

**CITY OF SEA ISLE CITY
REPORT OF AUDIT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED
DECEMBER 31, 2023**

CITY OF SEA ISLE CITY

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CITY OF SEA ISLE CITY

PART I

REPORT ON AUDIT OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - REGULATORY BASIS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED

DECEMBER 31, 2023

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Honorable Mayor and
Members of City Council
City of Sea Isle City
County of Cape May, New Jersey

Report on the Financial Statements

Opinions

We have audited the accompanying balance sheets - regulatory basis of the various funds and account group of the City of Sea Isle City, as of December 31, 2023 and 2022, the related statement of operations and changes in fund balance - regulatory basis for the years then ended, and the related statement of revenues - regulatory basis and statement of expenditures - regulatory basis of the various funds for the year ended December 31, 2023 and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the City's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

Adverse Opinion on U.S. Generally Accepted Accounting Principles

In our opinion, because of the significance of the matter discussed in the "Basis for Adverse Opinion on U.S. Generally Accepted Accounting Principles" paragraph, the financial statements referred to above do not present fairly, in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, the financial position of each fund of the City of Sea Isle City as of December 31, 2023 and 2022, or changes in financial position for the years then ended.

Opinion on Regulatory Basis of Accounting

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the regulatory basis balance sheets and account group as of December 31, 2023 and 2022, the regulatory basis statements of operations for the years then ended and the regulatory basis statements of revenues and expenditures for the year ended December 31, 2023 in accordance with the basis of financial reporting prescribed by the Division of Local Government Services, Department of Community Affairs, State of New Jersey as described in Note 1.

Basis for Opinions

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAS), the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States and the audit requirements prescribed by the Division of Local Government Services, Department of Community Affairs, State of New Jersey (the "Division"). Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of Financial Statements section of our report. We are required to be independent of the City of Sea Isle City and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audit. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinions.

Basis for Adverse Opinion on U.S. Generally Accepted Accounting Principles.

As described in Note 1 of the financial statements, the financial statements are prepared by the City of Sea Isle City on the basis of the financial reporting provisions 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 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.

Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with the basis of accounting prescribed by 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 misstatements, 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 City of Sea Isle City'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 Responsibility 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 GAAS, *Government Auditing Standards* and audit requirements prescribed by the Division of Local Government Services 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 an 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 judgement made by a reasonable user based on the financial statements.

In performing an audit in accordance with GAAS, *Government Auditing Standards* and audit requirements prescribed by the Division of Local Government Services, we:

- exercise professional judgement 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 the 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 City of Sea Isle City'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 judgement there are conditions or events considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the City of Sea Isle City's ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

We are required to communicate with those charge 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.

Supplementary Information

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the City of Sea Isle City's basic financial statements. The supplementary information listed in the table of contents and the letter of comments and recommendations section are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the basic financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements. The information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements or to the basic financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the supplemental information listed in the table of contents is fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the regulatory basis financial statements as a whole.

The letter of comments and recommendations section has not been subject to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements, and accordingly, we do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on it.

Other Reporting Required by *Government Auditing Standards*

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated April 9, 2024, on our consideration of the City of Sea Isle City's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the City of Sea Isle City's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

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**EXHIBIT - A
CURRENT FUND**

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**CURRENT FUND
COMPARATIVE BALANCE SHEET - REGULATORY BASIS
AS OF DECEMBER 31,**

<u>ASSETS</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
Regular Fund:		
Cash:		
Cash Treasurer	\$ 11,917,698.85	13,229,036.70
Cash - Change	555.00	555.00
Total Cash	<u>11,918,253.85</u>	<u>13,229,591.70</u>
Receivables and Other Assets with Full Reserves:		
Delinquent Property Taxes Receivable	512,032.93	443,542.07
Tax Title and Other Liens	9,759.03	9,639.74
Property Acquired for Taxes - at Assessed Valuation	23,372.00	23,372.00
Revenue Accounts Receivable	3,045.14	8,923.89
Interfund Receivable:		
Animal Control Fund	235.80	135.80
Tourism Fund - Tourism Fees	50.00	-
Total Receivables and Other Assets	<u>548,494.90</u>	<u>485,613.50</u>
Total Regular Fund	<u>12,466,748.75</u>	<u>13,715,205.20</u>
Federal and State Grant Fund:		
Federal and State Grants Receivable	10,000.00	80,704.80
Due from Current Fund	288,252.57	265,458.87
Total Federal and State Grant Fund	<u>298,252.57</u>	<u>346,163.67</u>
Total Current Fund	<u>\$ 12,765,001.32</u>	<u>14,061,368.87</u>

The Accompanying Notes to the Financial Statements are an
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**CURRENT FUND
COMPARATIVE BALANCE SHEET - REGULATORY BASIS
AS OF DECEMBER 31,**

<u>LIABILITIES, RESERVES AND FUND BALANCE</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
Regular Fund:		
Liabilities:		
Appropriation Reserves	\$ 1,660,677.09	2,044,114.73
Reserve for Encumbrances	599,351.58	518,206.65
Accounts Payable	51,018.85	109,523.76
Prepaid Taxes	997,758.97	934,911.93
Overpaid Taxes	1,055.66	3,641.78
Local School Tax Payable	265,128.00	-
County Added Tax Payable	175,209.23	202,238.43
Due to State:		
Marriage Licenses	125.00	-
Senior Citizens' & Veterans's Ded	11,305.80	11,555.80
Interfund Payable:		
Federal and State Grant Fund	288,252.57	265,458.87
Other		
Reserve for Revaluation - Prior	114,454.33	114,454.33
Municipal Property Tax Relief	30,562.52	15,284.48
Other Liabilities	176.00	176.00
Reserve for Insurance Claims	249,546.33	249,546.33
	4,444,621.93	4,469,113.09
Reserve for Receivables and Other Assets	548,494.90	485,613.50
Fund Balance	7,473,631.92	8,760,478.61
Total Regular Fund	12,466,748.75	13,715,205.20
Federal and State Grant Fund:		
Encumbrances Payable	15,476.00	85,000.04
Unappropriated Reserves	34,449.23	243,063.81
Appropriated Reserves	248,327.34	18,099.82
Total Federal and State Grant Fund	298,252.57	346,163.67
Total Current Fund	\$ 12,765,001.32	14,061,368.87

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**CURRENT FUND
COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS AND CHANGES
IN FUND BALANCE - REGULATORY BASIS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31,**

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
Revenue and Other Income Realized		
Fund Balance	\$ 4,720,000.00	3,840,000.00
Miscellaneous Revenue Anticipated	5,073,074.87	4,883,077.62
Receipts from Delinquent Taxes	443,542.07	365,405.87
Receipts from Current Taxes	41,785,526.12	38,894,587.34
Non Budget Revenue	101,285.14	128,692.81
Other Credits to Income:		
Unexpended Balance of Appropriation Res.	2,027,449.48	2,547,876.01
Interfund Returned	-	-
Cancelation Prior Year Accounts Payable	13,461.62	2,538.76
Total Income	<u>54,164,339.30</u>	<u>50,662,178.41</u>
Expenditures		
Budget and Emergency Appropriations:		
Appropriations Within "CAPS"		
Operations:		
Salaries and Wages	10,750,810.00	10,445,316.00
Other Expenses	7,396,822.50	7,181,215.00
Deferred Charges & Statutory Expenditures	2,454,216.00	2,241,208.67
Appropriations Excluded from "CAPS"		
Operations:		
Other Expenses	437,024.00	75,000.00
Capital Improvements	325,000.00	365,000.00
Debt Service	5,892,338.89	5,460,800.00
Deferred Charges	-	-
State and Federal Grants	282,288.01	30,188.89
Local District School Tax	2,357,758.00	1,827,302.00
County Tax	20,659,669.36	18,363,591.79
County Share of Added Tax	175,209.23	202,238.43
Interfund Created	50.00	-
Refund of Prior Year's Revenue	-	9,903.12
Total Expenditures	<u>50,731,185.99</u>	<u>46,201,763.90</u>
Excess/(Deficit) in Revenue	<u>3,433,153.31</u>	<u>4,460,414.51</u>

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**CURRENT FUND
 COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS AND CHANGES
 IN FUND BALANCE - REGULATORY BASIS
 FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31,**

	2023	2022
Statutory Excess to Fund Balance	3,433,153.31	4,460,414.51
Fund Balance January 1	8,760,478.61	8,140,064.10
	12,193,631.92	12,600,478.61
Decreased by:		
Utilization as Anticipated Revenue	4,720,000.00	3,840,000.00
Fund Balance December 31	\$ 7,473,631.92	8,760,478.61

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**CURRENT FUND
STATEMENT OF REVENUES - REGULATORY BASIS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023**

	Anticipated		Excess or (Deficit)
	Budget	N.J.S. 40A:4-87	
Fund Balance Anticipated	\$ 4,720,000.00		-
Total Fund Balance Anticipated	<u>4,720,000.00</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Miscellaneous Revenues:			
Section A: Local Revenues			
Licenses:			
Alcoholic Beverages	15,000.00		2,664.80
Other	140,000.00		33,435.00
Fees and Permits	250,000.00		35,083.50
Fines and Costs:			
Municipal Court	250,000.00		(79,707.71)
Interest and Costs on Taxes	60,000.00		22,056.12
Interest Earned on Investments	25,000.00		70,557.29
Parking Meters	240,000.00		59,816.41
Beach Fees	1,365,000.00		28,340.25
Marina Slips Rentals	200,000.00		19,234.50
Local Franchise Fee - Cable and Beach Vendors	350,000.00		13,186.33
Telephone Call Tower Rental	265,000.00		89,914.46
Total Section A: Local Revenues	<u>3,160,000.00</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>294,580.95</u>
Section B: State Aid Without Offsetting Appropriations			
Energy Receipts Tax	293,009.00		2,025.38
Municipal Relief Fund Act - Reserved	15,284.48		-
Total Section B: State Aid Without Offsetting Appropriations	<u>308,293.48</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,025.38</u>
Section C: Uniform Construction Code Fees			
Uniform Construction Code Fees	425,000.00		18,157.00
Total Section C: Uniform Construction Code Fees	<u>425,000.00</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>18,157.00</u>

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**CURRENT FUND
STATEMENT OF REVENUES - REGULATORY BASIS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023**

	Anticipated		Excess or (Deficit)
	Budget	N.J.S. 40A:4-87	
Section F: Special Items - Public and Private Programs			
Off-Set with Appropriations			
Clean Communities	28,956.00		-
Body Armor	1,735.50		-
American Rescue Plan	212,372.50		-
Sea Isle City Taxpayers Association Donations - Recreation		2,500.00	-
Police Department		2,500.00	-
Private Donation - Police Department		7,905.18	-
Drone Purchase			-
Town Watch Town Pride Donation - Police Department Office of Emergency Mgmt		1,318.83	-
NJ Department of Environmental Protection			-
Stormwater Assistance Grant		25,000.00	-
Total Section F: Special Items - Public and Private Programs	243,064.00	39,224.01	-
Section G: Other Special Items			
Recreation Fees	25,000.00		21,655.18
Festival Income	25,000.00		16,600.00
Ambulance Fees	130,000.00		(12,814.13)
City of Ocean City - Construction Code Official	275,000.00		102,289.00
Total Section G: Other Special Items	455,000.00	-	127,730.05
Total Miscellaneous Revenues:	4,591,357.48	39,224.01	442,493.38
Receipts from Delinquent Taxes	360,000.00		83,542.07

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**CURRENT FUND
STATEMENT OF REVENUES - REGULATORY BASIS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023**

	Anticipated		Realized	Excess or (Deficit)
	Budget	N.J.S. 40A:4-87		
Amount to be Raised by Taxes for Support of Municipal Budget Local Tax for Municipal Purposes	18,828,633.87		19,593,605.38	764,971.51
Total Amount to be Raised by Taxes for Support of Municipal Budget	<u>18,828,633.87</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>19,593,605.38</u>	<u>764,971.51</u>
Budget Totals	<u>28,499,991.35</u>	<u>39,224.01</u>	<u>29,830,222.32</u>	<u>1,291,006.96</u>
Non- Budget Revenues:	-	-	101,285.14	101,285.14
Other Non- Budget Revenues:	<u>28,499,991.35</u>	<u>39,224.01</u>	<u>29,931,507.46</u>	<u>1,392,292.10</u>

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**CURRENT FUND
STATEMENT OF REVENUES - REGULATORY BASIS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023**

Analysis of Realized Revenues	
Allocation of Current Tax Collections:	
Revenue from Collections	41,785,526.12
Less: Reserve for Tax Appeals Pending	-
Net Revenue from Collections	41,785,526.12
Allocated to:	
School, County and Other Taxes	23,192,636.59
Balance for Support of Municipal Budget Appropriations	18,592,889.53
Increased by:	
Appropriation "Reserved for Uncollected Taxes"	1,000,715.85
Amount for Support of Municipal Budget Appropriations	19,593,605.38
Receipts from Delinquent Taxes:	
Delinquent Tax Collection	443,542.07
Tax Title Lien Collections	-
Total Receipts from Delinquent Taxes	443,542.07
Analysis of Non-Budget Revenue:	
Miscellaneous Revenue Not Anticipated:	
Bookkeeping/Liens	26.00
Div of Fire Safety	15,937.86
Motor Vehicle Inspection Fines	700.00
Other Miscellaneous	5,441.23
Police Extra Duty	6,821.88
Insurance Refund	5,076.00
Police Report Copy Fees	1,326.06
Refunds	11,857.00
Lawsuit Settlements	25,924.03
Sale of Municipal Assets	6,806.62
SLEO Police Reimbursements	12,031.20
Cancellation of Old Outstanding Checks	7,707.90
Vets & SC Admin fee	415.00
Vital Statistics	1,214.36
Total Miscellaneous Revenue Not Anticipated:	101,285.14
Cash Received	101,285.14
Non-Cash Items	-
	101,285.14

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**CURRENT FUND
STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURES - REGULATORY BASIS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023**

	Appropriations		Expended			(Over expended) Unexpended Balance Cancelled
	Budget	Budget After Modifications	Paid or Charged	Encumbered	Reserved	
\$	490,481.00	496,481.00	492,316.74		4,164.26	-
General Administration						
Salaries and Wages	254,600.00	254,600.00	195,017.86	49,447.69	10,134.45	-
Other Expenses						
Mayor						
Salaries and Wages	15,000.00	15,000.00	15,000.00		-	-
Other Expenses	1,700.00	1,700.00	1,336.71	274.79	88.50	-
City Council						
Salaries and Wages	45,000.00	45,000.00	45,000.00		-	-
Other Expenses	6,800.00	6,800.00	359.41		6,440.59	-
Municipal Clerk						
Salaries and Wages	172,801.00	172,801.00	171,832.16		968.84	-
Other Expenses	45,360.00	45,360.00	20,547.13	1,712.80	23,100.07	-
Elections						
Salaries and Wages	6,500.00	6,500.00	1,831.35		4,668.65	-
Other Expenses	23,600.00	23,600.00	21,475.36		2,124.64	-
Municipal Engineer						
Other Expenses	93,500.00	93,500.00	79,988.69	2,261.31	11,250.00	-
Fire Inspector						
Salaries and Wages	25,000.00	25,000.00	20,153.38		4,846.62	-
Other Expenses	3,600.00	3,600.00	3,490.00		110.00	-
Insurance						
Surety Bond Premiums	910.00	910.00	-		910.00	-
Reserve for Insurance	21,000.00	21,000.00	6,365.00		14,635.00	-
Other Expenses	40,225.00	40,225.00	23,578.95	591.72	16,054.33	-
General Liability	106,170.00	116,170.00	111,763.20		4,406.80	-
Workers Compensation Insurance	448,950.00	448,950.00	432,579.00		16,371.00	-
Employee Group Health	2,642,698.00	2,629,498.00	2,399,579.61	86,882.15	143,036.24	-
Health Benefits Waiver						
Salaries and Wages	48,000.00	48,000.00	40,543.53		7,456.47	-
DEPARTMENT OF LAW						
Legal Services and Costs	350,000.00	350,000.00	254,298.63		95,701.37	-
Other Expenses						
Municipal Prosecutor						
Other Expenses	22,500.00	22,500.00	-	22,500.00	-	-
Public Defender						
Other Expenses	4,500.00	4,500.00	4,500.00		-	-

The Accompanying Notes to the Financial Statements are an Integral Part of this Statement

**CURRENT FUND
STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURES - REGULATORY BASIS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023**

	Appropriations		Paid or Charged	Expended		(Over expended) Unexpended Balance Cancelled
	Budget	Budget After Modifications		Encumbered	Reserved	
DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE						
Financial Administration						
Salaries and Wages	210,427.00	210,427.00	208,032.38		2,394.62	-
Other Expenses						
Postage	27,400.00	32,400.00	31,765.66		634.34	-
Audit Services	40,000.00	40,000.00	40,000.00		-	-
Miscellaneous Other Expenses	34,935.00	34,935.00	10,886.26	2,829.40	21,219.34	-
Collection of Taxes						
Salaries and Wages	81,215.00	81,215.00	70,092.83		11,122.17	-
Other Expenses	10,234.00	10,234.00	3,000.22	500.00	6,733.78	-
Liquidation of Tax Title Liens & Foreclosed Property						
Other Expenses	750.00	750.00	-		750.00	-
Assessment of Taxes						
Salaries and Wages	182,950.00	182,950.00	178,408.36		4,541.64	-
Other Expenses	17,000.00	17,000.00	3,604.10	11,898.98	1,496.92	-
Street Signals and Safety Lines						
Salaries and Wages	113,600.00	113,600.00	108,578.78		5,021.22	-
Other Expenses	26,000.00	26,000.00	16,800.86	30.00	9,169.14	-
Bathing Beaches						
Salaries and Wages	280,300.00	280,300.00	266,455.01		13,844.99	-
Other Expenses	46,200.00	46,200.00	22,676.15	21,775.00	1,748.85	-
Marina						
Salaries and Wages	31,200.00	31,200.00	27,189.00		4,011.00	-
Other Expenses	9,250.00	9,250.00	2,477.15	279.05	6,493.80	-
Shade Tree Commission						
Other Expenses	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00		-	-
Environmental Commission (NJS 40:56A-1, et seq.)						
Salaries and Wages	3,060.00	3,060.00	3,057.64		2.36	-
Other Expenses	4,000.00	4,000.00	4,000.00		-	-

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**CURRENT FUND
STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURES - REGULATORY BASIS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023**

	Appropriations		Paid or Charged	Expended		(Over expended) Unexpended Balance Cancelled
	Budget	Budget After Modifications		Encumbered	Reserved	
DEPARTMENT OF POLICE						
Police						
Salaries and Wages	3,940,360.00	3,940,360.00	3,682,528.33		257,831.67	-
Other Expenses	294,213.00	294,213.00	154,498.26	132,257.15	7,457.59	-
Emergency Management Services						
Salaries and Wages	24,390.00	24,390.00	24,336.52		53.48	-
Other Expenses	2,600.00	2,600.00	331.00		2,269.00	-
Fire						
Salaries and Wages	307,500.00	-	239,027.71	44,586.45	23,885.84	-
Other Expenses						
Emergency Medical Services						
Salaries and Wages	463,000.00	481,000.00	480,895.91		104.09	-
Other Expenses	106,000.00	106,000.00	35,612.77	18,461.78	51,925.45	-
Maintenance - Vehicle						
Salaries and Wages	103,700.00	103,900.00	103,887.57		12.43	-
Other Expenses	38,600.00	38,600.00	18,028.12	7,525.22	13,046.66	-
Lifeguards						
Salaries and Wages	941,245.00	941,245.00	939,933.50		1,311.50	-
Other Expenses	81,825.00	81,825.00	73,750.63	4,979.03	3,095.34	-
Animal Control Contract						
Other Expenses	28,500.00	28,500.00	14,431.50	1,035.32	13,033.18	-

**CURRENT FUND
STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURES - REGULATORY BASIS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023**

	Appropriations		Expended			(Over expended) Unexpended Balance Cancelled
	Budget	Budget After Modifications	Paid or Charged	Encumbered	Reserved	
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS						
Administration of Public Works						
Salaries and Wages	231,400.00	231,400.00	169,775.27		61,624.73	-
Other Expenses	21,375.00	21,375.00	3,248.41	4,846.69	13,279.90	-
Road Repairs and Maintenance						
Salaries and Wages	307,625.00	266,625.00	261,022.20		5,602.80	-
Other Expenses	44,710.00	44,710.00	16,407.48	6,505.24	21,797.28	-
Street Cleaning						
Salaries and Wages	259,740.00	220,740.00	148,181.76		72,558.24	-
Other Expenses	23,510.00	23,510.00	9,818.77	2,593.85	11,097.38	-
Solid Waste Management (40A-4-45.32)						
Salaries and Wages	536,246.00	536,246.00	487,492.07		48,753.93	-
Other Expenses	36,575.00	36,575.00	21,742.73	774.55	14,057.72	-
Garbage and Trash Removal						
Salaries and Wages	415,000.00	415,000.00	355,067.98		59,932.02	-
Other Expenses						
Contractual						
Miscellaneous Other Expenses	378,000.00	378,000.00	328,096.47		49,903.53	-
Public Buildings and Grounds	75,005.00	75,005.00	48,546.84	13,178.17	13,279.99	-
Salaries and Wages	483,110.00	483,110.00	456,203.82		26,906.18	-
Other Expenses	159,902.50	159,902.50	132,540.58	26,409.38	952.54	-
Shore Protection						
Salaries and Wages	377,200.00	377,200.00	340,504.19		36,695.81	-
Other Expenses	114,050.00	114,050.00	41,246.83	4,733.61	68,069.56	-
American with Disabilities Act						
Other Expenses	5,000.00	5,000.00	3,246.00		1,754.00	-
Historical Commission						
Other Expenses	1,000.00	1,000.00	-		1,000.00	-

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STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURES - REGULATORY BASIS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023**

	Appropriations		Paid or Charged	Expended		(Over expended) Unexpended Balance Cancelled
	Budget	Budget After Modifications		Encumbered	Reserved	
DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT						
Municipal Land Use Law (NJSA 40:55D-1)						
Zoning Board						
Salaries and Wages	7,460.00	7,460.00	6,241.23	1,218.77	-	-
Other Expenses	11,800.00	11,800.00	8,253.00	3,547.00	-	-
Planning Board						
Salaries and Wages	7,460.00	7,460.00	5,466.37	1,993.63	-	-
Other Expenses	17,700.00	17,700.00	8,176.00	9,524.00	-	-
DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY SERVICES						
Recreation						
Salaries and Wages	290,000.00	290,000.00	287,642.54	2,357.46	-	-
Other Expenses	173,600.00	173,600.00	126,640.67	32,964.24	-	-
Expense of Participation in Free County Library				13,995.09	-	-
Salaries and Wages	5,010.00	5,010.00	4,450.95	559.05	-	-
Tourism						
Salaries and Wages	242,605.00	242,605.00	214,760.60	27,844.40	-	-
Other Expenses	256,240.00	256,240.00	242,839.45	300.00	-	-
DEPARTMENT OF MUNICIPAL COURT						
Municipal Court						
Salaries and Wages	140,100.00	140,100.00	133,990.73	6,109.27	-	-
Other Expenses	30,900.00	30,900.00	17,466.52	13,259.86	-	-
UNIFORM CONSTRUCTION CODE						
State Uniform Construction Code						
Construction Official						
Salaries and Wages	295,425.00	295,425.00	284,027.55	11,397.45	-	-
Other Expenses	68,900.00	68,900.00	28,293.90	15,108.20	-	-
Plumbing Inspector						
Salaries and Wages	30,000.00	30,000.00	29,989.88	10.12	-	-
UNCLASSIFIED						
Computer Services - All Departments	84,000.00	84,000.00	83,998.72	1.28	-	-

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**CURRENT FUND
STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURES - REGULATORY BASIS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023**

	Appropriations		Expended		(Over expended) Unexpended Balance Cancelled
	Budget	Budget After Modifications	Paid or Charged	Encumbered Reserved	
UTILITY EXPENSES AND BULK PURCHASES					
Electricity	180,200.00	184,200.00	184,200.00	-	-
Street Lighting	152,000.00	162,000.00	149,561.56	12,438.44	-
Telephone	68,000.00	73,000.00	69,846.78	936.49	-
Natural Gas	75,650.00	75,650.00	73,382.31	962.26	-
Fuel Oil	2,000.00	2,000.00	-	2,000.00	-
Gasoline	188,785.00	188,785.00	130,682.35	6,616.94	-
Water & Sewer	62,000.00	62,000.00	41,855.18	20,144.82	-
TOTAL OPERATIONS WITHIN "CAPS"	18,179,632.50	18,144,632.50	16,061,750.62	506,961.93	1,575,919.95
Contingent	3,000.00	3,000.00	-	3,000.00	-
TOTAL OPERATIONS INCLUDING CONTINGENT WITHIN "CAPS"	18,182,632.50	18,147,632.50	16,061,750.62	506,961.93	1,578,919.95
Detail:					
Salaries and Wages	10,806,610.00	10,750,810.00	10,064,890.13	-	685,919.87
Other Expenses	7,376,022.50	7,396,822.50	5,996,860.49	506,961.93	893,000.08
DEFERRED CHARGES AND STATUTORY EXPENDITURES:					
Deferred Charges:					
Prior Year Bills	-	-	-	-	-
None	-	-	-	-	-
Statutory Expenditures:					
Contributions to:					
Public Employees' Retirement System	715,120.00	750,120.00	732,730.35	17,389.65	-
Social Security System (O.A.S.I.)	807,753.00	807,753.00	734,564.83	73,188.17	0.00
Police and Firemen's Retirement System	829,343.00	829,343.00	829,343.00	-	-
Unemployment Compensation Insurance	42,000.00	42,000.00	36,497.16	5,502.84	-
Lifeguard Pension	10,000.00	10,000.00	10,000.00	-	-
Reserve for Retirement Trust	5,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00	-	-
Defined Contribution Retirement Program	10,000.00	10,000.00	6,933.87	3,066.13	-
TOTAL DEFERRED CHARGES AND STATUTORY EXPENDITURES:	2,419,216.00	2,454,216.00	2,355,069.21	17,389.65	0.00
TOTAL GENERAL APPROPRIATIONS FOR MUNICIPAL PURPOSES WITHIN "CAPS"	20,601,848.50	20,601,848.50	18,416,819.83	524,351.58	1,660,677.09

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**CURRENT FUND
STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURES - REGULATORY BASIS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023**

	Appropriations		Expended			(Over expended) Unexpended Balance Cancelled
	Budget	Budget After Modifications	Paid or Charged	Encumbered	Reserved	
OPERATIONS - EXCLUDED FROM "CAPS"						
(A) Operations - Excluded from "CAPS"						
Insurance: NJSA 40A:4-45.3						
LOSAP	75,000.00	75,000.00	-	75,000.00	-	-
Employee Group Health	362,024.00	362,024.00	362,024.00	-	-	-
	<u>437,024.00</u>	<u>437,024.00</u>	<u>362,024.00</u>	<u>75,000.00</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
(A) Public and Private Programs Off-Set by						
Revenues						
Clean Communities	28,956.00	28,956.00	28,956.00	-	-	-
Body Armor	1,735.50	1,735.50	1,735.50	-	-	-
American Rescue Plan	212,372.50	212,372.50	212,372.50	-	-	-
Sea Isle City Taxpayers Association Donations -						
Recreation	2,500.00	2,500.00	2,500.00	-	-	-
Police Department	2,500.00	2,500.00	2,500.00	-	-	-
Private Donation - Police Department						
Drone Purchase	7,905.18	7,905.18	7,905.18	-	-	-
Town Watch Town Pride Donation - Police						
Department Office of Emergency Mgmt	1,318.83	1,318.83	1,318.83	-	-	-
NJ Department of Environmental Protection						
Stormwater Assistance Grant	25,000.00	25,000.00	25,000.00	-	-	-
	<u>243,064.00</u>	<u>282,288.01</u>	<u>282,288.01</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Total Public and Private Programs Off-Set by						
Revenues	680,088.00	719,312.01	644,312.01	75,000.00	-	-
Total Operations - Excluded from "CAPS"						
Detail:						
Salaries and Wages	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other Expenses	680,088.00	719,312.01	644,312.01	75,000.00	-	-
(C) Capital Improvements						
Capital Improvement Fund	325,000.00	325,000.00	325,000.00	-	-	-
	<u>325,000.00</u>	<u>325,000.00</u>	<u>325,000.00</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>

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**CURRENT FUND
STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURES - REGULATORY BASIS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023**

	Appropriations		Expended		(Over expended) Unexpended Balance Cancelled
	Budget	Budget After Modifications	Paid or Charged	Encumbered Reserved	
(D) Debt Service					
Payment of Bond Principal	4,580,000.00	4,580,000.00	4,580,000.00	-	-
Payment of Bond Anticipation Notes and Capital Notes	949,350.00	-	-	-	-
Interest on Bonds	362,989.00	949,350.00	949,350.00	-	-
Interest on Notes		362,989.00	362,988.89	-	0.11
Total Debt Service	<u>5,892,339.00</u>	<u>5,892,339.00</u>	<u>5,892,338.89</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>0.11</u>
TOTAL GENERAL APPROPRIATIONS FOR MUNICIPAL PURPOSES EXCLUDED FROM "CAPS"	6,897,427.00	6,936,651.01	6,861,650.90	75,000.00	0.11
SUBTOTAL GENERAL APPROPRIATIONS:	27,499,275.50	27,538,499.51	25,278,470.73	599,351.58	0.11
(M) Reserve for Uncollected Taxes	1,000,715.85	1,000,715.85	1,000,715.85	-	-
TOTAL GENERAL APPROPRIATIONS	<u>\$ 28,499,991.35</u>	<u>28,539,215.36</u>	<u>26,279,186.58</u>	<u>599,351.58</u>	<u>0.11</u>
Budget	28,499,991.35	28,499,991.35		Cancelled	0.11
Appropriations by 40A:4-87	39,224.01	39,224.01		Overexpended	-
	<u>28,539,215.36</u>	<u>28,539,215.36</u>			<u>0.11</u>
Reserve for Uncollected Taxes		1,000,715.85			
Federal and State Grants		282,288.01			
Disbursements		24,996,182.72			
		<u>26,279,186.58</u>			

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EXHIBIT - B
TRUST FUND

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**TRUST FUND
COMPARATIVE BALANCE SHEET - REGULATORY BASIS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31,**

	2023	2022
<u>Assets</u>		
<u>Assessment Fund:</u>		
Cash and Investments	\$ 217,237.70	146,138.35
Assessments Receivable	35,341.05	9,480.08
	252,578.75	155,618.43
<u>Animal Control Fund</u>		
Cash and Investments	443.80	331.80
	443.80	331.80
<u>LOSAP</u>		
Investments - Held for LOSAP	1,339,414.88	1,112,524.45
	1,339,414.88	1,112,524.45
<u>Other Funds</u>		
Cash and Investments	2,725,227.59	2,597,296.53
	2,725,227.59	2,597,296.53
	\$ 4,317,665.02	3,865,771.21

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**TRUST FUND
COMPARATIVE BALANCE SHEET - REGULATORY BASIS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31,**

	2023	2022
<u>Liabilities, Reserves and Fund Balance</u>		
<u>Assessment Fund:</u>		
Reserve for Assessments & Liens	\$ 35,341.05	9,480.08
Fund Balance	217,237.70	146,138.35
	252,578.75	155,618.43
<u>Animal Control Fund</u>		
Reserve for Animal Control Expenditures	208.00	196.00
Due to Current Fund	235.80	135.80
	443.80	331.80
<u>LOSAP</u>		
Reserve for LOSAP	1,339,414.88	1,112,524.45
	1,339,414.88	1,112,524.45
<u>Other Funds</u>		
Due to Current Fund - Tourism Fees	50.00	-
Deposits for Redemption	46.68	2,509.13
Reserve for Retirement Fund	110,349.71	102,203.29
Reserve for Lifeguard Pension Fund	1,121,824.15	1,058,101.64
Reserve for Tennis Fees	305,503.63	255,641.94
Reserve for Cafeteria Plan	35,409.59	1,030.25
Reserve for Police Forfeited Fund	205.81	205.73
Reserve for Police Lost and Found	1,326.19	1,326.19
Reserve for Escrow Deposits	441,725.73	603,415.35
Reserve for POAA Fund	12,964.40	10,826.40
Reserve for Affordable Housing	68,503.41	68,503.41
Reserve for Recycling Fund	312,978.80	216,871.23
Reserve for Environmental Fees	25,861.98	35,029.70
Reserve for Municipal Alliance	2,376.48	2,376.48
Reserve for Donations	21,792.47	15,742.47
Reserve for Fire Safety Penalty	250.00	250.00
Reserve for Tourism	208,358.56	198,427.32
Reserve for TTL Redemption Premiums	-	3,000.00
Reserve for Building Inspector's Office	50,746.00	15,677.00
Due to State of New Jersey - Uniform Construction Code Training Fees	4,954.00	6,159.00
	2,725,227.59	2,597,296.53
	\$ 4,317,665.02	3,865,771.21

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EXHIBIT - C
GENERAL CAPITAL FUND

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**GENERAL CAPITAL FUND
COMPARATIVE BALANCE SHEET - REGULATORY BASIS
AS OF DECEMBER 31,**

<u>ASSETS</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
Cash	\$ 801,394.01	9,736,325.96
Deferred Charges to Future Taxation -		
Funded	30,840,000.00	35,420,000.00
Unfunded	40,134,645.00	37,094,645.00
	<u>71,776,039.01</u>	<u>82,250,970.96</u>
<u>LIABILITIES, RESERVES AND FUND BALANCE</u>		
Contracts Payable	3,641,362.00	3,692,075.85
Bond Anticipation Notes Payable	9,100,000.00	9,100,000.00
Serial Bonds Payable	30,840,000.00	35,420,000.00
Improvement Authorizations:		
Funded	726,918.80	624,383.49
Unfunded	23,164,927.45	29,592,254.86
Reserve to Pay Bonds & Notes	200,873.80	200,873.80
Reserve to Pay Bonds	3,130,215.37	2,903,730.37
Reserve to Pay Notes - Ordinance#1555	251,804.15	251,804.15
Capital Improvement Fund	172,675.00	7,675.00
Fund Balance	547,262.44	458,173.44
	<u>\$ 71,776,039.01</u>	<u>82,250,970.96</u>

There were bonds and notes authorized but not issued at December 31

2022	27,994,645.00
2023	31,034,645.00

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**GENERAL CAPITAL FUND
COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF FUND BALANCE -
REGULATORY BASIS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31,**

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
Beginning Balance January 1	\$ 458,173.44	415,126.79
Increased by:		
Premiums on sale of Bonds & Notes	89,089.00	43,046.65
Decreased by:		
None	-	-
Ending Balance December 31	<u>\$ 547,262.44</u>	<u>458,173.44</u>

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EXHIBIT - D
WATER AND SEWER UTILITY FUND

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**WATER AND SEWER UTILITY FUND
COMPARATIVE BALANCE SHEET - REGULATORY BASIS
AS OF DECEMBER 31,**

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
<u>ASSETS</u>		
Operating Fund:		
Cash	\$ 7,788,438.96	7,297,759.75
	<u>7,788,438.96</u>	<u>7,297,759.75</u>
Receivables and Other Assets with Full Reserves:		
Consumer Accounts Receivable	307,820.69	281,048.71
	<u>307,820.69</u>	<u>281,048.71</u>
Total Operating Fund	<u>8,096,259.65</u>	<u>7,578,808.46</u>
Assessment Trust Fund:		
Cash	77,581.07	77,581.07
Total Assessment Trust Fund	<u>77,581.07</u>	<u>77,581.07</u>
Capital Fund:		
Cash - Treasurer	4,428,817.97	4,524,883.35
Interfunds and Receivables		
Fixed Capital - Completed	34,779,749.81	34,779,749.81
Fixed Capital - Authorized and Uncompleted	14,219,000.00	15,219,000.00
Total Capital Fund	<u>53,427,567.78</u>	<u>54,523,633.16</u>
	<u>\$ 61,601,408.50</u>	<u>62,180,022.69</u>

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**WATER AND SEWER UTILITY FUND
COMPARATIVE BALANCE SHEET - REGULATORY BASIS
AS OF DECEMBER 31,**

	2023	2022
<u>LIABILITIES, RESERVES AND FUND BALANCE</u>		
Operating Fund:		
Appropriation Reserves	\$ 1,248,869.93	364,466.59
Reserve for Encumbrances	248,569.41	163,495.61
Accounts Payable	1,672.46	11,510.07
Prepaid Utility Rents	335,762.31	345,633.85
Utility Overpayments	23,406.69	23,612.34
Accrued Interest on Bonds and Notes	68,091.03	74,743.52
	1,926,371.83	983,461.98
Reserve for Receivables	307,820.69	281,048.71
Fund Balance	5,862,067.13	6,314,297.77
Total Operating Fund	8,096,259.65	7,578,808.46
Assessment Trust Fund:		
Fund Balance	77,581.07	77,581.07
Total Assessment Trust Fund	77,581.07	77,581.07
Capital Fund:		
Encumbrance Payable	192,739.00	1,004,543.98
Bond Anticipation Notes Payable	2,700,000.00	2,700,000.00
Serial Bonds Payable	7,420,000.00	8,480,000.00
USDA Loans Payable	2,182,509.63	2,225,631.91
Improvement Authorizations:		
Funded	1,081,865.45	1,102,661.45
Unfunded	2,685,201.39	2,975,098.79
Reserve for Amortization	35,656,240.18	34,553,117.90
Reserve for Pay Bonds	259,000.00	259,000.00
Fund Balance	1,250,012.13	1,223,579.13
Total Capital Fund	53,427,567.78	54,523,633.16
	\$ 61,601,408.50	62,180,022.69

There were bonds and notes authorized but not issued at December 31

2022	2,040,000.00
2023	1,040,000.00

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**WATER AND SEWER UTILITY FUND
COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS AND CHANGES
IN FUND BALANCE - REGULATORY BASIS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023**

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
Revenue and Other Income Realized		
Fund Balance	\$ 1,897,366.15	925,740.00
Rents	9,164,220.80	9,095,901.62
Penalties	51,440.30	32,009.71
Miscellaneous Revenue Anticipated	214,339.40	146,264.38
Other Credits to Income:		
Unexpended Balance of Appropriation Res.	386,482.02	798,239.42
Total Income	<u>11,713,848.67</u>	<u>10,998,155.13</u>
Expenditures		
Operations	7,458,533.15	7,080,237.00
Debt Service	1,510,065.01	1,671,224.23
Statutory Expenses	1,300,115.00	525,533.00
Total Expenditures	<u>10,268,713.16</u>	<u>9,276,994.23</u>
Excess in Revenue	<u>1,445,135.51</u>	<u>1,721,160.90</u>
Excess in Operations	<u>1,445,135.51</u>	<u>1,721,160.90</u>
Fund Balance January 1	<u>6,314,297.77</u>	<u>5,518,876.87</u>
	7,759,433.28	7,240,037.77
Decreased by:		
Utilization as Anticipated Revenue	<u>1,897,366.15</u>	<u>925,740.00</u>
Fund Balance December 31	<u>\$ 5,862,067.13</u>	<u>6,314,297.77</u>

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**WATER AND SEWER UTILITY CAPITAL FUND
COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF FUND BALANCE -
REGULATORY BASIS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31,**

	2023	2022
Beginning Balance January 1	\$ 1,223,579.13	1,210,808.13
Increased by:		
Premiums on sale of Bonds & Notes	26,433.00	12,771.00
Decreased by:		
None		-
Ending Balance December 31	\$ 1,250,012.13	1,223,579.13

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**WATER AND SEWER UTILITY OPERATING FUND
STATEMENT OF REVENUES - REGULATORY BASIS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023**

	Anticipated Budget	Realized	Excess or (Deficit)
Surplus Anticipated	\$ 1,897,366.15	1,897,366.15	-
Rents	8,245,000.00	9,164,220.80	919,220.80
Penalties	13,000.00	51,440.30	38,440.30
Miscellaneous	120,000.00	214,339.40	94,339.40
	<u>\$ 10,275,366.15</u>	<u>11,327,366.65</u>	<u>1,052,000.50</u>

Analysis of Realized Revenue:

Rents

Consumer Accounts Receivable:

Current Collections	8,818,381.30
Prepaid Applied	345,633.85

9,164,220.80

Miscellaneous

Interest on Investments	44,430.31
Meters	7,600.00
Misc. Deposits	2,750.00
Reconnections	48,400.00
Sewer Connections	500.00
Special Meter Reading	11,250.00
Special Sewer Connection	40,700.00
Water Connections	57,600.00
Cancel Old Outstanding Checks	1,109.09

214,339.40

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**WATER AND SEWER UTILITY FUND
STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURES - REGULATORY BASIS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023**

	Appropriations		Expended		(Over expended) Unexpended Balance Cancelled
	Budget	Budget After Modifications	Paid or Charged	Encumbered Reserved	
Operations:					
Salaries and Wages	\$ 1,354,368.00	1,354,368.00	1,154,334.33	200,033.67	-
Other Expenses	928,521.15	928,521.15	573,389.81	248,569.41	-
Insurance	931,644.00	931,644.00	921,428.67	10,215.33	-
Cape May County MUJ	4,244,000.00	4,244,000.00	3,311,941.00	932,059.00	-
	<u>7,458,533.15</u>	<u>7,458,533.15</u>	<u>5,961,093.81</u>	<u>248,569.41</u>	<u>-</u>
Debt Service:					
Payment of Bond Principal	1,060,000.00	1,060,000.00	1,060,000.00	-	-
Interest on Bonds	244,988.00	244,939.25	238,330.73	-	6,608.52
Interest on Notes	107,700.00	107,748.75	107,748.75	-	-
Other Debt Service - USDA	104,030.00	104,030.00	103,985.53	-	44.47
	<u>1,516,718.00</u>	<u>1,516,718.00</u>	<u>1,510,065.01</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>6,652.99</u>
Deferred Charges and Statutory Expenditures:					
Unfunded Ordinance	1,000,000.00	1,000,000.00	1,000,000.00	-	-
Public Employees' Retirement System	186,785.00	186,785.00	186,785.00	-	-
Social Security System	103,610.00	103,610.00	103,610.00	-	-
Unemployment Compensation Insurance	9,720.00	9,720.00	9,720.00	-	-
	<u>1,300,115.00</u>	<u>1,300,115.00</u>	<u>1,300,115.00</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
\$	<u>10,275,366.15</u>	<u>10,275,366.15</u>	<u>8,771,273.82</u>	<u>248,569.41</u>	<u>6,652.99</u>

Statement of Expenditures:

Accrued Interest on Bonds Disbursed	68,091.03	
	9,081,486.50	
Appropriation Refunds	<u>(378,303.71)</u>	Canceled
	<u>8,771,273.82</u>	
		<u>6,652.99</u>
		<u>6,652.99</u>

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EXHIBIT - E
GENERAL FIXED ASSETS ACCOUNT GROUP

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**GENERAL FIXED ASSETS ACCOUNT GROUP
COMPARATIVE BALANCE SHEET - REGULATORY BASIS
AS OF DECEMBER 31,**

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
General Fixed Assets:		
Land and Buildings	\$ 3,339,899.00	3,339,899.00
Buildings	16,507,126.55	16,062,569.00
Machinery and Equipment	12,607,949.22	11,519,229.00
Total General Fixed Assets	<u>32,454,974.77</u>	<u>30,921,697.00</u>
Investment in General Fixed Assets	\$ <u>32,454,974.77</u>	<u>30,921,697.00</u>

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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**NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023 AND 2022**

NOTE 1: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

A. Reporting Entity

Except as noted below, the financial statements of the City of Sea Isle City include every board, body, office or commission supported and maintained wholly or in part by funds appropriated by the City of Sea Isle City, as required by N.J.S. 40A:5-5.

Component units are legally separate organizations for which the entity is financially accountable. The entity is financially accountable for an organization if the entity appoints a voting majority of the organization's governing board and (1) the entity is able to significantly influence the programs or services performed or provided by the organization; or (2) the entity is legally entitled to or can otherwise access the organization's resources; the entity is legally obligated or has otherwise assumed the responsibility to finance the deficits of or provide financial support to the organization; or the entity is obligated for the debt of the organization. Component units may also include organizations that are fiscally dependent on the entity in that the entity approves the budget, the issuance of debt or the levying of taxes. The entity has no component units.

B. Description of Funds

The accounting policies of the City of Sea Isle City conform to the accounting principles applicable to municipalities which have been prescribed by the Division of Local Government Services, Department of Community Affairs, State of New Jersey. Such principles and practices 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 the respect to public funds. Under this method of accounting, the City of Sea Isle City accounts for its financial transactions through the following separate funds:

Current Fund -- resources and expenditures for governmental operations of a general nature, including Federal and State grant funds.

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

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

Water and Sewer Operating and Capital Funds -- account for the operations of the water and sewer utility and acquisition of water and sewer capital facilities other than those acquired in the Current and General Capital Funds.

General Fixed Assets Account Group -- All fixed assets used in governmental fund type operations (general fixed assets) are accounted for in the general fixed assets account group, rather than in governmental funds.

C. Basis of Accounting

The accounting principles and practices prescribed for municipalities by the State of New Jersey differ in certain respects from generally accepted accounting principles applicable to local governmental units. The more significant policies in New Jersey follow.

A modified accrual basis of accounting is followed with minor exceptions.

Revenues -- are recorded as received in cash except for certain amounts, which are due from other governmental units. Receipts from Federal and State grants are realized as revenue when anticipated in the entity budget. Receivables for property taxes are recorded with offsetting reserves on the balance sheet of the entity's Current Fund, in addition the receivables for utility billings are recorded with offsetting reserves in the Utility Fund; accordingly, such amounts are not recorded as revenue until collected. Other amounts that are due to the entity which are susceptible to accrual are also recorded as receivables with offsetting reserves and recorded as revenue when received.

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023 AND 2022

Expenditures -- are recorded on the "budgetary" basis of accounting. Generally, expenditures are recorded when an amount is encumbered for goods or services through the issuance of a purchase order in conjunction with the Encumbrance Accounting System. Outstanding encumbrances at December 31 are reported as a cash liability in the financial statements. Appropriation reserves covering unencumbered appropriation balances are automatically created at December 31st of each year and recorded as liabilities, except for amounts which may be canceled by the Governing Body. Appropriation reserves are available, until lapsed at the close of the succeeding year, to meet specific claims, commitments or contracts incurred during the preceding fiscal year. Lapsed appropriation reserves are recorded as income. Appropriations for principal payments on outstanding general capital bonds and notes are provided on the cash basis; interest on general capital indebtedness is on the cash basis; interest on utility capital indebtedness is on the accrual basis. Compensated absences are treated on a pay as you go basis with no amount charged to operations in the year incurred.

Foreclosed Property - Foreclosed property is recorded in the Current Fund at the assessed valuation when such property was acquired and is fully reserved.

Inter-funds - 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 cost of inventories of supplies for all funds are recorded as expenditures at the time individual items are purchased. The cost of inventories is not included on the various balance sheets.

General Fixed Assets - The entity has developed a fixed assets accounting and reporting system, as promulgated by the Division of Local Government Services, which differs in certain respects from generally accepted accounting principles.

As required by New Jersey Statutes, foreclosed property is reported in the current operating fund of the municipality.

Fixed assets used in governmental operations (general fixed assets) are accounted for in the General Fixed Assets Account Group. Public domain ("infrastructure") general fixed assets consisting of certain improvements other than buildings, such as roads, bridges, curbs and gutters, streets and sidewalks and drainage systems are not capitalized.

All fixed assets are valued at historical cost or estimated historical cost if actual historical cost is not available except for land which is valued at estimated market value on the date of acquisition. Expenditures for long lived assets with an original cost in excess of \$5,000.00 are capitalized.

No depreciation has been provided for in the financial statements.

Expenditures for construction in progress are recorded in the Capital funds until such time as the construction is completed and put into operation.

Fixed assets acquired through grants in aid or contributed capital have not been accounted for separately.

Property and equipment purchased by the Water and Sewer Utility Fund is recorded in the capital account at cost and are adjusted for disposition and abandonment. The amounts shown do not purport to represent reproduction costs or current value. Contributions in aid of construction are not capitalized. The balance in the Reserve for Amortization and Deferred Reserve for Amortization accounts in the Water and Sewer utility capital fund represents charges to operations for the costs of acquisitions of property, equipment and improvements. The utility does not record depreciation on fixed assets.

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Levy of Taxes -- The County Board of Taxation certifies the tax levy of the municipality each year. The tax levy is based on the assessed valuation of taxable property within the municipality. Taxes are payable on the first day of February, May, August, and November. Any taxes that have not been paid by 11th day of the 11th month in the fiscal year levied are subject to being included in the tax sale and the lien enforced by selling the property in accordance with NJSA 54:5 et. seq.

The municipality is responsible for remitting 100% of the school and county taxes to the respective agency. The loss for delinquent or uncollectible accounts is borne by the municipality and not the school district or county.

Interest on Delinquent Taxes – It is the policy of the City of Sea Isle City to collect interest for the nonpayment of taxes or assessments on or before the date when they would become delinquent. The Tax Collector is authorized to charge eight percent (8%) per annum on the first \$1,500.00 of taxes becoming delinquent after due date and eighteen percent (18%) per annum on any amount of taxes in excess of \$1,500.00 becoming delinquent after due date and if a delinquency is in excess of \$10,000.00 and remains in arrears beyond December 31st, an additional penalty of six percent (6%) shall be charged against the delinquency. There is a ten-day grace period.

Levy of Utility Charges – The entity operates a Water and Sewer utility fund. Rates are determined by ordinance and changed as necessary. Sewer charges are based on flat fees and usage based on the type of entity. Sewer Charges are billed semi-annually and due on April 1st and October 1st.

Interest on Delinquent Utility Charges -- It is the policy of the entity to collect interest for the nonpayment of utility charges on or before the date when they would become delinquent. The Utility Collector is authorized to charge eight percent (8%) per annum on the first \$1,500.00 of charges becoming delinquent after due date and eighteen percent (18%) per annum on any amount of charges in excess of \$1,500.00 becoming delinquent after due date.

Capitalization of Interest -- It is the policy of the City of Sea Isle City to treat interest on projects as a current expense and the interest is included in both the current and utility operating budgets.

Use of Estimates -- The preparation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles or the regulatory basis of accounting requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect certain reported amounts and disclosures. Accordingly, actual results could differ from those estimates.

D. Required Financial Statements

The State of New Jersey requires the following financial statements to be presented for each fund on the regulatory basis of accounting: Balance Sheet, Statement of Operations and Changes in Fund Balance, Statement of Revenue and Statement of Expenditures. These statements differ from those presented under Generally Accepted Accounting Principles, which requires a Statement of Net Position and Statement of Activities in addition to the fund financial statements.

E. Comparative Data

Comparative total data for the prior year has been presented in the accompanying Balance Sheets and Statement of Operations in order to provide an understanding of changes in the entity's financial position. However, comparative (i.e., presentation of prior year totals by fund type) data have not been presented in the Statement of Revenue-Regulatory Basis and Statement of Expenditures-Regulatory Basis since their inclusion would make the statements unduly complex and difficult to read.

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**NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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F. Recent Accounting Pronouncements Not Yet Effective

In June 2022, the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GSSB) issued Statement No. 100, "Accounting Changes and Error Corrections (an amendment of GASB Statement No. 62)". This statement, which is effective for fiscal years beginning after June 15, 2023, may have an effect on the City's financial reporting.

In June 2022, the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) issued Statement No. 101, "Compensated Absences". This statement, which is effective for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2023, will not have an effect on the City's financial statements.

In December 2023, the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) issued Statement No. 102, "Certain Risk Disclosures". This statement, which is effective for fiscal years beginning after June 15, 2024, will not have an effect on the City's financial statements.

NOTE 2: BUDGETARY INFORMATION

Under New Jersey State Statutes, the annual budget is required to be a balanced cash basis document. To accomplish this, the municipality is required to establish a reserve for uncollected taxes. The 2023 and 2022 statutory budgets included a reserve for uncollected taxes in the amount of \$1,000,715.85 and \$939,731.56. To balance the budget, the municipality is required to show a budgeted fund balance. The amount of fund balance budgeted to balance the 2023 and 2022 statutory budgets was \$4,720,000.00 and \$3,840,000.00.

In addition, the entity operates a self-liquidating Water and Sewer utility. Under New Jersey Statutes a separate budget for the Water and Sewer utility must be adopted concurrently with the operating budget of the entity. The Water and Sewer utility budget must be a balanced cash basis budget with fund balance being used to balance the budget. The amount of fund balance budgeted to balance the 2023 and 2022 statutory budgets was \$1,897,366.15 and \$925,740.00.

The Chief Financial Officer has the discretion of approving intra department budgetary transfers throughout the year. Inter department transfers are not permitted prior to November 1. After November 1, these transfers can be made in the form of a resolution and approved by City Council. The following significant budget transfers were approved in the 2023 and 2022 calendar years:

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**NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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Budget Category	2023	2022
Current Fund		
Road Repair and Maintenance		
Salaries and Wages	\$ (41,000.00)	-
Insurance		
Employee Group Insurance	-	(69,500.00)
Street Cleaning		
Salaries and Wages	(39,000.00)	-
Utility Operating Fund		
Operations		
Other Expenses	-	(20,000.00)
Debt Service:		
Interest on Notes	-	20,000.00

NJSA 40A:4-87 permits special items of revenue and appropriations to be inserted into the annual budget when the item has been made available by any public or private funding source and the item was not determined at the time of budget adoption. There was one significant budget insertions approved during 2023. There were no significant budget insertions approved during 2022.

Budget Category	2023	2022
New Jersey Dept of Environmental Protection Stormwater Assistance	\$ 25,000.00	-

The entity may make emergency appropriations, after the adoption of the budget, for a purpose which was not foreseen at the time the budget was adopted or for which adequate provision was not made therein. This type of appropriation shall be made to meet a pressing need for public expenditure to protect or promote the public health, safety, morals or welfare or to provide temporary housing or public assistance prior to the next succeeding fiscal year. Emergency appropriations, except those classified as a special emergency, must be raised in the budgets of the succeeding year. The Governing Body did not approve an emergency authorization in 2023 and 2022 calendar years. Special emergency appropriations are permitted to be raised in the budgets of the succeeding three or five years. There were no Special Emergencies approved in 2023 or 2022.

NOTE 3: INVESTMENTS

Interest Rate Risk. The municipality 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. However, New Jersey Statutes 40A:5-15.1(a) limits the length of time for most investments to 397 days.

Credit Risk. New Jersey Statutes 40A:5-15.1(a) limits municipal investments to those specified in the Statutes. The type of allowable investments are Bonds of the United States of America or of the local unit or school districts of which the local unit is a part of: obligations of federal agencies not exceeding 397 days; government money market mutual funds; the State of New Jersey Cash Management Plan; local government investment pools; or repurchase of fully collateralized securities.

Concentration of Credit Risk. The municipality places no limit on the amount the entity can invest in any one issuer.

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Investments – Length of Service Award Program (LOSAP)

As more fully described in Note 23, the City has created a Length of Service Award Program (LOSAP) for emergency service volunteers. The LOSAP investments are similar to those allowed in a deferred compensation program as specified in NJSA 43:15B-1 et seq. except that all investments are retained in the name of the City. All investments are valued at fair value. In accordance with NJAC 5:30-14.37 the investments are maintained by Lincoln Benefit Life, which is an authorized provider approved by the Division of Local Government Services. The balance in the account on December 31, 2023 and 2022 amounted to \$1,339,414.08 and \$1,112,524.45, respectively.

NOTE 4: CASH

Custodial Credit Risk – Deposits. Custodial credit risk is the risk that in the event of a bank failure, the government’s deposits may not be returned to it. The municipality’s policy is based on New Jersey Statutes requiring cash be deposited only in New Jersey based banking institutions that participate in the New Jersey Governmental Depository Protection Act (GUDPA) or in qualified investments established in New Jersey Statutes 40A:5-15.1(a) that are treated as cash equivalents. Under the act, all demand deposits are covered 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 trust funds such as salary withholdings, bail funds or fund that may pass to the municipality relative to the happening of a future condition. As of December 31, 2023, \$2,725,693.53 of the government’s bank balance of \$28,599,536.90 was exposed to custodial credit risk. As of December 31, 2022, \$2,597,684.52 of the government’s bank balance of \$38,259,773.70 was exposed to custodial credit risk.

NOTE 5: FIXED ASSETS

The following schedules are a summarization of the changes in general fixed assets for the calendar years ended December 31, 2023 and 2022:

	Balance 12/31/2022	Additions	Retirements/ Adjustments	Balance 12/31/2023
Land	\$ 3,339,899.00			3,339,899.00
Building	16,062,569.00	444,557.55		16,507,126.55
Equipment and Machinery	11,519,229.00	1,148,952.22	(60,232.00)	12,607,949.22
	<u>\$ 30,921,697.00</u>	<u>1,593,509.77</u>	<u>(60,232.00)</u>	<u>32,454,974.77</u>

	Balance 12/31/2021	Additions	Retirements/ Adjustments	Balance 12/31/2022
Land	\$ 3,138,438.00	201,461.00	-	3,339,899.00
Building	16,044,869.00	17,700.00	-	16,062,569.00
Equipment and Machinery	13,854,561.37	196,417.00	(2,531,749.37)	11,519,229.00
	<u>\$ 33,037,868.37</u>	<u>415,578.00</u>	<u>(2,531,749.37)</u>	<u>30,921,697.00</u>

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NOTE 6: SHORT-TERM OBLIGATIONS

	<u>Balance 12/31/22</u>	<u>Issued</u>	<u>Retired</u>	<u>Balance 12/31/23</u>
Bond Anticipation				
Notes payable:				
General	\$ 9,100,000.00	9,100,000.00	9,100,000.00	9,100,000.00
Utility	2,700,000.00	2,700,000.00	2,700,000.00	2,700,000.00
	<u>\$ 11,800,000.00</u>	<u>11,800,000.00</u>	<u>11,800,000.00</u>	<u>11,800,000.00</u>
	<u>Balance 12/31/21</u>	<u>Issued</u>	<u>Retired</u>	<u>Balance 12/31/22</u>
Bond Anticipation				
Notes payable:				
General	\$ -	9,100,000.00	-	9,100,000.00
Utility	-	2,700,000.00	-	2,700,000.00
	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>11,800,000.00</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>11,800,000.00</u>

The bond anticipation note outstanding as of December 31, 2023 is held by Oppenheimer and will mature on October 23, 2024. Interest at a rate of 5.00% per annum is due upon maturity.

As of December 31, 2023, the entity has authorized but not issued bonds in the amount of \$31,034,645.00 and \$1,040,000.00 in the General Capital Fund and Utility Capital Fund respectively.

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NOTE 7: LONG TERM DEBT

Long-term debt as of December 31, 2023 and 2022 consisted of the following:

	Balance 12/31/2022	Issued	Retired	Balance 12/31/2023	Amounts Due Within One Year
Bonds payable:					
General	\$ 35,420,000.00	-	4,580,000.00	30,840,000.00	4,950,000.00
Utility	8,480,000.00	-	1,060,000.00	7,420,000.00	980,000.00
Total	43,900,000.00	-	5,640,000.00	38,260,000.00	5,930,000.00
Other liabilities:					
Loans Payable USDA	2,225,631.91	-	43,122.28	2,182,509.63	44,316.30
Compensated					
Absences Payable	1,508,532.40	428,738.73	155,935.48	1,781,335.65	-
Total long-term liabilities	\$ 47,634,164.31	428,738.73	5,839,057.76	42,223,845.28	5,974,316.30

	Balance 12/31/2021	Issued	Retired	Balance 12/31/2022	Amounts Due Within One Year
Bonds payable:					
General	\$ 39,810,000.00	-	4,390,000.00	35,420,000.00	4,580,000.00
Utility	9,750,000.00	-	1,270,000.00	8,480,000.00	1,060,000.00
Total	\$ 49,560,000.00	-	5,660,000.00	43,900,000.00	5,640,000.00
Other liabilities:					
Loans Payable USDA	\$ 2,267,592.35	-	41,960.44	2,225,631.91	43,122.28
Compensated					
Absences Payable	1,510,383.47	165,609.90	167,460.97	1,508,532.40	-
Total long-term liabilities	\$ 53,337,975.82	165,609.90	5,869,421.41	47,634,164.31	5,683,122.28

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**NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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Outstanding bonds whose principal and interest are paid from the Current Fund Budget of the entity:

\$11,640,000 General Improvement Bonds dated April 15, 2012, due in annual installments through April 15, 2025, bearing interest at rates varying from 2% to 3%. The balance remaining at December 31, 2023, is \$2,200,000.00.

\$8,500,000 General Improvement Bonds dated September 15, 2015, due in annual installments through September 15, 2026, bearing interest at rates varying from 2% to 3%. The balance remaining at December 31, 2023, is \$2,700,000.00.

\$14,000,000 General Improvement Bonds dated October 13, 2016, due in annual installments through November 1, 2034, bearing interest at rates varying from 2% to 3%. The balance remaining at December 31, 2023, is \$10,750,000.00.

\$21,800,000 General Improvement Bonds dated August 28, 2019, due in annual installments through September 1, 2029, bearing interest at rates varying from 2% to 3%. The balance remaining at December 31, 2023, is \$15,190,000.00.

Outstanding bonds whose principal and interest are paid from the Utility Operating Fund of the entity:

\$5,030,000 Water and Sewer Utility Bonds dated November 15, 2009, due in annual installments through November 15, 2023, bearing a rate that varies from 3% to 4%. The balance remaining as of December 31, 2023, is \$0.

\$3,000,000 Water and Sewer Utility Bonds dated April 15, 2012 due in annual installments through April 15, 2026, bearing a rate that varies from 2% to 3%. The balance remaining as of December 31, 2023, is \$830,000.00.

\$4,600,000 General Improvement Bonds dated September 15, 2015, due in annual installments through September 15, 2029, bearing interest at rates varying from 2% to 3%. The balance remaining at December 31, 2023, is \$2,330,000.00.

\$6,080,000.00 General Improvement Bonds dated October 13, 2016, due in annual installments through November 1, 2034, bearing interest at rates varying from 2% to 3%. The balance remaining at December 31, 2023, is \$4,260,000.00.

\$2,514,000 Water and Sewer Utility Bond dated with the United States Department of Agriculture, Rural Development. This bond is payable in semiannual installments of \$52,015.00 through 2055. Interest is calculated at 2.75% and is included in the semiannual installments. The City has received approval from the Local Finance Board to use this method of interest calculation for this issue. The balance remaining at December 31, 2023, is \$2,182,509.63

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Schedule of Annual Debt Service for Principal and Interest for Bonded Debt Issued and Outstanding

<u>Year</u>	<u>General Fund</u>		<u>Utility Fund</u>	
	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Interest</u>	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Interest</u>
2024	4,950,000.00	818,325.00	1,024,316.30	274,763.70
2025	5,190,000.00	669,825.00	1,065,543.38	243,986.62
2026	4,330,000.00	530,625.00	1,086,804.43	212,125.57
2027	3,540,000.00	400,725.00	848,100.40	183,829.60
2028	3,690,000.00	328,800.00	849,432.26	161,997.74
2029-2033	7,940,000.00	708,500.00	2,668,466.15	500,683.83
2034-2038	1,200,000.00	36,000.00	687,750.11	223,799.89
2039-2043			352,782.41	167,367.59
2044-2048			404,404.14	115,745.86
2049-2053			463,579.54	56,570.46
2054-2055	-	-	151,330.51	4,714.51
	<u>\$ 30,840,000.00</u>	<u>3,492,800.00</u>	<u>9,602,509.63</u>	<u>2,145,585.37</u>

As of December 31, 2023, the carrying value of the above bonds and notes approximates the fair value of the bonds. No interest was charged to capital projects during the year and the total interest charged to the current budget was \$949,350.00 and to the utility budget was \$304,895.22.

<u>Summary of Municipal Debt</u>	<u>Year 2023</u>	<u>Year 2022</u>	<u>Year 2021</u>
<u>Issued:</u>			
General - Bonds and Notes	\$ 39,940,000.00	44,520,000.00	39,810,000.00
Sewer Utility - Bonds and Notes	12,302,509.63	13,405,631.91	12,017,592.35
Total Issued	<u>52,242,509.63</u>	<u>57,925,631.91</u>	<u>51,827,592.35</u>
<u>Authorized but not issued:</u>			
General - Bonds and Notes	31,034,645.00	27,994,645.00	10,760,645.00
Sewer Utility - Bonds and Notes	1,040,000.00	2,040,000.00	3,850,000.00
Total Authorized But Not Issued	<u>32,074,645.00</u>	<u>30,034,645.00</u>	<u>14,610,645.00</u>
Total Bonds & Notes Issued and Authorized But Not Issued	<u>\$ 84,317,154.63</u>	<u>87,960,276.91</u>	<u>66,438,237.35</u>

Summary of Statutory Debt Condition - Annual Debt Statement

The summarized statement of debt condition which follows is prepared in accordance with the required method of setting up the Annual Debt Statement and indicates a statutory net debt of 0.898%.

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	Gross Debt	Deductions	Net Debt
Water and Sewer Utility Debt	\$ 13,342,509.63	13,342,509.63	-
General Debt	70,974,645.00	-	70,974,645.00
	<u>84,317,154.63</u>	<u>13,342,509.63</u>	<u>70,974,645.00</u>

Net Debt \$70,974,645 ÷ Equalized Valuation Basis per N.J.S.A. 40A:2-2 as amended, \$7,907,652,443.33= 0.898%

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

3 1/2 % of Equalized Valuation Basis (Municipal)	\$ 276,767,836.00
Net Debt	70,974,645.00
Remaining Borrowing Power	<u>\$ 205,793,191.00</u>

The City of Sea Isle City School District, as a K-6 school district, is permitted to borrow up to 2.5% of the average equalized valuation for the past three years. State statutes allow a school district to exceed the districts limitation with voter approval. Any amount approved by the voters in excess of the limit is treated as an impairment of the municipal limit.

NOTE 8: LEASE OBLIGATIONS

Operating Leases

The City is currently leasing thirteen (13) copy machines, under operating leases, for various offices within City Hall and other City owned buildings. The term of each lease is 60 months. Leases for eight (8) machines expired in 2023 with the remaining leases expiring in 2024 and 2025. The monthly payment for the leases range between \$131.13 and \$1,260.08.

In January 2024, the City entered into a new lease for eleven (11) copy machines, under an operating lease, for various offices within City Hall and other City owned buildings. The term of this lease is 60 months and will expire in 2029. The monthly payment on this lease is \$1,785.75.

The total operating lease payments were \$30,484.26 in 2023 and \$31,008.78 in 2022.

The following is a schedule of the future minimum lease payments under these leases and the net minimum lease payments at December 31, 2023.

Year	Operating
2024	\$ 33,695.25
2025	24,264.04
2026	21,429.00
2027	21,429.00
2028	21,429.00
2029-2033	<u>1,785.75</u>
Total minimum lease payments	<u>\$ 124,032.04</u>

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NOTE 9: FUND BALANCES APPROPRIATED

Fund balances at December 31, 2023 and 2022, which were appropriated and included as anticipated revenue in their own respective funds for the year ending December 31, 2024 and 2023 were as follows:

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
Current Fund	\$ 3,315,000.00	4,720,000.00
Water and Sewer Utility Fund	2,007,866.93	1,897,366.15

As of the date of this audit report, the City has not adopted the 2024 Local Municipal Budget and the above amounts are subject to change.

Municipalities are permitted to appropriate the full amount of fund balance, net of any amounts due from the State of NJ for Senior Citizens and Veterans Deductions, deferred charges, and cash deficit. The total amount of fund balance available to the City to appropriate in the 2024 budget is \$7,473,631.92 for the current fund and \$5,862,067.13 for the utility fund.

NOTE 10: DEFERRED CHARGES TO BE RAISED IN SUCCEEDING BUDGETS

Certain expenditures are required to be deferred to budgets of succeeding years. At December 31, 2023, there were no deferred charges shown on the balance sheet.

NOTE 11: SCHOOL TAXES

Local District School Taxes have been raised and a liability deferred by statute, resulting in the school tax payable set forth in the Current Fund liabilities as follows:

	Local School Tax Balance	
	<u>12/31/2023</u>	<u>12/31/2022</u>
Balance of Tax	\$ 1,178,779.00	913,651.00
Deferred	<u>913,651.00</u>	<u>913,651.00</u>
Tax Payable	<u>\$ 265,128.00</u>	<u>-</u>

NOTE 12: TAXES COLLECTED IN ADVANCE

Taxes collected in advance are recorded as cash liabilities in the financial statements. Following is a comparison of the liability for the previous two years:

	<u>Balance 12/31/23</u>	<u>Balance 12/31/22</u>
Prepaid Taxes	\$ 997,758.97	934,911.93
Cash Liability for Taxes Collected in Advance	<u>\$ 997,758.97</u>	<u>934,911.93</u>

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NOTE 13: PENSION FUNDS

Description of Plans

Substantially all of the entity's employees participate in the Public Employees' Retirement System (PERS) and Police and Fireman's Retirement System (PFRS) cost sharing multiple-employer defined benefit pension plans which have been established by State Statute and are administered by the New Jersey Division of Pensions and Benefits (Division). According to the State of New Jersey Administrative Code, all obligations of the System will be assumed by the State of New Jersey should the system terminate. The Division issues a publicly available financial report that includes the financial statements and required supplementary information for the systems. This report may be obtained by writing to the Division of Pension and Benefits, PO Box 295, Trenton, New Jersey 08625 or the report can be accessed on the internet at - <http://www.state.nj.us/treasury/pensions/annrpts.shtml>.

Public Employees' Retirement System

The Public Employees' Retirement System was established in January, 1955 under the provisions of N.J.S.A. 43:15A to provide retirement, death, disability and medical benefits to certain qualified members. The Public Employees' Retirement System is a cost-sharing multiple-employer plan. Membership is mandatory for substantially all full-time employees of the State or any county, municipality, school district or public agency provided the employee is not required to be a member of another State-administered retirement system.

Defined Contribution Retirement Program (DCRP)

The Defined Contribution Retirement Program (DCRP) was established as of July 1, 2008 under the provisions of Chapter 92, P.L. 2008 and Chapter 103, P.L. 2008 (NJSA 43:15c-1 et seq). The DCRP is a cost-sharing multiple-employer defined contribution pension fund. The DCRP provides eligible members, and their beneficiaries with a tax-sheltered, defined contribution retirement benefit, along with life insurance and disability coverage. Vesting and benefit provisions are established by NJSA 43:15c-1 et seq. The City currently has 9 employees enrolled as of December 31, 2023.

Police and Fireman's Retirement System

The contribution policy for the Police and Fireman's Retirement System (PFRS) is set by N.J.S.A. 43:16 and requires contributions by active members and contributing employers. Plan member and employer contributions may be amended by State of New Jersey legislation. PFRS provides for employee contributions of 10.0% of employees' annual compensation, as defined. Employers are required to contribute to an actuarially determined rate.

Pension Plan for Lifeguards

The City of Sea Isle City has established a pension plan to provide retirement, disability, and survivor pension benefits for the individuals who serve on the City's lifeguard force. An eligible employee becomes a plan member upon employment. Employee contributions shall be withheld from the member's salary and contributed to plan for his/her benefit. Retiree benefits are paid out of the current fund and charged to the current operating budget of the City. A plan member may retire with a pension only after his 45th birthday and after he has completed 20 years of service, the last 10 must have been completed immediately preceding his/her application.

Funding Policy

The contribution policy is set by N.J.S.A. 43:15A, Chapter 62, P.L. of 1994, Chapter 115, P.L. of 1997 and N.J.S.A. 18:66, and requires contributions by active members and contributing employers. Plan member and

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employer contributions may be amended by State of New Jersey legislation. PERS provided for employee contributions of 7.50% through June 30, 2020 and 7.50% thereafter of employee's annual compensation, as defined. Employers are required to contribute to an actuarially determined rate in PERS. The current PERS rate is 15.03% of covered payroll. The entity's contributions to PERS for the years ended December 31, 2023, 2022, and 2021 were \$901,904.00, \$808,799.00, and \$698,386.00.

The contribution policy for the PFRS is set by N.J.S.A. 43:16 and requires contributions by active members and contributing employers. Plan member and employer contributions may be amended by State of New Jersey legislation. PFRS provides for employee contributions of 10.0% of employees' annual compensation, as defined. Employers are required to contribute at an actuarially determined rate. The current PFRS rate is 36.00% of covered payroll. The entity's contributions to PFRS for the years ended December 31, 2023, 2022, and 2021 were \$829,343.00, \$710,520.00, and \$852,911.00.

The total payroll for the year ended December 31, 2023, 2022 and 2021 was \$11,364,796.49, \$11,013,385.51, and \$10,944,759.83. Payroll covered by PFRS was \$2,303,665.00, \$2,360,962.00, and \$2,273,118.00. Payroll covered by PERS was \$5,516,118.00, \$5,324,272.00, and \$5,253,335.00.

The Lifeguard Pension provides for employee contributions of 4.00% of employees' annual compensation. The City's contributions to the Lifeguard Pension for the year ended December 31, 2023, 2022 and 2021 was \$10,000.00 in each year. The City's trust for the Lifeguard Pension at December 31, 2023 was \$1,121,824.15. Currently there are no individuals receiving benefits. The benefits paid by the trust for the years ended December 31, 2023, 2022 and 2021 were \$9,358.56 in each year.

Significant Legislation

Chapter 78, P.L. 2011, effective June 28, 2011 made various changes to the manner in which the Public Employees' Retirement System (PERS) and the Police and Firemen's Retirement System (PFRS) operate and to the benefit provisions of those systems.

Chapter 78's provisions impacting employee pension and health benefits include:

- New members of the PERS hired on or after June 28, 2011 (Tier 5 members) will need 30 years of creditable service and age 65 for receipt of the early retirement benefit without a reduction of $\frac{1}{4}$ of 1% for each month that the member is under age 65.
- The eligibility age to qualify for a service retirement in the PERS is increased from age 63 to 65 for Tier 5 members.
- The annual benefit under special retirement for new PFRS members enrolled after June 28, 2011 (Tier 3 members), will be 60% instead of 65% of the member's final compensation plus 1% for each year of creditable service over 25 years but not to exceed 30 years.
- Increases in active member contribution rates. PERS active member rates increase from 5.5% of annual compensation to 6.5% plus an additional 1% phased-in over 7 years; PFRS active member rate increase from 8.5% to 10%. For fiscal year 2013, the member contribution rates increased in October 2011. The phase-in of the additional incremental member contribution rates for PERS members will take place in July of each subsequent fiscal year.
- The payment of automatic cost-of-living adjustment (COLA) additional increases to current and future retirees and beneficiaries is suspended until reactivated as permitted by this law.
- New employee contribution requirements towards the cost of employer-provided health benefit coverage. Employees are required to contribute a certain percentage of the cost of coverage. The rate of contribution is determined based on the employee's annual salary and the selected level of coverage. The increased employee contributions will be phased in over a 4-year period for those employed prior to Chapter 78's effective date with a minimum contribution required to be at least 1.5% of salary.
- In addition, this new legislation changes the method for amortizing the pension systems' unfunded accrued liability (from a level percent of pay method to a level dollar of pay).

Chapter 1, P.L. 2010, effective May 21, 2010, made a number of changes to the State-administered retirement systems concerning eligibility, the retirement allowance formula, the definition of compensation,

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the positions eligible for service credit, the non-forfeitable right to a pension, the prosecutor's part of the PERS, special retirement under the PFRS, and employer contributions to the retirement systems.

Also, Chapter 1, P.L. 2010 changed the membership eligibility criteria for new members of PERS from the amount of annual compensation to the number of hours worked weekly. Also, it returned the benefit multiplier for new members of PERS to 1/60th from 1/55th, and it provided that new members of PERS have the retirement allowance calculated using the average annual compensation for the last five years of service instead of the last three years of service. New members of PERS will no longer receive pension service credit from more than one employer. Pension service credit will be earned for the highest paid position only. For new members of the PFRS, the law capped the maximum compensation that can be used to calculate a pension from these plans at the annual wage contribution base for social security, and requires the pension to be calculated using a three-year average annual compensation instead of the last year's salary. This law also closed the Prosecutors Part of the PERS to new members and repealed the law for new members that provided a non-forfeitable right to receive a pension based on the laws of the retirement system in place at the time 5 years of pension service credit is attained. The law also requires the State to make its full pension contribution, defined a 1/7th of the required amount, beginning in fiscal years 2012.

Chapter 3, P.L. 2010, effective May 21, 2010, replaced the accidental and ordinary disability retirement for new members of the PERS with disability insurance coverage similar to that provided by the State to individuals enrolled in the State's Defined Contribution Retirement Program.

Chapter 92, P.L. 2007 implemented certain recommendations contained in the December 1, 2006 report of the Joint Legislative Committee on Public Employee Benefits Reform; established a DCRP for elected and certain appointed officials, effective July 1, 2007; the new pension loan interest rate became 4.69% per year, and an \$8.00 processing fee per loan was charged, effective January 1, 2008. The legislation also removed language from existing law that permits the State Treasurer to reduce employer pension contributions needed to fund the Funds and Systems when excess assets are available.

NOTE 14: PENSION LIABILITIES

In 2012, the Governmental Accounting Standards Board issued GASB statement 68. This statement is effective for fiscal years beginning after June 15, 2014. This statement changes the method of reporting the City's pension liabilities. However, due to the fact that the City reports on the regulatory basis of accounting, no financial statement impact will be recognized.

The following represents the City's pension liabilities as June 30, 2022:

Public Employees' Retirement System

The City has a liability of \$10,793,382 for its proportionate share of the net pension liability. The net pension liability was measured as of June 30, 2022, and the total pension liability used to calculate the net pension liability was determined by an actuarial valuation as of July 1, 2021 that was rolled forward to June 30, 2022. The City's proportion of the net pension liability was based on a projection of the City's long-term share of contributions to the pension plan relative to the projected contributions of all participating employers, actuarially determined. At June 30, 2022, the City's proportion would be 0.07152019470%, which would be an increase of 3.56% from its proportion measured as of June 30, 2021.

For the year ended December 31, 2022, the City would have recognized pension expense of \$(757,986). At December 31, 2022, the City would report deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to PERS from the following sources:

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	Deferred Outflows of Resources	Deferred Inflows of Resources
Differences between expected & actual experience	\$ 77,902	(68,698)
Changes of assumptions	33,441	(1,616,197)
Changes in proportion	538,711	(777,744)
Net difference between projected and actual earnings on pension plan investments	446,728	-
Total	\$ 1,096,782	(2,462,639)

Amounts that would be reported as deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions would be recognized in pension expense as follows:

Year ended June 30,	
2023	\$ (1,248,467)
2024	(459,804)
2025	(32,307)
2026	377,657
2027	(2,936)
Total	\$ (1,365,857)

Actuarial Assumptions

The total pension liability for the June 30, 2022 measurement date was determined by an actuarial valuation as of July 1, 2021, which was rolled forward to June 30, 2022. This actuarial valuation used the following assumptions, applied to all periods in the measurement:

Inflation rate	
Price	2.75%
Wage	3.25%
Salary increases:	2.75% – 6.55% (based on years of service)
Investment rate of return:	7.00%

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

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

In accordance with State statute, the long-term expected rate of return on plan investments (7.00% at June 30, 2022) 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 real rates of return for each major asset class included in PERS's target asset allocation as of June 30, 2022 are summarized in the following table:

Asset Class	Target Allocation	Long-Term Expected Real Rate of Return
US equity	27.00%	8.12%
Non-U.S. developed markets equity	13.50%	8.38%
Emerging markets equity	5.50%	10.33%
Private equity	13.00%	11.80%
Real estate	8.00%	11.19%
Real assets	3.00%	7.60%
High yield	4.00%	4.95%
Private Credit	8.00%	8.10%
Investment grade credit	7.00%	3.38%
Cash equivalents	4.00%	1.75%
U.S. Treasuries	4.00%	1.75%
Risk mitigation strategies	3.00%	4.91%

Discount Rate

The discount rate used to measure the total pension liability was 7.00% as of June 30, 2022. The projection of cash flows used to determine the discount rate assumed that contributions from plan members will be made at the current member contribution rates and that contributions from employers will be made based on 100% of the actuarially determined contributions for the State employer and 100% of actuarially determined contributions for local employers. Based on those assumptions, the plan's fiduciary net position was projected to be available to make all projected future benefit payments of current plan members. Therefore, the long-term expected rate of return on plan investments was applied to all projected benefit payments in determining the total pension liability.

Sensitivity of the City's proportionate share of the net pension liability to changes in the discount rate.

The following presents the City's proportionate share of the net pension liability calculated using the discount rate as disclosed above, as well as what the City's proportionate share of the net pension liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is 1-percentage point lower or 1-percentage point higher than the current rate:

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	1% Decrease (6.00%)	Current Discount Rate (7.00%)	1% Increase (8.00%)
City's proportionate share of the net pension liability	\$ 12,943,478	\$ 10,793,382	\$ 8,965,597

Pension plan fiduciary net position.

Detailed information about the pension plan's fiduciary net position is available in the separately issued PERS financial report.

Police and Firemen's Retirement System

The City has a liability of \$7,299,187 for its proportionate share of the net pension liability. The net pension liability was measured as of June 30, 2022, and the total pension liability used to calculate the net pension liability was determined by an actuarial valuation as July 1, 2021 that was rolled forward to June 30, 2022. The City's proportion of the net pension liability was based on a projection of the City's long-term share of contributions to the pension plan relative to the projected contributions of all participating employers, actuarially determined. At June 30, 2022, the City's proportion would be 0.06376847000%, which would be an increase of 4.60% from its proportion measured as of June 30, 2021.

For the year ended December 31, 2022, the City would have recognized pension expense of \$(9,783). At December 31, 2022, the City would have reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to PFRS from the following sources:

	Deferred Outflows of Resources	Deferred Inflows of Resources
Differences between expected & actual experience	\$ 330,380	(447,173)
Changes of assumptions	20,004	(918,821)
Changes in proportion	664,378	(401,240)
Net difference between projected and actual earnings on pension plan investments	668,389	-
Total	<u>\$ 1,683,151</u>	<u>(1,767,234)</u>

Amounts that would be reported as deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions would be recognized in pension expense as follows:

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Year ended June 30,		
2023	\$	(88,406)
2024		(56,497)
2025		(53,820)
2026		112,421
2027		1,083
Thereafter		1,136
Total	\$	<u>(84,083)</u>

Actuarial Assumptions

The total pension liability for the June 30, 2022 measurement date was determined by an actuarial valuation of July 1, 2020, which was rolled forward to June 30, 2022. This actuarial valuation used the following assumptions, applied to all periods in the measurement:

Inflation rate	
Price	2.75%
Wage	3.25%
Salary increases:	3.25% - 16.25% (based on years of service)
Investment rate of return:	7.00%

Employee mortality rates were based on the Pub-2010 Safety Employee mortality table with a 105.6% adjustment for males and 102.5% adjustment for females. For healthy annuitants, mortality rates were based on the PubS-2010 amount-weighted mortality table with a 96.7% adjustment for males and 96% adjustment for females. Disability rates were based on the Pub-2010 amount-weighted mortality table with a 152% adjustment for males and 109.3% adjustment for females. Mortality improvement is based on Scale MP-2021.

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

In accordance with State statute, the long-term expected rate of return on plan investments (7.00% at June 30, 2022) is determined by the State Treasurer, after consultation with the Directors of the Division of Investments and Division of Pensions and Benefits, the board of trustees and the actuaries. The long-term expected rate of return was determined using a building block method in which best-estimate ranges of expected future real rates of return (expected returns, net of pension plan investment expense and inflation) are developed for each major asset class. These ranges are combined to produce the long-term expected rate of return by weighting the expected future real rates of return by the target asset allocation percentage and by adding expected inflation. Best estimates of arithmetic rates of return for each major asset class included in PFRS's target asset allocation as of June 30, 2022 are summarized in the following table:

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Asset Class	Target Allocation	Long-Term Expected Real Rate of Return
US equity	27.00%	8.12%
Non-U.S. developed markets equity	13.50%	8.38%
Emerging markets equity	5.50%	10.33%
Private equity	13.00%	11.80%
Real estate	8.00%	11.19%
Real assets	3.00%	7.60%
High yield	4.00%	4.95%
Private credit	8.00%	8.10%
Investment grade credit	7.00%	3.38%
Cash equivalents	4.00%	1.75%
U.S. Treasuries	4.00%	1.75%
Risk mitigation strategies	3.00%	4.91%

Discount Rate

The discount rate used to measure the total pension liability was 7.00% as of June 30, 2022. 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 non-employer contributing entity will be made based on 100% of the actuarially determine contributions for the State employer and 100% of actuarially determined contributions for local employers. Based on those assumptions, the plan's fiduciary net position was projected to be available to make all projected future benefit payments of current plan members. Therefore, the long-term expected rate of return on plan investments was applied to all projected benefit payments to determine the total pension liability.

Sensitivity of the City's proportionate share of the net pension liability to changes in the discount rate.

The following presents the collective net pension liability of the participating employers as of June 30, 2021, calculated using the discount rate as disclosed above as well as what the collective net pension liability would be if it was calculated using a discount rate that is 1-percentage point lower or 1-percentage point higher than the current rate:

	Decrease (6.00%)	Rate (7.00%)	Increase (8.00%)
City's proportionate share of the net pension liability	10,314,690.36	7,299,187.00	4,789,060.25

In addition to the PFRS liabilities listed above, a special funding situation exists for the Local employers of the Police and Fire Retirement System of New Jersey. The State of New Jersey, as a non-employer, is required to pay the additional costs incurred by Local employers under 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 June 30, 2022 State special funding situation net pension liability amount of \$2,037,115,833.00 is the accumulated differences between the annual actuarially determined State obligation under the special funding situation and the actual State contribution through the valuation date. The fiscal year ending June 30, 2022 State special funding situation pension expense of \$235,029,281.00 is

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the actuarially determined contribution amount that the State owes for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2022. The pension expense is deemed to be a State administrative expense due to the special funding situation.

The contribution policy for PFRS is set by N.J.S.A. 43:16A and required contributions by active members and contributing employers. State legislation has modified the amount that is contributed by the State. The State's contribution amount is based on an actuarially determined rate which includes the normal cost and unfunded accrued liability. For fiscal year 2022, the State contributed an amount more than the actuarially determined amount.

Although the liabilities related to the special funding situation are the liabilities of the State of New Jersey, the proportionate share of the statewide liability allocated to the City was 0.06376847000% for 2022. The net pension liability amount allocated to the City was \$1,299,038. For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2022 State special funding situation pension expense of \$149,875 is allocated to the City.

Pension plan fiduciary net position.

Detailed information about the pension plan's fiduciary net position is available in the separately issued PFRS financial report.

NOTE 15: POST-RETIREMENT BENEFITS

The City offers medical, prescription drug, life insurance, dental and vision coverage to eligible retirees and their dependents after 25 years or more of service at retirement. Police officers receive the same benefits after 20 years or more of service, however, they're only eligible for single coverage. As of March 1, 2015, the medical and prescription drug benefits were administered through State Health Benefits program.

The dental and vision coverage provided to eligible retirees and their dependents is administered directly by the City. They also receive life insurance coverage, however, dependents are not eligible for this coverage.

The City of Sea Isle City contributions for post-retirement benefits for the year ended December 31, 2023, 2022, and 2021 were \$1,385,469.93, \$1,191,569.04, and \$955,499.30, respectively.

The City participates New Jersey State Health Benefits Program ("the SHBP"), which qualifies as a cost-sharing, multiple –employer plan in accordance with GASB Statement 75 "Accounting and Financial Reporting for Post-employment Benefits Other Than Pensions" ("OPEB"). The SHBP is administered by the State of New Jersey, Department of Treasury, Division of Pension and Benefits.

Under the SHBP, retirees (who qualified for retiree benefits through the State but do not qualify for 100% employer paid benefits) may continue in the health benefits programs in which they are enrolled at the time of retirement (may enroll in any of the SHBP retiree plans), provided the retiree pays the costs of the benefits (at the SHBP established group rates for the plan and coverage selected) for themselves and their eligible dependents. The OPEB Liability associated with the SHBP is further discussed in Note 16.

City employees are also eligible to participate in the single – employer OPEB Plan discussed below.

A retiree and their covered dependents may also receive City-paid dental and vision benefits for a period of 3 to 5 years in accordance with labor agreements if they meet any one of the following requirements:

- (1) Twenty-five (25) years or more of full-time service with Sea Isle City

The Regulatory Basis of Accounting does not permit the accrual of Actuarially determined OPEB Expenses or Liabilities. The City reports all OPEB related costs on the "pay as you go" basis. The following information is for disclosure purposes only and has not been accrued in the Financial Statements of the City.

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The actuarial determined valuation of these benefits has been reviewed and will be reviewed bi-annually for the purpose of estimating the present value of future benefits for active and retired employees and their dependents as required by GASB 75.

The actuarial valuation report was based on 197 total participants including 78 retirees.

Annual OPEB Cost and Net OPEB Liability

The City's annual OPEB cost represents the accrued cost for post-employment benefits under GASB 75. The cumulative difference between the annual OPEB cost and the benefits paid during a year will result in a net OPEB obligation. The annual OPEB cost is equal to the annual required contribution (ARC) less adjustment if a net OPEB obligation exists. The ARC is equal to the normal cost and amortization of the Unfunded Actuarial Accrued Liability (UAAL) plus interest.

Actuarial Methods and Assumptions

Actuarial valuations of an ongoing plan involve estimates and assumptions about the probability of occurrences of events far into the future, including future employment, mortality and healthcare cost trends. Actuarially determined amounts are subject to continual revision as actual results are compared with past expectations and new estimates are made about the future.

In the December 31, 2022 actuarial valuation, the "Entry-Age-Normal as a Percentage of Salary" method was used for all participants. The actuarial assumptions used to project future costs included a discount rate of 4.31% and annual dental and vision cost trend rate of 2.0%. In addition, the unfunded actuarial accrued liability is being amortized over the maximum acceptable period of 30 years.

Other Post-employment Benefit Costs and Obligations

In the January 1, 2022 actuarial valuation, the Actuarily Determined Contribution for the year ending December 31, 2023 were projected as follows:

	<u>12/31/2022</u>
Actuarial determined contribution	\$ 1,592,738.00
Benefit payments	(158,523.00)
Net change in total OPEB liability	<u>1,434,215.00</u>
Covered Payroll	\$ 8,915,426.00
Actuarily Determined Contribution as a % of Covered Payroll	1.78%

The following reflects the change in the Total OPEB Liability as of the January 1, 2022 valuation date for the Years ended December 31, 2022.

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	<u>12/31/2022</u>
OPEB Liability, Beginning of Year	\$ 16,890,040.00
Change in Benefit Terms (Gap year adjustment)	873,018.00
Changes for the Year:	
Service Cost	480,024.00
Interest	397,885.00
Assumption Changes & Difference	
Between Actual & Expected Experience	(1,131,034.00)
Change in Actuarial Cost Method	(6,404,293.00)
Benefit Payments	(158,523.00)
OPEB Liability, End of Year	\$ <u>10,947,117.00</u>
Covered payroll (for Covered Participants)	\$ 8,915,426.00
Total OPEB liability as a percentage of covered payroll	122.79%

Sensitivity of the total OPEB liability to changes in the discount rate.

The January 1, 2023 valuation was prepared using a discount rate of 4.31%. If the discount rate were 1% higher than what was used in this valuation, the total OPEB liability would decrease to \$9,067,770 or by 5.31%. If the discount rate were 1% lower than was used in this valuation, the total OPEB liability would increase to \$13,404,347 or by 3.31%.

	<u>Discount Rate</u>		
	<u>1% Decrease</u>	<u>Baseline 4.31%</u>	<u>1% Increase</u>
Total OPEB Liability	\$ <u>13,404,347.00</u>	<u>10,947,117.00</u>	<u>6,067,770.00</u>

Sensitivity of the total OPEB liability to changes in the healthcare cost trend rates.

The January 1, 2023 valuation was prepared using an initial trend rate of 8.00% decreasing to 5.0%. If the trend rate were 1% higher than what was used in this valuation, the total OPEB liability would increase to \$13,544,150.00 or by 9.00% decreasing to 6.00%. If the trend rate were 1% lower than was used in this valuation, the total OPEB liability would decrease to \$8,995,110.00 or by 7.00% decreasing to 4.00%.

	<u>Healthcare Cost Trend Rates</u>		
	<u>1% Decrease</u>	<u>Baseline 0.00%</u>	<u>1% Increase</u>
Total OPEB Liability	\$ <u>8,995,110.00</u>	<u>10,947,117.00</u>	<u>13,544,150.00</u>

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OPEB Expense and Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources Related to OPEB

For the year ended December 31, 2022, the City's Actuarially determined OPEB expense was 505,964.00. At December 31, 2022, the City reported deferred outflows of resources related to OPEB from the following sources:

	<u>Deferred Outflows of Resources</u>	<u>Deferred Inflows of Resources</u>
Increase in January 1, 2022 OPEB Liability due to Actuarial experience different from expected and actuarial assumption changes	\$ 2,828,352.00	6,466,528.00
Total	<u>\$ 2,828,352.00</u>	<u>6,466,528.00</u>

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

For the Year Ending December 31,

2023	\$ (377,062.00)
2024	(369,386.00)
2025	337,699.00
2026	(1,076,475.00)
2027	(1,076,475.00)
Thereafter	(1,076,477.00)
	<u>\$ (3,638,176.00)</u>

NOTE 16 – OTHER POST-RETIREMENT BENEFITS

General Information about the Plan:

The City offers Other Post-Retirement Benefits (OPEB) to its employees through the State Health Benefit Local Government Retired Employees Plan (the Plan) a cost-sharing multiple employer defined benefit other postemployment benefit plan. It covers employees of local government employers that have adopted a resolution to participate in the Plan. For additional information about the Plan, please refer to the State of New Jersey (the State), Division of Pensions and Benefits' (the Division) Annual Comprehensive Financial Report (ACFR), which can be found at:

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

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

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retired employees. Under Chapter 48, the employer may assume the cost of post-retirement medical coverage for employees and their dependents who:

1) retired on a disability pension;

or 2) retired with 25 or more years of service credit in a State or locally administered retirement system and a period of service of up to 25 years with the employer at the time of retirement as established by the employer;

or 3) retired and reached the age of 65 with 25 or more years of service credit in a State or locally administered retirement system and a period of service of up to 25 years with the employer at the time of retirement as established by the employer;

or 4) retired and reached age 62 with at least 15 years of service with the employer. Further, the law provides that the employer paid obligations for retiree coverage may be determined by means of a collective negotiations agreement.

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

Allocation Methodology:

GASB Statement No. 75 requires participating employers in the Plan to recognize their proportionate share of the collective net OPEB liability, collective deferred outflows of resources, collective deferred inflows of resources, and collective OPEB expense, however under the Regulatory Basis of Accounting followed by the Municipality these amounts are not accrued or recorded in the financial statements and the information listed in this note is for disclosure purposes only. Statewide across all member employers, the special funding situation's and nonspecial funding situation's net OPEB liability, deferred outflows of resources, deferred inflows of resources, and OPEB expense are based on separately calculated total OPEB liabilities. For the special funding situation and the nonspecial funding situation, the Collective Total OPEB liabilities for the year ended June 30, 2022 were \$3,361,552,823 and \$3,872,142,278, respectively. The nonspecial funding situation's net OPEB liability, deferred outflows of resources, deferred inflows of resources, and OPEB expense are further allocated to employers based on the ratio of the plan members of an individual employer to the total members of the Plan's non special funding situation during the measurement period July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022. Employer and non-employer allocation percentages have been rounded for presentation purposes.

Net OPEB Liability:

Components of Net OPEB Liability

The components of the collective net OPEB liability of the participating employers in the Plan as of June 30, 2022 is as follows:

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	June 30, 2022	
	Collective Total	Proportionate Share
Total OPEB Liability	\$ 16,090,925,144	\$ 27,410,247
Plan Fiduciary Net Position (Deficit)	(58,670,334)	(99,943)
Net OPEB Liability	<u>\$ 16,149,595,478</u>	<u>\$ 27,510,190</u>
Plan Fiduciary Net Position as a Percentage of the Total OPEB Liability	-0.36%	-0.36%

At June 30, 2022 the City's proportionate share of the Collective Net OPEB Liability was \$27,510,190. The City's proportion of the Collective Net OPEB Liability was 0.170346% which was an increase from the prior year of 2.76%.

For the Year ended June 30, 2022 the City's total OPEB Expense was \$320,875.

The total OPEB liability as of June 30, 2022 was determined by an actuarial valuation as of June 30, 2021, which was rolled forward to June 30, 2022. The actuarial assumptions vary for each plan member depending on the pension plan the member is enrolled in. This actuarial valuation used the following actuarial assumptions, applied to all periods in the measurement:

Investment Rate of Return		
Including Inflation rate		3.54%
Salary increases*:		
PERS	<u>Completed Years of Service</u>	<u>Annual Rate of Increase (%)</u>
	0 6.55	
	5	5.75
	10	4.75
	15	3.75
	20	3.15
	25	2.85
	>=29	2.75
PFRS	<u>Completed Years of Service</u>	<u>Annual Rate of Increase (%)</u>
	0 16.25	
	5	11.00
	10	6.00
	15	4.00
	>=17	3.25

Mortality:

Pre-Retirement Healthy Mortality:

PERS: Pub-2010 General classification headcount weighted mortality with fully generational mortality improvement projections from the central year using Scale MP-2021

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PFRS: Pub-2010 Safety classification headcount weighted mortality with fully generational mortality improvement projections from the central year using Scale MP-2021

Post-Retirement Healthy Mortality

Chapter 330 Retirees: PUB-2010 "Safety" classification headcount-weighted mortality table with fully generational mortality improvement projections from the central year using Scale MP-2021.

Other Retirees: PUB-2010 "General" classification headcount-weighted mortality table with fully generational mortality improvement projections from the central year using Scale MP-2021.

Disable Retiree Mortality:

PERS Future Disabled Retirees: PUB-2010 "General" classification headcount-weighted disabled mortality table with fully generational mortality improvement projections from the central year using Scale MP-2021.

PFRS Future Disabled Retirees: PUB-2010 "Safety" classification headcount-weighted disabled mortality table with fully generational mortality improvement projections from the central year using Scale MP-2021.

Chapter 330 Current Retirees: PUB-2010 "Safety" classification headcount-weighted disabled mortality table with fully generational mortality improvement projections from the central year using Scale MP-2021.

Other Current Retirees: PUB-2010 "General" classification headcount-weighted disabled mortality table with fully generational mortality improvement projections from the central year using Scale MP-2021.

Actuarial assumptions used in the July 1, 2021 valuation were based on the results of the PFRS and PERS experience studies prepared for July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2021 and July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2021, respectively.

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

Discount Rate

The discount rate for June 30, 2022 was 3.54%. The discount rate will change each year based on the Bond Buyer Go 20-Bond Municipal Bond Index each year.

Sensitivity of Net OPEB Liability to Changes in the Discount Rate

The following presents the Net OPEB liability as of June 30, 2023, calculated using the discount rate as disclosed above as well as what the Net OPEB liability would be if it was calculated using a discount rate that is 1-percentage point lower or 1-percentage-point higher than the current rate:

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	1% Decrease (2.54%)	Discount Rate (3.54%)	1% Increase (4.54%)
Collective			
Net OPEB Liability \$	18,720,632,230	16,149,595,478	14,080,955,857
Proportionate Share			
Net OPEB Liability \$	31,889,848	27,510,190	23,986,345

Sensitivity of Net OPEB Liability to Changes in the Healthcare Trend Rate

The following presents the net OPEB liability as of June 30, 2022, calculated using the healthcare trend rate as disclosed above as well as what the net OPEB liability would be if it was calculated using a healthcare trend rate that is 1-percentage point lower or 1-percentage point higher than the current rate:

	1% Decrease	Healthcare cost Trend Rate	1% Increase
Collective			
Net OPEB Liability \$	13,700,188,049	16,149,595,478	19,286,596,671
Proportionate Share			
Net OPEB Liability \$	23,337,722	27,510,190	32,853,946

Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources Related to OPEB

At June 30, 2022, the State reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to retired employees' OPEB from the following sources:

	Collective Totals		Proportionate Share	
	Deferred Outflows of Resources	Deferred Inflows of Resources	Deferred Outflows of Resources	Deferred Inflows of Resources
Differences between expected and actual experience	\$ 833,982,363	(2,993,448,535)	1,420,656	(5,099,220)
Changes of assumptions	2,155,230,462	(5,511,545,572)	3,671,349	(9,388,697)
Net difference between projected and actual earnings on OPEB plan investments	4,251,491		7,242	
Changes in proportion and differences between contributions and proportionate share of contributions			3,390,641	(2,140,717)
Total	\$ 2,993,464,316	(8,504,994,107)	8,489,888	(16,628,634)

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

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Year Ended June 30,	Collective Totals	Proportionate Share
2023	\$ (1,463,380,541.00)	(2,160,939.52)
2024	(1,464,672,406.00)	(2,162,847.18)
2025	(1,156,630,075.00)	(1,707,968.34)
2026	(516,557,746.00)	(762,788.64)
2027	(115,810,526.00)	(171,014.67)
Thereafter	(794,478,497.00)	(1,173,187.65)
Total	<u>\$ (5,511,529,791.00)</u>	<u>(8,138,746.00)</u>

Detailed information about the plan's fiduciary net position is available in the separately issued OPEB financial report.

Collective OPEB Expenses reported by the State of New Jersey

The components of allocable OPEB Expense related to specific liabilities of individual employers for the year ending June 30, 2022 are as follows:

Service cost	\$ 796,654,029
Interest on Total OPEB Liability	401,372,615
Expected Investment Return	86,955
Administrative Expenses	12,334,441
Changes of Benefit Terms	402,474,416
Current Period Recognition (Amortization) of Deferred Inflow s/ Outflow s of Resources:	
Differences between Expected and Actual Experience	(630,413,303)
Changes in Assumptions	(835,585,441)
Differences between Projected and Actual Investment Earnings on OPEB Plan Investments	4,032,008
Total Collective OPEB Expense	<u>\$ 150,955,720</u>

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Schedule of City's Share of Net OPEB Liability

	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>
City's Proportionate Share of Net OPEB Liability	0.1734600%	0.1648530%	0.1669870%	0.1573800%	0.1670480%
City's Share of Net OPEB Liability	\$ 27,510,190	29,756,053	29,968,511	21,318,807	26,170,772
City's Covered Payroll	7,685,234	7,526,453	7,166,922	7,390,151	7,291,553
City's Proportionate Share of the Net OPEB Liability as a percentage of its Covered-Employee Payroll	357.96%	395.35%	418.15%	288.48%	358.92%
Plan Fiduciary Net Position as a Percentage of the Total OPEB Liability	-0.36%	0.28%	0.97%	1.97%	1.98%

NOTE 17: ACCRUED SICK AND VACATION BENEFITS

The entity has permitted employees to accrue unused sick time, which may be taken as time off or paid at a later date at an agreed upon rate. The monetary value of these earned and unused employee benefits has not been accrued by either charges to operations or to budgets of prior years, although in some cases they might be material, since the realization of this liability may be affected by conditions which preclude an employee from receiving full payment of the accrual. At December 31, 2023, the City estimates this liability to approximate \$1,781,335.65 based on 2023 pay rates and compensated absence balances. At December 31, 2022, the liability was \$1,508,532.40. The policy of not reflecting the accrued benefit is not in agreement with GASB Statement No. 12 but is required by the State of New Jersey. Effective January 1, 2002 the State of New Jersey is allowing municipalities to accrue a compensated absences liability. The entity does not accrue the liability.

NOTE 18: ECONOMIC DEPENDENCY

The City of Sea Isle City is not economically dependent on any one business or industry as a major source of tax revenue for the entity.

NOTE 19: RISK MANAGEMENT

The entity 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.

Property and Liability Insurance - The entity maintains commercial insurance coverage for property, liability and surety bonds. During the year ended December 31, 2023 and 2022 the entity did not incur claims in excess of their coverage and the amount of coverage did not significantly decrease.

The entity is a member of the Atlantic County Joint Insurance Fund (JIF) and the Municipal Excess Liability Fund (MEL) which also includes other municipalities throughout the region. The entity is obligated to remit insurance premiums into these funds for sufficient insurance coverage. There is an unknown contingent liability with the Atlantic County Municipal Joint Insurance Fund if there is a catastrophic insurance claim from

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any member of the fund. The entity has a general liability limit of \$50,000 under JIF, which increases to \$1,000,000 under MEL.

NOTE 20: DEFERRED COMPENSATION

The Employees of the City of Sea Isle City may participate in a deferred compensation plan adopted under the provisions of Internal Revenue Code Section 457 (Deferred Compensation Plans With Respect to Service for State and Local Governments). The deferred compensation plan is available to all employees of the entity. Under the plan, employees may elect to defer a portion of their salaries and avoid paying taxes on the deferred portion until the withdrawal date. The deferred compensation amount is not available for withdrawal by employees until termination, retirement, death, or unforeseeable emergency.

An unrelated financial institution administers the deferred compensation plan. Under the terms of an IRC Section 457 deferred compensation plan, all deferred compensation and income attributable to the investment of the deferred compensation amounts held by the financial institution, until paid or made available to the employees or beneficiaries, are the property of the employees.

As part of its fiduciary role, the entity has an obligation of due care in selecting the third-party administrator. In the opinion of the entity's legal counsel, the entity has acted in a prudent manner and is not liable for losses that may arise from the administration of the plan.

The plan administrators are Nationwide and VALIC/AIG. There are 29 and 41 employees who participate respectively.

NOTE 21: CONTINGENT LIABILITIES

From time to time, the entity is a defendant in legal proceedings relating to its operations as a municipality. In the best judgment of the entity's management, the outcome of any present legal proceedings will not have any adverse material effect on the accompanying financial statements.

NOTE 22: INTERFUND BALANCES

During the most current calendar year ended December 31, 2023, the following inter-funds were included on the balance sheets of the various funds of the City of Sea Isle City:

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	Due From	Due To
Current Fund:		
Grant Fund	\$	288,252.57
Animal Control Fund	235.80	
Tourism Fund	50.00	
Grant Fund:		
Current Fund	288,252.57	
Trust Fund:		
Current Fund		285.80
	<u>\$ 288,538.37</u>	<u>288,538.37</u>

The amounts due to the Grant fund from the Current fund is due to there is only one bank account for the Current Fund and the Grant Fund. No other significant inter-funds existed at year-end.

NOTE 23: LENGTH OF SERVICE AWARDS PROGRAM

During the 2004 calendar year, the voters of the City of Sea Isle City approved the establishment of a Length of Service Awards Program (LOSAP) Deferred Compensation Plan. This plan is made available to all bona fide eligible volunteers who are performing qualified services which is defined as firefighting and prevention services, emergency medical services and ambulance services pursuant to Section 457 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, except for provisions added by reason of the LOSAP as enacted into federal law in 1997. The establishment of this LOSAP will also comply with New Jersey Public Law 1997, Chapter 388 and the LOSAP Document. The City appropriated \$75,000.00 and \$75,000.00 in 2023 and 2022 budgets, respectively for contributions to the LOSAP for volunteers who have met the established criteria.

The LOSAP is administered by an unrelated financial institution. Under the terms of an IRC Section 457 deferred compensation plan, all deferred compensation and income attributable to the investment of the deferred compensation amounts held by the financial institution, until paid or made available to the employees or beneficiaries, are the property of the City subject only to the claims of the City's general creditors. In addition, the participants in the plan have rights equal to those of the general creditors of the City, and each participant's rights are equal to his or her share of the fair market value of the plan assets. The City believes that it is unlikely that plan assets will be needed to satisfy claims of general creditors that might arise.

As part of its fiduciary role, the City has an obligation of due care in selecting the third-party administrator. In the opinion of the City's legal counsel, the City has acted in a prudent manner and is not liable for losses that may arise from the administration of the plan.

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NOTE 24: SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

Capital Ordinance

On February 13, 2024, City Council adopted capital ordinance #1710 (2024) which authorized the following projects to be completed. This bond ordinance increases the City's authorized debt by \$11,010,500.

Project	Appropriation And Estimated Cost	Estimated Maximum Amount of Bonds & Notes
Acquisition of Sport Utility Vehicles, refuse collection vehicles, ambulance, and other equipment for various departments,	\$ 2,350,000	2,232,500
City-wide road reconstruction, drainage improvements and pumping station improvements	5,500,000	5,225,000
Various building and facility improvements, including, but not limited to, the Community Center	3,280,000	3,116,000
Various equipment acquisitions and installation, including City-wide security cameras, as well as various other equipment for the police and fire departments	460,000	437,000
Totals	<u>\$ 11,590,000</u>	<u>11,010,500</u>

Other

The entity has evaluated subsequent events through April 9, 2024, the date which the financial statements were available to be issued and identified no other events requiring disclosure.

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

To the Honorable Mayor and
Members of the City Counsel
City of Sea Isle City
County of Cape May, New Jersey

We have audited, in accordance with the auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in Government Auditing Standards issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, the financial statements – regulatory basis, as listed in the accompanying table of contents, of the City of Sea Isle City, State of New Jersey, as of and for the year ended December 31, 2023, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the City's basic financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated April 9, 2024, which was adverse due to being presented in accordance with the New Jersey Regulatory Basis of Accounting. Our report disclosed that, as described in Note 1 to the financial statements, the City of Sea Isle City prepares its financial statements on a basis of accounting prescribed by the Division of Local Government Services, Department of Community Affairs, State of New Jersey (the "Division"), that demonstrates compliance with a modified accrual basis of accounting and the budget laws of the State of New Jersey.

Report Internal Control over Financial Reporting

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

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

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

Report on Compliance and Other Matters

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

Purpose of this Report

The purpose of this report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control or on compliance. This report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the entity's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose.

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No. 393

April 9, 2024

Schedule of Financial Statement Findings

NONE

***Schedule of Federal Awards and State Financial Assistance Findings
and Questioned Costs***

NONE

STATUS OF PRIOR RECOMMENDATIONS

NONE

**CURRENT FUND
SCHEDULE OF CASH - TREASURER**

	Current Fund	Grant Fund	
Balance December 31, 2022	\$ 13,229,591.70	-	
Increased by Receipts:			
Tax Collector	42,354,054.71	-	
Revenue Accounts Receivable	4,693,446.26	-	
Miscellaneous Revenue	101,285.14	-	
State of New Jersey:			
Senior Citizen and Veterans Deductions	20,750.00	-	
Marriage Licenses	375.00	-	
Property Tax Relief Fund	30,562.52	-	
Due to Tourism Commission	83,950.00	-	
Federal and State Unallocated	34,449.42	34,449.42	
Federal and State Receivables	109,928.81	109,928.81	
	47,428,801.86	144,378.23	
	60,658,393.56	144,378.23	
Decreased by Disbursements:			
Current Year Appropriation	24,996,182.72	-	
Prior Year Appropriations	519,630.96	-	
Accounts Payable	60,284.23	-	
County Taxes	20,861,907.79	-	
Local District School Taxes	2,092,630.00	-	
Refund of Tax Overpayments	3,669.48	-	
Due to Tourism Commission	84,000.00	-	
State of New Jersey:			
Marriage Licenses	250.00	-	
Due to Current Fund	-	22,793.70	
Federal and State Disbursements	121,584.53	121,584.53	
	48,740,139.71	144,378.23	
Balance December 31, 2023	\$ 11,918,253.85	-	

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**CURRENT FUND
SCHEDULE OF CURRENT CASH - COLLECTOR**

Balance December 31, 2022		\$	-
Increased by Receipts:			
Prepaid Taxes	994,491.39		
Taxes Receivable	41,277,507.20		
Revenue Accounts Receivable	82,056.12		
			42,354,054.71
			42,354,054.71
Payments to Treasurer			42,354,054.71
Balance December 31, 2023		\$	-

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**CURRENT FUND
SCHEDULE OF TAXES RECEIVABLE AND ANALYSIS OF PROPERTY TAX LEVY**

Year	Balance Dec. 31, 2022	Current Year Levy	Added Taxes	Collections by Cash		Adjustments	Transferred To Tax Title Lien	Arrears	Balance Dec. 31, 2023
				2022	2023				
Arrears	\$ -	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2022	\$ 443,542.07	-	-	-	443,542.07	-	-	-	-
	443,542.07	-	-	-	443,542.07	-	-	-	-
2023	-	41,950,525.08	356,042.76	931,644.35	40,853,881.77	8,889.50	119.29	-	512,032.93
	\$ 443,542.07	41,950,525.08	356,042.76	931,644.35	41,297,423.84	8,889.50	119.29	-	512,032.93

Cash
41,277,507.20
Senior Citizens and Veterans
21,000.00
Overpayments
(1,083.36)
41,297,423.84

Analysis of Current Year Tax Levy

Tax Yield:
General Property Tax 41,950,525.08
Added Taxes (54:4-63.1 et. Seq.) 356,042.76
42,306,567.84

Tax Levy:

General County Taxes 17,055,678.73
County Library Taxes 2,785,002.86
County Open Space Taxes 818,987.77
County Added and Omitted Taxes 175,209.23
Total County Taxes 20,834,878.59

Local School District Tax

2,357,758.00

Local Tax for Municipal Purposes
Add: Additional Tax Levied

18,828,633.87
285,297.38
19,113,931.25

\$ 42,306,567.84

**CURRENT FUND
SCHEDULE OF TAX TITLE AND OTHER LIENS**

Balance December 31, 2022	\$	9,639.74
Increased by:		
Transfers from Taxes Receivable		119.29
		119.29
Balance December 31, 2023	\$	9,759.03

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**CURRENT FUND
SCHEDULE OF REVENUE ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE**

	Balance	in 2022		Collected by		Balance
	Dec. 31, 2022			Collector	Treasurer	Dec. 31, 2023
Licenses:	\$					
Alcoholic Beverages	-	17,664.80			17,664.80	-
Other	-	173,435.00			173,435.00	-
Fees an Permits	-	285,083.50			285,083.50	-
Fines and Costs:						
Municipal Court	8,923.89	164,413.54			170,292.29	3,045.14
Interest and Costs on Taxes	-	82,056.12		82,056.12		-
Parking Meters	-	299,816.41			299,816.41	-
Interest Earned on Investments	-	95,557.29			95,557.29	-
Beach Fees	-	1,393,340.25			1,393,340.25	-
Marina Slip Rentals	-	219,234.50			219,234.50	-
Local Franchise Fee - Cable/Beach	-	363,186.33			363,186.33	-
Telephone Cell Tower Rental	-	354,914.46			354,914.46	-
Energy Receipts Tax	-	295,034.38			295,034.38	-
Construction Code Fees	-	443,157.00			443,157.00	-
Ambulance Fees	-	117,185.87			117,185.87	-
Recreation Fees	-	46,655.18			46,655.18	-
Festival Income	-	41,600.00			41,600.00	-
Shared Service Agreement with Ocean City	-	377,289.00			377,289.00	-
Miscellaneous Revenue Not Anticipated	-	101,285.14			101,285.14	-
	\$	<u>8,923.89</u>	<u>4,870,908.77</u>	<u>82,056.12</u>	<u>4,794,731.40</u>	<u>3,045.14</u>
		Cash Received by Treasurer			4,794,731.40	
		Cash Received by Collector			82,056.12	
					<u>4,876,787.52</u>	

**CURRENT FUND
SCHEDULE OF APPROPRIATION RESERVES - PRIOR YEAR**

	Balance Dec. 31, 2022	Balance After Transfers	Paid or Charged	Balance Lapsed	Over- Expended
OPERATIONS WITHIN "CAPS"					
DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION					
General Administration					
Salaries and Wages	\$ 38,920.80	38,920.80	3,330.40	35,590.40	-
Other Expenses	40,845.53	40,845.53	22,234.02	18,611.51	-
Mayor					
Other Expenses	179.43	179.43	130.00	49.43	-
City Council					
Other Expenses	6,342.70	6,342.70		6,342.70	-
Municipal Clerk					
Salaries and Wages	19,453.95	19,453.95		19,453.95	-
Other Expenses	18,153.18	18,153.18	3,961.73	14,191.45	-
Elections					
Salaries and Wages	4,564.59	4,564.59		4,564.59	-
Other Expenses	14,121.61	14,121.61		14,121.61	-
Municipal Engineer					
Other Expenses	44,786.91	44,786.91	11,105.19	33,681.72	-
Fire Inspector					
Salaries and Wages	5,299.80	5,299.80		5,299.80	-
Other Expenses	250.00	250.00		250.00	-
Insurance					
Surety Bond Premiums	910.00	910.00		910.00	-
Reserve for Insurance	21,000.00	21,000.00		21,000.00	-
Other Expenses	269.91	269.91		269.91	-
General Liability	21,071.85	21,071.85		21,071.85	-
Workers Compensation Insurance	-	-		-	-
Employee Group Health	170,478.31	170,478.31	56,657.18	113,821.13	-
Health Benefit Waiver (Salaries & Wages)	2,728.45	2,728.45		2,728.45	-
DEPARTMENT OF LAW					
Legal Services and Costs					
Other Expenses	102,124.37	102,124.37	4,220.50	97,903.87	-
Municipal Prosecutor					
Other Expenses	22,500.00	22,500.00	22,500.00	-	-

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**CURRENT FUND
SCHEDULE OF APPROPRIATION RESERVES - PRIOR YEAR**

	Balance Dec. 31, 2022	Balance After Transfers	Paid or Charged	Balance Lapsed	Over- Expended
DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE					
Financial Administration					
Salaries and Wages	173.04	173.04		173.04	-
Other Expenses	13,400.00	13,400.00		13,400.00	-
Postage	-	-		-	-
Audit Services	22,448.70	22,448.70	9,100.50	13,348.20	-
Miscellaneous Other Expenses					
Collection of Taxes					
Salaries and Wages	48,844.01	48,844.01		48,844.01	-
Other Expenses	6,534.76	6,534.76	487.65	6,047.11	-
Liquidation of Tax Title Liens & Foreclosed Property					
Other Expenses	750.00	750.00		750.00	-
Assessment of Taxes					
Salaries and Wages	2,974.42	2,974.42	2,974.42	-	-
Other Expenses	15,301.76	15,301.76	4,468.86	10,832.90	-
Street Signals and Safety Lanes					
Salaries and Wages	5,548.88	5,548.88	600.00	4,948.88	-
Other Expenses	47,797.10	47,797.10	161.50	47,635.60	-
Bathing Beaches					
Salaries and Wages	59,737.94	59,737.94	266.25	59,471.69	-
Other Expenses	42,897.71	42,897.71	34,844.17	8,053.54	-
Marina					
Salaries and Wages	900.00	900.00		900.00	-
Other Expenses	8,708.01	8,708.01		8,708.01	-
Shade Tree Commission					
Other Expenses	-	-		-	-
Environmental Commission (NJS 40:56A-1, et seq.)					
Salaries and Wages	10.46	10.46		10.46	-
Other Expenses	-	-		-	-
DEPARTMENT OF POLICE					
Police					
Salaries and Wages	148,452.22	148,452.22	19,356.34	129,095.88	-
Other Expenses	91,077.13	91,077.13	60,005.32	31,071.81	-
Emergency Management Services					
Salaries and Wages	225.52	225.52		225.52	-
Other Expenses	2,600.00	2,600.00		2,600.00	-

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**CURRENT FUND
SCHEDULE OF APPROPRIATION RESERVES - PRIOR YEAR**

	Balance Dec. 31, 2022	Balance After Transfers	Paid or Charged	Balance Lapsed	Over- Expended
Fire					
Salaries and Wages	-	-			-
Other Expenses	102,187.16	102,187.16	41,456.73	60,730.43	-
Emergency Medical Services					
Salaries and Wages	87,301.28	87,301.28	38,257.94	49,043.34	-
Other Expenses	83,681.49	83,681.49	11,304.50	72,376.99	-
Maintenance - Vehicles					
Salaries and Wages	415.44	415.44		415.44	-
Other Expenses	24,214.12	24,214.12	454.16	23,759.96	-
Lifeguards					
Salaries and Wages	289.31	289.31		289.31	-
Other Expenses	19,089.83	19,089.83	5,433.36	13,656.47	-
Animal Control Contract					
Contractual	18,900.00	18,900.00		18,900.00	-
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS					
Administration of Public Works					
Salaries and Wages	85,499.69	85,499.69	622.65	84,877.04	-
Other Expenses	20,307.19	20,307.19	925.03	19,382.16	-
Road Repairs and Maintenance					
Salaries and Wages	15,643.14	15,643.14	375.75	15,267.39	-
Other Expenses	13,863.37	13,863.37	(780.95)	14,644.32	-
Street Cleaning					
Salaries and Wages	46,158.29	46,158.29	177.90	45,980.39	-
Other Expenses	41,668.98	41,668.98	10,808.71	30,860.27	-
Solid Waste Management (40A:4-45.32)					
Salaries and Wages	12,927.18	12,927.18	2,329.19	10,597.99	-
Other Expenses	24,915.19	24,915.19	824.21	24,090.98	-
Garbage and Trash Removal					
Salaries and Wages	59,134.44	59,134.44	493.34	58,641.10	-
Other Expenses					
Contractual	46,779.99	46,779.99	9,610.86	37,169.13	-
Miscellaneous Other Expenses	36,472.39	36,472.39	1,883.94	34,588.45	-
Public Buildings and Grounds					
Salaries and Wages	38,400.11	38,400.11	2,059.97	35,980.14	-
Other Expenses	54,651.89	54,651.89	14,141.57	40,510.32	-

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**CURRENT FUND
SCHEDULE OF APPROPRIATION RESERVES - PRIOR YEAR**

	Balance Dec. 31, 2022	Balance After Transfers	Paid or Charged	Balance Lapsed	Over- Expended
Shore Protection					
Salaries and Wages	20,070.31	20,070.31	706.80	19,363.51	-
Other Expenses	100,575.46	100,575.46	5,912.38	94,663.08	-
Americans with Disabilities Act					
Other Expenses	1,754.00	1,754.00		1,754.00	-
Historical Commission					
Other Expenses	1,000.00	1,000.00		1,000.00	-
DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT					
Municipal Land Use Law (NJSA 40:55D-1)					
Zoning Board					
Salaries and Wages	1,297.17	1,297.17		1,297.17	-
Other Expenses	3,701.23	3,701.23		3,701.23	-
Planning Board					
Salaries and Wages	1,581.34	1,581.34		1,581.34	-
Other Expenses	10,306.66	10,306.66	666.66	9,640.00	-
DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY SERVICES					
Recreation					
Salaries and Wages	6,730.99	6,730.99	2,175.59	4,555.40	-
Other Expenses	63,920.51	63,920.51	17,817.80	46,102.71	-
Expense of Participation in Free County Library					
Salaries and Wages	737.23	737.23	98.91	638.32	-
Tourism					
Salaries and Wages	24,631.68	24,631.68		24,631.68	-
Other Expenses	36,603.87	36,603.87	53.31	36,550.56	-
DEPARTMENT OF MUNICIPAL COURT					
Municipal Court					
Salaries and Wages	6,681.66	7,041.66	3,120.06	3,921.60	-
Other Expenses	21,142.10	21,142.10	18.24	21,123.86	-

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**CURRENT FUND
SCHEDULE OF APPROPRIATION RESERVES - PRIOR YEAR**

	Balance Dec. 31, 2022	Balance After Transfers	Paid or Charged	Balance Lapsed	Over- Expended
UNIFORM CONSTRUCTION CODE					
State Uniform Construction Code					
Construction Code Official	10,636.62	10,636.62	802.62	9,834.00	-
Salaries and Wages	40,359.84	40,359.84	20,535.45	19,824.39	-
Other Expenses					
Plumbing Inspector	843.63	843.63		843.63	-
Salaries and Wages					
UNCLASSIFIED					
Computer Services All Departments	8,343.19	8,343.19	4,298.73	4,044.46	-
UTILITY EXPENSES AND BULK PURCHASES					
Electric	-	-			
Street Lighting	17,629.43	17,629.43		17,629.43	-
Telephone	14,780.91	14,780.91	14,642.73	138.18	-
Natural Gas	34,764.99	34,764.99		34,764.99	-
Fuel Oil	2,000.00	2,000.00		2,000.00	-
Gasoline	25,181.66	25,181.66	890.54	24,291.12	-
Water and Sewer	23,189.25	23,189.25		23,189.25	-
Contingent	3,000.00	3,000.00		3,000.00	-
STATUTORY EXPENDITURES					
Contributions to:					
Public Employees' Retirement System	8,501.00	10,174.03	10,173.03	1.00	-
Social Security System (O.A.S.I.)	87,631.01	87,631.01		87,631.01	-
Police and Firemen's Retirement System	15,000.00	15,000.00	15,000.00	-	-
Unemployment Compensation Insurance	6,438.62	6,438.62	1,640.16	4,798.46	-
DCRP	3,403.49	1,730.46		1,730.46	-
OPERATIONS EXCLUDED FROM "CAPS"					
LOSAP	75,000.00	75,000.00	39,536.00	35,464.00	-
	<u>\$ 2,562,321.38</u>	<u>2,562,321.38</u>	<u>534,871.90</u>	<u>2,027,449.48</u>	<u>-</u>
		Expended in Cash	519,630.96		
		Accounts Payable	15,240.94		
			<u>534,871.90</u>		

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**CURRENT FUND
SCHEDULE OF LOCAL DISTRICT SCHOOL TAX**

Balance December 31, 2022			
School Tax Payable	\$	-	
School Tax Deferred		<u>913,651.00</u>	
			\$ 913,651.00
Increased by:			
Levy - School Year July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023			<u>2,357,758.00</u>
Decreased by:			
Payments			<u>2,092,630.00</u>
Balance December 31, 2023			
School Tax Payable		265,128.00	
School Tax Deferred		<u>913,651.00</u>	
			<u><u>1,178,779.00</u></u>
Current Year Liability for Local School District School Tax:			
Tax Paid			2,092,630.00
Tax Payable Ending			<u>265,128.00</u>
			2,357,758.00
Less: Tax Payable Beginning			<u>-</u>
Amount charged to Current Year Operations			<u><u>\$ 2,357,758.00</u></u>

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**CURRENT FUND
SCHEDULE OF FEDERAL AND STATE GRANTS RECEIVABLE**

Purpose	Balance Dec. 31, 2022	Transferred From 2022 Revenues	Received	Adjustments	Balance Dec. 31, 2023
FEDERAL GRANTS:					
None	-				-
Total Federal	-		-		-
STATE GRANTS:					
Clean Communities	-	28,956.00	28,956.00	-	-
Body Armor	-	1,735.50	1,735.50	-	-
Body Worn Camera 21-22	80,704.80		80,704.80	-	-
American Rescue Plan		212,372.50	212,372.50	-	-
NJDEP - Stormwater Assistance		25,000.00	15,000.00		10,000.00
Total State	80,704.80	268,064.00	338,768.80	-	10,000.00
LOCAL GRANTS:					
Sea Isle City Taxpayers Association - Donation - Recreation Department		2,500.00	2,500.00		-
Police Department		2,500.00	2,500.00		-
Donation - Police Department - Purchase of Drone		7,905.18	7,905.18		-
Town Watch Town Pride Donation - Police Dept Office of Emergency Mgmt		1,318.83	1,318.83		-
Total Local	-	14,224.01	14,224.01	-	-
\$	80,704.80	282,288.01	352,992.81	-	10,000.00
		Cash	109,928.81		
		Unappropriated Reserves	243,064.00		
			<u>352,992.81</u>		

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**CURRENT FUND
SCHEDULE OF APPROPRIATED RESERVES FOR FEDERAL AND STATE GRANTS**

	Balance December 31, 2022	2023	Balance
	Appropriated	Appropriations	Dec. 31, 2023
	Encumbrances	Disbursed	Encumbrances
	Reserve for	Encumbrances	Canceled
	Encumbrances	Disbursed	Encumbrances
FEDERAL GRANTS:			
None	\$ -		-
Total Federal	-	-	-
STATE GRANTS:			
Clean Communities		28,956.00	-
Body Armor	273.93	1,735.50	2,009.43
Body Worn Cameras 21-22	12,150.26	85,000.04	12,150.26
Drunk Driving Enforcement Grant 2020-21	3,175.63		3,175.63
American Rescue Plan		212,372.50	212,372.50
NJDEP - Stormwater Assistance		25,000.00	10,000.00
		15,000.00	
LOCAL GRANTS:			
SJ Gas 1st responder - Police Armor	2,500.00		2,500.00
Sea Isle City Taxpayers Association - Donation - Recreation Department			
Police Department		2,500.00	2,500.00
Donation - Police Department - Purchase of Drone		476.00	2,024.00
Town Watch Town Pride Donation - Police Dept Office of Emergency Mgmt		7,905.18	276.69
		1,318.83	1,318.83
Total State/Local :	<u>18,099.82</u>	<u>282,288.01</u>	<u>248,327.34</u>
Total :	<u>18,099.82</u>	<u>282,288.01</u>	<u>248,327.34</u>

**CURRENT FUND
SCHEDULE OF FEDERAL AND STATE GRANTS - UNAPPROPRIATED RESERVES**

Purpose	Balance Dec. 31, 2022	Transferred To 2023 Appropriations	Received	Adjustments	Balance Dec. 31, 2023
STATE GRANTS:					
ARP Funding Grant	\$ 212,372.50	212,372.50		-	-
Body Armor	1,735.50	1,735.50	1,971.73	-	1,971.73
Clean Communities	28,955.81	28,956.00	32,477.50	(0.19)	32,477.50
Total State	<u>243,063.81</u>	<u>243,064.00</u>	<u>34,449.23</u>	<u>(0.19)</u>	<u>34,449.23</u>
	<u>\$ 243,063.81</u>	<u>243,064.00</u>	<u>34,449.23</u>	<u>(0.19)</u>	<u>34,449.23</u>

**TRUST FUND
SCHEDULE OF ANIMAL CONTROL CASH - TREASURER**

Balance December 31, 2022		\$	331.80
Increased By Receipts:			
Dog Licenses Fees - City portion	112.00		
State License Fees - State portion	45.60		
			157.60
			489.40
Decreased By Disbursements:			
State of New Jersey	45.60		
			45.60
Balance December 31, 2023		\$	443.80

**TRUST FUND
SCHEDULE OF OTHER TRUST CASH - TREASURER**

	Other	Assessment
	\$	\$
Balance December 31, 2022	2,597,296.53	146,138.35
Increased By Receipts:		
Retirement Trust	8,146.42	
Building Inspectors Office	578,965.00	
Lifeguard Pension	73,081.07	
Tennis Fees	74,352.74	
Cafeteria Plan	128,204.70	
Donations	6,050.00	
Police Forfeited Property	0.08	
Site Plan	109,279.01	
Escrow - Rental Bonds	57.69	
Escrow - Trustee	100,820.44	
DCA Fees	26,581.00	
POAA	2,138.00	
Recycling Fees	113,701.94	
Environmental Fees	23,099.53	
Tourism Fees	84,000.00	
Tax Title Lien Redemption:		
Redemption of Tax Sale Certificates	431,359.42	
Premiums		
Assessments Received		71,099.35
	1,759,837.04	71,099.35
	4,357,133.57	217,237.70
Decreased By Disbursements:		
Tennis Fees	24,491.05	
Building Inspectors Account	543,896.00	
Cafeteria Plan	93,825.36	
Lifeguard Pension	9,358.56	
Site Plan	125,927.72	
Escrow - Rental Bonds Returned	5,317.70	
Escrow - Trustee - Returned	240,601.34	
Recycling	17,594.37	
Refunds of Tax Sale Certificates	3,000.00	
Tax Title Lien Redemptions	433,821.87	
Due to State DCA (SUCC)	27,786.00	
Environmental Commission	32,267.25	
Tourism	74,018.76	
	1,631,905.98	-
Balance December 31, 2023	2,725,227.59	217,237.70

**TRUST FUND
SCHEDULE OF RESERVE/(DEFICIT) FOR ANIMAL CONTROL EXPENDITURES**

Balance December 31, 2022		\$	196.00
Increased By:			
Dog Licenses Fees Collected	112.00		
	112.00		112.00
			308.00
Decreased By Disbursements:			
Statutory Excess due to Current Fund	100.00		
	100.00		100.00
Balance December 31, 2023		\$	208.00

License Fees Collected	<u>Year</u>	
	2021	96.00
	2022	112.00
		208.00

**TRUST FUND
SCHEDULE OF AMOUNT DUE TO (FROM) STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

Balance December 31, 2022		\$	-
Increased By:			
Collected in 2023	45.60		
	45.60		45.60
			45.60
Decreased By:			
Paid to State of New Jersey	45.60		
	45.60		45.60
Balance December 31, 2023		\$	-

TRUST - OTHER FUNDS
SCHEDULE OF RESERVE FOR LIFEGUARD PENSION

Balance December 31, 2022		\$ 1,058,101.64
Increased By Receipts:		
Employee Withholdings	73,081.07	
City Contribution		
Due from TTL Redemption Account		
Interest on Deposits		
		73,081.07
Decreased By Disbursements:		
Retirement Payouts	9,358.56	
Due to Current		
		9,358.56
Balance December 31, 2023		\$ <u><u>1,121,824.15</u></u>

TRUST - OTHER FUNDS
SCHEDULE OF RESERVE FOR RETIREMENT

Balance December 31, 2022		\$ 102,203.29
Increased By Receipts:		
City Contribution	8,146.42	
Interest on Deposits		
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		8,146.42
Decreased By Disbursements:		
Due to Current Fund		
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		-
Balance December 31, 2023		\$ <u><u>110,349.71</u></u>

TRUST - OTHER FUNDS
SCHEDULE OF RESERVE FOR TENNIS FEES

Balance December 31, 2022		\$ 255,641.94
Increased By Receipts:		
Parking Meters		
Tennis Fees	74,352.74	
Interest on Deposits		
		74,352.74
Decreased By Disbursements:		
Tennis Expenditures	24,491.05	
Due to Current	-	
		24,491.05
Balance December 31, 2023		\$ <u><u>305,503.63</u></u>

TRUST - OTHER FUNDS
SCHEDULE OF RESERVE FOR CAFETERIA PLAN

Balance December 31, 2022		\$ 1,030.25
Increased By Receipts:		
Employee Contributions	128,204.70	
Interest on Investments		
	128,204.70	128,204.70
Decreased By Disbursements:		
Medical Reimbursements	93,825.36	
Due to Current - Interest		
	93,825.36	93,825.36
Balance December 31, 2023		\$ <u><u>35,409.59</u></u>

**GENERAL CAPITAL FUND
SCHEDULE OF CASH - TREASURER**

Balance December 31, 2022		\$ 9,736,325.96
Increased by:		
Budget Appropriation :		
Capital Improvement Fund	325,000.00	
Reserve to Pay Bonds	226,485.00	
Premium on Notes	89,089.00	
Proceeds from Bond Anticipation Notes	9,100,000.00	
		9,740,574.00
		19,476,899.96
Decreased by:		
Improvement Authorizations	9,575,505.95	
Bond Anticipation Notes	9,100,000.00	
		18,675,505.95
Balance December 31, 2023		\$ <u><u>801,394.01</u></u>

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**GENERAL CAPITAL FUND
ANALYSIS OF CASH**

	Balance		Receipts		Disbursements		Transfers		Balance Dec. 31, 2023
	Dec. 31, 2022		Debt Issued		Improvement Authorizations		Miscellaneous		
	Miscellaneous		Miscellaneous		From	To	From	To	
Fund Balance	\$ 458,173.44		89,089.00		-		-		547,262.44
Capital Improvement Fund	7,675.00		325,000.00		-		-		172,675.00
Encumbrances Payable	3,692,075.85		-		-		-		3,641,362.00
Reserve to Pay Bonds & Notes	200,873.80		-		-		-		200,873.80
Reserve to Pay Bonds	2,903,730.37		-	226,485.00	-		-		3,130,215.37
Reserve to Pay Notes - Ordinance #1555	251,804.15		-		-		-		251,804.15
Improvement Authorizations:									
1503 Various Capital Improvements	4,217.92		-		-	955.00	-	955.00	4,217.92
1588 Various Capital Improvements	983.08		-		224.05	10,941.17	-	10,941.17	759.03
1606 Various Capital Improvements	6,419.33		-		5,995.00	5,450.00	-	5,450.00	424.33
1623 Various Capital Improvements	4,483.40		-		-	117,841.47	-	115,979.22	2,621.15
1634 Various Capital Improvements	(953,466.16)		-		331,748.85	135,670.78	-	420,562.97	(1,000,322.82)
1635 Various Capital Improvements	36,904.50		-		2,031,904.50	-	-	-	(1,995,000.00)
1651 Various Capital Improvements	2,421.74		-		2,421.74	-	-	-	-
1652 Various Capital Improvements	(4,095,497.24)		-		1,134,660.81	130,911.55	-	888,092.42	(4,472,977.18)
1660 Various Capital Improvements	42,868.63		-		24,621.04	325.44	-	24,946.48	42,868.63
1670 Various Capital Improvements	765.23		-		-	-	-	-	765.23
1675 Various Capital Improvements	(1,197,858.83)		-		1,031,698.26	666,349.57	-	293,597.65	(2,602,309.01)
1676 Construction of Community Center	9,625,319.66		-		616,697.57	267,867.00	-	354,900.00	9,095,655.09
1688 Various Capital Improvements	(1,255,567.91)		-		2,178,994.13	2,305,050.02	-	1,576,650.94	(4,162,901.12)
1706 Beach Replenishment	-		-		2,216,600.00	-	-	160,000.00	(2,056,600.00)
Total	\$ 9,736,325.96		414,089.00	226,485.00	9,575,505.95	7,493,437.85	-	7,493,437.85	801,394.01

**GENERAL CAPITAL FUND
SCHEDULE OF CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND**

Balance December 31, 2022		\$ 7,675.00
Increased by:		
Current Budget Appropriation	325,000.00	
	325,000.00	325,000.00
		332,675.00
Decreased by:		
Improvement Authorizations Funded Ordinance #1706	160,000.00	
	160,000.00	160,000.00
Balance December 31, 2023		\$ <u>172,675.00</u>

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**GENERAL CAPITAL FUND
SCHEDULE OF DEFERRED CHARGES TO FUTURE TAXATION - FUNDED**

Balance December 31, 2022		\$ 35,420,000.00
Decreased by:		
General Serial Bonds Payments	4,580,000.00	
	4,580,000.00	4,580,000.00
Balance December 31, 2023		\$ <u><u>30,840,000.00</u></u>

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**GENERAL CAPITAL FUND
SCHEDULE OF GENERAL SERIAL BONDS**

Purpose	Date of Issue	Amount of Original Issue	Maturities of Bonds Outstanding		Interest Rate	Balance Dec. 31, 2022	Increased	Decreased	Balance Dec. 31, 2023
			Date	Amount					
General Obligation Bonds of 2012	4/15/2012	11,640,000	4/15/2024	1,100,000.00	3.000%	3,200,000.00	-	1,000,000.00	2,200,000.00
			4/15/2025	1,100,000.00	3.000%				
General Obligation Bonds of 2015	9/15/2015	8,500,000	9/15/2024	900,000.00	3.000%	3,600,000.00	-	900,000.00	2,700,000.00
			9/15/2025	900,000.00	3.000%				
			9/15/2026	900,000.00	3.000%				
General Obligation Bonds of 2016	10/13/2016	14,000,000	11/1/2024	850,000.00	3.000%	11,550,000.00	-	800,000.00	10,750,000.00
			11/1/2025	880,000.00	3.000%				
			11/1/2026	900,000.00	3.000%				
			11/1/2027	900,000.00	2.125%				
			11/1/2028	940,000.00	3.000%				
			11/1/2029	940,000.00	3.000%				
			11/1/2030	950,000.00	3.000%				
			11/1/2031	990,000.00	3.000%				
			11/1/2032	1,100,000.00	3.000%				
			11/1/2033	1,100,000.00	3.000%				
			11/1/2034	1,200,000.00	3.000%				
General Obligation Bonds of 2019	8/28/2019	21,800,000	9/1/2024	2,100,000.00	3.000%	17,070,000.00	-	1,880,000.00	15,190,000.00
			9/1/2025	2,310,000.00	3.000%				
			9/1/2026	2,530,000.00	3.000%				
			9/1/2027	2,640,000.00	2.000%				
			9/1/2028	2,750,000.00	2.000%				
9/1/2029	2,860,000.00	2.000%							
\$						<u>35,420,000.00</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>4,580,000.00</u>	<u>30,840,000.00</u>

**GENERAL CAPITAL FUND
SCHEDULE OF BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES**

Improvement Description	Ordinance Number	Date of Original Issue	Date of Issue	Date of Maturity	Interest Rate	Balance Dec. 31, 2022	Increased	Decreased	Balance Dec. 31, 2023
Construction of Community Center	1676	10/26/2022	10/26/2022 10/25/2023	10/25/2023 10/23/2024	4.00% 5.00%	9,100,000.00	9,100,000.00	9,100,000.00	- 9,100,000.00
						\$ 9,100,000.00	9,100,000.00	9,100,000.00	9,100,000.00

**GENERAL CAPITAL FUND
SCHEDULE OF BOND AND NOTES AUTHORIZED BUT NOT ISSUED**

Ordinance Number	Improvement Description	Balance Dec. 31, 2022	2023 Authorizations	Notes Issued	Other	Balance Dec. 31, 2023
1634	Various Capital Improvements	\$ 1,020,000.00	-	-	-	1,020,000.00
1635	Various Capital Improvements	1,995,000.00	-	-	-	1,995,000.00
1652	Various Capital Improvements	5,080,895.00	-	-	-	5,080,895.00
1675	Various Capital Improvements	2,664,750.00	-	-	-	2,664,750.00
1676	Construction of Community Center	9,900,000.00				9,900,000.00
1688	Various Capital Improvements	7,334,000.00				7,334,000.00
1706	Beach Replenishment		3,040,000.00			3,040,000.00
		<u>\$ 27,994,645.00</u>	<u>3,040,000.00</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>31,034,645.00</u>

**WATER AND SEWER UTILITY FUND
SCHEDULE OF CASH - TREASURER**

	Operating Fund	Assessment Trust Fund	Capital Fund
Balance December 31, 2022	7,297,759.75	77,581.07	4,524,883.35
Increased by Receipts:			
Collector	8,818,381.30	-	-
Miscellaneous Revenue	214,339.40	-	-
Penalties	51,440.30	-	-
Appropriation Refunds	378,303.71	-	-
Budget Appropriation - Ordinance #1687	-	-	1,000,000.00
Prepaid Rents	335,762.31	-	-
County of Cape May - grant	-	-	400,000.00
Premium on Notes	-	-	26,433.00
	<u>9,798,227.02</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,426,433.00</u>
	17,095,986.77	77,581.07	5,951,316.35
Decreased by Disbursements:			
Current Year Appropriation	9,081,486.50	-	-
Prior Year Appropriations	139,807.72	-	-
Accounts Payable	11,510.07	-	-
Improvement Authorizations	-	-	1,522,498.38
Accrued Interest on Bonds and Notes	74,743.52	-	-
	<u>9,307,547.81</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,522,498.38</u>
Balance December 31, 2023	<u>7,788,438.96</u>	<u>77,581.07</u>	<u>4,428,817.97</u>

**WATER AND SEWER UTILITY CAPITAL FUND
ANALYSIS OF CASH**

	Balance Dec. 31, 2022	Receipts		Disbursements		Transfers		Balance Dec. 31, 2023
		Miscellaneous	Debt Issued	Improvement Authorizations	Miscellaneous	From	To	
Fund Balance	\$ 1,223,579.13	26,433.00	-	-	-	-	-	1,250,012.13
Encumbrance Payable	1,004,543.98							192,739.00
Reserve to Pay Bonds	259,000.00							259,000.00
Improvement Authorizations:								
Ord. Number								
1437								
1479	74,396.69			20,796.00		2,019.10		74,396.69
1524	167,028.25							146,232.25
1566	56,079.20							56,079.20
1589	696,436.19			262.50				696,436.19
1611	40,182.35							40,182.35
1636	68,538.77							68,538.77
1653	1,453,228.00			204,665.94		63,582.46		1,441,680.13
1674	(509,901.37)	400,000.00	1,000,000.00	751,746.58		42,938.14		(164,192.81)
1687	(8,227.84)			545,027.36		79,030.73		367,714.07
	\$ 4,524,883.35	426,433.00	1,000,000.00	1,522,498.38	-	1,197,282.98	1,197,282.98	4,428,817.97

**WATER AND SEWER UTILITY OPERATING FUND
SCHEDULE OF CASH - COLLECTOR**

Balance December 31, 2022		\$ 7,297,759.75
Increased by Receipts:		
Consumer Accounts Receivable	9,798,227.02	
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		9,798,227.02
		17,095,986.77
Payments to Treasurer		<hr/>
		9,307,547.81
Balance December 31, 2023		<hr/> <hr/>
		\$ 7,788,438.96

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**WATER AND SEWER UTILITY OPERATING FUND
SCHEDULE OF CONSUMER ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE**

Balance December 31, 2022		\$ 281,048.71
Increased by Receipts:		
Consumer Accounts Charges and Levies	9,190,992.78	
Overpayments & Adjustments	23,406.69	
		9,214,399.47
		9,495,448.18
Decreased by Disbursements:		
Collections	8,818,381.30	
Prepaid Applied	345,633.85	
Overpayments Applied	23,612.34	
		9,187,627.49
Balance December 31, 2023		\$ <u><u>307,820.69</u></u>

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**WATER AND SEWER UTILITY OPERATING FUND
SCHEDULE OF APPROPRIATION RESERVES - PRIOR YEAR**

	Balance Dec. 31, 2022	Balance After Transfers	Paid or Charges	Accounts Payable	Balance Lapsed	Over- Expended
Operating:						
Salaries and Wages	\$ 71,461.50	71,461.50	1,782.09		69,679.41	-
Other Expenses	269,248.70	269,248.70	138,025.63	1,672.46	129,550.61	-
Insurance	6,391.00	6,391.00	-		6,391.00	-
Cape May County MUA	180,861.00	180,861.00	-		180,861.00	-
	<u>\$ 527,962.20</u>	<u>527,962.20</u>	<u>139,807.72</u>	<u>1,672.46</u>	<u>386,482.02</u>	<u>-</u>

**WATER AND SEWER UTILITY OPERATING FUND
SCHEDULE OF ACCRUED INTEREST ON BONDS AND NOTES
AND ANALYSIS OF BALANCE**

Balance December 31, 2022		\$	74,743.52
Increased by:			
Budget Appropriations			68,091.03
			68,091.03
			142,834.55
Decreased By:			
Payments of Debt Service Interest			74,743.52
			74,743.52
Payments to Treasurer			74,743.52
Balance December 31, 2023		\$	68,091.03

Analysis of Accrued Interest December 31, 2023

	Principal Outstanding December 31, 2023	Interest Rate	From	To	Days	Amount
<u>Serial Bonds</u>						
\$	830,000.00	Var	10/15/23	12/31/2023	75	5,187.50
	2,330,000.00	Var	09/15/23	12/31/2023	105	20,387.50
	4,260,000.00	Var	11/01/23	12/31/2023	60	20,716.67
<u>USDA</u>						
\$	2,182,509.63	2.75%	12/03/23	12/31/2023	27	2,250.61
Bond Anticipation Notes						
\$	2,700,000.00	4.01%	10/25/23	12/31/2023	65	19,548.75
						68,091.03
						68,091.03

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**WATER AND SEWER UTILITY CAPITAL FUND
SCHEDULE OF GENERAL SERIAL BONDS**

Purpose	Date of Issue	Amount of Original Issue	Maturities of Bonds Outstanding December 31, 2023			Interest Rate	Balance Dec. 31, 2022	Increased	Decreased	Balance Dec. 31, 2023
			Date	Amount						
General Obligation Bonds of 2009	11/15/2009	5,030,000				\$ 120,000.00	-	120,000.00	-	
General Obligation Bonds of 2012	4/15/2012	3,000,000	4/15/2024	270,000.00	3.000%	1,100,000.00	-	270,000.00	830,000.00	
			4/15/2025	280,000.00	3.000%					
			4/15/2026	280,000.00	3.000%					
General Obligation Bonds of 2015	9/15/2015	4,600,000	9/15/2024	370,000.00	3.000%	2,680,000.00	-	350,000.00	2,330,000.00	
			9/15/2025	380,000.00	3.000%					
			9/15/2026	380,000.00	3.000%					
			9/15/2027	400,000.00	3.000%					
			9/15/2028	400,000.00	3.000%					
General Obligation Bonds of 2016	11/1/2016	6,080,000	11/1/2024	340,000.00	3.000%	4,580,000.00	-	320,000.00	4,260,000.00	
			11/1/2025	360,000.00	3.000%					
			11/1/2026	380,000.00	3.000%					
			11/1/2027	400,000.00	2.125%					
			11/1/2028	400,000.00	3.000%					
			11/1/2029	400,000.00	3.000%					
			11/1/2030	400,000.00	3.000%					
			11/1/2031	400,000.00	3.000%					
			11/1/2032	400,000.00	3.000%					
			11/1/2033	400,000.00	3.000%					
11/1/2034	380,000.00	3.000%								
						\$ 8,480,000.00	-	1,060,000.00	7,420,000.00	

**WATER AND SEWER UTILITY CAPITAL FUND
SCHEDULE OF LOANS PAYABLE**

Purpose	Date of Issue	Amount of Original Issue	Maturities of Bonds Outstanding December 31, 2023	Interest Rate	Balance Dec. 31, 2022	Increased	Decreased	Balance Dec. 31, 2023
USDA Loans Payable - 2015	6/3/2015	2,514,000.00	*****	2.750%	2,225,631.91	-	43,122.28	2,182,509.63
USDA Bond - semi-annual payments of \$52,015.00 due on June 3 and December 3. Final payment June 3, 2055								
					\$ 2,225,631.91	-	43,122.28	2,182,509.63

**WATER AND SEWER UTILITY CAPITAL FUND
SCHEDULE OF BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES**

Improvement Description	Ordinance Number	Date of		Date of Maturity	Interest Rate	Balance		Increased	Decreased	Balance Dec. 31, 2023
		Original Issue	Issue			Dec. 31, 2022	Dec. 31, 2023			
Various Improvements	1653	10/26/2022	10/26/2022	10/25/2023	4.000% \$	2,700,000.00	-	-	2,700,000.00	-
	1653	10/26/2022	10/25/2023	10/23/2024	5.000%	-	2,700,000.00	2,700,000.00	-	2,700,000.00
\$						<u>2,700,000.00</u>	<u>2,700,000.00</u>	<u>2,700,000.00</u>	<u>2,700,000.00</u>	<u>2,700,000.00</u>

**WATER AND SEWER UTILITY CAPITAL FUND
SCHEDULE OF BOND AND NOTES AUTHORIZED BUT NOT ISSUED**

Ordinance Number	Improvement Description	Balance Dec. 31, 2022	2023 Authorizations	Notes Issued	Other	Balance Dec. 31, 2023
1653	Various Improvements	\$ 170,000.00	-			170,000.00
1674	Various Improvements	730,000.00		-		730,000.00
1687	Various Improvements	1,140,000.00			1,000,000.00	140,000.00
		<u>\$ 2,040,000.00</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,000,000.00</u>	<u>1,040,000.00</u>

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PART II

GENERAL COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED

DECEMBER 31, 2023

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GENERAL COMMENTS

Contracts and Agreements Required to be Advertised for N.J.S.A. 40A:11-4

N.J.S.A. 40A:11-4 states, "Every contract awarded by the contracting agent for the provision or performance of any goods or services, the cost of which in the aggregate exceeds the bid threshold, shall be awarded only by resolution of the governing body of the contracting unit to the lowest responsible bidder after public advertising for bids and bidding therefore, except as is provided otherwise in this act or specifically by any other law." Effective July 1, 2015, the bid threshold was \$40,000. However, effective July 1, 2020, pursuant to subsection b. of section 9 of P.L. 1971, c. 198 (C.40A:11-9), the governing body can establish the bid threshold at \$44,000 with the appointment of a qualified purchasing agent. The City adopted the bid threshold of \$44,000.

The governing body of the City of Sea Isle City has the responsibility of determining whether the expenditures in any category will exceed the bid threshold within the fiscal year. Where question arises as to whether any contract or agreement might result in a violation of the statute, the City Counsel's opinion should be sought before a commitment is made.

The minutes indicate resolutions were adopted and advertised authorizing the awarding of contracts or agreements for "Professional Services" per N.J.S. 40A:11-5.

Our examination of expenditures did not reveal any payments in excess of the bid threshold for the provision or performance of any goods or services, other than those where bids had been previously sought by public advertisement, awarded under state or county cooperative purchasing agreements, or awarded in compliance with other provisions of the "Local Public Contracts Law," N.J.S.A. 40A:11.

Collection of Interest on Delinquent Taxes and Assessments

The statutes provide the method for authorizing interest and the maximum rates to be charged for the nonpayment of taxes or assessments on or before the date when they would become delinquent.

The governing body adopted the following resolution on December 27, 2022 authorizing interest to be charged on delinquent taxes:

BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Sea Isle City, in the County of Cape May that pursuant to N.J.S.A. 54:4-67, the following interest rates be and are hereby fixed for property taxes and other municipal claims, which may be or may hereafter become delinquent, at 8% per annum on the first \$1,500.00 of the aggregate delinquency and 18% per annum on any amount in excess of \$1,500.00 of the aggregate delinquency.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that there be accorded to the taxpayer a ten (10) day grace period for the payment of property taxes from the date when due, after which the payments on said municipal assessments shall become delinquent and interest payable there under as fixed by this resolution shall be calculated from the due date of said municipal claims and assessments.

It appears from an examination of the collector's records that interest was charged in accordance with the forgoing resolution.

Delinquent Taxes and Tax Title Liens

The tax sale was held on December 7, 2023 and was complete.

Inspection of tax sale certificates on file revealed that all tax sale certificates were available for audit.

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The following comparison is made of the number of tax title liens receivable on December 31st of the last three years:

<u>Year</u>	<u>Number</u>
2023	4
2022	4
2021	4

It is essential to good management that all means provided by the statutes be utilized to liquidate tax title liens in order to get such properties back on a tax-paying basis.

Verification of Delinquent Taxes and Other Charges

A test verification of delinquent taxes and charges, as well as, current payments was made in accordance with the regulations of the Division of Local Government Services, including the mailing of verification notices as follows:

<u>Type:</u>	<u>Number Mailed</u>
Payments of 2023 and 2024 Taxes	25
Delinquent Taxes	10
Current Water and Sewer Utility Rents	25
Delinquent Water and Sewer Rents	10
Total	<u>70</u>

As of the date of this audit report, all verifications have not been returned. However, no problems were noted with those that have been returned.

Comparison of Tax Levies and Collections Currently

A study of this tabulation could indicate a possible trend in future tax levies. A decrease in the percentage of current collection could be an indication of a probable increase in future tax levies.

<u>Year</u>	<u>Tax Levy</u>	<u>Currently</u>	
		<u>Cash Collections</u>	<u>Percentage of Collections</u>
2023 \$	42,306,567.84	41,785,526.12	98.77%
2022	39,338,372.54	38,894,587.34	98.87%
2021	36,941,432.01	36,565,865.76	98.98%
2020	34,880,347.22	34,532,785.39	99.00%
2019	33,624,561.64	33,104,705.07	98.45%

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Comparative Schedule of Tax Rate Information

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>
Tax Rate \$	0.852	0.801	0.764	0.734	0.718
Apportionment of Tax Rate:					
Municipal	0.383	0.383	0.383	0.380	0.380
County	0.421	0.380	0.342	0.315	0.298
Local School	0.048	0.038	0.039	0.039	0.040
Assessed Valuation	4,923,770,500	4,857,779,900	4,778,871,800	4,697,231,700	4,653,394,000

Delinquent Taxes and Tax Title Liens

This tabulation includes a comparison, expressed in percentage, of the total delinquent taxes and tax title liens, in relation to the tax levies of the last five years.

<u>Year</u>	<u>Amount of Tax Title Liens</u>	<u>Amount of Delinquent Taxes</u>	<u>Total Delinquent</u>	<u>Percentage Of Tax Levy</u>
2023 \$	9,759.03	512,032.93	521,791.96	1.23%
2022	9,639.74	443,542.07	453,181.81	1.15%
2021	9,527.61	365,405.87	374,933.48	1.01%
2020	9,420.64	334,567.95	343,988.59	0.99%
2019	9,317.87	516,801.17	526,119.04	1.56%

Uniform Construction Code

The City of Sea Isle City construction code official is in compliance with uniform construction code rules NJAC 5:23.17(b) 2 and NJAC 5:23.4.17(b) 3.

Deposit of Municipal Funds

N.J.S.A. 40A:5-15 states:

“All moneys, including moneys collected by taxation, received from any source by or on behalf of any local unit or any board or department thereof shall, within 48 hours after the receipt thereof, either

- a. be paid to the officer charged with the custody of the general funds of the local unit, who shall deposit all such funds within 48 hours after the receipt thereof to the credit of the local unit in its designated legal depository, or
- b. be deposited to the credit of the local unit in its designated legal depository.”

Our examination revealed that municipal funds were deposited within the mandated time.

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RECOMMENDATIONS

None

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April 9, 2024