefit of the holders of the Notes and shall be enforceable by such Noteholders; provided that, the Noteholder's right to enforce the

provisions of this undertaking shall be limited to a right to obtain specific enforcement of the Obligated Person's obligations hereunder.

Section 4. This Agreement shall be governed by the laws of the State of New Jersey.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Issuer has executed and delivered this Agreement as of this ____ day of September, 2022.

ISSUER:

**TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON, COUNTY
OF GLOUCESTER, NEW JERSEY**

By: _____
**COLETTE BACHICH,
Chief Financial Officer**