

**OFFICIAL STATEMENT DATED MARCH 12, 2025**

**NEW ISSUE**

**RATING: S & P : "AA-"  
(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 Bonds (as hereinafter defined) is not included for federal income tax purposes in the gross income of the owners thereof pursuant to Section 103 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended ("Code"), and will not constitute a tax preference item for purposes of the alternative minimum tax imposed on individuals; however, such interest is taken into account in determining the annual adjusted financial statement income of certain corporations for the purpose of computing the alternative minimum tax imposed on such corporations. In addition, interest on the Bonds and any gain from the sale thereof are 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.*

**\$14,750,000  
TOWNSHIP OF WINSLOW  
County of Camden, New Jersey  
GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS, SERIES 2025  
Consisting of:  
\$8,695,000 General Improvement Bonds  
\$6,055,000 Water/Sewer Utility Bonds  
(Book-Entry-Only) (Callable)**

**Dated: Date of Delivery**

**Due: March 1, as shown on the inside front cover**

The Township of Winslow, County of Camden, New Jersey ("Township"), is issuing \$14,750,000 aggregate principal amount of its General Obligation Bonds, Series 2025 ("Bonds"). The Bonds consist of: (i) \$8,695,000 General Improvement Bonds; and (ii) \$6,055,000 Water/Sewer Utility Bonds.

The Bonds shall be issued in fully registered book-entry-only form without coupons. Upon initial issuance, the Bonds will be registered in the name of Cede & Co., as nominee for The Depository Trust Company, New York, New York ("DTC"), which will act as securities depository for the Bonds. So long as Cede & Co. is the registered owner of the Bonds, payments of principal and interest on the Bonds will be made directly to DTC or its nominee, Cede & Co., which will remit such payments to the Direct Participants (as hereinafter defined) which will, in turn, remit such payments to the Beneficial Owners (as hereinafter defined) of the Bonds. Purchasers will not receive certificates representing their ownership interest in the Bonds purchased. For so long as any purchaser is a Beneficial Owner of a Bond, such purchaser must maintain an account with a broker or dealer who is, or acts through, a Direct Participant to receive payment of the principal of and interest on such Bond.

The principal of the Bonds shall be paid on the maturity dates thereof upon presentation and surrender of the Bonds at the offices of TD Bank, National Association, Mount Laurel, New Jersey, as hereafter designated paying agent ("Paying Agent"). Interest on the Bonds is payable semi-annually on March 1 and September 1, commencing March 1, 2026, in each year until maturity or earlier redemption. The Bonds are subject to redemption prior to their stated maturity dates on the terms and conditions contained herein.

The Bonds are authorized to be issued pursuant to: (i) the Local Bond Law, Chapter 169 of the Laws of 1960 of the State of New Jersey, as amended and supplemented ("Local Bond Law"); (ii) bond ordinances 2019-13, 2019-14, 2020-11, 2020-12, 2021-01, 2021-14, 2022-09, 2022-12, 2023-16, 2023-22, and 2024-16, each duly and finally adopted by the Mayor and Township Committee and published in accordance with the requirements of the Local Bond Law; (iii) a resolution adopted by the Mayor and Township Committee on February 11, 2025; and (iv) a Certificate of Determination and Award executed by the Chief Financial Officer of the Township on March 12, 2025.

The Bonds are being issued by the Township to provide funds that will be used to: (i) permanently finance the costs of various capital improvements by the repayment, at maturity, of the principal of certain bond anticipation notes of the Township; and (ii) pay certain costs and expenses incidental to the issuance and delivery of the Bonds.

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

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 Bonds 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 A. Platt, Esquire, of The Platt Law Group, Stratford, New Jersey. Phoenix Advisors, a division of First Security Municipal Advisors, Inc., Hamilton, New Jersey has served as Municipal Advisor to the Township in connection with the issuance of the Bonds. The Bonds are expected to be available for delivery in definitive form through DTC in New York, New York on or about March 26, 2025.*

**ROOSEVELT & CROSS, INC. & ASSOCIATES**

**\$14,750,000**  
**TOWNSHIP OF WINSLOW,**  
**County of Camden, New Jersey**  
**GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS, SERIES 2025**  
**Consisting of:**  
**\$8,695,000 General Improvement Bonds**  
**\$6,055,000 Water/Sewer Utility Bonds**

**MATURITIES, PRINCIPAL AMOUNTS, INTEREST RATES, YIELDS AND CUSIP NUMBERS\***

<b><u>Year</u></b> <b><u>(March 1)</u></b>	<b><u>General</u></b> <b><u>Improvement</u></b>	<b><u>Water/Sewer</u></b> <b><u>Utility</u></b>	<b><u>Combined</u></b>	<b><u>Interest</u></b> <b><u>Rate</u></b>	<b><u>Yield</u></b>	<b><u>CUSIP*</u></b>
2026	\$440,000	\$340,000	\$780,000	2.00%	3.25%	975480RA4
2027	465,000	365,000	830,000	2.00	3.25	975480RB2
2028	465,000	385,000	850,000	2.00	3.25	975480RC0
2029	465,000	410,000	875,000	2.00	3.25	975480RD8
2030	850,000	435,000	1,285,000	4.00	2.67	975480RE6
2031	850,000	485,000	1,335,000	4.00	2.72	975480RF3
2032	850,000	510,000	1,360,000	4.00	2.75	975480RG1
2033	850,000	565,000	1,415,000	4.00	2.80	975480RH9
2034	850,000	590,000	1,440,000	4.00	2.90	975480RJ5
2035	860,000	630,000	1,490,000	4.00	3.00	975480RK2
2036	875,000	665,000	1,540,000	4.00	3.10	975480RL0
2037	875,000	675,000	1,550,000	4.00	3.20	975480RM8

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\* Registered trademark of the American Bankers Association. CUSIP data herein is provided by CUSIP Global Services, managed by FactSet Research Systems Inc. on behalf of the American Bankers Association. The CUSIP numbers listed above are being provided solely for the convenience of Bondholders only at the time of issuance of the Bonds and the Township does not make any representation with respect to such numbers or undertake any responsibility for their accuracy now or at any time in the future. The CUSIP number for a specific maturity is subject to being changed after the issuance of the Bonds as a result of procurement of secondary market portfolio insurance or other similar enhancement by investors that is applicable to all or a portion of certain maturities of the Bonds.

**TOWNSHIP OF WINSLOW  
COUNTY OF CAMDEN, NEW JERSEY**

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**Elected Officials**

<b>Marie D. Lawrence</b>	<b>Mayor</b>
<b>Jacquelyn Lee</b>	<b>Deputy Mayor</b>
<b>Vincent Borrelli</b>	<b>Committee person</b>
<b>Brandon Glikas</b>	<b>Committee person</b>
<b>Evelyn M. Leverett</b>	<b>Committee person</b>
<b>Darius Peoples</b>	<b>Committee person</b>
<b>Raymond Watkins, Jr.</b>	<b>Committee person</b>
<b>Charles Flamini</b>	<b>Committee person</b>
<b>John A. Wilson</b>	<b>Committee person</b>

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**Joseph Gallagher  
Administrator**

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**Lisa L. Dority  
Township Clerk**

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**Stephen J. Dringus, Jr.  
Chief Financial Officer**

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**Solicitor  
Stuart A. Platt, Esquire  
The Platt Law Group  
Stratford, New Jersey**

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**Auditor  
Bowman & Company LLP  
Voorhees, New Jersey**

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**Bond Counsel  
Parker McCay P.A.  
Mount Laurel, New Jersey**

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**Municipal Advisor  
Phoenix Advisors, a division of First Security Municipal Advisors, Inc.  
Hamilton, New Jersey**

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The information which is set forth herein has been provided by the Township of Winslow, County of Camden, New Jersey ("Township"), The Depository Trust Company and by other sources which are believed to be reliable by the Township, but the information provided by such sources is not guaranteed as to accuracy or completeness by the Township. Certain general and financial information concerning the Township is contained in Appendices "A" and "B" to this Official Statement. Such information has been furnished by the Township.

No broker, dealer, salesperson or other person has been authorized by the Township to give any information or to make any representations with respect to the Bonds other than those contained in this Official Statement, and, if given or made, such information or representations must not be relied upon as having been authorized by the 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 Underwriters 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 Bonds 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 Bonds will not be registered under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, will not be listed on any stock or other securities exchange and neither the Securities and Exchange Commission nor any other federal, State, municipal or other governmental entity will have passed upon the accuracy or adequacy of this Official Statement.

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

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

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**OFFICIAL STATEMENT**  
**Relating to the**  
  
**\$14,750,000**  
**TOWNSHIP OF WINSLOW**  
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**INTRODUCTION**

This Official Statement, which includes the cover page, inside front cover page and the appendices attached hereto, has been prepared by the Township of Winslow, County of Camden, New Jersey ("Township"), in connection with the issuance and sale of \$14,750,000 aggregate principal amount of its General Obligation Bonds, Series 2025 ("Bonds"). The Bonds consist of: (i) \$8,695,000 General Improvement Bonds; and (ii) \$6,055,000 Water/Sewer Utility Bonds. 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 Bonds.

**AUTHORIZATION AND PURPOSE OF THE BONDS**

The Bonds are authorized to be issued pursuant to: (i) the Local Bond Law, Chapter 169 of the Laws of 1960 of the State of New Jersey ("State"), as amended and supplemented ("Local Bond Law"); (ii) bond ordinances 2019-13, 2019-14, 2020-11, 2020-12, 2021-01, 2021-14, 2022-09, 2022-12, 2023-16, 2023-22, and 2024-16 (collectively, the "Bond Ordinances"), each duly and finally adopted by the Mayor and Township Committee and published in accordance with the requirements of the Local Bond Law; (iii) a resolution adopted by the Mayor and Township Committee on February 11, 2025; and (iv) a Certificate of Determination and Award executed by the Chief Financial Officer of the Township on March 12, 2025.

Proceeds of the Bonds, along with \$1,000 of available Township funds, will be used by the Township to provide funds that will be used to: (i) permanently finance the costs of various capital improvements by the repayment, at maturity, of the \$15,195,000 Bond Anticipation Notes of the Township due March 27, 2025; and (ii) pay certain costs and expenses incidental to the issuance and delivery of the Bonds.

## Bond Ordinances

### General Improvements

<b>Ordinance Number</b>	<b>Purpose</b>	<b>Obligations Authorized</b>	<b>Notes Outstanding</b>	<b>Available Funds</b>	<b>Amount Funded with Bond Proceeds</b>
2019-13	Completion of Various Capital Improvements and Acquisition of Various Capital Equipment	\$3,325,000	\$3,017,100	\$0	\$3,017,100
2020-12	Completion of Various Capital Improvements and Acquisition of Various Capital Equipment	997,500	895,700	0	895,700
2021-01	Completion of Various Capital Improvements and Acquisition of Various Capital Equipment	2,375,000	2,242,000	0	2,242,000
2022-12	Completion of Various Capital Improvements and Acquisition of Various Capital Equipment	380,000	380,000	0	380,000
2023-16	Completion of Various Capital Improvements and Acquisition of Various Capital Equipment	1,453,500	1,453,350	150	1,453,200
2024-16	Completion of Various Capital Improvements and Acquisition of Various Capital Equipment	950,000	950,000	0	950,000
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$9,481,000</b>	<b>\$8,938,150</b>	<b>\$150</b>	<b>\$8,938,000*</b>

### Water & Sewer Utility

<b>Ordinance Number</b>	<b>Purpose</b>	<b>Obligations Authorized</b>	<b>Notes Outstanding</b>	<b>Available Funds</b>	<b>Amount Funded with Bond Proceeds</b>
2019-14	Completion of Various Utility Capital Improvements and Acquisition of Various Utility Capital Equipment	\$2,000,000	\$1,392,300	\$300	\$1,392,000
2020-11	Completion of Various Utility Capital Improvements and Acquisition of Various Utility Capital Equipment	1,400,000	1,346,550	550	1,346,000
2021-14	Completion of Various Utility Capital Improvements and Acquisition of Various Utility Capital Equipment	525,000	518,000	0	518,000
2022-09	Completion of Various Utility Capital Improvements and Acquisition of Various Utility Capital Equipment	2,000,000	2,000,000	0	2,000,000
2023-22	Completion of Various Utility Capital Improvements and Acquisition of Various Utility Capital Equipment	1,000,000	1,000,000	0	1,000,000
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$6,925,000</b>	<b>\$6,256,850</b>	<b>\$850</b>	<b>\$6,256,000**</b>

\*Represents \$8,695,000 in par amount of the General Improvement Bonds plus \$243,000 in original issue premium.

\*\*Represents \$6,055,000 in par amount of the Water/Sewer Utility Bonds plus \$201,000 in original issue premium.

### Combined

	<b>Obligations Authorized</b>	<b>Notes Outstanding</b>	<b>Available Funds</b>	<b>Amount Funded with Bond Proceeds</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$16,406,000</b>	<b>\$15,195,000</b>	<b>\$1,000</b>	<b>\$15,194,000*</b>

\*Represents \$14,750,000 in par amount of the Bonds plus \$444,000 in original issue premium.

### THE BONDS

#### General

The Bonds will be issued in the aggregate principal amounts as shown on the inside front cover page hereof. The Bonds will be dated their date of delivery and bear interest from that date at the rates set forth on the inside front cover hereof. Interest on the Bonds is payable semi-annually on March 1 and September 1 (each an "Interest Payment Date"), commencing March 1, 2026, in each year until maturity or earlier redemption. Interest on the Bonds shall be calculated on the basis of twelve (12) thirty (30) day months in a three hundred sixty (360) day year.

Individual purchases of the Bonds may be made in the principal amount of \$5,000, integral multiples thereof, and in integral multiples of \$1,000 in excess thereof, or in such amount necessary to issue the principal amount of the Bonds, through book-entries made on the books and the records of DTC (as hereinafter defined) and its participants. See "BOOK-ENTRY-ONLY SYSTEM" below. The Bonds will mature on March 1 in the years and in the principal amounts, all as shown on the inside front cover page of this Official Statement.

The Bonds will be issued in fully registered book-entry only form without coupons. The principal of the Bonds will be payable to the registered owners at maturity upon presentation and surrender of the Bonds at the principal corporate trust office of TD Bank, National Association, Mount Laurel, New Jersey as its hereafter designated paying agent. Interest on each Bond shall be payable on each Interest Payment Date of such Bond to the registered owner of record thereof appearing on the registration books kept by the Township for such purpose at the offices of the Township or its hereafter designated Paying Agent, if any, as of the close of business on the fifteenth (15th) day of the calendar month next preceding an Interest Payment Date (each a "Record Date").

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

#### Redemption Provisions

The Bonds maturing on and after March 1, 2033, are subject to redemption prior to their stated maturity dates at the option of the Township, upon notice as set forth below, as a whole or in part (and, if in part, such maturities as the Township or its hereafter designated paying agent, if any) shall determine and within any such maturity by lot) on any date on or after March 1, 2032, at a redemption price equal to 100% of the principal amount of Bonds to be redeemed, plus accrued interest to the redemption date.

Notice of redemption shall be given by mailing first class mail in a sealed envelope with postage prepaid not less than thirty (30) days nor more than sixty (60) days prior to the redemption date to the owner

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

## **BOOK-ENTRY-ONLY SYSTEM**

### General

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

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

DTC, the world's largest securities depository, is a limited-purpose trust company organized under the New York Banking Law, a "Banking organization" within the meaning of the New York Banking Law, a member of the Federal Reserve System, a "clearing corporation" within the meaning of the New York Uniform Commercial Code, and a "clearing agency" registered pursuant to the provisions of Section 17A of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. DTC holds and provides asset servicing for over 3.5 million issues of U.S. and non-U.S. equity issues, corporate and municipal debt issues, and money market instruments (from over 100 countries) that DTC's participants ("Direct Participants") deposit with DTC. DTC also facilitates the post-trade settlement among Direct Participants of sales and other securities transactions in deposited securities, through electronic computerized book-entry transfers and pledges between Direct Participants' accounts. This eliminates the need for physical movement of securities certificates. Direct Participants include both U.S. and non-U.S. securities brokers and dealers, Banks, trust companies, clearing corporations, and certain other organizations. DTC is a wholly-owned subsidiary of The Depository Trust & Clearing Corporation ("DTCC"). DTCC is the holding company for DTC, National Securities Clearing Corporation and Fixed Income Clearing 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](http://www.dtcc.com).

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

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

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

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

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

Redemption proceeds and distributions on the Bonds, if any, will be made to Cede & Co., or such other nominee as may be requested by an authorized representative of DTC. DTC's practice is to credit Direct Participants' accounts upon DTC's receipt of funds and corresponding detail information from the Township, or its Paying 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, the Township, or its Paying Agent, subject to any statutory or regulatory requirements as may be in effect from time to time. Payment of redemption proceeds and distributions to Cede & Co. (or such other nominee as may be requested by an authorized representative of DTC) is the responsibility of the Township, or its Paying Agent, disbursement of such payments to Direct Participants will be the responsibility of DTC and disbursement of such payments to the Beneficial Owners will be the responsibility of Direct and Indirect Participants.

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

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

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

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

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

#### Discontinuation of Book-Entry Only System

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

### **SECURITY AND SOURCE OF PAYMENT**

The Bonds 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 Bonds. Unless paid from other sources, the Bonds are payable from *ad valorem* taxes to be levied upon all the taxable property within the Township without limitation as to rate or amount. However, the enforceability of rights or remedies with respect to such Bonds 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 Bonds, and has no power to pledge the credit or taxing power of the State or any other political subdivision thereof, nor shall the Bonds be deemed to be obligations of said State or any other political subdivision thereof, nor shall said State or any other political subdivision thereof be liable for the payment of principal of or interest on the Bonds.

## MARKET PROTECTION

The Township may issue additional obligations, as necessary, during the balance of the calendar year 2025.

## GENERAL INFORMATION REGARDING THE TOWNSHIP

### General

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

### Financial

An excerpt of the Report of Audit of Financial Statements for the years ending December 31, 2023, 2022, 2021, 2020 and 2019 is included in Appendix "B" to this Official Statement. The audited financial data was provided by Bowman & Company LLP, Voorhees, New Jersey, and is included herein in reliance upon the authority of such firm. Bowman & Company LLP, New Jersey, has consented to the inclusion of their report in this Official Statement.

## 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 Bonds, 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 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, 2023 is on file with the Chief Financial Officer and is available for review during business hours.

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

#### 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 their approval thereof.

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

A statute passed in 1976, as amended (N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.1 et seq.), commonly known as the "Cap Law", imposed limitations on increases in municipal appropriations subject to various exceptions. On August 20, 1990, the Governor signed into law P.L. 1990, c. 89, which revised and made permanent the "Cap Law". Since its inception, the "Cap Law" has been amended and modified several times, most recently on July 13, 2010. While the revised "Cap Law" is more restrictive on the ability of a municipality to increase its overall appropriations, it does not limit the obligation of the Township to levy *ad valorem* taxes upon all taxable real property within the Township to pay debt service on the Bonds. 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.

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

## Miscellaneous Revenues

N.J.S.A. 40A:4-26 provides that: "No miscellaneous revenues from any source shall be included as an anticipated revenue in the budget in an amount in excess of the amount actually realized in cash from the same source during the next preceding fiscal year, unless the 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:

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

## Deferral of Current Expenses

Emergency appropriations (i.e., those made after the adoption of the budget and determination of the tax rate for an unforeseen event or purpose) may be authorized by the governing body of the local governmental units. With minor exceptions, however, such appropriations must be included in full in the following year's budget. When such appropriations exceed three percent (3%) 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 Bonds are subject to the provisions of Chapter 9 of the Federal Bankruptcy Code of the United States ("Bankruptcy Code"). In general, Chapter 9 permits, under prescribed circumstances, but only after an authorization by the applicable state legislature or by a governmental officer or organization empowered by state law to give such authorization, a political subdivision of a state to file a petition for relief in a bankruptcy court of the United States if it is insolvent or unable to meet its debts as they mature and desires to effect a plan to adjust its debts.

The State has authorized the political subdivisions thereof to file such petitions for relief under the Bankruptcy Code pursuant to and subject to Article 8 of the Act. The Act provides that such petitions may not be filed without the prior approval of the Commission and that no plan of readjustment of the 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 69.23%. 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 effective for the year 2012.

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

Tax bills are due quarterly on February 1, May 1, August 1 and November 1. Installments not paid on or before the due date are subject to interest penalties of 8% per annum on the first \$1,500.00 of the delinquency and 18% 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 Township Solicitor (as hereinafter defined) 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.

### **CONTINUING DISCLOSURE**

In accordance with the requirements of Rule 15c2-12 adopted by the Securities and Exchange Commission under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended ("Rule"), the Township has undertaken to provide certain secondary market disclosure information, pursuant to Continuing Disclosure Agreement, in the form attached as Appendix "D" to this Official Statement.

Within the five years immediately preceding the date of this Official Statement, the Township previously failed to file, in accordance with the Rule, in a timely manner, under previous filing requirements, some aspects of operating data, as required, for the years ending December 31, 2019 and 2020. While the Township has filed its financial information and operating data in each of the past five (5) years, certain information required in some, but not all, of the Township's continuing disclosure agreements was not included in the Township's operating data. Additionally, the Township failed to timely file the required late filing notices in connection with the items referenced above. Such information has since been filed on the Electronic Municipal Market Access ("EMMA") dataport. The Township appointed Phoenix Advisors in May of 2015 to serve as continuing disclosure agent.

## **LITIGATION**

To the knowledge of the Township Solicitor for the Township, Stuart A. Platt, Esquire, of The Platt Law Group, Stratford, New Jersey ("Township Solicitor"), there is no litigation of any nature now pending, restraining or enjoining the issuance or the delivery of the Bonds, or the levy or the collection of any taxes to pay the principal of or the interest on the Bonds, or in any manner questioning the authority or the proceedings for the issuance of the Bonds or for the levy or the collection of taxes, or contesting the corporate existence or the boundaries of the Township or the title of any of the present officers. Moreover, to the knowledge of the Township Solicitor, no litigation is presently pending that, in the opinion of the Township Solicitor, would have a material adverse impact on the financial condition of the Township if adversely decided.

## **TAX MATTERS**

### Federal

In the opinion of Parker McCay P.A., Mount Laurel, New Jersey, Bond Counsel to the Township, assuming continuing compliance by the Township with the tax covenants described below, under existing law, interest on the Bonds is not included for federal income tax purposes in the gross income of the owners thereof pursuant to Section 103 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended ("Code"), and will not constitute a tax preference item for purposes of the alternative minimum tax imposed on individuals; however, such interest is taken into account in determining the annual adjusted financial statement income of certain corporations for the purpose of computing the alternative minimum tax imposed on such corporations.

Section 884 of the Code imposes on certain foreign corporations a branch profits tax equal to thirty percent (30%) of the "dividend equivalent amount" for the taxable year. Interest on the Bonds received or accrued by a foreign corporation subject to the branch profits tax may be included in computing the "dividend equivalent amount" of such corporation.

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

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

Ownership of the Bonds may result in collateral federal income tax consequences to certain taxpayers including, without limitation, certain holders of an interest in a financial asset securitization investment trust, controlled foreign corporations, property and casualty insurance companies, individual recipients of Social Security or Railroad Retirement benefits, individuals who otherwise qualify for the earned income credit, and to individuals and families that qualify for a premium assistance credit amount under Section 36B of the Code. The Code denies the earned income credit to an individual who is otherwise eligible if the aggregate amount of disqualified income of the taxpayer for the taxable year exceeds certain limits set forth in Sections 32(i) and (j) of the Code. Interest on the Bonds will constitute disqualified

income for this purpose. The Code also provides that the earned income credit is phased out if the modified adjusted gross income of the taxpayer exceeds certain amounts. Interest on the Bonds is included in determining the modified adjusted gross income of the taxpayer. Section 36B of the Code provides that the amount of the premium assistance credit amount is in part determined by the household income. Section 36B(d) of the Code provides that household income consists of the "modified adjusted gross income" of the taxpayer and certain other individuals. "Modified adjusted gross income" means adjusted gross income increased by certain amounts, including interest received or accrued by the taxpayer which is exempt from tax, such as the interest on the Bonds.

In addition, attention is called to the fact that Section 265(b)(1) of the Code eliminates the interest deduction otherwise allowable with respect to indebtedness deemed incurred by Banks, Thrift institutions and other financial institutions to purchase or to carry tax-exempt obligations acquired after August 7, 1986 other than "qualified tax-exempt obligations" as defined in Section 265(b)(3) of the Code. The Township has *not* designated the Bonds as "qualified tax-exempt obligations" for the purposes of Section 265(b)(1) of the Code.

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

#### New Jersey

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

#### Changes in Federal and State Tax Law

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

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

#### **RATING**

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

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

## **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

In early March of 2020, the World Health Organization declared a pandemic following the global outbreak of COVID-19, a respiratory disease caused by a newly discovered strain of coronavirus. The national public health emergency and the State public health emergency have since ended, while the state of emergency declared by the State and several executive orders signed by the Governor remain to manage COVID-19 on an endemic level.

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 on March 12, 2021 and provided \$1.9 trillion in financial assistance to businesses, individuals and governmental entities. The Plan provided 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 \$4,043,241.60 in funding ("Plan Funds"). The deadline to obligate the Plan Funds was December 31, 2024 and to spend the Plan Funds is December 31, 2026. Such Plan Funds were received in two (2) equal payments; one (1) received within 60 days of enactment of the Plan, and the balance was received no earlier than 12 months from the initial payment.

While the effects of COVID-19 have abated significantly, the Township cannot predict, and does not predict, whether or if the Coronavirus or any similar viral disease (including any variants or sub-variants thereof) may reemerge in the future and, if such reemergence occurs, what the effects thereof may have upon global, State-wide and local economies and operations, including that of the Township.

### Cyber Security

The Township relies on a complex technology environment to conduct its various operations. As a result, the Township faces certain cyber security threats at various times including, but not limited to, hacking, phishing, viruses, malware and other attacks on its computing and digital networks and systems. To mitigate the risks of business operations impact and/or damage from cybersecurity incidents or cyber-attacks, the Township has invested in multiple forms of cybersecurity and operational safeguards.

### Climate Change

The State of New Jersey is naturally susceptible to the effects of extreme weather events and natural disasters, including floods and hurricanes, which could result in negative economic impacts on communities. Such effects can be exacerbated by a longer term shift in the climate over several decades (commonly referred to as "climate change"), including increasing global temperatures and rising sea levels.

The occurrence of such extreme weather events could damage local infrastructure that provides essential services to the Township, as well as resulting in economic impacts such as loss of ad valorem tax revenue, interruption of municipal services, and escalated recovery costs. No assurance can be given as to whether future extreme weather events will occur that could materially adversely affect the financial condition of the Township.

## **UNDERWRITING**

The Bonds have been purchased from the Township at a public sale by Roosevelt & Cross, Inc., as underwriter ("Underwriter"), pursuant to a Certificate of Determination and Award, dated March 12, 2025, at a purchase price of \$15,279,734.20. The purchase price of the Bonds reflects the principal amount of the Bonds, plus a premium of \$529,734.20. The Underwriter has purchased the Bonds in accordance with the Notice of Sale prepared in connection with the Bonds. The Bonds are being offered for sale at the yields set forth on the inside front cover page of this Official Statement. The Underwriter is obligated to purchase all of the Bonds if any of the Bonds are purchased.

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

## **MUNICIPAL ADVISOR**

Phoenix Advisors, a division of First Security Municipal Advisors, Inc., Hamilton, New Jersey has served as Municipal Advisor to the Township in connection with the issuance of the Bonds ("Municipal Advisor") and has assisted in matters related to the planning, structuring and terms of the Bonds. The Municipal Advisor is an Independent Registered Municipal Advisor pursuant to the Dodd-Frank Act and is not engaged in the business of underwriting, trading or distributing municipal securities or other public securities.

## **APPROVAL OF LEGAL PROCEEDINGS**

Certain legal matters incident to the authorization, issuance, sale and delivery of the Bonds are subject to the approval of Bond Counsel, whose approving legal opinion will be delivered with the Bonds substantially in the form set forth in Appendix "C" hereto. Certain legal matters will be passed on for the Township by the Township 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 Bonds express the professional judgment of the attorneys rendering the opinions as to the legal issues explicitly addressed therein. In rendering a legal opinion, the attorney does not become an insurer or guarantor of that expression of professional judgment, of the transaction opined upon, or the future performance of parties to the transaction. Nor does the rendering of an opinion guarantee the outcome of any legal dispute that may arise out of the transaction.

## **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 Bonds, and such Bonds 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 Bonds by certificates signed by various officers and officials of the Township upon issuance and delivery of the Bonds.

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

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

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

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

## **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

Inquiries regarding this Official Statement, including information additional to that contained herein, may be directed to Stephen J. Dringus, Chief Financial Officer, Township of Winslow, at 609-567-0700, or to the Township's Municipal Advisor, Phoenix Advisors, a division of First Security Municipal Advisors, Inc., Hamilton, New Jersey at 609-291-0130.

## **MISCELLANEOUS**

This Official Statement is not to be construed as a contract or agreement between the Township and the purchasers of holders of any of the Bonds. Any statements made in this Official Statement involving

matters of opinion, whether or not expressly so stated, are intended merely as opinions and not as representations of fact. The information and expressions of opinion contained herein are subject to change without notice and neither the delivery of this Official Statement nor any sale of Bonds made hereunder shall, under any circumstances, create any implication that there has been no change in the affairs of the Township since the date hereof. The information contained in the Official Statement is not guaranteed as to accuracy or completeness.

**TOWNSHIP OF WINSLOW, COUNTY OF  
CAMDEN, NEW JERSEY**

By: /s/ STEPHEN J. DRINGUS  
**STEPHEN J. DRINGUS, Chief Financial Officer**

Dated: March 12, 2025

## **APPENDIX A**

### **GENERAL INFORMATION REGARDING THE TOWNSHIP OF WINSLOW**

## **GENERAL INFORMATION ON THE TOWNSHIP**

### **History, Location and Area**

The Township is a 57.4 square mile community at the southeastern end of Camden County ("County"). It is bordered in the County on the north by Gloucester Township, Pine Hill Borough, and Berlin Borough; on the east by Chesilhurst and Waterford; in Atlantic County on the south by Hammonton Town and Folsom Borough; and in Gloucester County on the west by Monroe Township. It straddles the Atlantic City Expressway and New Jersey State Highway Route No. 30, the White Horse Pike, which leads to the Cities of Camden, Philadelphia and Atlantic City. The Township was created and incorporated from a part of the Township of Gloucester by an act of the State Legislature on March 8, 1845. The name is derived from the village of Winslow which was named after one of the very early industries in the area, the Winslow Glass Works.

### **Form of Government**

The Township is governed by a nine-member Township Committee, comprised of the Mayor, who is elected at large for a four-year term, and presides over meetings of the Township Committee. The other eight members of the Township Committee, two from each of four wards, are elected for three-year terms on a staggered basis. The functions of the Mayor are, among others, to see that the laws of the State and the ordinances of the Township are carried out. The functions of the Township Committee are, among others, to adopt the municipal budget and to enact ordinances to promote and secure the health, government and protection of the Township and its residents.

The day-to-day administrative duties are the responsibility of the Township Administrator, who is appointed by the Township Committee. To that end, the Township Administrator keeps the Township Committee informed as to the conduct of the Township affairs, the condition of the Township finances and the welfare and future needs of the Township.

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

### **Planning, Development and Recreational Activities**

Much of the Township has been developed for residential use, although substantial sites have been developed or are available for non-residential use. There are 13,763 residential dwellings and 1,800 apartment units.

The Township is currently undergoing a period of substantial growth in ratables. This is primarily the result of the lifting of a long standing sewer moratorium, and the anticipation of implementing Planning and Zoning Board recommendations to rezone the Route 73 Corridor (among other revisions) as a "Regional Growth Area" within the million acre plus Pinelands. These zoning changes now provides for commercial zoning in addition to the existing residential zones. Along with the availability of water and sewer service within the zones, and the close proximity to the Atlantic City Expressway, the Black Horse Pike and the White Horse Pike; the zoning changes now makes the Route 73 Corridor a prime location for development.

The Township owns and maintains nineteen various parks throughout the Township which include tot lots, ballfields and picnic areas. The Township Clerk coordinates seasonal

uses of facilities which include baseball, football and soccer leagues. The Township Parks and Recreation Department consists of one Parks Superintendent and maintenance workers.

## **Pinelands**

The legislative mandate to protect the Pinelands is set forth in the National Parks and Recreation Act of 1978 ("Pinelands Act") signed by President Carter. The Pinelands Act established the Pinelands National Reserve, encompassing parts of seven southern New Jersey counties and all or parts of fifty-six municipalities. This includes the County municipalities of Waterford Township, Winslow Township, Berlin Township, Berlin Borough and Chesilhurst Borough. Approximately seventy-five percent (75%) of the Township is in the preservation area.

The New Jersey Pinelands Commission, established in 1979 by the Pinelands Protection Act, adopted the Pinelands Comprehensive Management Plan in 1981. The Comprehensive Management Plan consists of recommendations and regulations for the protection, preservation, regulation and development of the Pinelands region.

## **Public Services**

The Township currently has a contract with Waste Management Services for the removal of solid waste in the Township. Pick-up is provided for recyclable paper, glass and metals, which are ultimately sold to provide the Township with a small source of revenue.

The Township had its own sewerage treatment plant until May 1, 1990 which serviced a part of the Township. At that time, the Camden County Municipal Utilities Authority ("CCMUA") took over the treatment portion of the public wastewater system. The plant has a capacity of 1.65 million gallons per day (mgd) and serviced approximately 11,200 customers at August 15, 2023.

The Township operates a public water system which services part of the Township and had approximately 13,325 customers at August 15, 2023.

## **Emergency Medical Service**

There is a consolidated service that provides emergency medical services for the entire Township.

## **Police**

The safety and security of the residents is protected by a Chief, one Captain, four Lieutenants, seven Sergeants and sixty-eight uniformed officers. The Township's force provides twenty-four hour patrol car surveillance.

## **Transportation**

The City of Philadelphia is easily accessible from the Township via the White Horse Pike and the Benjamin Franklin Bridge or the Atlantic City Expressway-North/South Freeway and the Walt Whitman Bridge, which span the Delaware River. This route enables Township residents to reach Center City Philadelphia in approximately thirty minutes. The New Jersey Turnpike and Interstate 295 provide a modern limited-access highway network to points in the State for Township residents. The world famous resort, Atlantic City, is approximately thirty miles away.

The Township is a suburban area within the Delaware Valley economic region, a tri-state region comprised of eleven counties in Pennsylvania, New Jersey and Delaware. The Delaware Valley Region stretches from Trenton, New Jersey south to Wilmington, Delaware and includes the Philadelphia-Camden metropolitan area. It is a major transportation hub combining one of the largest port facilities in the world with extensive rail, highway and air networks. The Delaware Valley is one of the nation's major concentrations of manufacturing and service activities.

An impetus for the development of the Township has been the Delaware River Port Authority's High Speed Transit Line, providing fast service between Lindenwold and the urban center of Camden and Philadelphia, and the extension of the line to Atlantic City.

### **Compensated Absences**

Full-time employees are entitled to fifteen paid sick leave days each year. Unused sick leave may be accumulated and carried forward to the subsequent year. Vacation days not used during the year may not be accumulated and carried forward. For additional information regarding compensated absences, see Appendix B: Excerpts from the Financial Statements of the Township, Note 12 to Financial Statements of this Official Statement.

### **Pension Plans**

Those Township employees who are eligible for pension coverage are enrolled in one of two pension systems established by acts of the State Legislature. Benefits, contributions, means of funding and the manner of administration are determined by the State. For additional information regarding pension plans, see Appendix B: Excerpts from the Financial Statements of the Township, Note 10 to Financial Statements of this Official Statement.

### **Township Employees**

	<u><b>2024</b></u>	<u><b>2023</b></u>	<u><b>2022</b></u>	<u><b>2021</b></u>	<u><b>2020</b></u>
Permanent	179	170	178	164	167
Part-time	<u>25</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>15</u>
Total	<u>204</u>	<u>185</u>	<u>193</u>	<u>179</u>	<u>182</u>

### **Employee Collective Bargaining Units**

<u><b>Collective Bargaining Units</b></u>	<u><b>Employees Represented</b></u>	<u><b>Contract Expiration Date</b></u>
Camden Council 10	68	Dec. 31, 2027
Winslow Township Police Officers' Association	70	Dec. 31, 2027
Winslow Township Superior Officers' Association	5	Dec. 31, 2023
WTPA Sergeants	7	Dec. 31, 2027

### **Township Population(1)**

2020 Federal Census	39,907
2010 Federal Census	39,499
2000 Federal Census	34,611
1990 Federal Census	30,087
1980 Federal Census	20,034

### **Selected Census 2023 Data for the Township(1)**

Median household income	\$95,064
Per capita income	\$39,135

### **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 in the State. These codes and other municipal codes are codified as a basis for improved administration and regulation.

The Municipal Land Use Law was adopted by the Township to give the Township Zoning Board of Adjustment and Planning Board 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 (2)**

<u>Year</u>	<u>Number of Permits</u>	<u>Value of Construction</u>
2024	2,345	\$47,045,096
2023	2,080	36,987,437
2022	2,064	37,746,263
2021	2,069	45,622,396
2020	1,827	40,012,952

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

(2) Source: Township's Construction Office

### Township Labor Force (1)

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

<u>Year</u>	<u>Labor Force</u>	<u>Employed Persons</u>	<u>Unemployed Persons</u>	<u>Unemployment Rate</u>
<b>Township</b>				
2023	21,318	20,153	1,165	5.5%
2022	20,910	19,925	985	4.7
2021	20,635	19,029	1,606	7.8
2020	20,506	18,370	2,136	10.4
2019	20,418	19,487	931	4.6
<b>County</b>				
2023	276,187	262,852	13,335	4.8%
2022	270,737	259,883	10,854	4.0
2021	266,980	248,194	18,786	7.0
2020	265,237	239,598	25,639	9.7
2019	263,859	253,460	10,399	3.9
<b>State</b>				
2023	4,829,671	4,615,722	213,949	4.4%
2022	4,739,800	4,564,100	175,700	3.7
2021	4,666,100	4,357,200	308,900	6.6
2020	4,650,300	4,212,400	437,900	9.4
2019	4,686,300	4,524,300	162,000	3.5

### LARGEST PRIVATE SECTOR EMPLOYERS IN CAMDEN COUNTY (2)

<u>Name</u>	<u>Approximate Employment</u>
Cooper Health System	7,000
Virtua Health System	2,500
Campbell Soup Company	2,300
Virtua Our Lady of Lourdes Hospital	2,000
American Water	2,000
TD Bank	1,300
Jefferson Health System	1,256
Aluminum Shapes	1,000
Lockheed Martin	800

(1) Source: New Jersey Department of Labor

(2) Source: Camden County

## GENERAL INFORMATION ON THE SCHOOL DISTRICT(1)

### Primary and Secondary

The School District is a Type II school district functioning through a nine-member Board which is elected by the voters for staggered three-year terms.

The School District operates six elementary schools, one middle school and one high school within the Township, providing educational services for grades kindergarten through twelve and preschool handicapped students.

In 2001, the School District became a Pre-K to 12 district as a result of voter approval to dissolve the Lower Camden County Regional School District. Schools 1-4 became Pre-K to 2nd grade, Schools 5-6 became 3rd grade to 5th grade, the Middle School became 6th grade to 8th grade and the High School became 9th grade to 12th grade. Starting September 2010, Schools 1-4 became Pre-K through 3<sup>rd</sup> grade, Schools 5 and 6 became 4<sup>th</sup> grade through 6<sup>th</sup> grade, the Middle School became 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grades, and High School remained 9<sup>th</sup> grade through 12<sup>th</sup> grade.

### TOWNSHIP OF WINSLOW SCHOOL DISTRICT STUDENT ENROLLMENTS

<u>Grade</u>	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>October 15,</u> <u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>
Full day Pre K	234	166	149	139	94
Full day K	292	265	309	288	275
1	305	302	283	314	282
2	284	308	319	279	314
3	304	305	277	286	304
4	295	269	276	289	296
5	280	280	294	312	308
6	289	295	315	298	286
7	304	320	303	292	313
8	325	312	296	316	302
9	294	279	326	314	295
10	238	273	245	241	217
11	245	254	234	215	205
12	231	243	212	204	215
Special Ed.	<u>1,004</u>	<u>924</u>	<u>899</u>	<u>854</u>	<u>881</u>
Total	<u>4,924</u>	<u>4,795</u>	<u>4,737</u>	<u>4,641</u>	<u>4,587</u>

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(1) Source: School District officials

## PRESENT SCHOOL FACILITIES, ENROLLMENT AND CAPACITY (1)

<u>Name of School</u>	<u>Date Constructed</u>	<u>Renovations/ Additions</u>	<u>Grades</u>	<u>Oct. 15, 2024 Enrollment</u>	<u>Operational Capacity</u>
Winslow Elementary School #1	1968	2008, 1985	Pre-K-3	372	415
Winslow Elementary School #2	1968	2008, 1985	Pre-K-3	335	496
Winslow Elementary School #3	1973	2008	Pre-K-3	455	660
Winslow Elementary School #4	1977	2017, 2008, 1988	Pre-K-3	491	668
Winslow Elementary School #5	1989	2008	4-6	577	949
Winslow Elementary School #6	1993		4-6	532	900
Winslow Middle School	1970	2010, 2001	7-8	786	1,500
Winslow High School	1958	2010, 2001	9-12	<u>1,273</u>	<u>1,800</u>
Total				<u>4,821</u> (2)	<u>7,388</u>

## HIGHER EDUCATION FACILITIES

### Rutgers University-Camden Campus

Rutgers University-Camden ("Rutgers"), a comprehensive, publicly-supported, co-educational four-year institution accredited by the Middle States Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools and funded primarily by the State, was founded in 1950 on a 23.8 acre campus in the City of Camden. For the 2023-2024 school year, there were approximately 3,922 undergraduate students and 1,854 graduate students.

### Camden County College

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

As of the Spring of 2024, full time enrollment was 3,508 and part-time enrollment was 7,598 for a total of 11,106.

### Camden County Technical Schools

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

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(1) Source: School District officials

(2) Excludes PreK-3Yr Early Childhood

For high school students, there are over 30 career programs from which to choose. For the 2023-2024 school year, 1,417 students are enrolled at the Gloucester Township Campus, and 766 at the Pennsauken Campus. Seniors are offered the opportunity to participate in several of our school-to-career programs and are offered lifetime job placement assistance. In addition, students are offered a full-range of athletics and activities to complement their education. Through Camden County College, high school juniors and seniors at CCTS have various opportunities to earn college credit for college level work completed while in high school. Students may bank the credits earned for future enrollment at colleges and universities.

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

## CERTAIN TAX INFORMATION

### TEN LARGEST REAL PROPERTY TAXPAYERS (1)

<u>Name of Taxpayer</u>	<u>Nature of Business</u>	<b>2024 Assessed Valuation</b>
Taylor Woods Apt. & Oneida Acquisition	Apartments	\$ 28,190,800
Fountains Prop Co., LLC	Life Care Facility	19,500,000
Carmax Auto Superstores, Inc.	Car Dealership	14,504,000
Kali Road 105 LLC	Apartments	13,604,500
IIP-NJ-1, LLC	Curaleaf	12,550,000
Johns Manville	Insulation	10,500,000
ARC HR5SINJ001	Supermarket Store	8,258,600
Tamerlane	Apartments	6,283,400
F & G Winslow	Stores	6,100,000
Winslow House Apartments LP	Apartments	6,012,700

### CURRENT TAX COLLECTIONS (2)

<u>Year</u>	<u>Total Levy</u>	<u>Collected in Year of Levy</u>		<u>Outstanding Dec. 31</u>	
		<u>Amount</u>	<u>Percentage</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Percentage</u>
2023	\$ 104,539,795	\$ 102,418,795	97.97%	\$ 1,591,125	1.52%
2022	100,144,343	97,676,293	97.53%	1,893,861	1.89%
2021	97,842,725	95,451,095	97.56%	1,823,422	1.86%
2020	96,360,101	93,667,304	97.21%	2,085,445	2.16%
2019	95,348,928	92,328,385	96.83%	2,260,823	2.37%

(1) Source: Township Tax Assessor

(2) Source: Annual Reports of Audit

### DELINQUENT TAXES (1)

<u>Year</u>	<u>Outstanding</u>			<u>Collected</u>		<u>Transferred</u>	<u>Other</u>	<u>Outstanding</u>
	<u>Jan. 1</u>	<u>Added</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Percentage</u>	<u>to Liens</u>	<u>Credits</u>		<u>Dec. 31</u>
2023	\$ 1,998,715	\$ 10,455	\$ 1,906,806	94.91%	\$ 36,976	\$ 10,151		\$ 55,236
2022	1,931,577	13,996	1,817,115	93.40%	12,233	11,372		104,854
2021	2,168,717	19,250	1,994,002	91.13%	3,631	82,179		108,155
2020	2,356,010	16,948	2,266,320	95.51%	6,504	16,862		83,272
2019	2,212,575	17,888	2,095,276	93.94%	13,702	26,298		95,187

### TAX TITLE LIENS (1)

<u>Year</u>	<u>Balance</u>	<u>Added by</u>	<u>Costs Accrued</u>			<u>Balance</u>
	<u>Jan. 1</u>	<u>Sales and</u>	<u>to Liens/</u>	<u>Collections</u>	<u>Foreclosures and</u>	<u>Dec. 31</u>
		<u>Transfers</u>	<u>Adjustments</u>		<u>Cancellations</u>	
2023	\$ 5,835,243	\$ 425,740	\$ 10,678	\$ 50,055	\$ -	\$ 6,221,606
2022	5,484,632	408,164	120,873	178,425	-	5,835,243
2021	5,287,196	448,064	5,663	217,779	38,513	5,484,632
2020	5,711,153	442,598	14,414	473,860	407,109	5,287,196
2019	5,478,405	552,661	31,599	351,413	99	5,711,153

### FORECLOSED PROPERTY (1)(2)

<u>Year</u>	<u>Balance</u>	<u>Added by</u>	<u>Adjustment</u>	<u>Balance</u>
	<u>Jan. 1</u>	<u>Transfer</u>	<u>to Assessed</u>	<u>Dec. 31</u>
			<u>Valuation</u>	
2023	\$ 2,193,800	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,193,800
2022	2,193,800	-	-	2,193,800
2021	2,193,800	-	-	2,193,800
2020	2,193,800	-	-	2,193,800
2019	2,193,800	-	-	2,193,800

### CURRENT WATER-SEWER COLLECTIONS (1)

<u>Year</u>	<u>Beginning</u>			<u>Collected in Year of Billing</u>		<u>Outstanding Dec. 31</u>	
	<u>Balance</u>	<u>Total Rents</u>		<u>Amount</u>	<u>Percentage</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Percentage</u>
2023	\$ 2,518,819	\$ 10,976,358	\$	11,042,279	81.82%	\$ 2,446,010	18.13%
2022	2,175,953	10,945,151		10,600,051	80.79%	2,518,819	19.20%
2021	1,729,005	10,687,954		10,237,857	82.45%	2,175,953	17.52%
2020	1,697,780	10,616,979		10,578,711	85.90%	1,729,005	14.04%
2019	1,598,820	10,248,551		10,119,298	85.41%	1,697,780	14.33%

(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.

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

<u>Year</u>	<u>Tax Rate (2)</u>					
	<u>Net</u> <u>Valuation</u> <u>Taxable</u>	<u>Total</u> <u>Rate</u>	<u>County (3)</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>Local</u> <u>Municipal</u>	<u>Fire</u> <u>District</u>
2024	\$ 2,744,513,700	\$ 3.902	\$ 0.958	\$ 1.975	\$ 0.692	\$ 0.277
2023	2,732,389,100	3.799	0.931	1.945	0.655	0.268
2022	2,697,470,200	3.682	0.901	1.931	0.655	0.195
2021	2,675,481,007	3.640	0.902	1.911	0.640	0.187
2020	2,645,782,183	3.608	0.886	1.919	0.633	0.170

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

<u>Year</u>	<u>Real Property</u> <u>Assessed</u> <u>Valuation</u>	<u>Percentage</u> <u>of True</u> <u>Value</u>	<u>True</u> <u>Value</u>	<u>True Value</u> <u>per Capita (5)</u>
2024	\$ 2,744,513,700	69.23%	\$ 3,964,341,615	\$ 99,340
2023	2,732,389,100	77.59%	3,521,573,785	88,245
2022	2,692,545,700	87.84%	3,065,284,267	76,811
2021	2,670,151,800	94.61%	2,822,272,276	70,721
2020	2,640,377,850	97.41%	2,710,581,922	67,922

## REAL PROPERTY CLASSIFICATION (6)

<u>Year</u>	<u>Assessed Value</u> <u>of Land and</u> <u>Improvements</u>	<u>Vacant Land</u>	<u>Residential</u>	<u>Commercial</u>	<u>Industrial</u>	<u>Farm</u>	<u>Apartment</u>
2024	\$ 2,744,513,700	\$ 45,663,600	\$ 2,317,555,000	\$ 233,644,300	\$ 28,262,000	\$ 28,115,800	\$ 91,273,000
2023	2,733,139,200	52,946,300	2,302,003,300	230,669,400	28,262,000	27,985,200	91,273,000
2022	2,692,545,700	51,937,100	2,288,582,700	224,662,600	28,262,000	28,159,300	70,942,000
2021	2,670,151,800	51,359,100	2,279,383,300	221,653,800	28,262,000	27,715,300	61,778,300
2020	2,640,377,850	57,659,800	2,267,936,600	202,179,350	31,662,000	28,562,200	52,377,900

(1) Source: Township's Tax Collector

(2) Per \$100 of Assessed Valuation

(3) Includes Open Space and Library Tax

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

(5) Based on Federal Census 2020 of 39,907

(6) Source: Township Tax Assessor

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

The following table summarizes the direct debt of the Township in accordance with the requirements of the Local Bond Law. The gross debt comprises short and long-term debt issued in the form of bonds, loans, notes and debt authorized but not issued, including General, and Water-Sewer Utility. Deductions from gross debt to arrive at net debt include debt considered to be self-liquidating. The resulting net debt of \$13,040,899 represents 0.332% 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/Notes					School Debt	Self-Liquidating Debt			
General	\$	12,940,749	\$	100,150	\$	13,040,899		\$	13,040,899	
School District						-				
Water and Sewer Utility		15,881,217		912,046		16,793,263		\$	16,793,263	
	\$	28,821,966	\$	1,012,196	\$	29,834,162	\$	-	\$	16,793,263
								\$	13,040,899	

(1) As of December 31, 2024

Source: Annual Debt Statement

**TOWNSHIP OF WINSLOW**  
**DEBT RATIOS AND VALUATIONS(1)**

Average of Equalized Valuations of Real Property with Improvements for 2022, 2023 and 2024	\$ 3,933,752,626
Statutory Net debt as a Percentage of the Average of Equalized Valuations of Real Property with Improvements for 2022, 2023 and 2024	0.332%
2024 Net Valuation Taxable	\$ 2,744,513,700
2024 Equalized Valuation of Real Property and Taxable Personal Property Used in Communications	\$ 3,964,341,615
Gross Debt (2)	
As a Percentage of 2024 Net Valuation Taxable	1.09%
As a Percentage of 2024 Equalized Valuation of Real Property and Taxable Personal Property Used in Communications	0.75%
Net Debt (2)	
As a Percentage of 2024 Net Valuation Taxable	0.48%
As a Percentage of 2024 Equalized Valuation of Real Property and Taxable Personal Property Used in Communications	0.33%
Gross Debt per Capita (3)	\$ 748
Net Debt per Capita (3)	\$ 327

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(1) As of December 31, 2024

(2) Excluding overlapping debt

(3) Based on Federal 2020 Census of 39,907

### TOWNSHIP BORROWING CAPACITY(1)

3.5% of Average (2022-24) Equalized Valuation of Real Property	
Including Improvements (\$3,933,752,626)	\$ 137,681,342
Net Debt	<u>13,040,899</u>
Remaining Borrowing Capacity	<u><u>\$ 124,640,443</u></u>

### SCHOOL DISTRICT BORROWING CAPACITY (1)

4% of Average (2022-24) Equalized Valuation of Real Property	
Including Improvements (\$3,933,752,626)	\$ 157,350,105
School District Debt	<u>-</u>
Remaining Borrowing Capacity	<u><u>\$ 157,350,105</u></u>

(1) As of December 31, 2024

### TOWNSHIP OF WINSLOW OVERLAPPING DEBT AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2023

	DEBT ISSUED					Debt Auth. but not Issued
	Debt <u>Outstanding</u>	<u>Deductions</u>		Statutory Net Debt <u>Outstanding</u>	Net Debt Outstanding Allocated to the Issuer	
County of Camden(1):						
General:						
Bonds	\$ 63,215,196	\$ 25,514,196 (2)	\$ 37,700,999	\$ 2,774,794 (4)	\$ 71,990,250	
Notes	27,980,000		27,980,000	2,059,328 (4)		
Loan Agreements	335,270,000		335,270,000	24,675,872 (4)		
Bonds Issued by Other Public Bodies Guaranteed by the County	225,287,067	225,287,067 (3)		-		
	<u>\$ 651,752,263</u>	<u>\$ 250,801,263</u>	<u>\$ 400,950,999</u>	<u>\$ 29,509,994</u>	<u>\$ 71,990,250</u>	

(1) Source: County of Camden.

(2) Includes Reserve for Payment of Bonds, Other Accounts Receivable and General Obligation Refunding Bonds.

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

(4) Such debt is allocated as a proportion of the Issuer's share of the total 2023 Net Valuation on which County taxes are apportioned, which is 7.36%.

## Camden County Municipal Utilities Authority

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

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

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

The gross debt as of December 31, 2023 for the CCMUA was \$208,733,984 (unaudited). The County guarantees up to \$685,500,000 of debt issued by the CCMUA.

## Camden County Improvement Authority

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

The amount of debt which the County has guaranteed or for which it has a repayment obligation as of December 31, 2023 was \$356,852,083.

**TOWNSHIP OF WINSLOW**  
**SCHEDULE OF LONG TERM DEBT SERVICE(1)**

Budget Year Ending Dec. 31	<u>Series 2005 - G.O. Bonds</u>		<u>Series 2010 - Green Acres</u>		<u>2012 Refunding Bonds (B)</u>		<u>Series 2016 - G.O. Bonds</u>		<u>Balance Carried Forward</u>
	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Interest</u>	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Interest</u>	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Interest</u>	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Interest</u>	
2025	\$ 35,000.00	\$ 743.75	\$ 10,466.39	\$ 1,037.49	\$ 475,000.00	\$ 7,125.00	\$ 909,000.00	\$ 57,886.26	\$ 1,496,258.89
2026			10,676.76	827.12			300,000.00	39,706.26	351,210.14
2027			10,891.37	612.52			300,000.00	33,706.26	345,210.15
2028			11,110.29	393.60			300,000.00	27,706.26	339,210.15
2029			11,333.63	170.29			300,000.00	21,706.26	333,210.18
2030							275,000.00	15,706.26	290,706.26
2031							250,000.00	10,206.26	260,206.26
2032							245,000.00	5,206.26	250,206.26
2033									-
2034									-
2035									-
2036									-
2037									-
2038									-
	<u>\$ 35,000.00</u>	<u>\$ 743.75</u>	<u>\$ 54,478.44</u>	<u>\$ 3,041.02</u>	<u>\$ 475,000.00</u>	<u>\$ 7,125.00</u>	<u>\$ 2,879,000.00</u>	<u>\$ 211,830.08</u>	<u>\$ 3,666,218.29</u>

(1) As of December 31, 2024

**TOWNSHIP OF WINSLOW**  
**SCHEDULE OF LONG TERM DEBT SERVICE(1) (CONT'D)**

Budget Year Ending Dec. 31	Balance Brought Forward	Series 2018 - G.O. Bonds		Series 2018 - Green Acres		Balance Carried Forward
		Principal	Interest	Principal	Interest	
2025	\$ 1,496,258.89	\$ 860,000.00	\$ 157,050.00	\$ 6,112.05	\$ 1,844.01	\$ 2,521,264.95
2026	351,210.14	875,000.00	131,025.00	6,234.90	1,721.16	1,365,191.20
2027	345,210.15	885,000.00	104,625.00	6,360.22	1,595.83	1,342,791.20
2028	339,210.15	900,000.00	77,850.00	6,488.06	1,468.00	1,325,016.21
2029	333,210.18	915,000.00	50,625.00	6,618.47	1,337.58	1,306,791.23
2030	290,706.26	240,000.00	33,300.00	6,751.49	1,204.55	571,962.30
2031	260,206.26	240,000.00	26,100.00	6,887.20	1,068.85	534,262.31
2032	250,206.26	240,000.00	18,900.00	7,025.63	930.41	517,062.30
2033	-	240,000.00	11,550.00	7,166.85	789.20	259,506.05
2034	-	240,000.00	3,900.00	7,310.91	645.15	251,856.06
2035	-			7,457.85	498.20	7,956.05
2036	-			7,607.75	348.29	7,956.04
2037	-			7,760.67	195.37	7,956.04
2038	-			3,938.63	39.39	3,978.02
	<u>\$ 3,666,218.29</u>	<u>\$ 5,635,000.00</u>	<u>\$ 614,925.00</u>	<u>\$ 93,720.68</u>	<u>\$ 13,685.99</u>	<u>\$ 10,023,549.96</u>

(1) As of December 31, 2024

**TOWNSHIP OF WINSLOW**  
**SCHEDULE OF LONG TERM DEBT SERVICE(1) (CONT'D)**

Budget Year Ending Dec. 31	Balance Brought Forward	New Jersey Environmental Infrastructure Trust Loans						Balance Carried Forward
		<u>2005</u>		<u>2012</u>		<u>2015</u>		
		<u>Principal</u>	<u>Interest</u>	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Interest</u>	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Interest</u>	
2025	\$ 2,521,264.95	\$ 12,427.13	\$ 656.26	\$ 125,096.34	\$ 16,257.38	\$ 38,292.28	\$ 4,600.00	\$ 2,718,594.34
2026	1,365,191.20			129,218.34	13,768.26	38,292.28	4,100.00	1,550,570.08
2027	1,342,791.20			133,273.34	11,114.26	38,292.28	3,600.00	1,529,071.08
2028	1,325,016.21			133,284.34	9,002.10	38,292.28	3,200.00	1,508,794.93
2029	1,306,791.23			137,964.34	6,889.62	38,292.28	2,800.00	1,492,737.47
2030	571,962.30			125,202.99	4,636.74	38,292.28	2,400.00	742,494.31
2031	534,262.31			79,543.00	2,386.30	38,292.28	2,000.00	656,483.89
2032	517,062.30					38,292.28	1,600.00	556,954.58
2033	259,506.05					43,292.28	1,200.00	303,998.33
2034	251,856.06					43,292.44	600.00	295,748.50
2035	7,956.05							7,956
2036	7,956.04							7,956
2037	7,956.04							7,956
2038	3,978.02							3,978
	<u>\$ 10,023,549.96</u>	<u>\$ 12,427.13</u>	<u>\$ 656.26</u>	<u>\$ 863,582.69</u>	<u>\$ 64,054.66</u>	<u>\$ 392,922.96</u>	<u>\$ 26,100.00</u>	<u>\$11,383,293.66</u>

(1) As of December 31, 2024

**TOWNSHIP OF WINSLOW**  
**SCHEDULE OF LONG TERM DEBT SERVICE(1) (CONT'D)**

Budget Year Ending Dec. 31	Balance Brought Forward	New Jersey Environmental Infrastructure Trust Loans				New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection		Grand Total	
		2023A		2023B		Demolition Loan			
		Principal	Interest	Principal	Interest	Principal	Interest	Principal	Interest
2025	\$ 2,718,594.34	\$ 95,589.85	\$ 49,250.10	\$ 33,188.17	\$ 15,471.60	\$ 16,800.00	N/A	\$ 2,616,972.21	\$ 311,921.85
2026	1,550,570.08	95,589.85	47,250.10	38,188.17	14,971.60	16,800.00	N/A	1,510,000.30	253,369.50
2027	1,529,071.08	100,589.85	45,250.10	38,188.17	14,221.60	16,800.00	N/A	1,529,395.23	214,725.57
2028	1,508,794.93	100,589.85	43,000.10	38,188.17	13,471.60		N/A	1,527,952.99	176,091.66
2029	1,492,737.47	110,589.85	40,750.10	38,188.17	12,721.60		N/A	1,557,986.74	137,000.45
2030	742,494.31	110,589.85	38,000.10	38,188.17	11,971.60		N/A	834,024.78	107,219.25
2031	656,483.89	110,589.85	35,250.10	38,188.17	11,221.60		N/A	763,500.50	88,233.11
2032	556,954.58	115,589.85	32,500.10	43,188.17	10,471.60		N/A	689,095.93	69,608.37
2033	303,998.33	115,589.85	29,500.10	43,188.17	9,471.60		N/A	449,237.15	52,510.90
2034	295,748.50	120,589.85	26,500.10	43,188.17	8,471.60		N/A	454,381.37	40,116.85
2035	7,956.05	120,589.85	23,250.10	43,188.17	7,471.60			171,235.87	31,219.90
2036	7,956.04	129,535.85	20,000.10	45,725.17	6,471.60			182,868.77	26,819.99
2037	7,956.04	133,775.85	17,759.52	50,408.17	5,788.72			191,944.69	23,743.61
2038	3,978.02	132,894.85	15,390.50	49,983.17	4,963.96			186,816.65	20,393.85
2039	-	136,987.85	13,048.14	49,545.17	4,152.06			186,533.02	17,200.20
2040	-	140,953.85	10,581.80	49,093.17	3,353.46			190,047.02	13,935.26
2041	-	139,789.85	7,995.26	48,628.17	2,568.54			188,418.02	10,563.80
2042	-	143,591.85	5,444.00	53,149.17	1,797.70			196,741.02	7,241.70
2043	-	147,257.80	2,777.43	52,557.16	889.82			199,814.96	3,667.25
	\$ 11,383,293.66	\$ 2,301,276.10	\$ 503,497.85	\$ 834,159.22	\$ 159,923.46	\$ 50,400.00	\$ -	\$ 13,626,967.22	\$ 1,605,583.07

(1) As of December 31, 2024

**TOWNSHIP OF WINSLOW**  
2024 MUNICIPAL BUDGET (1)

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**CURRENT FUND**

Anticipated Revenues:

Fund Balance	\$ 1,967,885.00
Miscellaneous Revenues:	
Local Revenues	4,529,193.45
State Aid without Offsetting Appropriations	6,758,466.13
Dedicated Uniform Construction Code Fees	800,000.00
Public and Private Programs Offset with Appropriations	70,478.43
Other Special Items of Revenue	2,485,776.99
Receipts from Delinquent Taxes	1,990,000.00
Amount to be Raised by Taxation for Municipal Purposes	19,000,000.00
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Total Anticipated Revenues	\$ 37,601,800.00
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Appropriations:

Within CAPS:

Operations	\$ 27,603,256.75
Deferred Charges and Statutory Expenditures	5,092,453.00

Excluded from CAPS:

Other Operations	183,885.00
Public and Private Programs	72,912.18
Capital Improvements	50,000.00
Debt Service	1,918,973.00
Reserve for Uncollected Taxes	2,680,320.07
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Total Appropriations	\$ 37,601,800.00
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**WATER-SEWER UTILITY**

Anticipated Revenues:

Fund Balance	\$ 2,650,000.00
Rents	10,490,588.00
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Total Water-Sewer Utility Revenues	\$ 13,140,588.00
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Appropriations:

Operating	\$ 8,134,914.00
Debt Service	1,758,695.00
Deferred Charges and Statutory Expenditures	596,979.00
Surplus (General Budget)	2,650,000.00
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Total Water-Sewer Utility Appropriations	\$ 13,140,588.00
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(1) 2024 Adopted Budget

**TOWNSHIP OF WINSLOW  
CAPITAL PROGRAM  
PROJECTS SCHEDULED FOR THE YEARS 2024-2029**

Project Title	Estimated Total Cost	Capital Improvement Fund	Grants-in Aid and Other Funds	Bonds and Notes	
				General	Self- Liquidating
General:					
Computers	\$ 285,000.00	\$ 14,250.00		\$ 270,750.00	
Dept. of Public Works Vehicles and Equipment	1,422,000.00	71,100.00		1,350,900.00	
Improvements to Parks	633,000.00	31,650.00		601,350.00	
Police Vehicles	1,400,000.00	70,000.00		1,330,000.00	
Construction Office Vehicles	75,000.00	3,750.00		71,250.00	
Police Equipment	380,000.00	19,000.00		361,000.00	
Improvements to Roads	1,350,000.00	37,500.00	\$ 600,000.00	712,500.00	
Improvements to Facilities	950,000.00	47,500.00		902,500.00	
Utility:					
Factory Road Tank Painting	600,000.00				\$ 600,000.00
Generators for Wells #6 and #9	104,659.00				104,659.00
Meter Replacements	500,000.00				500,000.00
New Mt. Laurel Aquifer Well	1,000,000.00				1,000,000.00
Water System Modeling	60,000.00				60,000.00
Valve Exercising	95,000.00				95,000.00
Water Main Replacement-Church Road	700,000.00				700,000.00
Well 8 Radium Removal Media Rep	500,000.00				500,000.00
Well #2 Filter Plant Upgrade (Complete)	2,750,000.00				2,750,000.00
Infrastructure Improvements	5,200,000.00				5,200,000.00
Vehicles and Equipment	750,000.00				750,000.00
Totals--All Projects	\$ 18,754,659.00	\$ 294,750.00	\$ 600,000.00	\$ 5,600,250.00	\$ 12,259,659.00

(1) 2024 Adopted Budget

## **APPENDIX B**

### **FINANCIAL STATEMENTS OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WINSLOW**

## **INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT**

The Honorable Mayor and  
Members of the Township Committee  
Township of Winslow  
Braddock, New Jersey 08037

### **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 Winslow, in the County of Camden, State of New Jersey, as of December 31, 2023, 2022, 2021, 2020 and 2019, 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 Opinion 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 Winslow, in the County of Camden, State of New Jersey, as of December 31, 2023, 2022, 2021, 2020 and 2019, 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 Winslow, in the County of Camden, State of New Jersey, as of December 31, 2023, 2022, 2021, 2020 and 2019, 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 Opinion 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.

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

### ***Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements***

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinions. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and 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 and, 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,

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BOWMAN & COMPANY LLP  
Certified Public Accountants  
& Consultants

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Michael D. Cesaro". The script is fluid and cursive.

Michael D. Cesaro  
Certified Public Accountant  
Registered Municipal Accountant

Voorhees, New Jersey  
October 30, 2024

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

	As of December 31,				
	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>
<b><u>ASSETS</u></b>					
Regular Fund:					
Cash and Investments	\$ 10,974,142.64	\$ 6,309,453.09	\$ 7,561,890.65	\$ 8,317,052.90	\$ 6,285,991.39
Receivables and Other Assets with Full Reserves:					
Delinquent Property Taxes Receivable	1,646,361.09	1,998,714.90	1,931,577.33	2,168,716.67	2,356,009.96
Tax Title Liens Receivable	6,221,606.04	5,835,243.26	5,484,631.57	5,287,196.44	5,711,153.44
Property Acquired for Taxes--Assessed Valuation	2,193,800.00	2,193,800.00	2,193,800.00	2,193,800.00	2,193,800.00
Revenue Accounts Receivable	13,810.75	20,115.97	14,847.08	15,843.46	41,350.68
Prepaid Expenses - Healthcare Premiums	74,168.93				
Interfunds Receivable	40,953.72	1,671.84	61,867.71	311,427.84	5,508.09
Total Current Fund	21,164,843.17	16,358,999.06	17,248,614.34	18,294,037.31	16,593,813.56
Federal and State Grant Fund:					
Cash	656,343.38	1,492,982.23	1,930,341.64	95,606.61	226,229.46
Federal and State Grants Receivable	4,012,103.22	671,162.35	558,687.00	1,076,252.00	1,099,696.39
Total Federal and State Grant Fund	4,668,446.60	2,164,144.58	2,489,028.64	1,171,858.61	1,325,925.85
	<u>\$ 25,833,289.77</u>	<u>\$ 18,523,143.64</u>	<u>\$ 19,737,642.98</u>	<u>\$ 19,465,895.92</u>	<u>\$ 17,919,739.41</u>
<b><u>LIABILITIES, RESERVES AND FUND BALANCE</u></b>					
Regular Fund:					
Liabilities and Reserves:					
Appropriation Reserves	\$ 47,004.45	\$ 57,213.37	\$ 47,728.59	\$ 1,062,083.11	\$ 209,675.85
Reserve for Encumbrances	651,318.26	707,795.68	687,394.18	471,148.76	475,723.46
Prepaid Taxes	1,304,842.75	1,203,459.16	1,537,259.15	1,484,343.09	1,047,174.09
Tax Overpayments	133,465.79	189,708.93	236,690.95	308,305.63	167,849.66
Municipal Relief Fund Aid	626,696.13	313,414.34			
Due County for Added and Omitted Taxes	168,730.39	201,613.79	124,893.56	232,669.84	109,211.36
Prepaid Revenue-Michael's PILOT				29,756.92	
Due to Water-Sewer Utility Operating Fund				50,050.00	50,050.00
Local School District Taxes Payable	4,471,810.00				7,912.75
Due to State of New Jersey:					
Marriage License	791.00		1,084.00	1,300.00	
Training Fees	8,068.00	13,513.00	13,150.00	16,155.00	11,571.00
Reserves for Receivables and Other Assets	10,190,700.53	10,049,545.97	9,686,723.69	9,976,984.41	10,307,822.17
Fund Balance	3,561,415.87	3,622,734.82	4,913,690.22	4,661,240.55	4,206,823.22
Total Current Fund	21,164,843.17	16,358,999.06	17,248,614.34	18,294,037.31	16,593,813.56
Federal and State Grant Fund:					
Reserve for Encumbrances	120,834.50	27,502.50	31,117.50	31,117.50	101,048.08
Interfunds Payable			915,580.45	404,901.38	370,000.00
Appropriated Reserves	3,741,463.07	535,490.87	259,760.81	726,078.98	788,536.08
Unappropriated Reserves	806,149.03	1,601,151.21	1,282,569.88	9,760.75	66,341.69
Total Federal and State Grant Fund	4,668,446.60	2,164,144.58	2,489,028.64	1,171,858.61	1,325,925.85
	<u>\$ 25,833,289.77</u>	<u>\$ 18,523,143.64</u>	<u>\$ 19,737,642.98</u>	<u>\$ 19,465,895.92</u>	<u>\$ 17,919,739.41</u>

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

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

	For the Years Ended December 31,				
	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>
<b>REVENUES AND OTHER INCOME REALIZED:</b>					
Fund Balance Utilized	\$ 1,967,885.00	\$ 2,788,000.00	\$ 2,514,000.00	\$ 2,295,450.00	\$ 2,075,000.00
Miscellaneous Revenue Anticipated	18,380,497.61	12,284,852.75	12,587,987.24	12,138,592.76	12,654,715.34
Receipts from Delinquent Taxes	1,956,861.63	1,995,540.25	2,211,781.10	2,740,180.51	2,446,688.56
Receipts from Current Taxes	102,418,795.37	97,676,292.78	95,451,094.99	93,667,304.22	92,328,384.91
Non-Budget Revenues	260,147.35	674,155.17	438,175.69	429,814.30	549,961.22
Other Credits to Income					99,229.49
Liquidation of Reserves for Interfunds and Other Receivables	151,778.46	118,921.01	908,711.42	556,500.04	
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>125,135,965.42</b>	<b>115,537,761.96</b>	<b>114,111,750.44</b>	<b>111,827,841.83</b>	<b>110,153,979.52</b>
<b>EXPENDITURES:</b>					
Budget Appropriations:					
Operations Within "CAPS":					
Salaries and Wages	14,379,783.00	14,018,201.10	13,543,592.28	13,419,975.00	13,052,700.00
Other Expenses	15,875,112.94	12,027,486.96	11,290,827.62	10,857,857.85	10,772,270.71
Deferred Charges and Statutory Expenditures Within "CAPS"	4,920,529.66	4,587,199.91	4,349,799.00	3,948,109.00	3,845,151.35
Capital Improvements Excluded From "CAPS"	75,000.00	15,000.00	125,000.00	50,000.00	150,000.00
Debt Service	1,768,395.16	1,533,643.53	1,437,932.32	1,426,836.94	1,380,662.64
Fire District Taxes	7,307,169.13	5,233,737.00	5,002,642.00	4,476,729.00	4,136,267.00
County Taxes and County Share of Added and Omitted Taxes	25,605,420.14	24,481,238.70	24,248,082.67	23,673,514.53	23,879,594.25
Local School District Tax	53,135,620.00	52,093,744.00	51,113,374.00	50,751,309.00	50,476,123.00
Prior Year Senior Citizens and Veterans Deductions Disallowed	9,995.88	12,378.08	14,334.25	16,947.87	15,508.92
Refund of Prior Year Revenue	38,922.65	36,732.38	163,835.38	31,676.94	26,110.91
Cancellation of Grants Receivable				119,098.62	
Creation of Reserve for Prepaid Expense - Healthcare Premiums	74,168.93				
Creation of Reserve for Interfunds and Other Receivables	39,281.88	1,355.70	55,881.25	305,919.75	
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>123,229,399.37</b>	<b>114,040,717.36</b>	<b>111,345,300.77</b>	<b>109,077,974.50</b>	<b>107,734,388.78</b>
Statutory Excess to Fund Balance	1,906,566.05	1,497,044.60	2,766,449.67	2,749,867.33	2,419,590.74
<b>FUND BALANCE:</b>					
January 1	3,622,734.82	4,913,690.22	4,661,240.55	4,206,823.22	3,862,232.48
	5,529,300.87	6,410,734.82	7,427,690.22	6,956,690.55	6,281,823.22
Decreased by:					
Utilized in Budget	1,967,885.00	2,788,000.00	2,514,000.00	2,295,450.00	2,075,000.00
December 31	<u>\$ 3,561,415.87</u>	<u>\$ 3,622,734.82</u>	<u>\$ 4,913,690.22</u>	<u>\$ 4,661,240.55</u>	<u>\$ 4,206,823.22</u>

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

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

	As of December 31,				
	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>
<b>ASSETS</b>					
Animal Control Fund:					
Cash	\$ 5,206.56	\$ 1,885.16	\$ 364.60	\$ 1,108.16	\$ 5,457.01
Other Funds:					
Cash	3,892,054.15	4,940,994.43	4,721,002.86	4,077,783.67	3,216,831.36
Cash and Other Reserves	103,422.69	15,661.97	70,618.89	228,962.52	426,745.04
Investments	12,019,963.87	11,915,200.30	11,657,218.18	11,330,665.13	10,928,045.35
Municipal Alliance Grant Receivable	20,689.72	15,185.00	8,535.00	963.03	17,706.07
Community Development Block Grant Receivable	33,888.52	65,000.00	437,064.73	417,064.73	266,972.56
	<u>16,070,018.95</u>	<u>16,952,041.70</u>	<u>16,894,439.66</u>	<u>16,055,439.08</u>	<u>14,856,300.38</u>
	<u>\$16,075,225.51</u>	<u>\$16,953,926.86</u>	<u>\$16,894,804.26</u>	<u>\$16,056,547.24</u>	<u>\$14,861,757.39</u>
<b>LIABILITIES AND RESERVES</b>					
Animal Control Fund:					
Reserve for Dog Fund Expenditures	\$ 5,206.22	\$ 1,884.82	\$ 364.26	\$ 1,108.16	\$ 5,457.01
Interfunds Payable	0.34	0.34	0.34		
	<u>5,206.56</u>	<u>1,885.16</u>	<u>364.60</u>	<u>1,108.16</u>	<u>5,457.01</u>
Other Funds:					
Interfunds Payable	7,709.27	1,671.50	345,413.13	5,986.46	5,508.09
Reserve for:					
Sanitary Landfill Closure Fees	12,123,386.56	11,930,862.27	11,727,837.07	11,559,627.65	11,354,790.39
Community Development Block Grant	5,526.96	61,323.87	443,039.83	449,092.59	317,981.08
Street Opening Deposits	89,445.50	88,845.50	18,955.50	9,749.00	9,053.00
Local Law Enforcement Block Grant			44.77	44.77	44.77
Confiscation Account			1,274.06	1,274.06	1,274.06
Police Outside Employment	6,059.55	21,920.70	122,154.43	82,967.87	125,545.17
Redemption of Tax Sale Certificates and Premiums	1,397,912.85	2,309,422.48	2,471,359.95	2,560,565.96	1,937,981.94
Federal Shared DEA Funds	132,451.87	337,858.16	8,264.43	10,207.71	2,596.37
Cash Performance Bonds	99,677.80	99,677.80	104,677.80	100,440.41	74,304.62
Bid Bonds	25.00	25.00	25.00	25.00	25.00
Cash Maintenance Bonds	26,970.00	26,970.00	80,037.50	75,037.50	5,000.00
Gun Range Maintenance	9,950.72	8,192.34			
Safety and Stabilization	35,412.43	20,000.00			
COAH	912,092.39	752,041.79	474,389.98	340,037.27	234,118.37
Public Defender Fees		17,637.08	9,497.75	3,956.77	10,019.70
Parking Offenses Adjudication Act	552.00	538.00	526.00	506.00	488.00
New Jersey Unemployment Compensation	81,085.20	124,952.24	109,722.09	94,963.49	63,322.52
Deposits for Maintenance, Expansion and/or					
Construction of Parks and Recreation Facilities			36.87	36.87	36.87
Memorial Pavers	4,931.75	4,931.75	4,931.75	4,931.75	5,011.75
Donations for Celebration of Public Events	4,390.99	1,539.08	722.74	4,998.84	4,848.84
Recreation-All Star Sports Program	3,520.64	3,520.64	3,520.64	3,520.64	3,867.91
Payroll Deductions Payable	248,005.30	232,598.52	255,978.60	216,515.67	220,821.48
Escrow Deposits:					
Site Plan Review Deposits	703,752.15	749,445.56	576,287.83	421,197.04	350,890.07
Resource Extraction	1,945.80	1,945.80	1,945.80	1,945.80	1,945.80
Off Tract Improvements	27,811.38	27,811.38	27,811.38	27,811.38	27,811.38
PILOT Review Escrow	7,505.50	7,505.50	7,505.50	6,505.50	6,664.50
Special Law Enforcement	97,020.78	80,861.63	64,019.90	45,505.69	50,762.52
In-Kind Funds-Winslow Township Against Alcohol					
and Drug Abuse	42,876.56	39,943.11	34,459.36	27,987.39	41,586.18
	<u>16,070,018.95</u>	<u>16,952,041.70</u>	<u>16,894,439.66</u>	<u>16,055,439.08</u>	<u>14,856,300.38</u>
	<u>\$16,075,225.51</u>	<u>\$16,953,926.86</u>	<u>\$16,894,804.26</u>	<u>\$16,056,547.24</u>	<u>\$14,861,757.39</u>

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

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

	As of December 31,				
	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>
<b>ASSETS</b>					
Cash	\$ 1,070,841.84	\$ 1,074,164.14	\$ 1,784,820.49	\$ 1,382,599.38	\$ 3,763,746.61
Due from NJDEP-Green Acres	304.68	304.68	304.68	304.68	304.68
Interfunds Receivable	469.89				
Due from Federal and State Grant Fund			150,000.00	150,000.00	
Deferred Charges to Future Taxation:					
Funded	5,220,650.89	6,421,676.28	7,610,584.12	8,769,056.36	9,907,101.56
Unfunded	8,276,300.00	6,973,900.00	6,697,500.00	4,322,500.00	3,325,000.00
	<u>\$ 14,568,567.30</u>	<u>\$ 14,470,045.10</u>	<u>\$ 16,243,209.29</u>	<u>\$ 14,624,460.42</u>	<u>\$ 16,996,152.85</u>
<b>LIABILITIES, RESERVES AND FUND BALANCE</b>					
General Serial Bonds	\$ 4,989,000.00	\$ 6,154,000.00	\$ 7,304,000.00	\$ 8,424,000.00	
Interfunds Payable	33,714.00		873.79	50,540.00	
Green Trust Loan Payable	164,450.89	183,676.28	205,784.12	227,456.36	\$ 248,701.56
Bond Anticipation Notes	7,896,150.00	6,593,900.00	6,697,500.00	4,322,500.00	3,325,000.00
Improvement Authorizations:					
Funded	13,047.61	125,062.38	1,385.03		254,655.38
Unfunded	888,219.33	834,632.56	1,179,928.42	791,839.32	2,433,179.77
Reserve for Encumbrances	439,216.41	459,559.88	746,437.93	576,297.29	939,270.82
Reserve for Payment of Bonds and Notes				107,727.45	127,945.32
Serial Bonds Payable					9,524,000.00
Reserve for Federal, State and					
Other Grants Receivable	67,200.00	84,000.00	100,800.00	117,600.00	
Demolition Loan Payable					134,400.00
Capital Improvement Fund		1,500.00	6,500.00	6,500.00	9,000.00
Fund Balance	<u>77,569.06</u>	<u>33,714.00</u>			
	<u>\$ 14,568,567.30</u>	<u>\$ 14,470,045.10</u>	<u>\$ 16,243,209.29</u>	<u>\$ 14,624,460.42</u>	<u>\$ 16,996,152.85</u>

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

**TOWNSHIP OF WINSLOW**  
**WATER AND SEWER UTILITY - OPERATING FUND**  
**Statements of Assets, Liabilities, Reserves and Fund Balance -- Regulatory Basis**

	As of December 31,				
	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>
<b><u>ASSETS</u></b>					
Cash	\$ 3,718,803.09	\$ 2,932,780.04	\$ 4,018,634.93	\$ 4,377,164.47	\$ 3,386,327.24
Change Fund--Collector	700.00	700.00	700.00	700.00	700.00
Prepaid Expenses-Health Insurance Premium	31,786.69				
Due from Trust Other-Payroll Agency			300,000.00		
Interfunds Receivable	168.49	800,168.49	168.49	124,372.14	420,050.00
Receivables with Full Reserves:					
Water - Sewer Rents	2,446,010.47	2,518,818.87	2,175,952.67	1,729,005.16	1,697,780.13
Water - Sewer Liens	20,801.02	19,342.82	17,994.82	17,244.75	51,836.57
	<u>\$ 6,218,269.76</u>	<u>\$ 6,271,810.22</u>	<u>\$ 6,513,450.91</u>	<u>\$ 6,248,486.52</u>	<u>\$ 5,556,693.94</u>
<b><u>LIABILITIES, RESERVES AND FUND BALANCE</u></b>					
Appropriation Reserves	\$ 6,046.07	\$ 15,867.55	\$ 31,282.43	\$ 19,290.24	\$ 39,201.24
Reserves for Encumbrances	243,191.18	299,036.00	442,830.13	257,883.69	277,586.68
Utility Rent Overpayments	50,346.10	51,008.21	42,438.39	42,434.48	30,332.72
Accrued Interest on Bonds, Notes and Loans	116,370.19	117,777.67	123,985.13	136,867.19	159,562.48
Reserves for Receivables	2,466,811.49	2,538,161.69	2,193,947.49	1,746,249.91	1,749,616.70
Fund Balance	<u>3,335,504.73</u>	<u>3,249,959.10</u>	<u>3,678,967.34</u>	<u>4,045,761.01</u>	<u>3,300,394.12</u>
	<u>\$ 6,218,269.76</u>	<u>\$ 6,271,810.22</u>	<u>\$ 6,513,450.91</u>	<u>\$ 6,248,486.52</u>	<u>\$ 5,556,693.94</u>

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**TOWNSHIP OF WINSLOW**  
**WATER AND SEWER UTILITY - CAPITAL FUND**  
**Statements of Assets, Liabilities, Reserves and Fund Balance -- Regulatory Basis**

	As of December 31,				
	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>
<b><u>ASSETS</u></b>					
Cash	\$ 124,084.43	\$ 19,328.27	\$ 800,711.05	\$ 1,929,356.42	\$ 1,814,311.80
Interfunds Receivable			750,000.00		
Fixed Capital	70,876,529.00	70,876,529.00	70,876,529.00	70,876,529.00	69,576,529.00
Fixed Capital Authorized and Uncompleted	10,429,850.00	9,495,100.00	7,525,000.00	7,000,000.00	6,900,000.00
	<u>\$ 81,430,463.43</u>	<u>\$ 80,390,957.27</u>	<u>\$ 79,952,240.05</u>	<u>\$ 79,805,885.42</u>	<u>\$ 78,290,840.80</u>
<b><u>LIABILITIES AND RESERVES</u></b>					
Due to Developer	\$ 2,436.89	\$ 2,436.89	\$ 2,436.89	\$ 2,436.89	\$ 2,436.89
Interfunds Payable	168.49	800,168.49	168.49	74,322.14	
Contracted Encumbrances	70,808.61	1,027,379.92	3,833,829.39	565,626.15	974,263.72
Improvement Authorizations:					
Funded	1,673,235.49	1,984,337.50	750,000.00		
Unfunded	2,021,454.91	2,144,360.72	930,762.53	4,753,457.49	4,229,775.30
NJ Environmental Infrastructure Loans	4,633,264.99	1,659,773.89	2,088,638.12	2,500,541.23	3,255,261.67
Serial Bonds	6,270,000.00	7,305,000.00	8,645,000.00	9,975,000.00	11,295,000.00
Bond Anticipation Notes	3,329,850.00	3,395,100.00	3,425,000.00	3,400,000.00	2,000,000.00
Capital Improvement Fund	8,513.75	8,513.75	8,513.75	8,513.75	8,513.75
Reserve for Amortization	63,286,218.01	62,036,755.11	60,267,890.88	58,525,987.77	56,451,267.33
Capital Fund Balance	134,512.29	27,131.00			74,322.14
	<u>\$ 81,430,463.43</u>	<u>\$ 80,390,957.27</u>	<u>\$ 79,952,240.05</u>	<u>\$ 79,805,885.42</u>	<u>\$ 78,290,840.80</u>

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

**TOWNSHIP OF WINSLOW**  
**WATER AND SEWER UTILITY - OPERATING FUND**  
**Statements of Operations and Changes in Fund Balance -- Regulatory Basis**

	For The Year Ended December 31,				
	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>
<b>OPERATING REVENUES:</b>					
Fund Balance Anticipated	\$ 2,600,000.00	\$ 1,890,000.00	\$ 1,500,000.00	\$ 875,000.00	\$ 900,000.00
Rents	11,042,279.06	10,600,050.68	10,237,857.24	10,653,033.31	10,119,298.30
Miscellaneous Revenue Anticipated	1,455,217.19	938,372.93	778,449.07	780,896.35	656,431.60
Other Credits to Income	48,303.19	83,644.03	6,281.64	94,994.17	119,956.47
	<u>15,145,799.44</u>	<u>13,512,067.64</u>	<u>12,522,587.95</u>	<u>12,403,923.83</u>	<u>11,795,686.37</u>
<b>OPERATING EXPENSES:</b>					
Operating	7,697,629.95	7,570,959.93	7,263,009.32	6,750,959.00	6,955,685.22
Debt Service	1,585,873.44	2,072,610.94	2,060,468.73	2,329,787.62	2,524,780.62
Deferred Charges and Statutory Expenditures	3,153,808.05	2,390,922.61	1,995,200.00	1,315,979.17	1,323,514.39
Cancellation of Accounts Receivable				370,000.00	
Refund of Prior Year Revenue	22,942.37	16,582.40	70,703.57	16,831.15	26,688.99
	<u>12,460,253.81</u>	<u>12,051,075.88</u>	<u>11,389,381.62</u>	<u>10,783,556.94</u>	<u>10,830,669.22</u>
Excess of Revenues over Expenditures	2,685,545.63	1,460,991.76	1,133,206.33	1,620,366.89	965,017.15
Fund Balances January 1	3,249,959.10	3,678,967.34	4,045,761.01	3,300,394.12	3,235,376.97
	5,935,504.73	5,139,959.10	5,178,967.34	4,920,761.01	4,200,394.12
Decreased by:					
Realized as Revenue	2,600,000.00	1,890,000.00	1,500,000.00	875,000.00	900,000.00
Fund Balance December 31	<u>\$ 3,335,504.73</u>	<u>\$ 3,249,959.10</u>	<u>\$ 3,678,967.34</u>	<u>\$ 4,045,761.01</u>	<u>\$ 3,300,394.12</u>

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

**TOWNSHIP OF WINSLOW**  
Notes to Financial Statements  
For the Year Ended December 31, 2023

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

**Description of Financial Reporting Entity** - The Township of Winslow was incorporated in 1692 and is located in southeast New Jersey approximately thirty miles southeast of the City of Philadelphia. The population according to the latest census is 39,907.

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 to a four-year term. Members of the Township Committee are elected to three-year terms on a staggered basis. Executive and administrative responsibility rests with the Mayor, who is assisted by the Township Administrator and Township Clerk.

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

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

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

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

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

**Water-Sewer Utility Operating and Capital Funds** - The water-sewer utility operating and capital funds account for the operations and acquisition of capital facilities of the municipally owned water and sewer operations.

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

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

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

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

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

**Cash, Cash Equivalents and Investments** - Cash and cash equivalents include petty cash, change funds and cash on deposit with public depositories. All certificates of deposit are recorded as cash regardless of the date of maturity. Investments are stated at cost; therefore, unrealized gains or losses on investments have not been recorded.

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

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

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

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

**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.

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

**General Fixed Assets** - Accounting for governmental fixed assets, as required by N.J.A.C. 5:30-5.6, differs in certain respects from accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. In accordance with the regulations, all local units, including municipalities, must maintain a general fixed assets reporting system that establishes and maintains a physical inventory of nonexpendable, tangible property as defined and limited by the U.S. Office of Management and *Budget's Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards* (2 CFR Part 225), except that the useful life of such property is at least five years. The Township has adopted a capitalization threshold of \$5,000.00, the maximum amount allowed by the 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.

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

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

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

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

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

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

**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 Camden, the Township of Winslow School District and the Township of Winslow Fire District No. 1. 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 Winslow School District. Operations is charged for the full amount required to be raised from taxation to operate the local school district for the period from January 1 to December 31

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

**Fire District Taxes** - The municipality is responsible for levying, collecting, and remitting fire district taxes for the Township of Winslow Fire District No. 1. Operations is charged for the full amount required to be raised from taxation to operate the Fire District for the period from January 1 to December 31.

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

**Expenditures** - Expenditures are recorded on the "budgetary" basis of accounting. Generally, expenditures are recorded when paid. However, for charges to amounts appropriated for "other expenses", an amount is encumbered through the issuance of a numerically controlled purchase order or when a contract is executed in accordance with N.J.A.C. 5:30-5.2. When encumbered charges are paid, the amount encumbered is simultaneously liquidated in its original amount. Encumbrances are offset by an account entitled reserve for encumbrances. The reserve is classified as a cash liability under New Jersey municipal accounting. At December 31, this reserve represents the portion of appropriation reserves that has been encumbered and is subject to the same statutory provisions as appropriation reserves.

Appropriations for principal payments on outstanding general capital and utility bonds, loans and notes are provided on the cash basis; interest on general capital indebtedness is on the cash basis, whereas interest on utility indebtedness is on the accrual basis.

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

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

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

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

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

The Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) has issued the following statement that have effective dates that may affect future financial presentations:

Statement No. 101, Compensated Absences. The objective of this Statement is to better meet the information needs of financial statement users by updating the recognition and measurement guidance for compensated absences. That objective is achieved by aligning the recognition and measurement guidance under a unified model and by amending certain previously required disclosures. The Statement will become effective for the Township in the year ending December 31, 2024. As a result of the regulatory basis of accounting previously described in note 1, this Statement will have no impact on the financial statements of the Township, however management is currently evaluating whether or not this Statement will have an impact on the financial statement disclosures of the Township.

**Note 2: CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS**

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

As of December 31, 2023, the Township's bank balances of \$21,163,324.48 were exposed to custodial credit risk as follows:

Insured by FDIC and GUDPA	\$ 18,661,234.62
Uninsured and Uncollateralized	<u>2,502,089.86</u>
Total	<u>\$ 21,163,324.48</u>

**Note 3: INVESTMENTS**

New Jersey municipal units are limited as to the types of investments and types of financial institutions they may invest in. N.J.S.A. 40A:5-15.1 provides a list of permissible investments that may be purchased by New Jersey municipal units.

These permissible investments generally include bonds or other obligations of the United States of America or obligations guaranteed by the United States of America; government money market mutual funds; any obligation that a federal agency or a federal instrumentality has issued in accordance with an act of Congress; bonds or other obligations of the local unit or bonds or other obligations of school districts of which the local unit is a part or within which the school district is located; bonds or other obligations, having a maturity date not more than 397 days from the date of purchase, approved by the Division of Local Government Services in the Department of Community Affairs for investment by local units; local government investment pools; deposits with the State of New Jersey Cash Management Fund; and agreements for the purchase of fully collateralized securities with certain provisions. The Township has no investment policy that would further limit its investment choices.

**Custodial Credit Risk Related to Investments** - For an investment, custodial credit risk is the risk that, in the event of the failure of the counterparty, the Township will not be able to recover the value of its investments or collateral securities that are in possession of an outside party if the counterparty to the transactions fails. Other than the rules and regulations promulgated by N.J.S.A. 40A:5-15.1, the Township has no investment policy to limit its exposure to custodial credit risk. Of the Township's \$12,019,963.87, recorded at cost, investments in treasury bonds and notes, Federal National Mortgage Association securities (FNMA), Federal Farm Credit Banks, Fresb Multifamily Mortgages, Private Export Funding and Federal Home Loan securities, all are uninsured and unregistered with the securities being held by the counterparty, in the name of the Township.

**Note 3: INVESTMENTS (CONT'D)****Custodial Credit Risk Related to Investments (Cont'd) -**

As of December 31, 2023, the Township had the following investments all valued using quoted (unadjusted) prices in active markets for identical assets that the government can access at the measurement date. Observable markets include exchange markets, dealer markets, brokered markets and principal-to-principal markets (Level 1 inputs):

<u>Investment</u>	<u>Maturities</u>	<u>Credit Rating</u>	<u>Costs</u>	<u>Fair Value</u>
Federal Farm Credit Banks	01/25/30	Moody's Aaa	\$ 84,426.34	\$ 83,132.55
Federal Farm Credit Banks	01/25/30	Moody's Aaa	34,763.79	34,231.05
Federal Farm Credit Banks	07/28/32	Moody's Aaa	116,605.62	111,088.80
Federal Farm Credit Banks	03/10/27	Moody's Aaa	19,790.20	18,584.00
Federal Farm Credit Banks	03/09/29	Moody's Aaa	5,169.65	5,114.15
Federal Farm Credit Banks	07/28/32	Moody's Aaa	28,972.76	27,772.20
Federal Farm Credit Banks	09/23/30	Moody's Aaa	4,964.60	4,959.50
Federal Home Loan Banks	03/11/33	Moody's Aaa	102,085.10	100,457.00
Federal Home Loan Banks	03/13/26	Moody's Aaa	45,472.95	45,205.20
Federal Home Loan Banks	02/25/28	Moody's Aaa	17,269.20	17,693.60
Federal Home Loan Banks	03/08/24	Moody's Aaa	82,950.16	79,484.00
Federal Home Loan Banks	06/14/24	Moody's Aaa	79,631.20	79,143.20
Federal Home Loan Banks	09/13/24	Moody's Aaa	171,493.62	167,613.20
Federal Home Loan Banks	10/03/24	Moody's Aaa	89,901.90	89,676.00
Federal Home Loan Banks	12/20/24	Moody's Aaa	94,905.91	91,579.05
Federal Home Loan Banks	03/14/25	Moody's Aaa	46,665.60	43,842.60
Federal Home Loan Banks	09/12/25	Moody's Aaa	84,332.15	83,287.25
Federal Home Loan Banks	03/12/26	Moody's Aaa	116,208.65	115,524.40
Federal Home Loan Banks	02/25/28	Moody's Aaa	82,028.70	84,044.60
Federal Home Loan Banks	03/10/28	Moody's Aaa	156,278.47	139,649.50
Federal Home Loan Banks	03/10/28	Moody's Aaa	133,422.90	133,074.50
Federal Home Loan Banks	03/10/28	Moody's Aaa	20,526.60	20,473.00
Federal Home Loan Banks	09/08/28	Moody's Aaa	14,786.36	14,542.80
Federal Home Loan Banks	09/10/32	Moody's Aaa	9,514.37	9,944.00
Federal Home Loan Banks	03/14/31	Moody's Aaa	92,377.95	86,978.85
Federal Home Loan Banks	12/20/24	Moody's Aaa	19,980.19	19,279.80
Federal Home Loan Banks	03/14/31	Moody's Aaa	21,994.75	20,709.25
Federal Home Loan Banks	06/09/28	Moody's Aaa	143,815.38	140,979.15
Federal Home Loan Banks	09/11/26	Moody's Aaa	9,942.06	10,129.50
Federal Home Loan Banks	03/14/25	Moody's Aaa	14,941.20	14,614.20
Federal Home Loan Banks	06/14/24	Moody's Aaa	19,907.80	19,785.80
Federal Home Loan Banks	09/13/24	Moody's Aaa	45,438.48	44,368.20
Federal Home Loan Banks	03/10/28	Moody's Aaa	31,332.28	28,893.00
Federal Home Loan Banks	09/12/25	Moody's Aaa	14,882.14	14,697.75
Federal Home Loan Banks	06/09/28	Moody's Aaa	29,767.79	29,168.10
Federal Home Loan Banks	09/08/28	Moody's Aaa	9,857.57	9,695.20
Federal Home Loan Banks	03/11/33	Moody's Aaa	40,502.28	40,182.80
Federal Home Loan Banks	09/10/32	Moody's Aaa	9,514.37	9,944.00
Federal Home Loan Banks	10/03/24	Moody's Aaa	19,978.20	19,928.00
Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corp. MTN	02/12/25	Moody's Aaa	19,984.60	19,308.20
Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corp. MTN	02/12/25	Moody's Aaa	94,926.85	91,713.95
FHLMC Multiclass Mtg Partner	04/25/24	S&P AAA	33,947.87	33,818.00
FHLMC Multiclass Mtg Partner	07/25/24	S&P AAA	64,367.18	62,838.76
FHLMC Multiclass Mtg Partner	08/25/24	N/A	26,568.61	25,058.22
FHLMC Multiclass Mtg Partner	06/25/25	N/A	65,611.91	63,572.19
FHLMC Multiclass Mtg Partner	12/25/25	N/A	64,507.42	62,952.96
FNMA	01/07/25	Moody's Aaa	74,760.75	72,675.75
FNMA	08/05/30	Moody's Aaa	23,026.50	20,373.25
FNMA	08/25/25	Moody's Aaa	19,906.40	18,698.40

**Note 3: INVESTMENTS (CONT'D)**

As of December 31, 2023, the Township had the following investments all valued using quoted (unadjusted) prices in active markets for identical assets that the government can access at the measurement date. Observable markets include exchange markets, dealer markets, brokered markets and principal-to-principal markets (Level 1 inputs) (Cont'd):

<u>Investment</u>	<u>Maturities</u>	<u>Credit Rating</u>	<u>Costs</u>	<u>Fair Value</u>
FNMA	06/17/25	Moody's Aaa	\$ 24,948.25	\$ 23,591.00
FNMA	10/08/27	Moody's Aaa	24,121.75	22,195.00
FNMA	08/05/30	Moody's Aaa	92,106.00	81,493.00
FNMA	01/07/25	Moody's Aaa	9,968.10	9,690.10
FNMA Deb	04/22/25	Moody's Aaa	24,948.50	23,769.50
FNMA Deb	04/22/25	Moody's Aaa	119,752.80	114,093.60
FNMA Note	08/25/25	Moody's Aaa	99,532.00	93,492.00
FNMA Note	06/17/25	Moody's Aaa	124,741.25	117,955.00
FNMA Note	11/07/25	Moody's Aaa	4,982.10	4,657.25
FNMA Note	10/08/27	Moody's Aaa	96,487.00	88,780.00
U. S. Treasury Bond	08/15/30	Moody's Aaa	413,382.80	389,342.40
U. S. Treasury Bond	08/15/32	Moody's Aaa	78,169.92	77,841.30
U. S. Treasury Note	05/31/25	Moody's Aaa	29,769.14	28,252.80
U. S. Treasury Note	07/31/25	Moody's Aaa	98,054.69	93,652.00
U. S. Treasury Note	08/31/25	Moody's Aaa	59,550.78	56,013.60
U. S. Treasury Note	09/30/25	Moody's Aaa	24,585.94	23,281.25
U. S. Treasury Note	01/31/26	Moody's Aaa	14,693.55	13,858.65
U. S. Treasury Note	04/15/24	Moody's Aaa	70,153.13	69,037.50
U. S. Treasury Note	04/30/25	Moody's Aaa	124,568.95	118,291.25
U. S. Treasury Note	07/31/27	Moody's Aaa	59,681.25	52,921.80
U. S. Treasury Note	04/30/27	Moody's Aaa	33,811.91	31,241.70
U. S. Treasury Note	10/31/27	Moody's Aaa	99,007.81	87,910.00
U. S. Treasury Note	07/31/28	Moody's Aaa	29,352.15	30,784.95
U. S. Treasury Note	07/31/28	Moody's Aaa	24,715.82	25,257.75
U. S. Treasury Note	03/31/26	Moody's Aaa	34,629.49	32,471.95
U. S. Treasury Note	03/10/27	Moody's Aaa	94,003.45	88,274.00
U. S. Treasury Note	11/15/29	Moody's Aaa	82,666.41	71,396.80
U. S. Treasury Note	02/29/28	Moody's Aaa	130,080.08	116,208.30
U. S. Treasury Note	05/31/30	Moody's Aaa	59,465.63	59,467.80
U. S. Treasury Note	01/31/27	Moody's Aaa	20,531.25	18,564.80
U. S. Treasury Note	02/15/30	Moody's Aaa	48,086.72	39,204.45
U. S. Treasury Note	08/15/26	Moody's Aaa	97,398.44	93,594.00
U. S. Treasury Note	06/30/30	Moody's Aaa	9,618.75	9,910.20
U. S. Treasury Note	02/15/26	Moody's Aaa	331,339.06	312,714.60
U. S. Treasury Note	05/15/26	Moody's Aaa	69,444.92	66,046.40
U. S. Treasury Note	05/15/31	Moody's Aaa	344,517.58	287,352.95
U. S. Treasury Note	06/30/24	Moody's Aaa	85,688.28	83,582.20
U. S. Treasury Note	02/15/32	Moody's Aaa	386,379.69	356,787.95
U. S. Treasury Note	02/15/25	Moody's Aaa	215,576.57	213,529.80
U. S. Treasury Note	04/30/24	Moody's Aaa	80,481.25	79,162.40
U. S. Treasury Note	08/15/25	Moody's Aaa	318,714.27	312,750.75
U. S. Treasury Note	02/29/24	Moody's Aaa	4,943.36	4,974.35
U. S. Treasury Note	05/15/25	Moody's Aaa	154,441.01	150,053.95
U. S. Treasury Note	11/30/24	Moody's Aaa	71,197.66	68,296.20
U. S. Treasury Note	02/15/27	Moody's Aaa	189,050.98	180,367.00
U. S. Treasury Note	03/31/26	Moody's Aaa	179,107.03	172,674.00
U. S. Treasury Note	05/31/30	Moody's Aaa	19,275.78	19,822.60
U. S. Treasury Note	11/15/24	Moody's Aaa	20,096.88	19,552.40
U. S. Treasury Note	11/25/25	Moody's Aaa	157,204.10	149,285.15

**Note 3: INVESTMENTS (CONT'D)**

As of December 31, 2023, the Township had the following investments all valued using quoted (unadjusted) prices in active markets for identical assets that the government can access at the measurement date. Observable markets include exchange markets, dealer markets, brokered markets and principal-to-principal markets (Level 1 inputs) (Cont'd):

<u>Investment</u>	<u>Maturities</u>	<u>Credit Rating</u>	<u>Costs</u>	<u>Fair Value</u>
U. S. Treasury Note	11/15/27	Moody's Aaa	\$ 339,425.01	\$ 333,781.65
U. S. Treasury Note	05/15/27	Moody's Aaa	167,070.12	156,718.65
U. S. Treasury Note	05/15/29	Moody's Aaa	191,534.18	180,741.60
U. S. Treasury Note	08/15/24	Moody's Aaa	216,194.14	206,570.70
U. S. Treasury Note	02/28/26	Moody's Aaa	157,746.09	144,762.00
U. S. Treasury Note	04/30/24	Moody's Aaa	14,797.85	14,862.90
U. S. Treasury Note	11/30/29	Moody's Aaa	4,909.18	4,990.45
U. S. Treasury Note	01/31/26	Moody's Aaa	96,224.61	92,013.20
U. S. Treasury Note	03/31/25	Moody's Aaa	16,617.19	14,644.95
U. S. Treasury Note	02/15/24	Moody's Aaa	45,587.11	44,858.25
U. S. Treasury Note	11/15/31	Moody's Aaa	115,696.87	99,627.60
U. S. Treasury Note	05/15/28	Moody's Aaa	34,874.22	33,561.85
U. S. Treasury Note	05/15/32	Moody's Aaa	90,248.24	88,030.80
U. S. Treasury Note	08/15/28	Moody's Aaa	147,090.24	143,548.50
U. S. Treasury Note	11/15/33	Moody's Aaa	76,508.79	78,738.00
U. S. Treasury Note	11/15/28	Moody's Aaa	137,908.98	130,412.70
U. S. Treasury Note	05/15/28	Moody's Aaa	9,494.92	9,589.10
U. S. Treasury Note	07/31/28	Moody's Aaa	4,193.16	4,397.85
U. S. Treasury Note	07/31/28	Moody's Aaa	4,943.16	5,051.55
U. S. Treasury Note	08/31/25	Moody's Aaa	9,989.06	9,335.60
U. S. Treasury Note	09/30/25	Moody's Aaa	4,917.19	4,656.25
U. S. Treasury Note	10/31/25	Moody's Aaa	4,869.92	4,644.35
U. S. Treasury Note	04/15/24	Moody's Aaa	15,032.81	14,793.75
U. S. Treasury Note	04/30/25	Moody's Aaa	24,918.75	23,658.25
U. S. Treasury Note	07/31/27	Moody's Aaa	4,973.44	4,410.15
U. S. Treasury Note	04/30/27	Moody's Aaa	4,830.27	4,463.10
U. S. Treasury Note	08/15/30	Moody's Aaa	77,366.42	68,946.05
U. S. Treasury Note	10/31/27	Moody's Aaa	4,950.39	4,395.50
U. S. Treasury Note	05/15/30	Moody's Aaa	195,650.00	187,953.70
U. S. Treasury Note	08/31/28	Moody's Aaa	4,230.47	4,414.45
U. S. Treasury Note	03/31/26	Moody's Aaa	4,947.07	4,638.85
U. S. Treasury Note	11/15/30	Moody's Aaa	97,601.56	82,152.00
U. S. Treasury Note	02/28/25	Moody's Aaa	15,200.98	14,407.65
U. S. Treasury Note	02/29/28	Moody's Aaa	30,026.17	26,817.30
U. S. Treasury Note	03/31/30	Moody's Aaa	126,083.21	127,983.70
U. S. Treasury Note	01/31/27	Moody's Aaa	10,265.63	9,282.40
U. S. Treasury Note	02/15/30	Moody's Aaa	10,685.94	8,712.10
U. S. Treasury Note	08/15/26	Moody's Aaa	14,586.33	14,039.10
U. S. Treasury Note	09/30/24	Moody's Aaa	9,961.33	9,748.80
U. S. Treasury Note	11/15/31	Moody's Aaa	33,779.10	29,058.05
U. S. Treasury Note	02/15/26	Moody's Aaa	70,047.65	66,333.40
U. S. Treasury Note	11/15/30	Moody's Aaa	14,640.23	12,322.80
U. S. Treasury Note	05/15/26	Moody's Aaa	39,255.67	37,740.80
U. S. Treasury Note	05/15/31	Moody's Aaa	66,815.04	55,755.05
U. S. Treasury Note	08/15/29	Moody's Aaa	19,539.46	17,794.60
U. S. Treasury Note	07/31/25	Moody's Aaa	19,610.94	18,730.40
U. S. Treasury Note	06/30/30	Moody's Aaa	67,331.25	69,371.40
U. S. Treasury Note	11/15/29	Moody's Aaa	15,463.09	13,386.90
U. S. Treasury Note	02/15/32	Moody's Aaa	56,187.12	51,583.80

**Note 3: INVESTMENTS (CONT'D)**

As of December 31, 2023, the Township had the following investments all valued using quoted (unadjusted) prices in active markets for identical assets that the government can access at the measurement date. Observable markets include exchange markets, dealer markets, brokered markets and principal-to-principal markets (Level 1 inputs) (Cont'd):

<u>Investment</u>	<u>Maturities</u>	<u>Credit Rating</u>	<u>Costs</u>	<u>Fair Value</u>
U. S. Treasury Note	02/15/33	Moody's Aaa	\$ 167,891.02	\$ 164,854.10
U. S. Treasury Note	03/31/30	Moody's Aaa	38,307.02	39,379.60
U. S. Treasury Note	04/30/24	Moody's Aaa	15,090.24	14,842.95
U. S. Treasury Note	08/15/25	Moody's Aaa	48,873.44	48,115.50
U. S. Treasury Note	11/15/26	Moody's Aaa	9,648.83	9,453.90
U. S. Treasury Note	02/29/24	Moody's Aaa	4,943.36	4,974.35
U. S. Treasury Note	05/15/25	Moody's Aaa	34,859.96	33,883.15
U. S. Treasury Note	11/30/24	Moody's Aaa	5,085.55	4,878.30
U. S. Treasury Note	02/15/27	Moody's Aaa	54,747.27	52,211.50
U. S. Treasury Note	03/31/26	Moody's Aaa	39,801.56	38,372.00
U. S. Treasury Note	05/15/30	Moody's Aaa	52,048.24	49,031.40
U. S. Treasury Note	11/15/24	Moody's Aaa	5,024.22	4,888.10
U. S. Treasury Note	11/15/25	Moody's Aaa	36,023.83	33,709.55
U. S. Treasury Note	11/15/27	Moody's Aaa	62,296.30	61,114.95
U. S. Treasury Note	02/29/24	Moody's Aaa	30,071.48	29,858.70
U. S. Treasury Note	02/15/33	Moody's Aaa	34,668.55	33,940.55
U. S. Treasury Note	08/15/33	Moody's Aaa	47,921.68	49,937.50
U. S. Treasury Note	08/31/25	Moody's Aaa	4,998.05	5,046.10
U. S. Treasury Note	05/31/25	Moody's Aaa	4,961.52	4,708.80
U. S. Treasury Note	06/30/24	Moody's Aaa	5,192.97	4,916.60
U. S. Treasury Note	03/31/29	Moody's Aaa	28,179.49	27,852.00
U. S. Treasury Note	05/15/27	Moody's Aaa	30,379.30	28,494.30
U. S. Treasury Note	05/15/29	Moody's Aaa	14,439.46	13,903.20
U. S. Treasury Note	08/15/24	Moody's Aaa	15,322.26	14,755.05
U. S. Treasury Note	02/28/26	Moody's Aaa	57,948.83	53,079.40
U. S. Treasury Note	05/15/24	Moody's Aaa	45,063.87	44,560.35
U. S. Treasury Note	08/15/33	Moody's Aaa	326,389.85	339,575.00
U. S. Treasury Note	02/15/24	Moody's Aaa	10,130.47	9,968.50
U. S. Treasury Note	05/15/32	Moody's Aaa	43,492.78	41,698.80
U. S. Treasury Note	08/15/28	Moody's Aaa	44,165.42	43,064.55
U. S. Treasury Note	11/15/28	Moody's Aaa	35,949.42	33,810.70
Fresb Multifamily Mortgage	04/25/24	N/A	11,568.18	11,372.16
Fresb Multifamily Mortgage	08/25/39	N/A	20,693.84	20,149.61
Private Export Funding	11/15/24	Moody's Aaa	9,986.70	9,701.60
Private Export Funding	11/15/24	Moody's Aaa	39,946.80	38,806.40
			<u>\$ 12,019,963.87</u>	<u>\$ 11,471,269.60</u>

The weighted average maturity of the Township's investment portfolio was 49 months as of December 31, 2023.

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

**Note 3: INVESTMENTS (CONT'D)**

**Credit Risk** - Credit risk is the risk that an issuer or other counterparty to an investment will not fulfill its obligation. As stated in note 1, investments are purchased in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:5-15.1. Other than the rules and regulations promulgated by N.J.S.A. 40A:5-15.1, the Township has no investment policy that would further limit its exposure to credit risk. As of December 31, 2023, the Township's investment ratings are indicated on the prior tables.

**Concentration of Credit Risk** - Concentration of credit risk is the risk of loss attributed to the magnitude of a government's investment in a single issuer. Other than the rules and regulations promulgated by N.J.S.A. 18A:20-37, the Township's investment policies place no limit on the amount the Township may invest in any one issuer. As of December 31, 2023, more than 5% of the Township's investments were with the Federal Home Loan Bank which represents 15.57% of the Township's current fund investments.

**Note 4: PROPERTY TAXES**

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

	<u>Year Ended</u>				
	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>
Tax Rate	<u>\$ 3.799</u>	<u>\$ 3.682</u>	<u>\$ 3.640</u>	<u>\$ 3.608</u>	<u>\$ 3.586</u>
Apportionment of Tax Rate:					
Municipal	\$ .655	\$ .655	\$ .640	\$ .633	\$ .623
County	.931	.901	.902	.886	.899
Local School	1.945	1.931	1.911	1.919	1.907
Special District Rates:					
Fire District	.268	.195	.187	.170	.157

**Assessed Valuation**

<u>Year</u>	<u>Amount</u>
2023	\$ 2,732,389,100.00
2022	2,697,470,200.00
2021	2,675,481,007.00
2020	2,645,782,183.00
2019	2,647,263,126.00

**Comparison of Tax Levies and Collections**

<u>Year</u>	<u>Tax Levy</u>	<u>Collections</u>	<u>Percentage of Collections</u>
2023	\$ 104,539,794.66	\$ 102,418,795.37	97.97%
2022	100,144,343.28	97,676,292.78	97.54%
2021	97,842,725.03	95,451,094.99	97.56%
2020	96,360,101.48	93,667,304.22	97.21%
2019	95,348,927.53	92,328,384.91	96.83%

**Note 4: 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):

**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>
2023	\$ 6,221,606.04	\$ 1,646,361.09	\$ 7,867,967.13	7.53%
2022	5,835,243.26	1,998,714.90	7,833,958.16	7.82%
2021	5,484,631.57	1,931,577.33	7,416,208.90	7.58%
2020	5,287,196.44	2,168,716.67	7,455,913.11	7.74%
2019	5,711,153.44	2,356,009.96	8,067,163.40	8.46%

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>
2023	397
2022	415
2021	420
2020	411
2019	520

**Note 5: 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>
2023	\$ 2,193,800.00
2022	2,193,800.00
2021	2,193,800.00
2020	2,193,800.00
2019	2,193,800.00

**Note 6: WATER-SEWER UTILITY SERVICE CHARGES**

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

<u>Year</u>	<u>Balance Beginning of Year</u> <u>Receivable</u>	<u>Liens</u>	<u>Levy</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Cash</u> <u>Collections</u>
2023	\$ 2,518,818.87	\$ 19,342.82	\$ 10,976,357.97	\$ 13,514,519.66	\$ 11,042,279.06
2022	2,175,952.67	17,994.82	10,945,151.08	12,434,203.71	10,238,084.17
2021	1,729,005.16	17,244.75	10,687,953.80	12,366,595.64	10,582,167.03
2020	1,697,780.13	51,836.57	10,616,978.94	11,899,766.26	10,130,973.05
2019	1,598,820.31	52,395.33	10,248,550.62	11,892,158.34	9,975,196.77

**Note 7: LEASES RECEIVABLE**

The Township, as lessor, has entered into the following leases which meet the requirements of GASB 87:

**Cell Tower Leases**

On December 18, 2014, the Township entered into a five-year lease agreement with Verizon for the lease of cell towers with an incremental borrowing rate of 4.00%. The initial five-year term was for \$2,000.00 monthly with an annual increase of 3% after the initial five-year term. The agreement included four (4) five-year automatic extensions under the same terms unless the lessee terminates it at the end of the then current term by giving written notice of intent to terminate at least 180 days prior. The initial and extension period will end with the monthly payment in December 2039. After the final extension period, the agreement can continue under the same terms but subject to the termination by either party.

On August 1, 2014, the Township entered into a five-year lease agreement with Cingular (now part of AT&T) for the lease of cell towers with an incremental borrowing rate of 4.00%. The initial five-year term was for \$2,000.00 monthly with an increase of 7.5% after the initial five-year term and after each five-year extension. The agreement included four (4) five-year automatic extensions under the same terms unless the lessee terminates it at the end of the then current term by giving written notice of intent to terminate at anytime. The initial and extension period will end with the monthly payment in July 2038. After the final extension period, the agreement can continue under the same terms but subject to the termination by either party.

On May 20, 2010, the Township entered into a five-year lease agreement with Sprint (now part of T-Mobile) for the lease of cell towers with an incremental borrowing rate of 4.00%. The initial five-year term was for \$2,000.00 monthly with an annual increase of 3% after the initial five-year term. The agreement included four (4) five-year automatic extensions under the same terms unless the lessee terminates it at the end of the then current term by giving written notice of intent to terminate. The initial and extension period will end with the monthly payment in August 2035. After the final extension period, the agreement can continue under the same terms but subject to the termination by either party.

Under the provisions of GASB 87, as of December 31, 2023, the balance of the lease's receivable is \$1,132,587.97. As a result of the regulatory basis of accounting previously described in note 1, such balance is not recorded on the Statements of Assets, Liabilities, Reserves and Fund Balance - Regulatory Basis of the current fund.

**Note 7: LEASES RECEIVABLE (CONT'D)**

The following is a summary of the leases as of December 31, 2023:

<u>Lease Description</u>	<u>Lease Receivable</u>	<u>Lease Revenue</u>	<u>Lease Interest Revenue</u>
Cell Towers	<u>\$ 1,132,587.97</u>	<u>\$ 59,792.44</u>	<u>\$ 47,023.04</u>

Under the provisions of GASB 87, for the year ended December 31, 2023, the Township would have recognized \$42,988.03 in a reduction of lease receivable and \$47,023.04 in interest revenue related to the leases. In addition, \$59,792.44 would have been recognized as both lease revenue and a reduction in deferred inflows of resources related to leases.

As a result of the regulatory basis of accounting previously described in note 1, the rental payments collected of \$90,153.11 were reported as revenue in the current fund.

The following schedule represents the future payments that are included in the measurement of the lease receivable:

<u>Year</u>	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Interest</u>	<u>Total</u>
2024	\$ 48,568.87	\$ 45,303.53	\$ 93,872.40
2025	52,495.76	43,360.76	95,856.52
2026	56,639.24	41,260.93	97,900.17
2027	61,009.76	38,995.36	100,005.12
2028	65,618.25	36,554.97	102,173.22
2029-2033	417,642.56	138,491.82	556,134.38
2034-2038	382,295.61	53,630.49	435,926.10
2039	<u>48,317.92</u>	<u>1,932.72</u>	<u>50,250.64</u>
Total	<u>\$ 1,132,587.97</u>	<u>\$ 399,530.58</u>	<u>\$ 1,532,118.55</u>

**Note 8: FUND BALANCES APPROPRIATED**

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

**Current Fund**

<u>Year</u>	<u>Balance December 31,</u>	<u>Utilized in Budget of Succeeding Year</u>	<u>Percentage of Fund Balance Used</u>
2023	\$ 3,561,415.87	\$ 1,967,885.00	55.26%
2022	3,622,734.82	1,967,885.00	54.32%
2021	4,913,690.22	2,788,000.00	56.74%
2020	4,661,240.55	2,514,000.00	53.93%
2019	4,206,823.22	2,295,450.00	54.56%

**Water-Sewer Utility Fund**

<u>Year</u>	<u>Balance December 31,</u>	<u>Utilized in Budget of Succeeding Year</u>	<u>Percentage of Fund Balance Used</u>
2023	\$ 3,335,504.73	\$ 2,650,000.00	79.45%
2022	3,249,959.10	2,600,000.00	80.00%
2021	3,678,967.34	1,890,000.00	51.37%
2020	4,045,761.01	1,500,000.00	37.08%
2019	3,300,394.12	875,000.00	26.51%

**Note 9: 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, 2023:

<u>Fund</u>	<u>Interfunds Receivable</u>	<u>Interfunds Payable</u>
Current	\$ 40,953.72	
Trust - Animal Control		\$ 0.34
Trust - Other		7,709.27
General Capital	469.89	33,714.00
Water-Sewer Utility - Operating	168.49	
Water-Sewer Utility - Capital		168.49
Totals	<u>\$ 41,592.10</u>	<u>\$ 41,592.10</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 2024, the Township expects to liquidate such interfunds, depending upon the availability of cash flow.

**Note 10: PENSION PLANS**

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

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

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

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

**Note 10: PENSION PLANS (CONT'D)****General Information about the Pension Plans (Cont'd)****Plan Descriptions (Cont'd)**

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

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

**Vesting and Benefit Provisions**

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

The following represents the membership tiers for PERS:

**Tier Definition**

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

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

**Note 10: PENSION PLANS (CONT'D)****General Information about the Pension Plans (Cont'd)****Vesting and Benefit Provisions (Cont'd)**

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

The following represents the membership tiers for PFRS:

**Tier Definition**

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

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

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

**Contributions**

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

*Special Funding Situation Component* - Under N.J.S.A. 43:15A, local participating employers are responsible for their own contributions based on actuarially determined amounts, except where legislation was passed which legally obligated the State if certain circumstances occurred. One of such legislations, which legally obligate the State, is Chapter 133, P.L. 2001. This legislation increased the accrual rate from 1/60 to 1/55. In addition, it lowered the age required for a veteran benefit equal to 1/55 of highest 12-month compensation for each year of service from 60 to 55. Chapter 133, P.L. 2001 also established the Benefit Enhancement Fund (BEF) to fund the additional annual employer normal contribution due to the State's increased benefits. If the assets in the BEF are insufficient to cover the normal contribution for the increased benefits for a valuation period, the State will pay such amount for both the State and local employers.

**Note 10: PENSION PLANS (CONT'D)****General Information about the Pension Plans (Cont'd)****Contributions (Cont'd)**

**Public Employees' Retirement System (Cont'd) - *Special Funding Situation Component (Cont'd)*** - The amounts contributed on behalf of the local participating employers under this legislation is considered to be a *special funding situation* as defined by GASB Statement No. 68 and the State is treated as a nonemployer contributing entity. Since the local participating employers do not contribute under this legislation directly to the Plan (except for employer specific financed amounts), there is no net pension liability or deferred outflows or inflows to disclose in the notes to the financial statements of the local participating employers related to this legislation.

The Employer's contractually required contribution rate for the year ended December 31, 2023 was 17.85% of the Employer's covered payroll. This amount was actuarially determined as the amount that, when combined with employee contributions, is expected to finance the costs of benefits earned by employees during the year, including an additional amount to finance any unfunded accrued liability.

Based on the most recent PERS measurement date of June 30, 2023, the Employer's contractually required contribution to the pension plan for the year ended December 31, 2023 is \$1,178,848.00, and is payable by April 1, 2024. Due to the basis of accounting described in note 1, no liability has been recorded in the financial statements for this amount. For the prior year measurement date of June 30, 2022, the Employer's contractually required contribution to the pension plan for the year ended December 31, 2022 was \$1,099,023.00, which was paid on April 1, 2023.

Employee contributions to the Plan for the year ended December 31, 2023 were \$503,441.98.

The amount of contractually required contribution for the State of New Jersey's proportionate share, associated with the Employer, under Chapter 133, P.L. 2001, for the year ended December 31, 2023 was 0.60% of the Employer's covered payroll.

Based on the most recent PERS measurement date of June 30, 2023, the State's contractually required contribution, under Chapter 133, P.L. 2001, on-behalf of the Employer, to the pension plan for the year ended December 31, 2023 was \$39,842.00. For the prior year measurement date of June 30, 2022, the State's contractually required contribution, under Chapter 133, P.L. 2001, on-behalf of the Employer, to the pension plan for the year ended December 31, 2022 was \$27,673.00.

**Note 10: PENSION PLANS (CONT'D)****General Information about the Pension Plans (Cont'd)****Contributions (Cont'd)**

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

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

The Employer's contractually required contribution rate for the year ended December 31, 2023 was 35.19% of the Employer's covered payroll. This amount was actuarially determined as the amount that, when combined with employee contributions, is expected to finance the costs of benefits earned by employees during the year, with an additional amount to finance any unfunded accrued liability.

Based on the most recent PFRS measurement date of June 30, 2023, the Employer's contractually required contribution to the pension plan for the year ended December 31, 2023 is \$3,086,794.00, and is payable by April 1, 2024. Due to the basis of accounting described in note 1, no liability has been recorded in the financial statements for this amount. For the prior year measurement date of June 30, 2022, the Employer's contractually required contribution to the pension plan for the year ended December 31, 2022 was \$2,931,302.00, which was paid on April 1, 2023.

Employee contributions to the Plan for the year ended December 31, 2023 were \$879,863.97.

The amount of contractually required contribution for the State of New Jersey's proportionate share, associated with the Employer, for the year ended December 31, 2023 was 6.15% of the Employer's covered payroll.

Based on the most recent PFRS measurement date of June 30, 2023, the State's contractually required contribution, on-behalf of the Employer, to the pension plan for the year ended December 31, 2023 was \$539,875.00, and is payable by April 1, 2024. For the prior year measurement date of June 30, 2022, the State's contractually required contribution, on-behalf of the Employer, to the pension plan for the year ended December 31, 2022 was \$529,978.00, which was paid on April 1, 2023.

**Note 10: PENSION PLANS (CONT'D)****General Information about the Pension Plans (Cont'd)****Contributions (Cont'd)**

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

For the year ended December 31, 2023, employee contributions totaled \$3,838.91, and the Employer's contributions were \$7,037.90. There were no forfeitures during the year.

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

**Pension Liability** - As of December 31, 2023, there is no net pension liability associated with the special funding situation under Chapter 133, P.L. 2001, as there was no accumulated difference between the annual additional normal cost and the actual State contribution through the valuation date. The Employer's proportionate share of the PERS net pension liability was \$1,178,848.00. The net pension liability was measured as of June 30, 2023 and the total pension liability used to calculate the net pension liability was determined by an actuarial valuation as of July 1, 2022. 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, 2023. The Employer's proportion of the net pension liability was based on a projection of the Employer's long-term share of contributions to the pension plan relative to the projected contributions of all participating employers, actuarially determined. For the June 30, 2023 measurement date, the Employer's proportion was 0.0882023163%, which was an increase of 0.0010507582% from its proportion measured as of June 30, 2022.

**Note 10: PENSION PLANS (CONT'D)****Pension Liabilities, Pension (Benefit) Expense, and Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources Related to Pensions (Cont'd)****Public Employees' Retirement System (Cont'd)**

**Pension (Benefit) Expense** - For the year ended December 31, 2023, the Employer's proportionate share of the PERS pension (benefit) expense, calculated by the Plan as of the June 30, 2023 measurement date was \$185,342.00. This (benefit) expense is not recognized by the Employer because of the regulatory basis of accounting as described in note 1; however, as previously mentioned, for the year ended December 31, 2023, the Employer's contribution to PERS was \$1,099,023.00, and was paid on April 1, 2023.

For the year ended December 31, 2023, the State's proportionate share of the PERS pension (benefit) expense, associated with the Employer, under Chapter 133, P.L. 2001, calculated by the Plan as of the June 30, 2023 measurement date, was \$39,842.00. This on-behalf (benefit) expense is not recognized by the Employer because of the regulatory basis of accounting as described in note 1.

**Police and Firemen's Retirement System**

**Pension Liability** - As of December 31, 2023, the Employer's and State of New Jersey's proportionate share of the PFRS net pension liability were as follows:

Proportionate Share of Net Pension Liability	\$ 25,619,959.00
State of New Jersey's Proportionate Share of Net Pension Liability Associated with the Employer	<u>4,720,775.00</u>
	<u>\$ 30,340,734.00</u>

**Note 10: 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 Liability (Cont'd)** - The net pension liability was measured as of June 30, 2023, and the total pension liability used to calculate the net pension liability was determined by an actuarial valuation as of July 1, 2022. 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, 2023. The Employer's proportion of the net pension liability was based on a projection of the Employer's long-term share of contributions to the pension plan relative to the projected contributions of all participating employers and the State of New Jersey, actuarially determined. For the June 30, 2023 measurement date, the Employer's proportion was 0.2318803700%, which was an increase of 0.0064915300% from its proportion measured as of June 30, 2022. Likewise, at June 30, 2023, the State of New Jersey's proportion, on-behalf of the Employer, was 0.2318804400%, which was an increase of 0.0064915600% from its proportion, on-behalf of the Employer, measured as of June 30, 2022.

**Pension (Benefit) Expense** - For the year ended December 31, 2023, the Employer's proportionate share of the PFRS pension (benefit) expense, calculated by the Plan as of the June 30, 2023 measurement date was \$1,691,404.00. This (benefit) expense is not recognized by the Employer because of the regulatory basis of accounting as described in note 1; however, as previously mentioned, for the year ended December 31, 2023, the Employer's contribution to PFRS was \$2,931,302.00, and was paid on April 1, 2023.

For the year ended December 31, 2023, the State's proportionate share of the PFRS pension (benefit) expense, associated with the Employer, calculated by the Plan as of the June 30, 2023 measurement date, was \$536,978.00. This on-behalf (benefit) expense is not recognized by the Employer 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, 2023, the Employer had deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions from the following sources:

	Deferred Outflows of Resources			Deferred Inflows of Resources		
	PERS	PFRS	Total	PERS	PFRS	Total
Differences between Expected and Actual Experience	\$ 122,151.00	\$ 1,096,995.00	\$ 1,219,146.00	\$ 52,222.00	\$ 1,221,845.00	\$ 1,274,067.00
Changes of Assumptions	28,065.00	55,297.00	83,362.00	774,253.00	1,729,961.00	2,504,214.00
Net Difference between Projected and Actual Earnings on Pension Plan Investments	58,833.00	1,304,776.00	1,363,609.00	-	-	-
Changes in Proportion and Differences between Contributions and Proportionate Share of Contributions	580,644.00	1,085,616.00	1,666,260.00	525,174.00	177,141.00	702,315.00
Contributions Subsequent to the Measurement Date	589,424.00	1,543,397.00	2,132,821.00	-	-	-
	<u>\$ 1,379,117.00</u>	<u>\$ 5,086,081.00</u>	<u>\$ 6,465,198.00</u>	<u>\$ 1,351,649.00</u>	<u>\$ 3,128,947.00</u>	<u>\$ 4,480,596.00</u>

**Note 10: 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)** - Deferred outflows of resources in the amounts of \$589,424.00 and \$1,543,397.00 for PERS and PFRS, respectively, will be included as a reduction of the net pension liability during the year ending December 31, 2024. These amounts were based on an estimated April 1, 2025 contractually required contribution, prorated from the pension plans' measurement date of June 30, 2023 to the Employer's year end of December 31, 2023.

The Employer will amortize the other deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions over the following number of years:

	<b>PERS</b>		<b>PFRS</b>	
	<b><u>Deferred Outflows of Resources</u></b>	<b><u>Deferred Inflows of Resources</u></b>	<b><u>Deferred Outflows of Resources</u></b>	<b><u>Deferred Inflows of Resources</u></b>
Differences between Expected and Actual Experience				
Year of Pension Plan Deferral:				
June 30, 2018	-	5.63	5.73	-
June 30, 2019	5.21	-	-	5.92
June 30, 2020	5.16	-	5.90	-
June 30, 2021	-	5.13	-	6.17
June 30, 2022	-	5.04	6.22	-
June 30, 2023	5.08	-	6.16	-
Changes of Assumptions				
Year of Pension Plan Deferral:				
June 30, 2018	-	5.63	-	5.73
June 30, 2019	-	5.21	-	5.92
June 30, 2020	-	5.16	-	5.90
June 30, 2021	5.13	-	6.17	-
June 30, 2022	-	5.04	-	6.22
Difference between Projected and Actual Earnings on Pension Plan Investments				
Year of Pension Plan Deferral:				
June 30, 2019	5.00	-	5.00	-
June 30, 2020	5.00	-	5.00	-
June 30, 2021	5.00	-	5.00	-
June 30, 2022	5.00	-	5.00	-
June 30, 2023	5.00	-	5.00	-
Changes in Proportion				
Year of Pension Plan Deferral:				
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
June 30, 2021	5.13	5.13	6.17	6.17
June 30, 2022	5.04	5.04	6.22	6.22
June 30, 2023	5.08	5.08	6.16	6.16

**Note 10: 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:

<b><u>Year Ending Dec 31,</u></b>	<b><u>PERS</u></b>	<b><u>PFRS</u></b>	<b><u>Total</u></b>
2024	\$ (623,089.00)	\$ (645,522.00)	\$ (1,268,611.00)
2025	(491,494.00)	(768,061.00)	(1,259,555.00)
2026	604,893.00	1,676,885.00	2,281,778.00
2027	(56,622.00)	(39,001.00)	(95,623.00)
2028	4,356.00	164,385.00	168,741.00
Thereafter	-	25,051.00	25,051.00
	<u>\$ (561,956.00)</u>	<u>\$ 413,737.00</u>	<u>\$ (148,219.00)</u>

**Actuarial Assumptions**

The net pension liability was measured as of June 30, 2023, and the total pension liability used to calculate the net pension liability was determined by an actuarial valuation as of July 1, 2022. 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, 2023. This actuarial valuation used the following actuarial assumptions, applied to all periods included in the measurement:

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

**Note 10: PENSION PLANS (CONT'D)****Actuarial Assumptions (Cont'd)****Public Employees' Retirement System**

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

**Police and Firemen's Retirement System**

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

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, 2023) is determined by the State Treasurer, after consultation with the Directors of the Division of Investments and Division of Pensions and Benefits, the board of trustees and the actuaries. The long-term expected rate of return was determined using a building block method in which best-estimate ranges of expected future real rates of return (expected returns, net of pension Plan investment expense and inflation) are developed for each major asset class. These ranges are combined to produce the long-term expected rate of return by weighting the expected future real rates of return by the target asset allocation percentage and by adding expected inflation. Best estimates of arithmetic rates of return for each major asset class included in PERS' and PFRS' target asset allocation as of June 30, 2023 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	28.00%	8.98%
Non-US Developed Markets Equity	12.75%	9.22%
International Small Cap Equity	1.25%	9.22%
Emerging Market Equity	5.50%	11.13%
Private Equity	13.00%	12.50%
Real Estate	8.00%	8.58%
Real Assets	3.00%	8.40%
High Yield	4.50%	6.97%
Private Credit	8.00%	9.20%
Investment Grade Credit	7.00%	5.19%
Cash Equivalents	2.00%	3.31%
U.S. Treasuries	4.00%	3.31%
Risk Mitigation Strategies	3.00%	6.21%
	<u>100.00%</u>	

**Note 10: PENSION PLANS (CONT'D)****Actuarial Assumptions (Cont'd)****Discount Rate -**

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

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

**Public Employees' Retirement System (PERS) -** The following presents the Employer's proportionate share of the net pension liability as of the June 30, 2023 measurement date, calculated using a discount rate of 7.00%, as well as what the Employer's proportionate share of the net pension liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is 1% lower or 1% higher than the current rates used:

	<b>1% Decrease (6.00%)</b>	<b>Current Discount Rate (7.00%)</b>	<b>1% Increase (8.00%)</b>
Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability	<u>\$ 16,631,052.00</u>	<u>\$ 12,775,553.00</u>	<u>\$ 9,494,014.00</u>

**Police and Firemen's Retirement System (PFRS) -** As previously mentioned, PFRS has a special funding situation, where the State of New Jersey pays a portion of the Employer's annual required contribution. As such, the net pension liability as of the June 30, 2023 measurement date, for the Employer and the State of New Jersey, calculated using a discount rate of 7.00%, as well as using a discount rate that is 1% lower or 1% higher than the current rates used, is as follows:

	<b>1% Decrease (6.00%)</b>	<b>Current Discount Rate (7.00%)</b>	<b>1% Increase (8.00%)</b>
Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability	<u>\$ 35,696,926.00</u>	<u>\$ 25,619,959.00</u>	<u>\$ 17,228,252.00</u>
State of New Jersey's Proportionate Share of Net Pension Liability	<u>6,577,574.00</u>	<u>4,720,775.00</u>	<u>3,174,506.00</u>
	<u>\$ 42,274,500.00</u>	<u>\$ 30,340,734.00</u>	<u>\$ 20,402,758.00</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 10: 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.

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

	<b>Measurement Date Ended June 30,</b>				
	<b><u>2023</u></b>	<b><u>2022</u></b>	<b><u>2021</u></b>	<b><u>2020</u></b>	<b><u>2019</u></b>
Proportion of the Net Pension Liability	0.0882023163%	0.0871515581%	0.0851281008%	0.0909275924%	0.0879615728%
Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability	\$ 12,775,553.00	\$ 13,152,370.00	\$ 10,084,700.00	\$ 14,827,912.00	\$ 15,849,341.00
Covered Payroll (Plan Measurement Period)	\$ 6,677,156.00	\$ 6,388,156.00	\$ 6,197,860.00	\$ 6,516,240.00	\$ 6,148,720.00
Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability as a Percentage of Covered Payroll	191.33%	205.89%	162.71%	227.55%	257.77%
Plan Fiduciary Net Position as a Percentage of the Total Pension Liability	65.23%	62.91%	70.33%	58.32%	56.27%
	<b>Measurement Date Ended June 30,</b>				
	<b><u>2018</u></b>	<b><u>2017</u></b>	<b><u>2016</u></b>	<b><u>2015</u></b>	<b><u>2014</u></b>
Proportion of the Net Pension Liability	0.0816399762%	0.0818805664%	0.0796272370%	0.0817046661%	0.0852249262%
Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability	\$ 16,074,504.00	\$ 19,060,487.00	\$ 23,583,304.00	\$ 18,341,060.00	\$ 15,956,437.00
Covered Payroll (Plan Measurement Period)	\$ 5,764,116.00	\$ 5,651,592.00	\$ 5,408,724.00	\$ 5,588,832.00	\$ 5,790,784.00
Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability as a Percentage of Covered Payroll	278.87%	337.26%	436.02%	328.17%	275.55%
Plan Fiduciary Net Position as a Percentage of the Total Pension Liability	53.60%	48.10%	40.14%	47.93%	52.08%

**Note 10: PENSION PLANS (CONT'D)****Supplementary Pension Information (Cont'd)*****Schedule of Contributions - Public Employees' Retirement System (PERS) (Last Ten Years)***

	<u>Year Ended December 31,</u>				
	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>
Contractually Required Contribution	\$ 1,178,848.00	\$ 1,099,023.00	\$ 996,949.00	\$ 994,702.00	\$ 855,607.00
Contribution in Relation to the Contractually Required Contribution	<u>(1,178,848.00)</u>	<u>(1,099,023.00)</u>	<u>(996,949.00)</u>	<u>(994,702.00)</u>	<u>(855,607.00)</u>
Contribution Deficiency (Excess)	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>
Covered Payroll (Calendar Year)	\$ 6,604,971.60	\$ 6,670,238.00	\$ 6,386,846.00	\$ 6,116,668.00	\$ 6,388,832.00
Contributions as a Percentage of Covered Payroll	17.85%	16.48%	15.61%	16.26%	13.39%
	<u>Year Ended December 31,</u>				
	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>
Contractually Required Contribution	\$ 812,054.00	\$ 758,536.00	\$ 707,397.00	\$ 702,441.00	\$ 702,582.00
Contribution in Relation to the Contractually Required Contribution	<u>(812,054.00)</u>	<u>(758,536.00)</u>	<u>(707,397.00)</u>	<u>(702,441.00)</u>	<u>(702,582.00)</u>
Contribution Deficiency (Excess)	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>
Covered Payroll (Calendar Year)	\$ 6,188,338.00	\$ 5,686,257.00	\$ 5,693,315.00	\$ 5,446,289.00	\$ 5,611,263.00
Contributions as a Percentage of Covered Payroll	13.12%	13.34%	12.43%	12.90%	12.52%

**Note 10: PENSION PLANS (CONT'D)****Supplementary Pension Information (Cont'd)*****Schedule of Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability - Police and Firemen's Retirement System (PFRS) (Last Ten Plan Years)***

	<u>Measurement Date Ended June 30,</u>				
	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>
Proportion of the Net Pension Liability	0.2318803700%	0.2253888400%	0.2273420102%	0.2252318874%	0.2231168556%
Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability	\$ 25,619,959.00	\$ 25,798,809.00	\$ 16,616,773.00	\$ 29,102,930.00	\$ 27,304,636.00
State's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability	<u>4,720,775.00</u>	<u>4,591,432.00</u>	<u>4,673,464.00</u>	<u>4,516,642.00</u>	<u>4,311,454.00</u>
Total	<u>\$ 30,340,734.00</u>	<u>\$ 30,390,241.00</u>	<u>\$ 21,290,237.00</u>	<u>\$ 33,619,572.00</u>	<u>\$ 31,616,090.00</u>
Covered Payroll (Plan Measurement Period)	\$ 8,349,764.00	\$ 7,837,028.00	\$ 7,939,504.00	\$ 7,771,596.00	\$ 7,562,120.00
Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability as a Percentage of Covered Payroll	306.83%	329.19%	209.29%	374.48%	361.07%
Plan Fiduciary Net Position as a Percentage of the Total Pension Liability	70.16%	68.33%	77.26%	63.52%	65.00%
	<u>Measurement Date Ended June 30,</u>				
	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>
Proportion of the Net Pension Liability	0.2167336757%	0.2202783436%	0.2223208332%	0.2120539103%	0.2094126777%
Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability	\$ 29,327,639.00	\$ 34,006,718.00	\$ 42,468,966.00	\$ 35,320,790.00	\$ 26,342,173.00
State's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability	<u>3,983,675.00</u>	<u>3,809,039.00</u>	<u>3,566,340.00</u>	<u>3,097,515.00</u>	<u>2,836,609.00</u>
Total	<u>\$ 33,311,314.00</u>	<u>\$ 37,815,757.00</u>	<u>\$ 46,035,306.00</u>	<u>\$ 38,418,305.00</u>	<u>\$ 29,178,782.00</u>
Covered Payroll (Plan Measurement Period)	\$ 7,190,248.00	\$ 7,130,348.00	\$ 7,071,016.00	\$ 6,727,988.00	\$ 6,511,364.00
Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability as a Percentage of Covered Payroll	407.88%	476.93%	600.61%	524.98%	404.56%
Plan Fiduciary Net Position as a Percentage of the Total Pension Liability	62.48%	58.60%	52.01%	56.31%	62.41%

**Note 10: PENSION PLANS (CONT'D)****Supplementary Pension Information (Cont'd)*****Schedule of Contributions - Police and Firemen's Retirement System (PFRS) (Last Ten Years)***

	Year Ended December 31,				
	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>
Contractually Required Contribution	\$ 3,086,794.00	\$ 2,931,302.00	\$ 2,649,590.00	\$ 2,516,225.00	\$ 2,253,727.00
Contribution in Relation to the Contractually Required Contribution	<u>(3,086,794.00)</u>	<u>(2,931,302.00)</u>	<u>(2,649,590.00)</u>	<u>(2,516,225.00)</u>	<u>(2,253,727.00)</u>
Contribution Deficiency (Excess)	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>
Covered Payroll (Calendar Year)	\$ 8,772,576.00	\$ 8,378,204.00	\$ 7,774,940.00	\$ 7,828,385.00	\$ 7,811,063.00
Contributions as a Percentage of Covered Payroll	35.19%	34.99%	34.08%	32.14%	28.85%
	Year Ended December 31,				
	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>
Contractually Required Contribution	\$ 2,118,891.00	\$ 1,949,504.00	\$ 1,812,672.00	\$ 1,723,682.00	\$ 1,608,434.00
Contribution in Relation to the Contractually Required Contribution	<u>(2,118,891.00)</u>	<u>(1,949,504.00)</u>	<u>(1,812,672.00)</u>	<u>(1,723,682.00)</u>	<u>(1,608,434.00)</u>
Contribution Deficiency (Excess)	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>
Covered Payroll (Calendar Year)	\$ 7,541,913.00	\$ 7,236,157.00	\$ 7,116,013.00	\$ 7,038,120.00	\$ 6,738,213.00
Contributions as a Percentage of Covered Payroll	28.09%	26.94%	25.47%	24.49%	23.87%

**Note 10: PENSION PLANS (CONT'D)****Supplementary Pension Information (Cont'd)****Other Notes to Supplementary Pension Information*****Public Employees' Retirement System (PERS)*****Changes in Benefit Terms**

The Division of Pensions and Benefits adopted a new policy regarding the crediting of interest on member contributions for the purpose of refund of accumulated deductions. Previously, after termination of employment, but prior to retirement or death, interest was credited on member accumulated deductions at the valuation interest rate for the entire period. Effective July 1, 2018, interest is only credited at the valuation interest rate for the first two years of inactivity prior to retirement or death.

**Changes in Assumptions**

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

<b><u>Discount Rate</u></b>				<b><u>Long-term Expected Rate of Return</u></b>			
<b><u>Year</u></b>	<b><u>Rate</u></b>	<b><u>Year</u></b>	<b><u>Rate</u></b>	<b><u>Year</u></b>	<b><u>Rate</u></b>	<b><u>Year</u></b>	<b><u>Rate</u></b>
2023	7.00%	2018	5.66%	2023	7.00%	2018	7.00%
2022	7.00%	2017	5.00%	2022	7.00%	2017	7.00%
2021	7.00%	2016	3.98%	2021	7.00%	2016	7.65%
2020	7.00%	2015	4.90%	2020	7.00%	2015	7.90%
2019	6.28%	2014	5.39%	2019	7.00%	2014	7.90%

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

The June 30, 2023 measurement date include the following plan amendment: Chapter 92, P.L. 2023 establishing an extension of the previous plan amendment Chapter 52, P.L. 2021, allowing members enrolled between January 18, 2000 and April 19, 2021 to retire prior to age 55 if they have attained 20 years of creditable service and retire by May 1, 2026.

**Changes in Assumptions**

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

<b><u>Discount Rate</u></b>				<b><u>Long-term Expected Rate of Return</u></b>			
<b><u>Year</u></b>	<b><u>Rate</u></b>	<b><u>Year</u></b>	<b><u>Rate</u></b>	<b><u>Year</u></b>	<b><u>Rate</u></b>	<b><u>Year</u></b>	<b><u>Rate</u></b>
2023	7.00%	2018	6.51%	2023	7.00%	2018	7.00%
2022	7.00%	2017	6.14%	2022	7.00%	2017	7.00%
2021	7.00%	2016	5.55%	2021	7.00%	2016	7.65%
2020	7.00%	2015	5.79%	2020	7.00%	2015	7.90%
2019	6.85%	2014	6.32%	2019	7.00%	2014	7.90%

**Note 11: POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS OTHER THAN PENSION BENEFITS**

**TOWNSHIP OF WINSLOW POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFIT PLAN**

**Plan Description and Benefits Provided** - The Township provides postretirement health care benefits through a health plan for retirees, which includes medical, dental, and prescription benefits. The single employer post-employment healthcare plan 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*. The plan covers eligible retirees who retire from public employment with at least twenty five (25) years of service or were union employees who have completed twenty (20) years of public employment and are at least sixty two (62) years old. Coverage is provided for the retirees and their eligible dependents until the employee or spouse reaches Medicare age. The Township pays sixty five (65%) percent of the premiums until Medicare age is attained. Once Medicare age is attained, the Township pays full coverage for supplemental medical coverage to Medicare and pays for full coverage of prescription and dental plans. For union employees, benefits cease once Medicare age is attained. This provision is part of a labor agreement between the Township and the Camden County Council No. 10 N.J.C.A. The Plan is administered by the Township and does not issue a separate financial report.

**Employees Covered by Benefit Terms** - As of December 31, 2023, the most recent actuarial valuation date, the following employees were covered by the benefit terms:

Inactive Employees or Beneficiaries Currently Receiving Benefit Payments	157
Inactive Employees Entitled to but Not Yet Receiving Benefit Payments	
Active Employees	<u>172</u>
	<u><u>329</u></u>

**Total OPEB Liability**

The Township’s total OPEB liability of \$41,239,583.00 was measured as of December 31, 2023 and was determined by an actuarial valuation as of the same date.

**Note 11: POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS OTHER THAN PENSION BENEFITS (CONT'D)****TOWNSHIP OF WINSLOW POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFIT PLAN (CONT'D)**

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

Inflation	N/A
Salary Increases	N/A
Discount Rate	4.00%
Healthcare Cost Trend Rates	7.00% Pre-Medicare 5.00% Post- Medicare
Retirees' Share of Benefit-Related Costs	Pursuant to Chapter 78

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-2014 White Collar Table projected with Scale MP 18.

An experience study was not performed on the actuarial assumptions used in the December 31, 2023 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.

**Changes in Total OPEB Liability**

Balance at December 31, 2022	\$ 38,241,442.00
Changes for the Year:	
Service Cost	\$ 1,187,085.00
Interest Cost	1,543,235.00
Benefit Payments	(1,695,308.00)
Changes in Assumptions	1,963,129.00
Net Changes	<u>2,998,141.00</u>
Balance at December 31, 2023	<u>\$ 41,239,583.00</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 4.31% at December 31, 2022 to 4.00% at December 31, 2023.

**Note 11: POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS OTHER THAN PENSION BENEFITS (CONT'D)****TOWNSHIP OF WINSLOW POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFIT PLAN (CONT'D)**

**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:

	<b>December 31, 2023</b>		
	<b>1.00% Decrease (3.00%)</b>	<b>Current Discount Rate (4.00%)</b>	<b>1.00% Increase (5.00%)</b>
Total OPEB Liability	<u>\$ 49,118,301.00</u>	<u>\$ 41,239,583.00</u>	<u>\$ 35,161,350.00</u>

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:

	<b>December 31, 2023</b>		
	<b>1.00% Decrease</b>	<b>Healthcare Cost Trend Rates</b>	<b>1.00% Increase</b>
Total OPEB Liability	<u>\$ 34,642,513.00</u>	<u>\$ 41,239,583.00</u>	<u>\$ 49,869,760.00</u>

**OPEB (Benefit) Expense and Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources Related to OPEB** - For the year ended December 31, 2023, the Township recognized OPEB (benefit) expense of \$1,029,296.00. As of December 31, 2023, the Township reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to OPEB from the following sources:

	<b>Deferred Outflows of Resources</b>	<b>Deferred Inflows of Resources</b>
Changes of Assumptions	\$ 1,719,980.20	\$ 18,248,238.80
Difference Between Expected and Actual Experience	<u>760,645.00</u>	<u>1,814,445.40</u>
	<u>\$ 2,480,625.20</u>	<u>\$ 20,062,684.20</u>

**Note 11: POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS OTHER THAN PENSION BENEFITS (CONT'D)****TOWNSHIP OF WINSLOW POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFIT PLAN (CONT'D)**

**OPEB (Benefit) Expense and Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources Related to OPEB (cont'd)** - Amounts reported as deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to OPEB will be recognized in OPEB (benefit) expense as follows:

<b>Year Ending Dec 31,</b>	
2024	\$ (1,701,024.50)
2025	(1,701,024.50)
2026	(1,701,019.50)
2027	(2,217,709.50)
2028	(1,943,166.50)
Thereafter	<u>(8,318,114.50)</u>
	<u><u>\$ (17,582,059.00)</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.

***Schedule of Changes in the Township's Total OPEB Liability and Related Ratios (Last Six Years):***

	<b>Plan Measurement Date December 31,</b>					
	<b><u>2023</u></b>	<b><u>2022</u></b>	<b><u>2021</u></b>	<b><u>2020</u></b>	<b><u>2019</u></b>	<b><u>2018</u></b>
<b>Total OPEB Liability</b>						
Service Cost	\$ 1,187,085.00	\$ 2,446,624.00	\$ 2,844,825.00	\$ 2,143,417.00	\$ 1,593,837.00	\$ 1,883,911.00
Interest Cost	1,543,235.00	1,452,245.00	1,319,140.00	1,639,295.00	1,928,995.00	1,714,705.00
Benefit Payments	(1,695,308.00)	(1,695,308.00)	(1,936,051.00)	(1,936,051.00)	(1,831,567.00)	(1,831,567.00)
Changes in Assumptions	1,963,129.00	(26,257,934.00)	(6,470,782.00)	681,711.00	10,652,174.00	1,901,611.00
Changes in Actuarial Demographic Gains	-	-	-	-	-	(4,647,037.00)
Net Change in Total OPEB Liability	2,998,141.00	(24,054,373.00)	(4,242,868.00)	2,528,372.00	12,343,439.00	(978,377.00)
Total OPEB Liability - Beginning of Year	<u>38,241,442.00</u>	<u>62,945,250.00</u>	<u>67,188,118.00</u>	<u>64,659,746.00</u>	<u>52,316,307.00</u>	<u>53,294,684.00</u>
Total OPEB Liability - End of Year	<u>\$ 41,239,583.00</u>	<u>\$ 38,890,877.00</u>	<u>\$ 62,945,250.00</u>	<u>\$ 67,188,118.00</u>	<u>\$ 64,659,746.00</u>	<u>\$ 52,316,307.00</u>
Covered-Employee Payroll	\$ 17,174,793.86	\$ 16,878,731.76	\$ 15,769,689.84	\$ 14,334,748.32	\$ 14,821,541.22	\$ 12,035,000.00
Total OPEB Liability as a Percentage of Covered Payroll	240.12%	230.41%	399.15%	468.71%	436.26%	434.70%

**Note 11: POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS OTHER THAN PENSION BENEFITS (CONT'D)**

**TOWNSHIP OF WINSLOW POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFIT PLAN (CONT'D)**

**Other Notes to Supplementary OPEB Information**

Change in Benefit Terms

None

Changes in Assumptions

Discount Rate:

Changes of assumptions and other inputs reflect the effects of changes in the discount rate each period. The following are the discount rates used in each period:

<u>Year</u>	<u>Percentage</u>
2023	4.00%
2022	4.31%
2021	2.25%
2020	1.91%
2019	2.49%
2018	3.64%

**Note 12: COMPENSATED ABSENCES**

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

The Township of Winslow compensates employees for unused sick leave upon termination or retirement. The current policy provides that employees may sell their sick time accumulated from January 1, 1987, forward for fifty percent (50%) of its value, to a maximum of twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000.00). The policy for police personnel provides that employees may sell their sick time accumulated from January 1, 1987, forward for seventy-five (75%) of its value, to a maximum of twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000.00).

The Township does not record accrued expenses related to compensated absences. However, it is estimated that, at December 31, 2023, accrued benefits for compensated absences are valued at \$3,576,823.31.

**Note 13: 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 14: SANITARY LANDFILL ESCROW CLOSURE FUND**

The Township previously operated a municipal landfill located in the Township. The Sanitary Landfill Facility Closure and Contingency Fund Act of 1981 was enacted to provide funding, during the life of the landfill, of costs associated with the closure of sanitary landfills. The Act requires the owner or operator of every sanitary landfill to establish an escrow account for closure and deposit, on a monthly basis, an amount equal to \$1.00 per ton of solid waste accepted for disposal. No withdrawals may be made from the fund without written approval from the State Department of Environmental Protection and Energy.

At December 31, 2023, it is estimated that the landfill has reached 70% of its holding capacity. However, the escrow closure fund balance at year-end does not necessarily represent the estimated cost of closure as of that date. The required balance of the fund merely represents the amount required to be escrowed in accordance with the statute. Actual costs associated with closure are not known.

**Note 15: CAPITAL DEBT****General Debt – General Obligation Bonds, Green Acres Trust Loans, Pinelands Loans and New Jersey Environmental Infrastructure Trust Loans**

The Township's issued numerous General Obligation Bonds, Green Acres Trust Loans and Pinelands Loans with interest rates ranging from 2.00% and 5.00%. The Township has also issued five New Jersey Environmental Infrastructure Trust Loans that included no interest loans and loans with interest rates ranging from 1.080% and 5.79%. The purpose of the bonds and loans was to fund various capital projects within the Township. The proceeds from the New Jersey Environmental Infrastructure Trust Loans were to fund numerous Township's water-sewer utility system projects.

The following schedule represents the remaining debt service, through maturity, for the outstanding debt service:

**General Debt**

<u>Year</u>	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Interest</u>	<u>Total</u>
2024	\$ 1,218,051.77	\$ 132,263.16	\$ 1,350,314.93
2025	1,252,378.44	101,761.50	1,354,139.94
2026	658,711.66	70,723.28	729,434.94
2027	669,051.59	51,483.35	720,534.94
2028	667,598.35	31,861.60	699,459.95
2029-2033	720,783.27	15,625.88	736,409.15
2034-2038	34,075.81	1,726.40	35,802.21
Totals	<u>\$ 5,220,650.89</u>	<u>\$ 405,445.17</u>	<u>\$ 5,626,096.06</u>

**Water-Sewer Utility Debt**

<u>Year</u>	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Interest</u>	<u>Total</u>
2024	\$ 1,278,896.89	\$ 224,216.74	\$ 1,503,113.63
2025	1,364,593.77	210,160.35	1,574,754.12
2026	851,288.64	182,646.22	1,033,934.86
2027	860,343.64	163,242.22	1,023,585.86
2028	860,354.64	144,230.06	1,004,584.70
2029-2033	3,573,061.83	438,946.20	4,012,008.03
2034-2038	1,153,171.54	140,567.80	1,293,739.34
2039-2043	961,554.04	52,608.38	1,014,162.42
Totals	<u>\$ 10,903,264.99</u>	<u>\$ 1,556,617.97</u>	<u>\$ 12,459,882.96</u>

**Note 15: CAPITAL DEBT (CONT'D)**

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

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>
<b><u>Issued</u></b>			
General:			
Bonds, Loans and Notes	\$ 13,116,800.89	\$ 13,015,576.28	\$ 14,308,084.12
Water-Sewer Utility:			
Bonds, Loans and Notes	14,233,114.99	12,359,873.89	14,158,638.12
Total Issued	<u>27,349,915.88</u>	<u>25,375,450.17</u>	<u>28,466,722.24</u>
<b><u>Authorized but not Issued</u></b>			
General:			
Bonds, Loans and Notes	480,150.00	480,000.00	
Water-Sewer Utility:			
Bonds, Loans and Notes	3,912,046.00	6,100,000.00	4,100,000.00
Total Authorized but not Issued	<u>4,392,196.00</u>	<u>6,580,000.00</u>	<u>4,100,000.00</u>
Total Issued and Authorized but not Issued	<u>31,742,111.88</u>	<u>31,955,450.17</u>	<u>32,566,722.24</u>
<b><u>Deductions</u></b>			
General:			
Reserve for Payment of Bonds			
Water-Sewer Utility:			
Self-Liquidating	18,145,160.99	18,459,873.89	18,258,638.12
Total Deductions	<u>18,145,160.99</u>	<u>18,459,873.89</u>	<u>18,258,638.12</u>
<b>Net Debt</b>	<u>\$ 13,596,950.89</u>	<u>\$ 13,495,576.28</u>	<u>\$ 14,308,084.12</u>

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 .39%.

	<u>Gross Debt</u>	<u>Deductions</u>	<u>Net Debt</u>
Self-Liquidating	\$ 18,145,160.99	\$ 18,145,160.99	
General	13,596,950.89		\$ 13,596,950.89
	<u>\$ 31,742,111.88</u>	<u>\$ 18,145,160.99</u>	<u>\$ 13,596,950.89</u>

Net debt \$13,596,950.89 divided by the equalized valuation basis per N.J.S.A.40A:2-2, as amended, \$3,485,613,663.33, equals .39%.

**Note 15: CAPITAL DEBT (CONT'D)****Summary of Statutory Debt Condition - Annual Debt Statement****Borrowing Power Under N.J.S.A. 40A:2-6 as Amended**

3 1/2% of Equalized Valuation Basis (Municipal)	\$	121,996,478.22
Less: Net Debt		<u>13,596,950.89</u>
Remaining Borrowing Power	\$	<u><u>108,399,527.33</u></u>

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

Cash Receipts from Fees, Rents, Fund Balance Anticipated, Interest and Other Investment Income, and Other Charges for the Year		\$	15,097,496.25
Deductions:			
Operating and Maintenance Costs	\$	10,860,438.00	
Debt Service		<u>1,585,873.44</u>	
Total Deductions			<u>12,446,311.44</u>
Excess in Revenue		\$	<u><u>2,651,184.81</u></u>

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

**Note 16: RISK MANAGEMENT**

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

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

The following is a summary of the activity and the ending balance of the Township's trust fund for the current and previous two years:

<u>Year</u>	<u>Employee Contributions</u>	<u>Employer Contributions</u>	<u>Amount Reimbursed</u>	<u>Ending Balance</u>
2023	\$ 20,872.71	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 65,739.75	\$ 81,085.20
2022	20,600.20	1,000.00	6,370.05	124,952.24
2021	19,064.02	1,000.00	5,305.42	109,722.09

**Note 16: RISK MANAGEMENT (CONT'D)**

**Joint Insurance Fund** - The Township of Winslow is a member of the Camden County Municipal Insurance Joint Insurance Fund. The Fund provides its members with the following coverage:

Workers' Compensation and Employer's Liability  
 Liability other than Motor Vehicles  
 Property Damage other than Motor Vehicles  
 Motor Vehicles Liability and Damage

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

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 Fund provides that the Fund 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:

Camden County Municipal Joint Insurance Fund  
 9 Campus Drive, Suite 216  
 Parsippany, New Jersey 07054

**Self-Insurance Plan** - The Township is self-insured for employee medical, prescription and dental insurance. The Township pays the associated costs on a pay-as-you-go basis by charging its current year budgets. The plan is administered through the Township's third party administrator, Connor Strong & Buckelew. Claims for medical, prescription and dental are processed by Amerihealth, Express Scripts and Delta Dental, respectively. Stop loss insurance is purchased from Reliance Insurance for claims exceeding \$225,000.00 per employee.

**Note 17: CONTINGENCIES**

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

**Litigation** - 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 18: CONCENTRATIONS**

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

**Note 19: TAX ABATEMENTS**

The Township enters into property tax abatement agreements with local businesses under the state Economic Development Opportunity Act. Under the Act, municipalities may grant property tax abatements of up to fifty percent (50%) of a business' property tax bill for the purpose of attracting or retaining businesses within their jurisdictions. The abatements may be granted to any business located within or promising to relocate to the Township.

For the year ended December 31, 2023, the Township abated property taxes totaling \$1,295,941.46 including the following tax abatement agreements that each exceeded ten percent (10%) of the total amount abated:

- A fifty percent (50%) property tax abatement to a distribution facility. The abatement amounted to \$537,251.22.

**Note 20: SUBSEQUENT EVENTS**

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

<u>Purpose</u>	<u>Adoption Date</u>	<u>Authorization</u>
<b>General Improvements</b>		
Acquisition Of Various Capital Equipment	06/25/24	\$ 950,000.00

**APPENDIX C**

**FORM OF BOND COUNSEL OPINION**



March 26, 2025

Mayor and Township Committee  
of the Township of Winslow  
125 South Route 73  
Braddock, New Jersey

**RE: \$14,750,000 TOWNSHIP OF WINSLOW, COUNTY OF CAMDEN, NEW JERSEY, GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS, SERIES 2025**

Mayor and Township Committee Members:

We have served as Bond Counsel to the Township of Winslow, County of Camden, New Jersey ("Township") in connection with the authorization, issuance, sale and delivery of the above-referenced obligations ("Bonds"). The Bonds consist of: (i) \$8,695,000 General Improvement Bonds; and (ii) \$6,055,000 Water/Sewer Utility Bonds.

The Bonds are authorized to be issued pursuant to: (i) the Local Bond Law, constituting Chapter 169 of the Laws of 1960 of the State of New Jersey, as amended and supplemented ("Local Bond Law"); (ii) the bond ordinances set forth in the Resolution (hereinafter defined), each duly and finally adopted by the Mayor and Township Committee and published in accordance with applicable law (collectively, the "Bond Ordinances"); (iii) a resolution adopted by the Mayor and Township Committee on February 11, 2025 ("Resolution"); and (iv) a Certificate of Determination and Award executed by the Chief Financial Officer of the Township on March 12, 2025 ("Award Certificate").

The Bonds are dated their date of delivery, mature on March 1 in each of the years and in the respective principal amounts set opposite each such year in the table below and bear interest at the interest rates per annum below, payable semiannually on March 1 and September 1, commencing March 1, 2026, until maturity or earlier redemption.

	General	Water/Sewer		Interest		General	Water/Sewer		Interest		
<u>Year</u>	<u>Improvement</u>	<u>Utility</u>	<u>Combined</u>	<u>Rate</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Improvement</u>	<u>Utility</u>	<u>Combined</u>	<u>Rate</u>		
2026	\$440,000	\$340,000	\$780,000	2.00%	2032	\$850,000	\$510,000	\$1,360,000	4.00%		
2027	465,000	365,000	830,000	2.00	2033	850,000	565,000	1,415,000	4.00		
2028	465,000	385,000	850,000	2.00	2034	850,000	590,000	1,440,000	4.00		
2029	465,000	410,000	875,000	2.00	2035	860,000	630,000	1,490,000	4.00		
2030	850,000	435,000	1,285,000	4.00	2036	875,000	665,000	1,540,000	4.00		
2031	850,000	485,000	1,335,000	4.00	2037	875,000	675,000	1,550,000	4.00		

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



The Bonds are being issued to provide funds which will be used to: (i) permanently finance the cost of various capital improvements by the repayment, at maturity, of the principal of certain bond anticipation notes heretofore issued by the Township; and (ii) pay certain costs and expenses incidental to the issuance and delivery of the Bonds.

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

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

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

1. The Bonds are legal, valid and binding obligations of the Township enforceable in accordance with the terms thereof, except to the extent that enforcement thereof may be limited by bankruptcy, insolvency or other laws or equitable principles affecting the enforcement of creditors' rights generally ("Creditors' Rights Limitations").

2. For the payment of principal of and interest on the Bonds, the Township has the power and is obligated, to the extent payment is not otherwise provided, to levy ad valorem taxes upon all taxable real property within the Township without limitation as to rate or amount, except to the extent that enforcement thereof may be affected by Creditors' Rights Limitations.

3. Interest on the Bonds is not included for federal income tax purposes in the gross income of the owners thereof pursuant to Section 103 of the Code and will not constitute a tax preference item for purposes of the alternative minimum tax imposed on individuals; however, such interest is taken into account in determining the annual adjusted financial statement income of certain corporations for the purpose of computing the alternative minimum tax imposed on such corporations.

Section 884 of the Code imposes on certain foreign corporations a branch profits tax equal to thirty percent (30%) of the "dividend equivalent amount" for the taxable year. Interest on the Bonds received or accrued by a foreign corporation subject to the branch profits tax may be included in computing the "dividend equivalent amount" of such corporation.



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

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

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

In addition, attention is called to the fact that Section 265(b)(1) of the Code eliminates the interest deduction otherwise allowable with respect to indebtedness deemed incurred by banks, thrift institutions and other financial institutions to purchase or to carry tax-exempt obligations acquired after August 7, 1986 other than "qualified tax-exempt obligations" as defined in Section 265(b)(3) of the Code. The Township has *not* designated the Bonds as "qualified tax-exempt obligations" for purposes of Section 265(b)(3) of the Code.

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



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

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

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

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

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

Very truly yours,

## **APPENDIX D**

### **FORM OF CONTINUING DISCLOSURE AGREEMENT**

## CONTINUING DISCLOSURE AGREEMENT

**THIS CONTINUING DISCLOSURE AGREEMENT** ("Disclosure Agreement") is made on this 26th day of March, 2025, between the Township of Winslow, County of Camden, New Jersey ("Township") and the Dissemination Agent (hereinafter defined). This Disclosure Agreement is entered into in connection with the issuance and sale by the Township of its General Obligation Bonds, Series 2025, in the principal amount of \$14,750,000 ("Bonds"). The Bonds consist of: (i) \$8,695,000 principal amount of General Improvement Bonds; and (ii) \$6,055,000 principal amount of Water/Sewer Utility Bonds.

**SECTION 1. Purpose of the Disclosure Agreement.** This Disclosure Agreement is being executed and delivered for the benefit of the holders and beneficial owners of the Bonds (collectively, the "Bondholders") and in compliance with the provisions of Rule 15c2-12(b)(5), promulgated by the Securities and Exchange Commission ("Commission") pursuant to the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as it may be amended from time to time, including administrative or judicial interpretations thereof, as it applies to the Bonds ("Rule").

**SECTION 2. Definitions.** Capitalized terms, not otherwise defined herein, shall, for purposes of this Disclosure Agreement, have the following meanings:

**"Annual Report"** shall mean, the Township's Annual Report provided pursuant to, and as described in, Sections 3 and 4 of this Disclosure Agreement.

**"Commission"** shall have the meaning set forth in Section 1 of this Disclosure Agreement

**"Business Day"** shall mean any day other than a Saturday, Sunday or a day on which the Township or the Dissemination Agent is authorized by law or contract to remain closed.

**"Continuing Disclosure Information"** shall mean: (i) the Annual Report; (ii) any notice required to be filed with the National Repository pursuant to Section 5 hereof; and (iii) any notice of an event required to be filed with the National Repository pursuant to Section 3(c) hereof.

**"Dissemination Agent"** shall mean Phoenix Advisors, Hamilton, New Jersey, or any successor Dissemination Agent designated in writing by the Township and which has filed with the Township a written acceptance of such designation.

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

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

**"MSRB"** shall mean the Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board.

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

**"Official Statement"** shall mean the Official Statement of the Township, dated March 12, 2025, relating to the Bonds.

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

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

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

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

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

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

**SECTION 4. Contents of Annual Report.** Annual Report shall mean: (i) the Township's annual financial statements, substantially in the form set forth in Appendix B to the Official Statement, audited by an independent certified public accountant, provided that the annual audited financial statements of the Township may be submitted separately from the balance of the Annual Report and later than the date required in Section 3(a) hereof for the filing of the Annual Report if the annual audited financial statements are not available by that date, but only if the unaudited financial statements of the Township are included in the Annual Report; and (ii) certain financial information and operating data of the Township consisting of Township indebtedness,

property valuation information, and tax rate, levy and collection data. Each annual audited financial statements will conform to generally accepted accounting principles applicable to governmental units or will be prepared in accordance with the standards of the Governmental Accounting Standards Board and requirements of the Division of Local Government Services in the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs as such principles, standards and requirements exist at the time of the filing of the particular annual audited financial statements.

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

(a) This Section 5 shall govern the giving of notices of the occurrence of any of the following listed events ("Listed Events"):

- (1) principal and interest payment delinquencies;
- (2) non-payment related defaults, if material;
- (3) unscheduled draws on debt service reserves reflecting financial difficulties;
- (4) unscheduled draws on credit enhancements reflecting financial difficulties;
- (5) substitution of credit or liquidity providers or their failure to perform;
- (6) adverse tax opinions, the issuance by the Internal Revenue Service of proposed or final determinations of taxability, Notices of Proposed Issue (IRS Form 5701-TEB) or other material notices or determinations with respect to the tax status of the Bonds, or other material events affecting the tax status of the Bonds;
- (7) modifications to the rights of Bondholders, if material;
- (8) Bond calls (excluding mandatory sinking fund redemptions), if material, or tender offers;
- (9) defeasances;
- (10) release, substitution, or sale of property securing repayment of the Bonds, if material;
- (11) rating changes;
- (12) bankruptcy, insolvency, receivership or similar event of the obligated person;
- (13) the consummation of a merger, consolidation, or acquisition involving an obligated person or the sale of all or substantially all of the assets of the obligated person, other than in the ordinary course of business, the entry into a definitive agreement to undertake such an action or the termination of a definitive agreement relating to any such actions, other than pursuant to its terms, if material;
- (14) appointment of a successor or additional trustee or the change of name of a trustee, if material;
- (15) incurrence of a financial obligation<sup>1</sup> of the obligated person, if material, or agreement to covenants, events of default, remedies, priority rights, or other similar terms of a financial obligation of the obligated person, any of which affect security holders, if material; and
- (16) default, event of acceleration, termination event, modification of terms, or other similar events under the terms of a financial obligation of the obligated person, any of which reflect financial difficulties.

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

(b) The Township shall within ten (10) Business Days of the occurrence of any of the Listed Events, notify the Dissemination Agent in writing to report the event pursuant to subsection (c) of this Section 5. In determining the materiality of a Listed Event specified clauses (2), (7), (8), (10), (13), (14) or (15) of subsection (a) of this Section 5, the Township may, but shall not be required to, rely conclusively on an Opinion of Counsel.

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

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

**SECTION 7. Amendment; Waiver.** Notwithstanding any other provision of this Disclosure Agreement, the Township may amend this Disclosure Agreement and any provision of this Disclosure Agreement may be waived, if such amendment or waiver is supported by an Opinion of Counsel to the effect that such amendment or waiver will not, in and of itself, cause the undertakings herein to violate the Rule. No amendment to this Disclosure Agreement shall change or modify the rights or obligations of the Dissemination Agent without its written assent thereto. The Township shall give notice of such amendment or waiver to this Disclosure Agreement to the Dissemination Agent and the Dissemination Agent shall file such notice with the National Repository.

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

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

**SECTION 10. Notices.** All notices and other communications required or permitted under this Disclosure Agreement shall be in writing and shall be deemed to have been duly given, made

and received only when delivered (personally, by recognized national or regional courier service, or by other messenger, for delivery to the intended addressee) or when deposited in the United States mail, registered or certified mail, postage prepaid, return receipt requested, addressed as set forth below:

(i) If to the Winslow:

Township of Winslow  
125 South Route 73  
Braddock, New Jersey 08037  
Attention: Stephen J. Dringus, Jr., Chief Financial Officer

(ii) If to the Dissemination Agent:

Phoenix Advisors  
2000 Waterview Drive, Suite 101  
Hamilton, New Jersey 08691  
Attention: Anthony Inverso, Senior Managing Director

Any party may alter the address to which communications are to be sent by giving notice of such change of address in conformity with the provision of this Section 10 for the giving of notice.

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

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

**SECTION 13. Compensation.** The Township shall pay the Dissemination Agent from time to time reasonable compensation for all services rendered under this Disclosure Agreement, and also all reasonable expenses, charges, counsel fees and other disbursements, including those of its attorneys, agents and employees, incurred in and about the performance of its powers and duties under this Disclosure Agreement.

**SECTION 14. Successors and Assigns.** All of the covenants, promises and agreements contained in this Disclosure Agreement by or on behalf of the Township or by or on behalf of the Dissemination Agent shall bind and inure to the benefit of their respective successors and assigns, whether so expressed or not.

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

**SECTION 16. Counterparts.** This Disclosure Agreement may be executed in several counterparts, each of which shall be an original and all of which shall constitute but one and the same instrument.

**SECTION 17. Severability.** If any provision of this Disclosure Agreement, or the application of any such provision in any jurisdiction or to any person or circumstance, shall be held invalid or unenforceable, the remaining provisions of this Disclosure Agreement, or the application of such provision as is held invalid or unenforceable in jurisdictions or to persons or circumstances other than those in or as to which it is held invalid or unenforceable, shall not be affected thereby.

**SECTION 18. Governing Law.** This Disclosure Agreement shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of New Jersey.

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

**TOWNSHIP OF WINSLOW, NEW JERSEY**

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
**STEPHEN J. DRINGUS, JR., Chief Financial Officer**

**PHOENIX ADVISORS,  
as Dissemination Agent**

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
**ANTHONY INVERSO, Senior Managing Director**

## EXHIBIT A

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

Name of Issuer: Township of Winslow, County of Camden, New Jersey

Name of Bond Issues Affected: General Obligation Bonds, Series 2025

Date of Issuance of the Affected  
Bond Issue: March 26, 2025

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Issuer has not provided an Annual Report with respect to the above named Bond issue as required by Section 3 of the Continuing Disclosure Agreement, dated March 26, 2025, between the Township and the Dissemination Agent. [TO BE INCLUDED ONLY IF THE DISSEMINATION AGENT HAS BEEN ADVISED OF THE EXPECTED FILING DATE - The Issuer anticipates that such Annual Report will be filed by \_\_\_\_\_.]

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_

PHOENIX ADVISORS,  
as Dissemination Agent

cc: Township of Winslow, New Jersey