

Report of Audit
on the
Financial Statements
of the
Borough of Stockton
in the
County of Hunterdon
New Jersey
for the
Year Ended
December 31, 2024

BOROUGH OF STOCKTON

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FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024 AND 2023



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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

The Honorable Mayor and Members
of the Borough Council
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Report on the Audit of the Financial Statements

Adverse and Unmodified Opinions

We have audited the accompanying balance sheets - regulatory basis of the various individual funds and account group of the Borough of Stockton (the "Borough"), as of and for the years ended December 31, 2024 and 2023, the related statements 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 individual funds for the year ended December 31, 2024, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Borough's regulatory 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 "Matter Giving Rise to Adverse Opinion" paragraph, the financial statements referred to above do not present fairly, in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, the financial position of the various individual funds and account group of the Borough as of December 31, 2024 and 2023, or the results of its operations and changes in fund balance for the years then ended or the revenues or expenditures for the year ended December 31, 2024.

Unmodified Opinion on Regulatory Basis of Accounting

In our opinion, the regulatory financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the regulatory basis balances sheets of the various individual funds and account group as of December 31, 2024 and 2023, the regulatory basis statement of operations and changes in fund balance for the years then ended and the regulatory basis statement of revenues and expenditures and changes in fund balance for the year ended December 31, 2024 in accordance with the basis of financial reporting prescribed by the Division of Local Government Services, Department of Community Affairs, State of New Jersey (the "Division") as described in Note 1.

Basis for Adverse and Unmodified Opinions

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, the audit requirements prescribed by the Division, and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in Government Auditing Standards, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are required to be independent of the Borough 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 adverse and unmodified audit opinions.

Matter Giving Rise to Adverse Opinion

As described in Note 1 of the regulatory financial statements, the regulatory financial statements are prepared by the Borough on the basis of the financial reporting provisions prescribed by the Division, 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 the regulatory financial statements in accordance with the regulatory basis of accounting prescribed by the Division, and for the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of regulatory financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error. In preparing the regulatory financial statements, management is required to evaluate whether there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the Borough's ability to continue as a going concern for twelve months beyond the financial statement date, including any currently known information that may raise substantial doubt shortly thereafter.

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the regulatory 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 will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Misstatements are considered material if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, they would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user based on the financial statements.

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

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

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

Supplementary Information

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the Borough's regulatory financial statements. The supplementary information, and data listed in the table of contents as required by the Division 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, and data listed in the table of contents, as required by the Division are fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the regulatory financial statements as a whole.

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Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with Government Auditing Standards, we have also issued our report dated August 7, 2025 on our consideration of the Borough'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 solely 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 of the Borough's 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 Borough's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.



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August 7, 2025



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

The Honorable Mayor and Members
of the Borough Council
Borough of Stockton
County of Hunterdon
Stockton, New Jersey 08559

We have audited, in accordance with the auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, the audit requirements prescribed by the Division of Local Government Services, Department of Community Affairs, State of New Jersey and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in Government Auditing Standards issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, the regulatory financial statements of the various individual funds and the account group of the Borough of Stockton, as of and for the year ended December 31, 2024, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Borough's regulatory financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated August 7, 2025. Our report disclosed that, as described in Note 1 to the financial statements, the Borough of Stockton 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, that demonstrates compliance with a modified accrual basis and the budget laws of the State of New Jersey, which is a comprehensive basis of accounting other than U.S. generally accepted accounting principles.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit of the regulatory financial statements, we considered the Borough's control over financial reporting (internal control) to determine the 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 the Borough's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of Borough'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 Borough of Stockton'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.

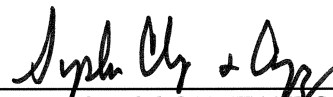
Our consideration of internal control was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies. Given these limitations, during our audit we did not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

Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the Borough'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 determination of financial statement amounts. 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 Borough of Stockton'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 Borough of Stockton's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose.



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REGISTERED MUNICIPAL ACCOUNTANT NO. 439

August 7, 2025

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CURRENT FUND

BOROUGH OF STOCKTON

CURRENT FUND

BALANCE SHEETS - REGULATORY BASIS

<u>ASSETS</u>	<u>REF.</u>	BALANCE DECEMBER <u>31, 2024</u>	BALANCE DECEMBER <u>31, 2023</u>
Current Fund:			
Cash-Treasurer	A-4	\$ 1,448,027.28	\$ 1,169,095.00
		<u>\$ 1,448,027.28</u>	<u>\$ 1,169,095.00</u>
Receivables and other Assets with Full Reserves:			
Delinquent Property Taxes Receivable	A-7	\$ 17,667.47	\$ 16,617.11
Interfunds Receivable	A-10	736.89	266.94
	A	<u>\$ 18,404.36</u>	<u>\$ 16,884.05</u>
Deferred Charges:			
Special Emergency Appropriations	A-11	\$ 33,000.00	\$ 44,000.00
		<u>\$ 33,000.00</u>	<u>\$ 44,000.00</u>
		<u>\$ 1,499,431.64</u>	<u>\$ 1,229,979.05</u>
Grant Fund:			
Due from Current Fund	A-6	\$ 129,459.77	\$ 80,497.20
		<u>\$ 129,459.77</u>	<u>\$ 80,497.20</u>
		<u>\$ 1,628,891.41</u>	<u>\$ 1,310,476.25</u>

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

BOROUGH OF STOCKTON

CURRENT FUND

BALANCE SHEETS - REGULATORY BASIS

	<u>REF.</u>	<u>BALANCE</u> <u>DECEMBER</u> <u>31, 2024</u>	<u>BALANCE</u> <u>DECEMBER</u> <u>31, 2023</u>
<u>LIABILITIES, RESERVES AND FUND BALANCE</u>			
Current Fund:			
Liabilities:			
Appropriation Reserves	A-3:A-12	\$ 174,427.71	\$ 214,473.70
Reserve for Encumbrances	A-20		7,384.00
Prepaid Taxes	A-16		2,035.00
Tax Overpayments	A-17	4,152.18	10,156.98
Interfunds Payable	A-10	169,513.03	80,506.96
County Taxes Payable	A-13	459.04	2,215.12
Miscellaneous Reserves	A-18	69,907.70	76,930.99
		<u>\$ 418,459.66</u>	<u>\$ 393,702.75</u>
Reserve for Receivables and other Assets	A	18,404.36	16,884.05
Fund Balance	A-1	1,062,567.62	819,392.25
		<u>\$ 1,499,431.64</u>	<u>\$ 1,229,979.05</u>
Grant Fund:			
Reserve for Grants Appropriated	A-19	\$ 125,459.77	\$ 76,497.20
Reserve for Grants Unappropriated	A-15	4,000.00	4,000.00
		<u>\$ 129,459.77</u>	<u>\$ 80,497.20</u>
		<u>\$ 1,628,891.41</u>	<u>\$ 1,310,476.25</u>

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CURRENT FUND

STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS
AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE - REGULATORY BASIS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024

	REF.	YEAR	
		2024	2023
<u>REVENUE AND OTHER INCOME</u>			
Fund Balance Utilized	A-1:A-2	\$ 152,625.00	\$ 225,027.44
Miscellaneous Revenue Anticipated	A-2	354,652.11	209,498.18
Receipts from Delinquent Taxes	A-2	16,617.11	20,383.25
Receipts from Current Taxes	A-2	2,205,973.55	2,269,529.56
Non-Budget Revenue	A-2	2,571.23	24,831.20
Other Credits to Income:			
Unexpended Balance of Appropriation Reserves	A-12	202,867.20	98,047.60
Tax Overpayments Canceled	A-17	20.96	36.83
Reserve for Encumbrances Canceled			1,648.00
Miscellaneous Reserves Canceled			100.00
Reserve for Prepaid Regional High School Tax			0.04
Interfunds Returned			285.37
<u>Total Income</u>		<u>\$ 2,935,327.16</u>	<u>\$ 2,849,387.47</u>
<u>EXPENDITURES</u>			
Budget Appropriations:			
Operations within "CAPS":			
Operating	A-3	\$ 545,942.00	\$ 511,016.00
Deferred Charges and Statutory Expenditures	A-3	34,193.00	35,449.00
Operations Excluded from "CAPS":			
Operating	A-3	131,634.32	128,994.18
Capital Improvements	A-3	43,000.00	30,000.00
Municipal Debt Service	A-3	111,722.74	117,721.24
County Taxes	A-13	396,375.32	406,919.73
County Share of Added Taxes	A-13	459.04	2,215.12
Regional School Tax	A-14	1,264,023.00	1,334,961.00
Municipal Open Space Tax	A-7	11,632.42	11,738.83
Prior Year Adjustment-Due to Miscellaneous Reserves	A-18	75.00	
Interfunds Advanced	A-2	469.95	
<u>Total Expenditures</u>		<u>\$ 2,539,526.79</u>	<u>\$ 2,579,015.10</u>
Excess in Revenues		\$ 395,800.37	\$ 270,372.37
<u>Fund Balance</u>			
Balance, January 1	A	819,392.25	774,047.32
		<u>\$ 1,215,192.62</u>	<u>\$ 1,044,419.69</u>
Decreased by:			
Utilization as Anticipated Revenue	A-1:A-2	152,625.00	225,027.44
Fund Balance, December 31	A	<u>\$ 1,062,567.62</u>	<u>\$ 819,392.25</u>

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

BOROUGH OF STOCKTON

CURRENT FUND

STATEMENT OF REVENUES - REGULATORY BASIS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024

	<u>REF.</u>	<u>ANTICIPATED BUDGET</u>	<u>REALIZED</u>	<u>EXCESS OR (DEFICIT)</u>
Fund Balance Anticipated	A-1	\$ 152,625.00	\$ 152,625.00	\$
Miscellaneous Revenues:				
Licenses:				
Alcoholic Beverages	A-9	\$ 3,824.00	\$ 3,824.00	\$
Fees and Permits:				
Other	A-9	2,461.00	3,135.00	674.00
Fines:				
Municipal Court	A-9	2,741.50	2,177.62	(563.88)
Interest and Costs on Taxes	A-9	5,302.98	4,117.59	(1,185.39)
Interest on Investments	A-9	26,314.69	86,311.18	59,996.49
Energy Receipts Tax	A-9	46,114.00	46,114.40	0.40
Municipal Relief Fund	A-9	4,752.99	4,752.99	
Garden State Preservation Trust Fund	A-9	7,573.00	7,573.00	
Garden State Trust Fund- 2023 Reserve	A-9	1,423.00	1,423.00	
Cell Tower Rental	A-9	49,948.00	51,899.51	1,951.51
Hotel and Motel Tax	A-9	34,000.00	35,602.77	1,602.77
Recycling Tonnage Grant	A-19	1,281.32	1,281.32	
StormWater/Sewer Assistance	A-19	50,000.00	50,000.00	
Clean Communities Program	A-19	4,000.00	4,000.00	
General Capital Surplus	A-9	22,493.73	22,439.73	(54.00)
Reserve to Pay Debt	A-9	30,000.00	30,000.00	
	A-1	\$ 292,230.21	\$ 354,652.11	\$ 62,421.90
Receipts from Delinquent Taxes	A-1:A-7	15,000.00	16,617.11	1,617.11
Amount to be Raised by Taxation for Support of Municipal Budget:				
Local Tax for Municipal Purposes	A-2:A-7	549,589.11	668,483.77	118,894.66
<u>Budget Totals</u>		\$ 1,009,444.32	\$ 1,192,377.99	\$ 182,933.67
Non-Budget Revenue	A-1:A-2		2,571.23	2,571.23
		\$ 1,009,444.32	\$ 1,194,949.22	\$ 185,504.90
	<u>REF.</u>	A-3		

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

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CURRENT FUND

STATEMENT OF REVENUES - REGULATORY BASIS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024

	<u>REF.</u>		
Allocation of Current Tax Collections:			
Collections Realized on a Cash Basis	A-1:A-7	\$	2,205,973.55
Allocated to:			
School and County Taxes		\$	1,660,857.36
Municipal Open Space Trust Fund			<u>11,632.42</u>
			<u>1,672,489.78</u>
Balance for Support of Municipal Budget Appropriations			533,483.77
Add: Appropriation-"Reserve for Uncollected Taxes"	A-3		<u>135,000.00</u>
Amount for Support of Municipal Budget Appropriations	A-2	\$	<u><u>668,483.77</u></u>

Analysis of Non-Budget Revenues

Miscellaneous Revenue Not Anticipated:

Treasurer:

Cable Franchise Fee			1,957.31
Administrative Fee - Senior Citizen and Veterans			<u>45.00</u>
	A-4		<u>2,152.31</u>
Excess Animal Control Fees	A-10		<u>418.92</u>
	A-2	\$	<u><u>2,571.23</u></u>

Analysis of Interfunds Advanced/Returned

	<u>Balance December 31,</u>		<u>Net Interfund</u>
	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>Advanced (Returned)</u>
Animal Control Fund	\$ 685.12	\$ 266.20	\$ 418.92
Open Space Trust Fund	51.77		51.77
General Capital Fund	-	0.74	(0.74)
Totals	<u>\$ 736.89</u>	<u>\$ 266.94</u>	<u>\$ 469.95</u>

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

BOROUGH OF STOCKTON

CURRENT FUND

STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURES - REGULATORY BASIS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024

	<u>APPROPRIATIONS</u>		<u>EXPENDED</u>		<u>UNEXPENDED</u>
	<u>BUDGET</u>	<u>BUDGET AFTER</u>	<u>PAID OR</u>	<u>RESERVED</u>	<u>BALANCE</u>
<u>OPERATIONS WITHIN "CAPS"</u>		<u>MODIFICATION</u>	<u>CHARGED</u>		<u>CANCELED</u>
<u>GENERAL GOVERNMENT</u>					
Governing Body:					
Salaries and Wages	\$ 11,550.00	\$ 11,550.00	\$ 11,480.14	\$ 69.86	\$
Other Expenses	1,000.00	1,000.00	441.23	558.77	
Municipal Clerk:					
Salaries and Wages	37,000.00	39,800.00	39,753.97	46.03	
Other Expenses	6,000.00	6,000.00	5,341.02	658.98	
Elections:					
Other Expenses	500.00	500.00	273.64	226.36	
Financial Administration:					
Salaries and Wages	10,100.00	10,100.00	3,090.00	7,010.00	
Audit Services	23,500.00	23,500.00	22,325.00	1,175.00	
Computers	12,000.00	12,000.00	7,633.99	4,366.01	
Administration & Executive:					
Salaries and Wages	5,000.00	5,000.00		5,000.00	
Other Expenses	1,000.00	1,000.00	170.82	829.18	
Collection of Taxes:					
Salaries and Wages	11,175.00	11,175.00	11,172.63	2.37	
Other Expenses	1,600.00	1,600.00	521.30	1,078.70	
Assessment of Taxes:					
Salaries and Wages	9,000.00	5,000.00	3,190.54	1,809.46	
Other Expenses	450.00	4,450.00	4,014.08	435.92	
Legal Services:					
Other Expenses	30,000.00	57,000.00	55,948.90	1,051.10	
Engineering Services:					
Other Expenses	43,000.00	43,000.00	13,011.17	29,988.83	
Planning Board:					
Salaries and Wages	5,150.00	5,150.00	5,149.76	0.24	
Other Expenses	1,500.00	1,500.00	1,026.80	473.20	
Legal Fees	3,000.00	3,000.00	2,159.00	841.00	
Planner Fees	1,000.00	3,000.00	1,558.75	1,441.25	
Engineering Fees	1,000.00	1,000.00		1,000.00	
Zoning Board:					
Salaries and Wages	8,035.00	8,035.00	7,941.68	93.32	
Other Expenses	200.00	200.00		200.00	
Insurance (NJSA 40A:4-45.3(00)):					
Employee Group Insurance	21,500.00	21,500.00	17,293.00	4,207.00	
Worker Compensation Insurance	18,112.00	18,112.00	17,927.00	185.00	
Surety Bond Premium	800.00	800.00	625.00	175.00	
Flood Insurance	7,200.00	7,200.00	7,161.00	39.00	

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BOROUGH OF STOCKTON

CURRENT FUND

STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURES - REGULATORY BASIS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024

	<u>APPROPRIATIONS</u>		<u>EXPENDED</u>		<u>UNEXPENDED</u>
	<u>BUDGET</u>	<u>BUDGET AFTER</u>	<u>PAID OR</u>	<u>RESERVED</u>	<u>BALANCE</u>
		<u>MODIFICATION</u>	<u>CHARGED</u>		<u>CANCELLED</u>
<u>PUBLIC SAFETY</u>					
Aid to Volunteer Fire Company	\$ 17,500.00	\$ 17,500.00	\$ 17,500.00	\$	\$
Aid to Volunteer Rescue Squad	3,000.00	3,000.00	3,000.00		
Municipal Prosecutor:					
Salaries and Wages	2,300.00	2,300.00	2,295.16	4.84	
Office of Emergency Management:					
Other Expenses	2,500.00	2,500.00	115.00	2,385.00	
<u>PUBLIC WORKS</u>					
Street and Road Maintenance:					
Other Expenses	30,000.00	30,000.00	1,600.46	28,399.54	
Snow Removal:					
Other Expenses	16,000.00	16,000.00	13,679.88	2,320.12	
Solid Waste Collection:					
Other Expenses	82,000.00	82,000.00	61,590.36	20,409.64	
Public Buildings & Grounds:					
Other Expenses	51,500.00	19,700.00	6,979.20	12,720.80	
Recycling:					
Other Expenses	18,112.00	18,112.00	13,407.76	4,704.24	
<u>HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES</u>					
Animal Control Services:					
Salaries and Wages	1,025.00	1,025.00	1,024.83	0.17	
<u>PARKS AND RECREATION</u>					
Recreation:					
Other Expenses	17,000.00	17,000.00	10,972.50	6,027.50	
<u>MUNICIPAL COURT</u>					
Municipal Court:					
Salaries and Wages	3,615.00	3,615.00	3,523.24	91.76	
Other Expenses	4,818.00	4,818.00		4,818.00	
Public Defender (P.L. 1997, c.256):					
Other Expenses	200.00	200.00		200.00	
<u>UNCLASSIFIED</u>					
Electricity	1,000.00	1,000.00	520.55	479.45	
Street Lighting	12,500.00	12,500.00	11,795.94	704.06	
Telephone	6,000.00	6,000.00	3,034.07	2,965.93	
Natural Gas	6,500.00	6,500.00	1,963.38	4,536.62	
<u>TOTAL OPERATIONS WITHIN "CAPS"</u>	<u>\$ 545,942.00</u>	<u>\$ 545,942.00</u>	<u>\$ 392,212.75</u>	<u>\$ 153,729.25</u>	<u>\$</u>

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BOROUGH OF STOCKTON

CURRENT FUND

STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURES - REGULATORY BASIS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024

	<u>APPROPRIATIONS</u>		<u>EXPENDED</u>		<u>UNEXPENDED</u>
	<u>BUDGET</u>	<u>BUDGET AFTER</u>	<u>PAID OR</u>	<u>RESERVED</u>	<u>BALANCE</u>
		<u>MODIFICATION</u>	<u>CHARGED</u>		<u>CANCELLED</u>
<u>DEFERRED CHARGES AND STATUTORY EXPENDITURES-</u>					
<u>MUNICIPAL WITHIN "CAPS"</u>					
Statutory Expenditures:					
Contribution to:					
Public Employee's Retirement System	\$ 12,193.00	\$ 12,193.00	\$ 12,193.00	\$	\$
Social Security System	11,000.00	11,000.00	9,525.72	1,474.28	
TOTAL DEFERRED CHARGES AND STATUTORY	\$ 23,193.00	\$ 23,193.00	\$ 21,718.72	\$ 1,474.28	\$
EXPENDITURES-MUNICIPAL WITHIN "CAPS"					
TOTAL GENERAL APPROPRIATIONS FOR MUNICIPAL	\$ 569,135.00	\$ 569,135.00	\$ 413,931.47	\$ 155,203.53	\$
PURPOSES WITHIN "CAPS"					
<u>OPERATIONS EXCLUDED FROM "CAPS"</u>					
Length of Service Award Program	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 4,775.00	\$ 225.00	\$
Workers Compensation	3,388.00	3,388.00	3,388.00		
Recycling:					
Other Expenses	1,388.00	1,388.00	1,388.00		
TOTAL OTHER OPERATIONS - EXCLUDED FROM "CAPS"	\$ 9,776.00	\$ 9,776.00	\$ 9,551.00	\$ 225.00	\$
<u>INTERLOCAL AGREEMENTS</u>					
Township of Delaware Building Inspector:					
Salaries and Wages	\$ 2,445.00	\$ 2,445.00	\$ 2,409.87	\$ 35.13	\$
Other Expenses	200.00	200.00		200.00	
Municipal Court:					
Other Expenses	10,182.00	10,182.00	10,182.00		
Township of Delaware Clerk and CFO:					
Salaries and Wages	29,500.00	29,500.00	29,500.00		
Other Expenses	5,500.00	5,500.00	5,485.95	14.05	
TOTAL INTERLOCAL AGREEMENTS - EXCLUDED FROM "CAPS"	\$ 47,827.00	\$ 47,827.00	\$ 47,577.82	\$ 249.18	\$
<u>STATE AND FEDERAL PROGRAMS OFF-SET BY REVENUES</u>					
Clean Communities Program	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 4,000.00	\$	\$
StormWater/Sewer Assistance (40A:4-87 + 50,000.00)	50,000.00	50,000.00	50,000.00		
Matching Grant Amount	18,750.00	18,750.00		18,750.00	
Recycling Tonnage Grant	1,281.32	1,281.32	1,281.32		
TOTAL PUBLIC AND PRIVATE PROGRAMS	\$ 74,031.32	\$ 74,031.32	\$ 55,281.32	\$ 18,750.00	\$
TOTAL OPERATIONS - EXCLUDED FROM "CAPS"	\$ 131,634.32	\$ 131,634.32	\$ 112,410.14	\$ 19,224.18	\$
<u>CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS-EXCLUDED FROM "CAPS"</u>					
Capital Improvement Fund	\$ 43,000.00	\$ 43,000.00	\$ 43,000.00	\$	\$
TOTAL CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS EXCLUDED FROM "CAPS"	\$ 43,000.00	\$ 43,000.00	\$ 43,000.00	\$	\$
<u>MUNICIPAL DEBT SERVICE-EXCLUDED FROM "CAPS"</u>					
Payment of Bond Anticipation Notes and Capital Notes	\$ 59,075.00	\$ 59,075.00	\$ 59,075.00	\$	\$
Interest on Notes	37,600.00	37,600.00	29,797.16		7,802.84
Principal and Interest-Green Trust	12,500.00	12,500.00	12,436.64		63.36
Principal and Interest-NJ EIT	10,500.00	10,500.00	10,413.94		86.06
TOTAL MUNICIPAL DEBT SERVICE-	\$ 119,675.00	\$ 119,675.00	\$ 111,722.74	\$	\$ 7,952.26
EXCLUDED FROM "CAPS"					

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BOROUGH OF STOCKTON

CURRENT FUND

STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURES - REGULATORY BASIS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024

	<u>APPROPRIATIONS</u>		<u>EXPENDED</u>		<u>UNEXPENDED BALANCE CANCELLED</u>
	<u>BUDGET</u>	<u>BUDGET AFTER MODIFICATION</u>	<u>PAID OR CHARGED</u>	<u>RESERVED</u>	
<u>DEFERRED CHARGES-MUNICIPAL EXCLUDED FROM "CAPS"</u>					
Special Emergency Authorizations	\$ 11,000.00	11,000.00	\$ 11,000.00	\$	\$
<u>TOTAL DEFERRED CHARGES- MUNICIPAL EXCLUDED FROM "CAPS"</u>	\$ 11,000.00	\$ 11,000.00	\$ 11,000.00	\$	\$
<u>TOTAL GENERAL APPROPRIATIONS FOR MUNICIPAL PURPOSES EXCLUDED FROM "CAPS"</u>	\$ 305,309.32	\$ 305,309.32	\$ 278,132.88	\$ 19,224.18	\$ 7,952.26
<u>SUB-TOTAL GENERAL APPROPRIATIONS</u>	\$ 874,444.32	\$ 874,444.32	\$ 692,064.35	\$ 174,427.71	\$ 7,952.26
<u>RESERVE FOR UNCOLLECTED TAXES</u>	135,000.00	135,000.00	135,000.00		
<u>TOTAL GENERAL APPROPRIATIONS</u>	\$ 1,009,444.32	\$ 1,009,444.32	\$ 827,064.35	\$ 174,427.71	\$ 7,952.26
<u>REF.</u>	A-2	A-3	A-1	A:A-1	
Reserve for Uncollected Taxes	A-2		\$ 135,000.00		
Deferred Charges	A-11		11,000.00		
Reserve for Grants Appropriated	A-19		55,281.32		
Disbursements	A-4		625,783.03		
			\$ 827,064.35		

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TRUST FUND

BOROUGH OF STOCKTONTRUST FUNDBALANCE SHEETS - REGULATORY BASIS

	<u>REF.</u>	<u>BALANCE DECEMBER 31, 2024</u>	<u>BALANCE DECEMBER 31, 2023</u>
<u>ASSETS</u>			
Animal Control Trust Fund:			
Cash	B-1	\$ 2,089.92	\$ 1,947.40
Total Animal Control Trust Fund		<u>2,089.92</u>	<u>1,947.40</u>
Open Space Trust Fund:			
Cash	B-1	\$ 28,414.12	\$ 19,191.22
Interfunds Receivable	B-7	<u>23.18</u>	<u>9.76</u>
Total Open Space Trust Fund		<u>\$ 28,437.30</u>	<u>\$ 19,200.98</u>
Other Trust Fund:			
Cash	B-1	\$ 103,672.64	\$ 46,437.76
Interfunds Receivable	B-5	<u>206.53</u>	<u>206.53</u>
Total Other Trust Fund		<u>\$ 103,879.17</u>	<u>\$ 46,644.29</u>
Totals		<u><u>\$ 134,406.39</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 67,792.67</u></u>
<u>LIABILITIES, RESERVES AND FUND BALANCES</u>			
Animal Control Trust Fund:			
Interfunds Payable	B-6	\$ 685.12	\$ 266.20
Due State of New Jersey	B-3	25.20	24.00
Reserve for Animal Control Trust Fund Expenditures	B-2	<u>1,379.60</u>	<u>1,657.20</u>
Total Animal Control Trust Fund		<u>2,089.92</u>	<u>1,947.40</u>
Open Space Trust Fund:			
Various Reserves and Deposits	B-4	<u>\$ 28,437.30</u>	<u>\$ 19,200.98</u>
Total Open Space Trust Fund		<u>\$ 28,437.30</u>	<u>\$ 19,200.98</u>
Other Trust Fund:			
Various Reserves and Deposits	B-4	\$ 103,804.22	\$ 46,644.29
Interfunds Payable	B-5	<u>74.95</u>	<u></u>
Total Other Trust Fund		<u>103,879.17</u>	<u>46,644.29</u>
		<u><u>\$ 134,406.39</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 67,792.67</u></u>

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GENERAL CAPITAL FUND

BOROUGH OF STOCKTONGENERAL CAPITAL FUNDBALANCE SHEETS - REGULATORY BASIS

	<u>REF.</u>	<u>BALANCE</u> <u>DECEMBER</u> <u>31, 2024</u>	<u>BALANCE</u> <u>DECEMBER</u> <u>31, 2023</u>
<u>ASSETS</u>			
Cash	C-2:C-3	\$ 1,037,239.60	\$ 1,050,951.68
Deferred Charges to Future Taxation - Funded	C-4	48,752.02	69,865.25
Deferred Charges to Future Taxation - Unfunded	C-5	549,030.00	608,105.00
Interfunds Receivable	C-14	53.26	
Grants Receivable	C-10	74,250.00	74,250.00
		<u>\$ 1,709,324.88</u>	<u>\$ 1,803,171.93</u>
<u>LIABILITIES, RESERVES AND FUND BALANCE</u>			
Bond Anticipation Notes	C-13	549,030.00	608,105.00
NJ Environmental Trust Loans Payable	C-15	42,595.27	51,577.27
Green Acres Trust Loans Payable	C-11	6,156.75	18,287.98
Improvement Authorizations:			
Funded	C-7	128,759.07	96,626.36
Unfunded	C-7	392,063.49	428,414.55
Various Reserves and Deposits	C-9	297,170.25	327,170.25
Reserve for Receivables	C-12	51,750.00	51,750.00
Contracts Payable	C-6	18,957.26	18,957.26
Interfunds Payable	C-14	206.53	207.27
Capital Improvement Fund	C-8	222,636.26	179,636.26
Fund Balance	C-1		22,439.73
		<u>\$ 1,709,324.88</u>	<u>\$ 1,803,171.93</u>

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BOROUGH OF STOCKTON

GENERAL CAPITAL FUND

STATEMENT OF FUND BALANCE - REGULATORY BASIS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024

	<u>REF.</u>	
Balance, December 31, 2023	C	\$ <u>22,439.73</u>
Decreased by:		
Anticipated in Current Fund Budget	C-2	\$ <u><u>22,439.73</u></u>

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WATER/SEWER UTILITY FUND

BOROUGH OF STOCKTON

WATER/SEWER UTILITY FUND

BALANCE SHEETS - REGULATORY BASIS

	REF.	BALANCE DECEMBER 31, 2024	BALANCE DECEMBER 31, 2023
<u>ASSETS</u>			
Operating Fund:			
Cash - Treasurer	D-5	\$ 845,070.84	\$ 697,179.97
		<u>\$ 845,070.84</u>	<u>\$ 697,179.97</u>
Receivables and Inventories with Full Reserves:			
Consumer Accounts Receivable	D-6	\$ 12,678.10	\$ 23,904.38
	D	<u>\$ 12,678.10</u>	<u>\$ 23,904.38</u>
<u>Total Operating Fund</u>		<u>\$ 857,748.94</u>	<u>\$ 721,084.35</u>
Capital Fund:			
Cash - Treasurer	D-5	\$ 444,271.07	\$ 446,905.79
Fixed Capital	D-14	3,638,792.43	3,638,792.43
Fixed Capital Authorized and Uncompleted	D-15	590,000.00	450,000.00
Interfunds Receivable	D-22	<u>220,000.00</u>	<u>40,000.00</u>
<u>Total Capital Fund</u>		<u>\$ 4,893,063.50</u>	<u>\$ 4,575,698.22</u>
		<u>\$ 5,750,812.44</u>	<u>\$ 5,296,782.57</u>
<u>LIABILITIES, RESERVES AND FUND BALANCE</u>			
Operating Fund:			
Liabilities:			
Appropriation Reserves	D-4:D-8	\$ 51,381.23	\$ 118,852.54
Reserve for Encumbrances	D-21	4,398.49	264.60
Rent Overpayments	D-16	643.91	228.11
Accrued Interest on Bonds, Notes and Loans	D-7	2,271.61	2,271.61
Interfunds Payable	D-9	<u>180,000.00</u>	<u>40,000.00</u>
		<u>\$ 238,695.24</u>	<u>\$ 161,616.86</u>
Reserve for Receivables and Inventory	D	12,678.10	23,904.38
Fund Balance	D-1	<u>606,375.60</u>	<u>535,563.11</u>
<u>Total Operating Fund</u>		<u>\$ 857,748.94</u>	<u>\$ 721,084.35</u>
Capital Fund:			
Improvement Authorizations:			
Funded	D-10	\$ 121,950.64	\$ 122,015.36
Unfunded	D-10	130,899.40	130,899.40
Capital Improvement Fund	D-12	289,168.49	249,168.49
Bond Anticipation Notes	D-17	134,609.00	157,307.00
Contracts Payable	D-18	137,430.00	
Reserve for:			
Capital Improvements	D-20	3,000.00	3,000.00
Amortization	D-13	3,618,792.91	3,602,166.91
Deferred Amortization	D-11	455,391.00	309,319.00
Fund Balance	D-2	<u>1,822.06</u>	<u>1,822.06</u>
<u>Total Capital Fund</u>		<u>\$ 4,893,063.50</u>	<u>\$ 4,575,698.22</u>
		<u>\$ 5,750,812.44</u>	<u>\$ 5,296,782.57</u>

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BOROUGH OF STOCKTONWATER/SEWER UTILITY OPERATING FUND

STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS
AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE - REGULATORY BASIS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024

	<u>REF.</u>	<u>YEAR ENDED</u> <u>DECEMBER</u> <u>31, 2024</u>	<u>YEAR ENDED</u> <u>DECEMBER</u> <u>31, 2023</u>
<u>REVENUE AND OTHER INCOME REALIZED</u>			
Fund Balance Utilized	D-1	\$ 130,000.00	\$
Rents	D-3	435,381.14	
Other Credits to Income:			
Miscellaneous Revenue Not Anticipated	D-2	45,312.15	
Unexpended Balance of Appropriation Reserves	D-8	<u>119,117.14</u>	<u></u>
<u>TOTAL INCOME</u>		<u>\$ 729,810.43</u>	<u>\$</u>
<u>EXPENDITURES</u>			
Operating	D-4	\$ 340,060.78	\$
Regulatory Expenditures and Deferred Charges	D-4	4,100.00	
Debt Service	D-4	30,406.56	
Capital Improvements	D-4	150,000.00	
Refund of Prior Year Revenue	D-5	<u>4,430.60</u>	<u></u>
<u>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</u>		<u>\$ 528,997.94</u>	<u>\$</u>
Excess(Deficit) in Revenues		\$ 200,812.49	\$
<u>Fund Balance</u>			
Balance, January 1	D	<u>535,563.11</u>	<u></u>
		\$ 736,375.60	\$
Utilization as Anticipated Revenue	D-1	<u>130,000.00</u>	<u></u>
Balance, December 31	D	<u>\$ 606,375.60</u>	<u>\$ 535,563.11</u>

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BOROUGH OF STOCKTON

WATER/SEWER UTILITY CAPITAL FUND

STATEMENT OF FUND BALANCE - REGULATORY BASIS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024

	<u>REF.</u>	
Balance, December 31, 2023	D	\$ <u>1,822.06</u>
Balance, December 31, 2024	D	\$ <u><u>1,822.06</u></u>

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BOROUGH OF STOCKTON
WATER/SEWER UTILITY OPERATING FUND
STATEMENT OF REVENUES - REGULATORY BASIS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024

	<u>REF.</u>	<u>ANTICIPATED</u>	<u>REALIZED</u>	<u>EXCESS OR (DEFICIT)</u>
Fund Balance Anticipated		\$ 130,000.00	\$ 130,000.00	\$
Water Use Charges	D-1:D-6	396,390.78	435,381.14	38,990.36
Miscellaneous Revenue Not Anticipated	D-1:D-3		45,312.15	45,312.15
		<u>\$ 526,390.78</u>	<u>\$ 610,693.29</u>	<u>\$ 84,302.51</u>

ANALYSIS OF MISCELLANEOUS REVENUES NOT ANTICIPATED

Miscellaneous-Collector		\$ 43,693.92
Interest on Delinquent Accounts		<u>1,618.23</u>
Total	D-3:D-5	<u>\$ 45,312.15</u>

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BOROUGH OF STOCKTON

WATER/SEWER UTILITY OPERATING FUND

STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURES - REGULATORY BASIS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024

	APPROPRIATIONS		PAID OR CHARGED	EXPENDED		UNEXPENDED BALANCE CANCELLED
	BUDGET	BUDGET AFTER MODIFICATION		CHARGED	RESERVED	
Operating:						
Salaries and Wages	\$ 53,000.00	\$ 57,000.00	\$	\$ 54,966.07	\$ 2,033.93	\$
Other Expenses	304,918.78	283,060.78		233,715.60	49,345.18	
<u>Total Operating</u>	\$ 357,918.78	\$ 340,060.78	\$	\$ 288,681.67	\$ 51,379.11	\$
Capital Improvements:						
Capital Improvement Fund	\$ 140,000.00	\$ 140,000.00	\$	\$ 140,000.00	\$	\$
Lambertville Sewerage Authority Capital	10,000.00	10,000.00		10,000.00		
<u>Total Capital Improvements</u>	\$ 150,000.00	\$ 150,000.00	\$	\$ 150,000.00	\$	\$
Debt Services:						
Payment of Bond Anticipation Notes	\$ 6,072.00	\$ 23,930.00	\$	\$ 22,698.00	\$	\$ 1,232.00
Interest on Notes	8,300.00	8,300.00		7,708.56		591.44
<u>Total Debt Services</u>	\$ 14,372.00	\$ 32,230.00	\$	\$ 30,406.56	\$	\$ 1,823.44
Regulatory Expenditures:						
Contributions to:						
Social Security System (O.A.S.I.)	\$ 4,100.00	\$ 4,100.00	\$	\$ 4,097.88	\$ 2.12	\$
<u>Total Regulatory Expenditures</u>	\$ 4,100.00	\$ 4,100.00	\$	\$ 4,097.88	\$ 2.12	\$
<u>REF.</u>	<u>\$ 526,390.78</u>	<u>\$ 526,390.78</u>	<u>\$</u>	<u>\$ 473,186.11</u>	<u>\$ 51,381.23</u>	<u>\$ 1,823.44</u>
	D-3	D-3		D-1	D:D-1	Reserve
Disbursements			\$	\$ 321,467.21		
Reserve for Encumbrances				4,398.49		
Interfunds				140,000.00		
Accrued Interest			\$	7,708.56		
				<u>473,574.26</u>		
Less: Refunds				388.15		
			\$	<u>473,186.11</u>		

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

GENERAL FIXED ASSETS ACCOUNT GROUP

BOROUGH OF STOCKTON
GENERAL FIXED ASSETS ACCOUNT GROUP
BALANCE SHEETS - REGULATORY BASIS

	DECEMBER 31, 2024	DECEMBER 31, 2023
General Fixed Assets:		
Land	\$ 1,879,825.00	\$ 1,879,825.00
Buildings and Building Improvements	233,700.00	233,700.00
Construction in Progress	<u>12,313.40</u>	<u>5,327.11</u>
<u>TOTAL GENERAL FIXED ASSETS</u>	<u>\$ 2,125,838.40</u>	<u>\$ 2,118,852.11</u>
Investment in General Fixed Assets	<u>\$ 2,125,838.40</u>	<u>\$ 2,118,852.11</u>

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

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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BOROUGH OF STOCKTON

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024 AND 2023

NOTE 1: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

A. Reporting Entity

The Borough of Stockton ("Borough") is an instrumentality of the State of New Jersey, established to function as a municipality. The Borough Council consists of elected officials and is responsible for the fiscal control of the Borough.

As defined by GAAP established by the GASB, the financial reporting entity consists of the primary government, as well as component units, which are legally separate organizations for which elected officials of the primary government are financially accountable. The Borough is financially accountable for an organization if the Borough appoints a voting majority of the organization's governing board and (1) the Borough is able to significantly influence the programs or services performed or provided by the organizations; or (2) the Borough is legally entitled to or can otherwise access the organization's resources; the Borough is legally obligated or has otherwise assumed the responsibility to finance the deficits of, or provide financial support to, the organization; or the Borough is obligated for the debt of the organization. Except as noted below, the financial statements of the Borough include every board, body, officer or commission supported and maintained wholly or in part by funds appropriated by the Borough, as required by N.J.S.A. 40A:5-5. Accordingly, the financial statements of the Borough do not include the operations of the local school district, first aid organization, volunteer fire organization or library, inasmuch as their activities are administered by separate boards.

B. Description of Funds

The Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) is the accepted standard-setting body for establishing governmental accounting and financial reporting principles. GASB codification establishes three fund types and two account groups to be used by general purpose governmental units when reporting financial position and results of operations in accordance with U.S. Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP).

NOTE 1: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

B. Description of Funds (Continued)

The accounting policies of the Borough 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 respect to public funds. Under this method of accounting, the financial transactions and accounts of the Borough of Stockton are organized on the basis of funds and an account group which is different from the fund structure required by GAAP. A fund or account group is an accounting entity with a separate set of self-balancing accounts established to record the financial position and results of operation of a specific government activity. As required by the Division of Local Government Services, the Borough accounts for its financial transactions through the following individual funds and account group:

Current Fund - resources and expenditures for governmental operations of a general nature, including federal and state grant funds

Trust Fund - 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 capital facilities, other than those acquired in the Current Fund

Water/Sewer Utility Operating and Capital Funds - account for the operations and acquisition of capital facilities of the municipally owned Water/Sewer Utility

General Fixed Assets Account Group - utilized to account for property, land, buildings and equipment that have been acquired by other governmental funds

NOTE 1: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

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 government units. The more significant accounting policies and differences in the State of New Jersey are as follows:

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

Revenues - are recorded when received in cash except for certain amounts which are due from other governmental units. All grants are realized as revenues when anticipated in the Borough's budget. Receivables for property taxes are recorded with offsetting reserves on the balance sheet of the Borough's Current Fund; accordingly, such amounts are not recorded as revenue until collected. Other amounts that are due the Borough, which are susceptible to accrual, are also recorded as receivables with offsetting reserves and recorded as revenues when received. GAAP requires revenues to be recognized in the accounting period when they become susceptible to accrual, reduced by an allowance for doubtful accounts.

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 31st are reported as a cash liability in the financial statements and constitute part of the Borough's statutory Appropriation Reserve balance.

Appropriation reserves covering unexpended 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 and utility bonds and notes are provided on the cash basis, interest on general capital indebtedness is on the cash basis, whereas interest on utility indebtedness is on the accrual basis.

Encumbrances - Contractual orders at December 31 are reported as expenditures through the establishment of encumbrances payable. Under GAAP, encumbrances outstanding at year end are reported as reservations of fund balance because they do not constitute expenditures or liabilities.

NOTE 1: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

C. Basis of Accounting (Continued)

Foreclosed Property - Foreclosed property is recorded in the Current Fund at the assessed valuation when such property was acquired and is fully reserved. GAAP requires such property to be recorded in the General Fixed Assets Account Group at its market value.

Sale of Municipal Assets - The proceeds from the sale of municipal assets can be held in a reserve until anticipated as revenue in a future budget. GAAP requires such proceeds to be recorded as revenue in the year of sale.

Interfunds - 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. GAAP does not require the establishment of an offsetting reserve.

General Fixed Assets - N.J.A.C. 5:30-5.6, Accounting for Governmental Fixed Assets, as promulgated by the Division of Local Government Services, which differs in certain respects from generally accepted accounting principles, requires the inclusion of a statement of general fixed assets of the Borough as part of its basic financial statements. General fixed assets are defined as nonexpendable personal and real property having a physical existence, a useful life of more than one year and an acquisition cost of \$5,000.00 or more per unit. 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.

General Fixed Assets that have been acquired and are utilized in a governmental fund operation are accounted for in the General Fixed Asset Account Group rather than in a governmental fund. No depreciation has been provided on General Fixed Assets or reported in the financial statements.

The Borough has developed a fixed assets accounting and reporting system based on an inspection and valuation prepared by an independent appraisal firm. Adjustments for assets acquired/sold subsequent to this date have been recorded. Fixed assets are valued at historical cost or estimated historical cost if actual historical cost is not available. Buildings and land are stated at the assessed value contained in the Borough's most recent property revaluation.

NOTE 1: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

C. Basis of Accounting (Continued)

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 has not been accounted for separately.

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. GAAP requires the cost of inventories to be reported as a current asset and equally offset by a fund balance reserve.

Fixed Capital – Water/Sewer Utility - Accounting for utility fund "fixed capital" remains unchanged under the requirements of N.J.A.C. 5:30-5.6. Property and equipment purchased by the Water/Sewer Utility Fund are 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. The fixed capital reported is as taken from the municipal records and does not necessarily reflect the true condition of such fixed capital. Contributions in aid of construction are not capitalized. The balance in the Reserve for Amortization and Deferred Reserve for Amortization accounts in the utility capital fund represents charges to operations for the cost of acquisition of property, equipment and improvements. The utility does not record depreciation on fixed assets.

Accounting and Financial Reporting for Pensions - Under GAAP, municipalities are required to record their distributive shares of net pension liability, deferred outflows of resources, deferred inflows of resources in the statement of Net Position and total pension related expense in Statements of Revenues, Expenses, Changes in Net Position and Notes to the Financial Statements in accordance with GASB 68.

NOTE 1: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

C. Basis of Accounting (Continued)

Accounting and Financial Reporting for Pensions (Continued)

New Jersey's municipalities and counties do not follow GAAP accounting principles and, as such, do not follow GASB requirements with respect to recording the net pension liability as a liability on their balance sheets. However, N.J.A.C. 5:30 6.1(c)(2) requires municipalities to disclose GASB 68 information in the Notes to the Financial Statements. The disclosure must meet the requirements of GASB 68 however, local units are permitted to disclose the most recently available information as it relates to the New Jersey Division of Pension and Benefits reporting on GASB 68. As of the date of this report the information for the period ended June 30, 2024 was not available, therefore the information dated June 30, 2023 is disclosed.

Lease

Under GAAP, lease receivables are measured at the present value of the lease payments expected to be received during the lease term. Payments are recorded as an inflow of resources in the period the payment is received. The deferred inflow of resources is recorded at the initiation of the lease in an amount equal to the initial recording of the lease receivable. The deferred inflow of resources is amortized in a systematic and rational manner over the lease term.

Lease liabilities represent obligations to make lease payments arising from the lease. Lease liabilities are recognized at the commencement date based on the present value of the expected lease payments over the lease term, less any lease incentives. Interest expense is recognized ratably over the contract term. The lease term may include options to extend or terminate the lease when it is reasonably certain that the option will be exercised. Payments for short-term leases with a term of 12 months or less are expensed as incurred and these leases are not included as lease liabilities or right -to-use assets on the statements of net position.

New Jersey's municipalities do not follow GAAP accounting principles and, as such, do not follow GASB requirements with respect to recording lease receivables, deferred outflows, lease liabilities or deferred inflows on their balance sheets.

D. Basic Financial Statements

The GASB codification also defines the financial statements of a governmental unit to be presented in the basic financial statements to be held in accordance with GAAP. The Borough presents the financial statements listed in the table of contents of the "Requirements of Audit and Accounting Revision of 1987" as prescribed by the Division of Local Government Services, Department of Community Affairs, State of New Jersey and which differ from the financial statements required by GAAP.

NOTE 2: CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS

The Borough considers petty cash, change funds, cash in banks and certificates of deposit as cash and cash equivalents.

A. Deposits

New Jersey statutes permit the deposit of public funds in institutions which are located in New Jersey, and which meet the requirements of the Governmental Unit Deposit Protection Act (GUDPA) or the State of New Jersey Cash Management Fund. GUDPA requires a bank that accepts public funds to be a public depository. A public depository is defined as a state bank, a national bank, or a savings bank, which is located in the State of New Jersey, the deposits of which are insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation. The statutes also require public depositories to maintain collateral for deposits of public funds that exceed certain insurance limits. All collateral must be deposited with the Federal Reserve Bank or a banking institution that is a member of the Federal Reserve System and has capital funds of not less than \$25,000,000.00.

The Borough of Stockton has the following cash and cash equivalents at December 31, 2024:

<u>Fund Type</u>	<u>Bank</u>	<u>Reconciling Items:</u>		<u>Reconciled</u>
		<u>Additions</u>	<u>Deletions</u>	
	<u>Balances</u>			<u>Balances</u>
Current Fund	\$ 1,538,350.75	\$ 737.25	\$ 91,060.72	\$ 1,448,027.28
Animal Control Fund	2,187.42	0.00	97.50	2,089.92
Open Space Trust Fund	17,357.55	11,619.00	562.43	28,414.12
Other Trust Fund	101,166.31	6,016.90	3,510.57	103,672.64
General Capital Fund	965,649.50	74,307.99	2,717.89	1,037,239.60
Water/Sewer Utility Operating Fund	900,591.99	2,186.45	57,707.60	845,070.84
Water/Sewer Utility Capital Fund	458,403.00	0.00	14,131.93	444,271.07
<u>TOTAL DECEMBER 31, 2024</u>	<u>\$ 3,983,706.52</u>	<u>\$ 94,867.59</u>	<u>\$ 169,788.64</u>	<u>\$ 3,908,785.47</u>

Custodial Credit Risk - Deposits - Custodial credit risk is the risk that in the event of a bank failure, the deposits may not be returned. The Borough does not have a specific deposit policy for custodial credit risk other than those policies that adhere to the requirements of statute. As of December 31, 2024, based upon the coverage provided by FDIC and NJGUDPA, no amount of the bank balance was exposed to custodial credit risk. Of the cash on balance in the bank, \$250,000.00 was covered by Federal Depository Insurance and \$3,733,706.52 was covered under the provisions of NJGUDPA.

NOTE 2: CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS (CONTINUED)

B. Investments

The purchase of investments by the Borough is strictly limited by the express authority of the New Jersey Local Fiscal Affairs Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:5-15.1. Permitted investments include any of the following type of securities:

1. Bonds or other obligations of the United States of America or obligations guaranteed by the United States of America;
2. Government money market mutual funds which are purchased from an investment company or investment trust which is registered with the Securities and Exchange Commission under the "Investment Company Act of 1940," 15 U.S.C. 80a-1 et seq., and operated in accordance with 17 C.F.R. § 270.2a-7 and which portfolio is limited to U.S. Government securities that meet the definition of an eligible security pursuant to 17 C.F.R. § 270.2a-7 and repurchase agreements that are collateralized by such U.S. Government securities in which direct investment may be made pursuant to paragraphs (1) and (3) of N.J.S.A. 5-15.1. These funds are also required to be rated by a nationally recognized statistical rating organization.
3. Any obligation that a federal agency or a federal instrumentality has issued in accordance with an act of Congress, which security has a maturity date not greater than 397 days from the date of purchase, provided that such obligation bears a fixed rate of interest not dependent on any index or other external factor;
4. Bonds or other obligations of the Local Unit or bonds or other obligations of school districts of which the Local Unit is a part or within which the school district is located.
5. Bonds or other obligations, having a maturity date not more than 397 days from date of purchase, approved by the Division of Local Government Services of the Department of Community Affairs for investment by Local Units;
6. Local government investment pools that are fully invested in U.S. Government securities that meet the definition of eligible security pursuant to 17 C.F.R. § 270a-7 and repurchase agreements that are collateralized by such U.S. Government securities in which direct investment may be made pursuant to paragraphs (1) and (3) of N.J.S.A. 5-15.1. This type of investment is also required to be rated in the highest category by a nationally recognized statistical rating organization.

NOTE 2: CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS (CONTINUED)

7. Deposits with the State of New Jersey Cash Management Fund established pursuant to section 1 of P.L. 1977, c.281 (c.52:18A-90.4); or
8. Agreements for the repurchase of fully collateralized securities if:
 - a. the underlying securities are permitted investments pursuant to paragraphs (1) and (3) of this subsection;
 - b. the custody of collateral is transferred to a third party;
 - c. the maturity of the agreement is not more than 30 days;
 - d. the underlying securities are purchased through a public depository as defined in section 1 of P.L. 1970, c.236 (c. 17:19-41); and
 - e. a master repurchase agreement providing for the custody and security of collateral is executed.

The Borough of Stockton had no investments outstanding as of December 31, 2024.

Based upon the limitations set forth by New Jersey Statutes 40A:5-15.1 and existing investment practices, the Borough is generally not exposed to credit risks, custodial credit risks, concentration of credit risks and interest rate risk for its investments, nor is it exposed to foreign currency risk for its deposits and investments.

NOTE 3: LONG-TERM DEBT

The Local Bond Law, Chapter 40A:2, governs the issuance of bonds to finance general municipal capital expenditures. All bonds are retired in annual installments within the statutory period of usefulness. All bonds issued by the Borough are general obligation bonds, based by the full faith and credit of the Borough. Bond Anticipation Notes, which are issued to temporarily finance capital projects, shall mature and be paid off within ten years if financed by the issuance of bonds.

NOTE 3: LONG-TERM DEBT (CONTINUED)

SUMMARY OF MUNICIPAL DEBT

	YEAR		
	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
Issued:			
General Capital			
Bonds, Notes and Loans	\$ 597,782.02	\$ 677,970.25	\$ 767,936.16
Water/ Sewer Utility:			
Bonds and Notes	<u>134,609.00</u>	<u>157,307.00</u>	<u>180,005.00</u>
<u>Total Debt Issued</u>	<u>\$ 732,391.02</u>	<u>\$ 835,277.25</u>	<u>\$ 947,941.16</u>
Authorized But Not Issued:			
Water/Sewer Capital - Bonds and Notes	\$ <u>20,000.00</u>	\$ <u>20,000.00</u>	\$ <u>20,000.00</u>
<u>Total Authorized But Not Issued</u>	<u>\$ 20,000.00</u>	<u>\$ 20,000.00</u>	<u>\$ 20,000.00</u>
Bonds and Notes			
Issued and Authorized			
But Not Issued	\$ <u><u>752,391.02</u></u>	\$ <u><u>855,277.25</u></u>	\$ <u><u>967,941.16</u></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 .268%.

	<u>GROSS DEBT</u>	<u>DEDUCTIONS</u>	<u>NET DEBT</u>
Regional School District Debt	\$ 2,226,645.30	\$ 2,226,645.30	\$
Water/Sewer Utility Debt	154,609.00	154,609.00	
General Debt	<u>597,782.02</u>	<u>297,170.25</u>	<u>300,611.77</u>
	<u>\$ 2,979,036.32</u>	<u>\$ 2,678,424.55</u>	<u>\$ 300,611.77</u>

The Municipality's net debt of \$300,611.77 divided by the equalized valuation basis per N.J.S.A. 40A:2-2 of \$112,352,104.67 equals .268%

NOTE 3: LONG-TERM DEBT (CONTINUED)

BORROWING POWER UNDER N.J.S.A. 40A:2-6 AS AMENDED

Equalized Valuation Basis - December 31, 2024	<u>\$112,352,104.67</u>
3-1/2% of Equalized Valuation Basis	\$3,932,323.66
Net Debt	<u>300,611.77</u>
Remaining Borrowing Power at December 31, 2024	<u>\$3,631,711.89</u>

Equalized Valuation basis is the average of the equalized valuation of Real Estate, including improvements, and the assessed valuation of Class II Railroad Property of the Borough for the last three (3) preceding years.

SCHOOL DEBT DEDUCTION

School debt is deductible up to the extent of 3% of the Average Equalized Assessed Valuation of real property for the Regional School District.

CALCULATION OF "SELF-LIQUIDATING PURPOSE" WATER/SEWER UTILITY
PER N.J.S.A. 40A:2-45

Cash Receipts from Fees, Rents of Other Charges for Year and Anticipated Surplus		\$ 610,693.29
Deductions:		
Operating and Maintenance Cost	\$ 344,160.78	
Debt Service Per Water/Sewer Utility Account	<u>30,406.56</u>	
		<u>374,567.34</u>
Excess in Revenue		<u>\$ 236,125.95</u>

NOTE 3: LONG-TERM DEBT (CONTINUED)

Green Acres Trust Loan:

\$200,000.00 of 2005 Trust Loan due in annual installments of \$6,156.74 to \$12,131.23 through January 2025 at an interest rate 2.00%. \$ 6,156.75

New Jersey Environmental Infrastructure Trust Loans:

\$300,000.00 of 2006 Trust Loan due in annual installments of \$15,000.00 to \$25,000.00 through August 2026 at variable interest rates of 4.00% to 5.00%. \$ 42,595.27

Bonds and Notes Authorized But Not Issued

At December 31, 2024, the Borough has authorized but not issued bonds and notes as follows:

Bonds and Notes Authorized But Not Issued:

Water/Sewer Utility Capital Fund \$ 20,000.00

SCHEDULE OF ANNUAL DEBT SERVICE FOR PRINCIPAL AND INTEREST
FOR GREEN TRUST LOANS ISSUED AND
OUTSTANDING DECEMBER 31, 2024

Calendar Year	Trust Loan		Total
	Principal	Interest	
2025	\$ <u>6,156.75</u>	\$ <u>61.57</u>	\$ <u>6,218.32</u>
Total	\$ <u>6,156.75</u>	\$ <u>61.57</u>	\$ <u>6,218.32</u>

SCHEDULE OF ANNUAL DEBT SERVICE FOR PRINCIPAL AND INTEREST
FOR NEW JERSEY ENVIRONMENTAL INFRASTRUCTURE LOANS
OUTSTANDING DECEMBER 31, 2024

Calendar Year	Trust Loan		Total
	Principal	Interest	
2025	\$ 18,959.62	\$ 2,603.84	\$ 21,563.46
2026	<u>23,635.65</u>	<u>1,845.44</u>	<u>25,481.09</u>
Total	\$ <u>42,595.27</u>	\$ <u>4,449.28</u>	\$ <u>47,044.55</u>

NOTE 4: SHORT-TERM DEBT

In accordance with NJSA 40A:2-8.1, a local unit may, in anticipation of the issuance of bonds, borrow money and issue notes if the bond ordinance or subsequent resolution so provides. Any such note shall be designated as a "bond anticipation note" and shall be subject to the following provisions:

- (1) every note shall contain a recital that it is issued for a period not exceeding one year and may be renewed from time to time for additional periods, none of which shall exceed one year;
- (2) all such notes, including renewals, shall mature and be paid not later than the first day of the fifth month following the close of the tenth fiscal year next following the date of the original notes; and
- (3) no such notes shall be renewed beyond the third anniversary date of the original notes unless an amount of such notes, at least equal to the first legally payable installment of the bonds in anticipation of which those notes are issued, is paid and retired on or before each subsequent anniversary date beyond which such notes are renewed from funds other than the proceeds of obligations.

Outstanding Bond Anticipation Notes are summarized as follows:

<u>General Capital</u>	<u>Interest Rate</u>	<u>Original Issue Date</u>	<u>Amount</u>
2016-08	4.90%	9/15/2017	\$ 67,268.00
2018-06	4.90%	9/12/2019	101,762.00
2022-04	4.90%	9/8/2022	<u>380,000.00</u>
			<u>\$ 549,030.00</u>
<u>Water/Sewer Capital</u>			
2016-09	4.75%	9/15/2018	\$ 9,609.00
2020-07	4.75%	9/8/2022	<u>125,000.00</u>
			<u>\$ 134,609.00</u>

NOTE 4: SHORT-TERM DEBT (CONTINUED)

In accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:4 sections 64 through 73, in any fiscal year, in anticipation of the collection of taxes for such year, whether levied in such year, or in anticipation of other revenue for such year, the Borough may, by resolution, borrow money and issue its negotiable notes, each of which shall be designated by the fiscal year to which it pertains. The proceeds may be used to pay outstanding previous notes of same purpose, or for purposes provided for in the budget or for which taxes are levied or to be levied for in such year. The amount outstanding shall not exceed an amount certified as the gross borrowing power, and no such notes shall be authorized in excess of an amount certified as the net borrowing power. Tax anticipation notes may be renewed from time to time, but any note shall mature within 120 days after the beginning of the succeeding fiscal year, and bear an interest rate that does not exceed 6%. The Borough did not have any Tax Anticipation Notes in 2024.

NOTE 5: FUND BALANCES APPROPRIATED

Fund balances at December 31, 2024 which were appropriated and included as anticipated revenue in their own respective funds for the year ending December 31, 2025 were as follows:

Current Fund	\$149,400.00
Water/Sewer Operating Fund	\$120,000.00

NOTE 6: PROPERTY TAXES

Property taxes attach as an enforceable lien on property as of January 1. Taxes are levied based on the final adoption of the current year municipal budget, and are payable in four installments on February 1, May 1, August 1 and November 1. The Borough bills and collects its own property taxes and also taxes for the County and local school district. The collections and remittance of county and school taxes are accounted for in the Current Fund. Borough property tax revenues are recognized when collected in cash and any receivables are recorded with offsetting reserves on the balance sheet of the Borough's Current Fund.

Taxes Collected in Advance - Taxes collected in advance and recorded as cash liabilities in the financial statements are as follows:

	BALANCE DECEMBER 31, 2024	BALANCE DECEMBER 31, 2023
Prepaid Taxes	<u>\$-0-</u>	<u>\$2,035.00</u>

NOTE 7: PENSION PLANS

Plan Descriptions

Substantially all eligible employees participate in the Public Employees' Retirement System (PERS), or the Police, Firemen's Retirement System (PFRS) or the Defined Contribution Retirement System (DCRP), which have been established by state statute and are administered by the New Jersey Division of Pensions and Benefits. The Division issues a publicly available financial report that includes the financial statements and required supplementary information for the Public Employees Retirement System, Police and Firemen's Retirement System and Consolidated Police and Firemen's Pension Fund. These reports may be obtained by writing to the Division of Pensions and Benefits, P.O. Box 295, Trenton, New Jersey, 08625 or are available online at www.nj.gov/treasury/pensions/annrpts.shtml.

Public Employees' Retirement System (PERS) - The Public Employees' Retirement System (PERS) was established as of January 1, 1955, under the provisions of N.J.S.A. 43:15A, to provide retirement, death, disability and medical benefits to certain qualified members. The PERS is a cost-sharing multiple employer plan. Membership is mandatory for substantially, all full-time employees of the State of New Jersey 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 or other state pension fund or local jurisdiction's pension fund.

Defined Contribution Retirement Program (DCRP) - The Defined Contribution Retirement Program (DCRP) was established July 1, 2007, under the provisions of Chapter 92, P.L. 2007 and Chapter 103, P.L. 2007, and was expanded under the provisions of Chapter 89, P.L. 2009. The DCRP provides eligible employees and their beneficiaries with a tax-sheltered, defined contribution retirement benefit, along with life insurance coverage and disability coverage.

Vesting and Benefit Provisions

The vesting and benefit provisions for PERS are set by N.J.S.A. 43:15A and 43:36. All benefits vest after ten years of service, except for medical benefits, which vest after 25 years of service. Members may seek early retirement after achieving 25 years of service credit or they may elect deferred retirement after achieving ten years of service credit, in which case, benefits would begin the first day of the month after the member attains normal retirement age.

NOTE 7: PENSION PLANS (CONTINUED)

Vesting and Benefit Provisions (Continued)

Newly elected or appointed officials that have an existing DCRP account, or are a member of another State-administered retirement system are immediately invested in the DCRP. For newly elected or appointed officials that do not qualify for immediate vesting in the DCRP, employee and employer contributions are held during the initial year of membership. Upon commencing the second year of DCRP membership, the member is fully invested. However, if a member is not eligible to continue in the DCRP for a second year of membership, the member may apply for a refund of the employee contributions from the DCRP, while the employer contributions will revert back to the employer. Employees are required to contribute 5.5% of their base salary and employers contribute 3.0%.

Funding Policy

The contribution policy for PERS is set by N.J.S.A. 43:15A and requires contributions by active members and contributing employers. State legislation has modified the amount that is contributed by the State. The State's pension contribution is based on an actuarially determined amount, which includes the employer portion of the normal cost and an amortization of the unfunded accrued liability. Funding for noncontributory group life insurance benefits is based on actual claims paid. For fiscal year 2023, the State's pension contribution was less than the actuarial determined amount. The local employers' contribution amounts are based on an actuarially determined rate, which includes the normal cost and unfunded accrued liability. During 2023, PERS provides for employee contributions of 7.50% of employees' base salary.

Certain Borough employees are also covered by the Federal Insurance Contribution Act. The Borough's share of pension costs, which is based upon the annual billings received from the State, amounted to \$12,193.00 for 2024, \$14,849.00 for 2023 and \$13,867.00 for 2022.

Accounting and Financial Reporting for Pensions – GASB Statement 68

The Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) has issued Statement No. 68 "Accounting and Financial Reporting for Public Employees Pensions" which requires the State of New Jersey to calculate and allocate, for note disclosure purposes only, the unfunded net pension liability of Public Employees Retirement System (PERS) of the participating municipality as of December 31, 2023. The statement does not alter the amounts of funds that must be budgeted for pension payments under existing state law.

Under accounting principles and practices prescribed by the Division of Local Government Services, Department of Community Affairs, State of New Jersey, any unfunded net pension liability of the municipality, allocated by the State of New Jersey, is not required to be reported in the financial statements as presented and any pension contributions required to be paid are raised in that year's budget and no liability is accrued at December 31, 2023.

NOTE 7: PENSION PLANS (CONTINUED)

Accounting and Financial Reporting for Pensions - GASB 68 (Continued)

Public Employees Retirement System (PERS)

At June 30, 2023, the State reported a net pension liability of \$132,139.00 for the Borough of Stockton's proportionate share of the total net pension liability. The total pension liability for the June 30, 2023 measurement date was determined by an actuarial valuation as of July 1, 2022, which was rolled forward to June 30, 2023. The Borough's proportion of the net pension liability was based on a projection of the Borough's long-term share of contributions to the pension plan relative to the projected contributions of all participating employers, actuarially determined. At June 30, 2023, the Borough's proportion was 0.0009122897 percent, which was a decrease of 0.0002652230 percent from its proportion measured as of June 30, 2022.

For the year ended June 30, 2023, the State recognized an actuarially determined pension benefit of \$23,723.00 for the Borough of Stockton's proportionate share of the total pension expense. The pension expense recognized in the Borough's financial statement based on the April 1, 2024 billing was \$12,193.00.

At June 30, 2023, the State reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to PERS from the following sources:

	Deferred Outflow of Resources	Deferred Inflow of Resources
Differences between expected and actual experience	\$ 1,263.00	\$ 540.00
Changes of assumptions	290.00	8,008.00
Net difference between projected and actual earnings on pension plan investments	609.00	
Changes in proportion and differences between Borough contributions and proportionate share of contributions	3,208.00	39,722.00
	<u>\$ 5,370.00</u>	<u>\$ 48,270.00</u>

NOTE 7: PENSION PLANS (CONTINUED)

Accounting and Financial Reporting for Pensions - GASB 68 (Continued)

Public Employees Retirement System (PERS) (Continued)

Other local amounts reported by the State as the Borough's proportionate share of deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions will be recognized in the State's actuarially calculated pension expense as follows:

Year Ended <u>June 30,</u>	<u>Amount</u>
2024	(\$14,278.80)
2025	(11,196.80)
2026	(1,860.80)
2027	(8,276.80)
2028	<u>(7,286.80)</u>
	<u>(\$42,900.00)</u>

Actuarial Assumptions

The total pension liability for the June 30, 2023 measurement date was determined by an actuarial valuation as of July 1, 2022, which rolled forward to June 30, 2023. These actuarial valuations used the following assumptions:

	<u>June 30, 2023</u>
Inflation	
Price	2.75%
Wage	3.25%
Salary Increases	
Through 2026	2.75-6.55%
	Based on
	Years of Service
Investment Rate of Return	7.00%

NOTE 7: PENSION PLANS (CONTINUED)

Accounting and Financial Reporting for Pensions - GASB 68 (Continued)

Public Employees Retirement System (PERS) (Continued)

Actuarial Assumptions (Continued)

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

The actuarial assumptions used in the July 1, 2022 valuation were based on the results of an actuarial experience study for the period July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2021.

NOTE 7: PENSION PLANS (CONTINUED)

Accounting and Financial Reporting for Pensions - GASB 68 (Continued)

Public Employees Retirement System (PERS) (Continued)

Long-Term Rate of Return

In accordance with State statute, the long-term expected rate of return on plan investments (7.00% at June 30, 2023) is determined by the State Treasurer, after consultation with the Directors of the Division of Investment 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 assets class included in PERS's target assets allocation as of June 30, 2023 asset are summarized in the following table:

<u>Assets Class</u>	<u>Target Allocation</u>	<u>Long-Term Expected Real Rate of Return</u>
US Equity	28.00%	8.98%
Non-U.S. Developed Market Equity	12.75%	9.22%
International Small Cap Equity	1.25%	9.22%
Emerging Market Equity	5.50%	11.13%
Private Equity	13.00%	12.50%
Real Estate	8.00%	8.58%
Real Assets	3.00%	8.40%
High Yield	4.50%	6.97%
Private Credit	8.00%	9.20%
Investment Grade Credit	7.00%	5.19%
Cash Equivalents	2.00%	3.31%
U.S. Treasury's	4.00%	3.31%
Risk Mitigation Strategies	3.00%	6.21%

NOTE 7: PENSION PLANS (CONTINUED)

Accounting and Financial Reporting for Pensions - GASB 68 (Continued)

Public Employees Retirement System (PERS) (Continued)

Discount Rate

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

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

The following presents the Borough's proportionate share of the net pension liability of the participating employers as of June 30, 2023 respectively, 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:

	June 30, 2023		
	1% Decrease <u>6.00%</u>	At Current Discount Rate <u>7.00%</u>	1% Increase <u>8.00%</u>
Borough's proportionate share of the pension liability	\$172,017.00	\$132,139.00	\$98,198.00

NOTE 7: PENSION PLANS (CONTINUED)

Accounting and Financial Reporting for Pensions - GASB 68 (Continued)

Public Employees Retirement System (PERS) (Continued)

Special Funding Situation

In accordance with N.J.S.A. 43:16A-15, local participating employers are responsible for their own contributions based on actuarially determined amounts, except where legislation was passed which legally obligated the State if certain circumstances occurred. For PERS, the legislation which legally obliges the State is found in Chapter 133, P.L. 2001. This special funding situation is due to the State paying the additional normal cost related to benefit improvements from Chapter 133. Previously, this additional normal cost was paid from the Benefit Enhancement Fund (BEF). As of June 30, 2024, there is no net pension liability associated with this special funding situation as there was no accumulated difference between the annual additional normal cost under the special funding situation and the actual State contribution through the valuation date.

The amounts contributed by the State on behalf of the Borough under this legislation is considered to be a special funding situation as defined by GASB Statement No. 68, and the State is treated as a non-employer contributing entity. Since the Borough does not contribute under this legislation directly to the plan (except for employer specific financed amounts), there is no net pension liability or deferred outflows or inflows to disclose in the notes to the financial statements of the Borough related to this legislation.

The non-employer contributing entities' total proportionate share of the non-employer contribution that is associated with the Borough as of December 31, 2023 was 0.0009157534%, The non-employer contributing entities' contribution and employer pension expense and related revenue for the year ended June 30, 2023 was \$412.00.

Pension Plan Fiduciary Net Position

Detailed information about the pension plan's fiduciary net position is available in the separately issued Financial Report for the State of New Jersey Public Employees Retirement System (PERS). The report may be obtained at State of New Jersey Division of Pensions and Benefits P.O. Box 295 Trenton, New Jersey 08625-0295 <http://www.state.nj.us/treasury/pensions>.

NOTE 8: COMPENSATED ABSENCES

The Borough does not have a policy which allows employees to accrue unused vacation and sick pay.

NOTE 9: LITIGATION

The Borough Attorney's letter did not indicate any litigation, claims or contingent liabilities that are either not covered by the Borough's insurance carrier or would have a material financial impact on the Borough.

NOTE 10: TAX APPEALS

There are tax appeals filed with the County and State Tax Court of New Jersey requesting a reduction of assessments for the year 2024. Any reduction in assessed valuation will result in a refund of prior years' taxes in the year of settlement, which may be funded from tax revenues through the establishment of a reserve or by the issuance of refunding bonds per N.J.S.A. 40A:2-51.

NOTE 11: CONTINGENT LIABILITIES

The Borough participates in several federal and state financial assistance grant programs. Entitlement to the funds is generally conditional upon compliance with terms and conditions of the grant agreements and applicable regulations, including the expenditure of funds for eligible purposes. Findings and questioned costs, if any, relative to federal and state financial assistance programs will be discussed in detail in Part II of the 2024 audit report. There were no findings and questioned costs for 2024. In addition, these programs are also subject to compliance and financial audits by the grantors or their representatives. As of December 31, 2024, the Borough does not believe that any material liabilities will result from such audits.

NOTE 12: RISK MANAGEMENT

The Borough is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts; theft of, damage to, and destruction of assets; errors and omissions, injuries to employees; and natural disasters. The Borough maintains commercial insurance coverage covering each of those risks of loss. Management believes such coverage is sufficient to preclude any significant uninsured losses to the Borough. Settled claims have not exceeded this commercial coverage in any of the past three fiscal years.

New Jersey Unemployment Compensation Insurance - The Borough has elected to fund its New Jersey Unemployment Compensation Insurance under the "Benefit Reimbursement Method". Under this plan, the Borough is required to reimburse the New Jersey Unemployment Trust Fund for benefits paid to its former employees and charged to its account with the State. The Borough is billed quarterly for amounts due to the State. Below is a summary of Borough contributions, employee contributions, reimbursements to the State for benefits paid, and the ending balance of the Borough's expendable trust fund for the current and previous two years:

<u>Year</u>	<u>Borough Contributions and Interest</u>	<u>Employee Contributions</u>	<u>Amount Reimbursed</u>	<u>Ending Balance</u>
2024	\$544.45	\$421.41		\$16,323.90
2023	160.32	346.54	60.21	15,358.04
2022	7.33	432.68		14,911.39

NOTE 13: INTERFUND RECEIVABLES AND PAYABLES

The following interfund balances remained on the balance sheets at December 31, 2024:

<u>FUND</u>	<u>INTERFUND RECEIVABLE</u>	<u>INTERFUND PAYABLE</u>
Current	\$ 736.89	\$ 169,513.03
Grant	129,459.77	
Animal Control		685.12
Open Space Trust Fund	23.18	
Other Trust Fund	206.53	74.95
General Capital	53.26	206.53
Water/Sewer Utility Operating		180,000.00
Water/Sewer Utility Capital	<u>220,000.00</u>	
TOTAL	\$ <u>350,479.63</u>	\$ <u>350,479.63</u>

All balances resulted from the time lag between the dates that short-term loans were disbursed and payments between funds were made. All interfund balances are to be liquidated within one year.

NOTE 14: LENGTH OF SERVICE AWARDS PROGRAM

The Borough approved a Voluntary Length of Service Awards Program (LOSAP) on November 4, 2003. Under the program, a fixed amount of funds may be contributed on behalf of those volunteer fire and medical personnel which meet the eligibility criteria adopted by the governing body of the Borough. The Borough's sponsoring agency is Lincoln National, with the maximum contribution per volunteer set at \$400.00 for 2024.

NOTE 15: ACCOUNTING AND FINANCIAL REPORTING FOR POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS OTHER THAN PENSIONS – GASB 75

The Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) has issued Statement No. 75, "Accounting and Financial Reporting for Postemployment Benefits Other Than Pensions". This statement establishes standards for measuring and recognizing liabilities, deferred outflows and inflows of resources, and expenses for postemployment benefits other than pensions. OPEB obligations are non-pension benefits that the municipality has contractually or otherwise agreed to provide employees once they have retired and, in most instances, will be for retirement health, prescription and dental insurance coverage.

Under current New Jersey budget and financial reporting requirements, the municipality is not required to fund any amounts in excess of their current costs on a pay-as-you-go basis or to accrue funds, create a trust or issue debt to finance their other post-employment benefit liability. Additionally, the municipality is not required to recognize any long-term obligations resulting from OPEB on their financial statements.

The Borough does not have an OPEB liability or a special funding situation for 2024.

NOTE 16: SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

The Borough has evaluated subsequent events occurring after the financial statement date through August 7, 2025 which is the date the financial statements were available to be issued. Based on this evaluation, the Borough has determined there are no subsequent events to be disclosed

NOTE 17: FIXED ASSETS

Below is a summary of the General Fixed Assets Account Group for the year ended December 31, 2024:

	Balance, December 31, 2023	Additions	Deletions	Balance, December 31, 2024
Land	\$ 1,879,825.00	\$	\$	\$ 1,879,825.00
Building and Improvements	233,700.00			233,700.00
Construction in Progress	5,327.11	6,986.29		12,313.40
Total	<u>\$ 2,118,852.11</u>	<u>\$ 6,986.29</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 2,125,838.40</u>

NOTE 18: DEFERRED CHARGES TO BE RAISED IN SUCCEEDING BUDGETS

At December 31, 2024, the Borough had the following deferred charges shown on the balance sheet:

	BALANCE DECEMBER 31, 2024	2025 BUDGET APPROPRIATION	BALANCE TO SUCCEEDING BUDGETS
Current Fund:			
Special Emergency Appropriations:			
Revaluation of Real Property	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 10,000.00
Preparation of a Master Plan	<u>18,000.00</u>	<u>6,000.00</u>	<u>12,000.00</u>
	<u>\$ 33,000.00</u>	<u>\$ 11,000.00</u>	<u>\$ 22,000.00</u>

NOTE 19: LEASE

The Borough, as lessor, has entered into the following lease:

- Land and Water Tower located at 25 Broad Street, Block 8 Lot 17, for use as a Cell Tower. The current lease term expires 07/14/2028 with extensions of eight 5-year terms. The lessee must provide notice of intention to terminate to the lessor not less than sixty days prior to the expiration of any subsequent renewal term. Payments in 2024 totaled \$51,899.51.

BOROUGH OF STOCKTON
SUPPLEMENTARY SCHEDULES - ALL FUNDS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024

BOROUGH OF STOCKTONCURRENT FUNDSCHEDULE OF CASH-TREASURER

<u>REF.</u>		<u>CURRENT FUND</u>	<u>FEDERAL AND STATE GRANT FUND</u>
A	Balance, December 31, 2023	\$ 1,169,095.00	\$ -0-
	Increased by Receipts:		
A-5	Collector	\$ 2,221,036.05	\$
A-8	State of New Jersey-Chapter 20, P.L. 1971	2,250.00	
A-9	Revenue Accounts Receivable	289,002.26	
A-2	Miscellaneous Revenue Not Anticipated	2,152.31	
A-10	Interfunds Received	95,335.32	6,318.75
A-21	Reserve for Grants Receivable		51,281.32
A-18	Miscellaneous Reserves	1,275.00	
A-15	Reserve for Grants - Unappropriated		4,000.00
		<u>2,611,150.94</u>	<u>61,600.07</u>
		\$ 3,780,245.94	\$ 61,600.07
	Decreased by Disbursements:		
A-3	Current Year Budget Appropriations	\$ 625,783.03	\$
A-12	Prior Year Appropriation Reserves	18,990.50	
A-10:A-6	Interfunds Disbursed	17,937.75	55,281.32
A-13	County Taxes	398,590.44	
A-14	Regional High School Tax	1,264,023.00	
A-18	Miscellaneous Reserves	2,197.30	
		<u>2,332,218.66</u>	<u>61,600.07</u>
A	Balance, December 31, 2024	\$ 1,448,027.28	\$ -0-

BOROUGH OF STOCKTON

CURRENT FUND

SCHEDULE OF CASH-COLLECTOR

REF.

Increased by Receipts:

Interest on Delinquent Taxes

A-9 \$ 4,117.59

Taxes Receivable

A-7 2,211,738.44

Tax Overpayments

A-17 5,180.02

\$ 2,221,036.05

Decreased by Disbursements:

Payments to Treasurer

A-4

\$ 2,221,036.05

BOROUGH OF STOCKTONGRANT FUNDSCHEDULE OF DUE FROM CURRENT FUND

	<u>REF.</u>		
Balance, December 31, 2023	A	\$	80,497.20
Increased by:			
Received in Current Fund:			
Reserve for Grants - Unappropriated	A-15	\$	4,000.00
Grants Receivable	A-21		<u>51,281.32</u>
			<u>55,281.32</u>
		\$	<u>135,778.52</u>
Decreased by:			
Expended in Current Fund:			
Reserve for Grants - Appropriated	A-19		<u>6,318.75</u>
Balance, December 31, 2024	A	\$	<u><u>129,459.77</u></u>

BOROUGH OF STOCKTON

CURRENT FUND

SCHEDULE OF TAXES RECEIVABLE AND ANALYSIS OF PROPERTY TAX LEVY

YEAR	BALANCE DECEMBER 31, 2023	LEVY 2024	COLLECTED IN 2023	2024	OVERPAYMENTS APPLIED	CANCELED	BALANCE DECEMBER 31, 2024
2023	\$ 16,617.11	\$	\$	16,617.11	\$	\$	\$
2024		2,225,324.49	2,035.00	2,197,371.33	6,567.22	1,683.47	17,667.47
	\$ 16,617.11	\$ 2,225,324.49	\$ 2,035.00	\$ 2,213,988.44	\$ 6,567.22	\$ 1,683.47	\$ 17,667.47
REF.	A	Below	A-2:A-16	A-2:Below	A-2:A-17		A

REF.

Collector
State of New Jersey

A-5	\$ 2,211,738.44
A-8	2,250.00
	\$ 2,213,988.44

ANALYSIS OF CURRENT YEAR PROPERTY TAX LEVY

TAX YIELD		
General Purpose Tax	\$	2,222,756.92
Added Taxes (54:4-63.1 et. seq.)		2,567.57
Total Tax Yield	\$	2,225,324.49
TAX LEVY		
Regional High School Tax (Abstract)	A-14	\$ 1,264,023.00
County Taxes:		
County Tax	A-13	\$ 331,004.81
County Library Tax	A-13	33,138.93
County Open Space Preservation Tax	A-13	32,231.58
		396,834.36
Local Tax for Municipal Purposes (Abstract)	A-2	549,589.11
Municipal Open Space Tax (Including Added)	A-1:A-2:A-10	11,632.42
Add: Additional Tax Levied		3,245.60
Local Tax for Municipal Purposes Levied		564,467.13
	\$	2,225,324.49

BOROUGH OF STOCKTONCURRENT FUNDSCHEDULE OF DUE STATE OF NEW JERSEY
PER CHAPTER 20, P.L. 1971REF.

Increased by:

Deductions Per Tax Duplicate:

Veterans

A-7

\$ 2,250.00

Decreased by:

Received From State of New Jersey

A-4

\$ 2,250.00SUMMARY OF CURRENT YEAR EXEMPTIONS

Senior Citizens and Veterans Deductions

Per Tax Billings

\$ 2,250.00

A-7

\$ 2,250.00

BOROUGH OF STOCKTONCURRENT FUNDSCHEDULE OF REVENUE ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE

	REF.	ACCRUED IN 2024	COLLECTED BY	
			COLLECTOR	TREASURER
Clerk:				
Alcoholic Beverage Licenses	A-2	\$ 3,824.00	\$	3,824.00
Fees and Permits	A-2	3,135.00		3,135.00
Municipal Court:				
Fines and Costs	A-2	2,177.62		2,177.62
Interest and Costs on Taxes	A-2	4,117.59	4,117.59	
Interest on Investments	A-2	86,236.23		86,236.23
Energy Receipts Tax	A-2	46,114.40		46,114.40
Municipal Relief Fund	A-2	4,752.99		4,752.99
Garden State Preservation Trust Fund	A-2	7,573.00		7,573.00
Hotel and Motel Tax	A-2	35,602.77		35,602.77
Cell Tower Rental	A-2	51,899.51		51,899.51
Capital Fund Surplus	A-2	22,439.73		22,439.73
Reserve to Pay Debt Service	A-2	30,000.00		30,000.00
		<u>\$ 299,295.84</u>	<u>\$ 4,117.59</u>	<u>\$ 295,178.25</u>
	REF.		A-5	Below
Cash Receipts	A-4			\$ 289,002.26
Transferred from Miscellaneous Reserves	A-18			<u>6,175.99</u>
				<u>\$ 295,178.25</u>

BOROUGH OF STOCKTON

CURRENT FUND

SCHEDULE OF INTERFUNDS

	<u>REF.</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>GRANT FUND</u>	<u>WATER /SEWER CAPITAL FUND</u>	<u>ANIMAL CONTROL FUND</u>	<u>TRUST OTHER FUND</u>	<u>GENERAL CAPITAL FUND</u>
Balance, December 31, 2023:							
Due From	A	\$ 266.94	\$	\$	\$ 266.20	\$	\$ 0.74
Due To	A	80,506.96	80,497.20			9.76	
Receipts	A-4	95,335.32	55,281.32	40,000.00			54.00
Open Space Tax Levy	A-7	11,632.42				11,632.42	
Disbursements	A-4	17,937.75	6,318.75			11,619.00	
Excess Animal Control Reserve	A-2	418.92			418.92		
Miscellaneous	A-2	74.95				74.95	
Balance, December 31, 2024:							
Due From	A	\$ 736.89	\$	\$	\$ 685.12	\$ 51.77	\$
Due To	A	169,513.03	129,459.77	40,000.00			53.26

BOROUGH OF STOCKTONCURRENT FUNDSCHEDULE OF DEFERRED CHARGES

	<u>REF.</u>	
Balance, December 31, 2023	A	\$ 44,000.00
Decreased by:		
Raised by Budget	A-3	<u>11,000.00</u>
Balance, December 31, 2024	A	\$ <u>33,000.00</u>
Analysis of Balance at December 31, 2024:		
Special Emergency Appropriations per NJSA 40A:4-53:		
Revaluation of Real Property		\$ 15,000.00
Preparation of a Master Plan		<u>18,000.00</u>
		\$ <u>33,000.00</u>

BOROUGH OF STOCKTON

CURRENT FUND

SCHEDULE OF PRIOR YEAR APPROPRIATION RESERVES

	BALANCE DECEMBER 31, 2023	BALANCE AFTER TRANSFERS	PAID OR CHARGED	BALANCE LAPSED
<u>SALARIES AND WAGES</u>				
Governing Body	\$ 54.23	\$ 54.23	\$	\$ 54.23
Assessment of Taxes	1.57	1.57		1.57
Collection of Taxes	2.99	2.99		2.99
Planning Board	208.41	208.41		208.41
Zoning Board	90.00	90.00		90.00
Municipal Prosecutor	1.62	1.62		1.62
Municipal Court	89.27	89.27		89.27
Animal Control Services	0.99	0.99		0.99
Office of Emergency Management	2,500.00	2,500.00		2,500.00
Interlocal Agreement for Clerk and CFO	15,769.23	15,769.23		15,769.23
Interlocal Agreement for Building Inspector	30.26	30.26		30.26
<u>OTHER EXPENSES</u>				
Governing Body	765.00	765.00		765.00
Municipal Clerk			(14.59)	14.59
Elections	223.35	223.35		223.35
Financial Administration:				
Audit Services	2,529.70	2,529.70		2,529.70
Computer Support	4,960.00	4,960.00		4,960.00
Administration & Executive:				
Other Expenses	1,000.00	1,000.00		1,000.00
Assessment of Taxes	184.92	184.92		184.92
Collection of Taxes	688.90	688.90		688.90
Legal Services and Costs	240.72	240.72		240.72
Engineering Services	71,042.25	71,042.25		71,042.25
Planning Board:				
Other Expenses	1,025.34	1,025.34		1,025.34
Legal Fees	1,715.50	1,715.50	289.00	1,426.50
Planner Fees	2,551.50	2,551.50		2,551.50
Engineering Fees	2,000.00	2,000.00		2,000.00
Zoning Board	200.00	200.00		200.00
Insurance:				
Liability Insurance	145.92	145.92		145.92
Workers Compensation	1,108.88	1,108.88		1,108.88
Flood	6.00	6.00		6.00
Employee Group	800.00	800.00		800.00
Streets and Road Maintenance	20,850.00	26,250.00	5,400.00	20,850.00
Snow Removal	7,860.00	7,860.00	7,860.00	
Building and Grounds	34,733.55	36,717.55	1,889.69	34,827.86
Solid Waste Collection	18,409.64	18,409.64		18,409.64
Recycling	2,704.24	2,704.24		2,704.24
Township of Delaware Clerk & CFO	3,376.26	3,376.26		3,376.26

BOROUGH OF STOCKTON

CURRENT FUND

SCHEDULE OF PRIOR YEAR APPROPRIATION RESERVES

	BALANCE DECEMBER 31, 2023	BALANCE AFTER TRANSFERS	PAID OR CHARGED	BALANCE LAPSED
Recreation	\$ 4,035.00	\$ 4,035.00	\$	\$ 4,035.00
Municipal Court	2,240.00	2,240.00		2,240.00
Public Defender	200.00	200.00		200.00
Electricity	461.34	461.34		461.34
Street Lighting	1,116.03	1,116.03		1,116.03
Telephone	1,505.60	1,505.60	566.40	939.20
Natural Gas	1,227.26	1,227.26		1,227.26
Social Security System	1,768.23	1,768.23		1,768.23
Length of Service Award Program	850.00	850.00		850.00
Interlocal Agreement for Building Inspector	200.00	200.00		200.00
Aid to Volunteer Rescue Squad	3,000.00	3,000.00	3,000.00	
	<u>\$ 214,473.70</u>	<u>\$ 221,857.70</u>	<u>\$ 18,990.50</u>	<u>\$ 202,867.20</u>
<u>REF.</u>	A		A-4	A-1
Balance, December 31, 2023	A-12	\$ 214,473.70		
Encumbrances Payable	A-20	<u>7,384.00</u>		
		<u>\$ 221,857.70</u>		

BOROUGH OF STOCKTONCURRENT FUNDSCHEDULE OF COUNTY TAXES PAYABLE

	<u>REF.</u>		
Balance, December 31, 2023	A	\$	2,215.12
Current Year Tax Levy:			
County Taxes	A-7	\$	331,004.81
County Open Space	A-7		32,231.58
County Library	A-7		33,138.93
County Share of Added Taxes	A-7		<u>459.04</u>
	A-1		<u>396,834.36</u>
			<u>399,049.48</u>
Decreased by:			
Disbursements	A-4		<u>398,590.44</u>
Balance, December 31, 2024	A	\$	<u><u>459.04</u></u>

BOROUGH OF STOCKTONCURRENT FUNDSCHEDULE OF REGIONAL SCHOOL TAXES PAYABLEREF.

Increased by:		
Current Year Tax Levy	A-1:A-7	\$ <u>1,264,023.00</u>
Decreased by:		
Disbursements	A-4	\$ <u><u>1,264,023.00</u></u>

GRANT FUNDSCHEDULE OF RESERVE FOR GRANTS UNAPPROPRIATED

Balance, December 31, 2023	A	\$ 4,000.00
Increased by:		
Receipts in Current Fund	A-6	<u>4,000.00</u>
		8,000.00
Decreased by:		
Applied to Grants Receivable	A-21	<u>4,000.00</u>
Balance, December 31, 2024	A	\$ <u><u>4,000.00</u></u>
<u>Detail of Balance at December 31, 2024</u>		
Clean Communities Program		\$ <u>4,000.00</u>
		\$ <u><u>4,000.00</u></u>

BOROUGH OF STOCKTONCURRENT FUNDSCHEDULE OF PREPAID TAXES

	<u>REF.</u>	
Balance, December 31, 2023 (2024 Taxes)	A	\$ <u>2,035.00</u>
Decreased by:		
Application to Current Year Taxes Receivable	A-7	\$ <u><u>2,035.00</u></u>

SCHEDULE OF TAX OVERPAYMENTS

Balance, December 31, 2023	A	\$ 10,156.98
Increased by:		
Receipts	A-5	<u>5,180.02</u>
		\$ <u>15,337.00</u>
Decreased by:		
Application to Current Year Taxes Receivable	A-7	\$ 6,567.22
Canceled	A-1	<u>20.96</u>
		<u>11,184.82</u>
Balance, December 31, 2024	A	\$ <u><u>4,152.18</u></u>

BOROUGH OF STOCKTONCURRENT FUNDSCHEDULE OF MISCELLANEOUS RESERVES

	BALANCE DECEMBER 31, 2023	CASH RECEIPTS	ANTICIPATED IN CURRENT YEAR REVENUES	CASH DISBURSEMENTS	PRIOR YEAR ADJUSTMENT	BALANCE DECEMBER 31, 2024
Due to State Marriage License Fees	\$ -	\$ 250.00	\$	325.00	\$ 75.00	\$ -
Due to County Food License Fees	1,200.00	1,025.00		1,400.00		825.00
NJ Fire Inspection Fees-Fire Equipment	2,750.00				-	2,750.00
Garden State Preservation Trust Aid	1,423.00		1,423.00			-
Municipal Relief Fund Aid	4,752.99		4,752.99			-
Preparation of Master Plan	30,000.00					30,000.00
Revaluation of Real Property	1,140.00			472.30		667.70
Reserve for Tax Appeals	35,665.00					35,665.00
	<u>\$ 76,930.99</u>	<u>\$ 1,275.00</u>	<u>\$ 6,175.99</u>	<u>\$ 2,197.30</u>	<u>\$ 75.00</u>	<u>\$ 69,907.70</u>
REF.	A	A-4	A-9	A-4	A-1	A

BOROUGH OF STOCKTONGRANT FUNDSCHEDULE OF RESERVE FOR GRANTS APPROPRIATED

	BALANCE DECEMBER <u>31, 2023</u>	2024 BUDGET <u>APPROPRIATIONS</u>	CASH <u>DISBURSEMENTS</u>	BALANCE DECEMBER <u>31, 2024</u>
Clean Communities Program	\$ 41,942.18	\$ 4,000.00	\$	\$ 45,942.18
Alcohol Education and Rehabilitation Fund	559.39			559.39
Recycling Tonnage Grant	8,995.63	1,281.32		10,276.95
Storm Water Assistance	<u>25,000.00</u>	<u>50,000.00</u>	<u>6,318.75</u>	<u>68,681.25</u>
	<u>\$ 76,497.20</u>	<u>\$ 55,281.32</u>	<u>\$ 6,318.75</u>	<u>\$ 125,459.77</u>
<u>REF.</u>	A	A-3	A-6	A

BOROUGH OF STOCKTON

CURRENT FUND

SCHEDULE OF RESERVE FOR ENCUMBRANCES

	<u>REF.</u>	
Balance, December 31, 2023	A	\$ <u>7,384.00</u>
Decreased by:		
Transferred to Appropriation Reserves	A-12	\$ <u><u>7,384.00</u></u>

BOROUGH OF STOCKTON

GRANT FUND

SCHEDULE OF GRANTS RECEIVABLE

	ACCRUED 2024 BUDGET	CASH RECEIPTS	UNAPPROPRIATED APPLIED
Clean Communities Program	\$ 4,000.00	\$	\$ 4,000.00
Recycling Tonnage Grant	1,281.32	1,281.32	
Storm Water Assistance	50,000.00	50,000.00	
	<u>\$ 55,281.32</u>	<u>\$ 51,281.32</u>	<u>\$ 4,000.00</u>

REF.

A-2

A-6

A-15

BOROUGH OF STOCKTON

TRUST FUND

SCHEDULE OF CASH-TREASURER

	REF.	ANIMAL CONTROL	OPEN SPACE TRUST FUND	TRUST OTHER
Balance, December 31, 2023	B	\$ 1,947.40	\$ 19,191.22	\$ 46,437.76
Increased by Receipts:				
Dog License Fees	B-2	\$ 869.80	\$	\$
Due from State of New Jersey	B-3	61.20		
Various Reserves and Deposits	B-4		11,619.00	228,699.84
Interfunds	B-5:B-6:B-7			74.95
		931.00	11,619.00	228,774.79
		\$ 2,878.40	\$ 30,810.22	\$ 275,212.55
Decreased by Disbursements:				
Expenditures under R.S.4:19-15.11	B-2	\$ 728.48	\$	\$
Due from State of New Jersey	B-3	60.00		
Various Reserves and Deposits	B-4		2,396.10	171,539.91
		788.48	2,396.10	171,539.91
Balance, December 31, 2024	B	\$ 2,089.92	\$ 28,414.12	\$ 103,672.64

BOROUGH OF STOCKTONTRUST FUNDSCHEDULE OF RESERVE FOR ANIMAL CONTROL TRUST FUND EXPENDITURES

	<u>REF.</u>	
Balance, December 31, 2023	B	\$ 1,657.20
Increased by:		
Animal Control Fees Collected	B-1	869.80
		<u>\$ 2,527.00</u>
Decreased by:		
Expenditures under R.S.4:19-15.11:		
Disbursements	B-1	\$ 728.48
Statutory Excess Due Current Fund	B-6	<u>418.92</u>
		<u>1,147.40</u>
Balance, December 31, 2024	B	<u><u>\$ 1,379.60</u></u>

<u>LICENSE FEES COLLECTED</u>		
<u>YEAR</u>		<u>AMOUNT</u>
2023	\$	621.00
2022		<u>758.60</u>
	\$	<u><u>1,379.60</u></u>

SCHEDULE OF DUE STATE OF NEW JERSEY -
ANIMAL CONTROL FUND

Balance, December 31, 2023 (Due To)	B	\$ 24.00
Increased by:		
Receipts	B-1	61.20
		<u>\$ 85.20</u>
Decreased by:		
Disbursements	B-1	<u>60.00</u>
Balance, December 31, 2024 (Due To)	B	<u><u>\$ 25.20</u></u>

BOROUGH OF STOCKTONTRUST FUNDSCHEDULE OF VARIOUS RESERVES AND DEPOSITS

	BALANCE DECEMBER 31, 2023	INCREASES	DECREASES	BALANCE DECEMBER 31, 2024
Other Trust Fund:				
State Unemployment Insurance	\$ 15,358.04	\$ 965.86	\$	\$ 16,323.90
Town Holiday Decorations	442.98			442.98
Stockton Park Auxiliary	906.64			906.64
Storm Trust	9,463.58	7,851.08		17,314.66
Payroll Agency	1,141.93	157,167.90	157,168.10	1,141.73
Planning Board Escrow	19,331.12	62,715.00	14,371.81	67,674.31
	<u>46,644.29</u>	<u>228,699.84</u>	<u>171,539.91</u>	<u>103,804.22</u>
Open Space Trust Fund	<u>19,200.98</u>	<u>11,632.42</u>	<u>2,396.10</u>	<u>28,437.30</u>
	<u>\$ 65,845.27</u>	<u>\$ 240,332.26</u>	<u>\$ 173,936.01</u>	<u>\$ 132,241.52</u>
	<u>REF.</u>	<u>B</u>	<u>Below</u>	<u>B</u>
Other Trust Fund:				
Cash Receipts	B-1	\$ 228,699.84	\$	
Cash Disbursements	B-1		171,539.91	
Open Space Trust Fund:				
Cash Receipts	B-1	\$ 11,619.00	\$	
Cash Disbursements	B-1		2,396.10	
Interfunds	B-7	<u>13.42</u>	<u></u>	
		<u>\$ 240,332.26</u>	<u>\$ 173,936.01</u>	

BOROUGH OF STOCKTON

OTHER TRUST FUND

SCHEDULE OF INTERFUNDS

	<u>REF.</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>CURRENT FUND</u>	<u>GENERAL CAPITAL FUND</u>
Balance, December 31, 2023:				
Due From	B	\$ <u>206.53</u>	\$ <u> </u>	\$ <u>206.53</u>
Credits:				
Receipts	B-1	<u>74.95</u>	<u>74.95</u>	<u> </u>
Balance, December 31, 2024:				
Due From	B	\$ 206.53	\$	\$ 206.53
Due To	B	<u>74.95</u>	<u>74.95</u>	<u> </u>

BOROUGH OF STOCKTON
ANIMAL CONTROL TRUST FUND
SCHEDULE OF INTERFUNDS

	<u>REF.</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>CURRENT FUND</u>
Balance, December 31, 2023:			
Due To	B	\$ <u>266.20</u>	\$ <u>266.20</u>
Credits:			
Reserve for Animal Control Expenditures	B-2	<u>418.92</u>	<u>418.92</u>
Balance, December 31, 2024:			
Due To	B	\$ <u><u>685.12</u></u>	\$ <u><u>685.12</u></u>

BOROUGH OF STOCKTONGENERAL CAPITAL FUNDSCHEDULE OF CASH - TREASURER

	<u>REF.</u>		
Balance, December 31, 2023	C		\$ 1,050,951.68
Increased by Receipts:			
Budget Appropriation:			
Capital Improvement Fund	C-8	\$ 43,000.00	
Bond Anticipation Notes	C-13	<u>549,030.00</u>	
			<u>592,030.00</u>
			\$ 1,642,981.68
Decreased by Disbursements:			
Contracts Payable	C-6	4,218.35	
Bond Anticipation Notes	C-13	549,030.00	
Utilized by Current Fund Budget	C-1	22,439.73	
Interfunds	C-14	<u>30,054.00</u>	
			<u>605,742.08</u>
Balance, December 31, 2024	C:C-3		\$ <u><u>1,037,239.60</u></u>

BOROUGH OF STOCKTON

GENERAL CAPITAL FUND

ANALYSIS OF CASH

BALANCE
DECEMBER
31, 2024

Capital Improvement Fund	\$	222,636.26
Contracts Payable		18,957.26
Unexpended Proceeds of Bond Anticipation Notes on "C-5"		392,063.49
Improvement Authorizations:		
Funded Improvements Listed on "C-7"		128,759.07
Various Reserves and Deposits		297,170.25
Reserve for Receivables		51,750.00
Interfunds		153.27
Grants Receivable		<u>(74,250.00)</u>
	\$	<u><u>1,037,239.60</u></u>

REF.

C:C-2

BOROUGH OF STOCKTONGENERAL CAPITAL FUNDSCHEDULE OF DEFERRED CHARGES TO FUTURE TAXATION - FUNDED

	<u>REF.</u>		
Balance, December 31, 2023	C	\$	69,865.25
Decreased by:			
Current Year Budget Appropriation to Pay:			
Green Trust Loan Principal	C-11	\$	12,131.23
Environmental Infrastructure Loan Principal	C-15		<u>8,982.00</u>
			<u>21,113.23</u>
Balance, December 31, 2024	C	\$	<u><u>48,752.02</u></u>

BOROUGH OF STOCKTON

GENERAL CAPITAL FUND

SCHEDULE OF DEFERRED CHARGES TO FUTURE TAXATION-UNFUNDED

ORDINANCE NUMBER	BALANCE DECEMBER 31, 2023	FUNDED BY NOTE PAYMENTS	BALANCE DECEMBER 31, 2024	ANALYSIS OF BALANCE DECEMBER 31, 2024	
				BOND	ANTICIPATION NOTES
General Improvements:					
16-08	\$ 100,902.00	\$ 33,634.00	\$ 67,268.00	\$	67,268.00
18-06	127,203.00	25,441.00	101,762.00		101,762.00
22-04	380,000.00		380,000.00		380,000.00
	<u>\$ 608,105.00</u>	<u>\$ 59,075.00</u>	<u>\$ 549,030.00</u>	<u>\$</u>	<u>549,030.00</u>
REF.	C	C-13	C		C-13

BOROUGH OF STOCKTON

GENERAL CAPITAL FUND

SCHEDULE OF CONTRACTS PAYABLE

	<u>REF.</u>	
Balance, December 31, 2023	C	\$ 18,957.26
Increased by:		
Contracts Issued	C-7	<u>4,218.35</u>
		23,175.61
Decreased by:		
Disbursements	C-2	<u>4,218.35</u>
Balance, December 31, 2024	C	\$ <u><u>18,957.26</u></u>

BOROUGH OF STOCKTONGENERAL CAPITAL FUNDSCHEDULE OF IMPROVEMENT AUTHORIZATIONS

ORDINANCE NUMBER	IMPROVEMENT DESCRIPTION	ORDINANCE DATE	AMOUNT	BALANCE DECEMBER 31, 2023		PAID OR CHARGED	BALANCE DECEMBER 31, 2024	
				FUNDED	UNFUNDED		FUNDED	UNFUNDED
16-05	Stabilization of Worman Road	07/11/16	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 6,747.50	\$	\$	6,747.50	\$
16-08	Reconstruction of Glenwood Lane	10/10/16	300,000.00	17,530.60			51,164.60	67,268.00
19-07	Purchase and Installation of Fire Co Equipment	11/11/19	20,000.00	127.49	100,902.00		127.49	
20-05	Installation of Road Materials for the Impr of Streets	06/08/20	20,000.00	700.00			700.00	
20-06	Hilltop Drive and Moore Street Road Improvements Project	08/17/20	175,000.00	67,332.88			67,332.88	
21-02	Stockton School Preliminary Expenses	02/08/21	15,000.00	4,187.89		1,501.29	2,686.60	
22-04	Improvements to Worman Road	04/18/22	400,000.00		327,512.55	2,717.06		324,795.49
				<u>\$ 96,626.36</u>	<u>\$ 428,414.55</u>	<u>\$ 4,218.35</u>	<u>\$ 128,759.07</u>	<u>\$ 392,063.49</u>
				C	C	C-6	C-C-3	C-C-5
			<u>REF.</u>					

BOROUGH OF STOCKTON

GENERAL CAPITAL FUND

SCHEDULE OF CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND

	<u>REF.</u>	
Balance, December 31, 2023	C	\$ 179,636.26
Increased by:		
Current Year Budget Appropriation	C-2	<u>43,000.00</u>
Balance, December 31, 2024	C	\$ <u><u>222,636.26</u></u>

BOROUGH OF STOCKTON

GENERAL CAPITAL FUND

SCHEDULE OF VARIOUS RESERVES AND DEPOSITS

	BALANCE DECEMBER 31, 2023	DECREASED	BALANCE DECEMBER 31, 2024
Reserve for Payment of Debt Service	\$ <u>327,170.25</u>	\$ <u>30,000.00</u>	\$ <u>297,170.25</u>
	\$ <u><u>327,170.25</u></u>	\$ <u><u>30,000.00</u></u>	\$ <u><u>297,170.25</u></u>
<u>REF.</u>	C	C-14	C

BOROUGH OF STOCKTON

GENERAL CAPITAL FUND

SCHEDULE OF GRANTS RECEIVABLE

REF.

Balance, December 31, 2023 and 2024	C	\$ <u>74,250.00</u>
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ANALYSIS OF BALANCE

2018-06 - Improvements to Hilltop Dr. and Moore St.	\$ 51,750.00
2020-06-Hilltop Dr. and Moore St.	<u>22,500.00</u>

\$ <u>74,250.00</u>

BOROUGH OF STOCKTON

GENERAL CAPITAL FUND

SCHEDULE OF GREEN ACRES TRUST LOANS PAYABLE

<u>IMPROVEMENT DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>DATE OF ORIGINAL ISSUE</u>	<u>AMOUNT OF ORIGINAL ISSUE</u>	<u>OUTSTANDING</u>		<u>INTEREST RATE</u>	<u>BALANCE DECEMBER 31, 2023</u>	<u>DECREASED</u>	<u>BALANCE DECEMBER 31, 2024</u>
			<u>DATE</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>				
Open Space Acquisition	1/7/2005	\$ 200,000.00	2/6/2025	\$ 6,156.75	2.000%	\$ 18,287.98	\$ 12,131.23	\$ 6,156.75
						\$ 18,287.98	\$ 12,131.23	\$ 6,156.75
					<u>REF.</u>	C	C-4	C

BOROUGH OF STOCKTON

GENERAL CAPITAL FUND

SCHEDULE OF RESERVE FOR RECEIVABLES

	<u>REF.</u>	
Balance, December 31, 2023 and 2024	C	\$ <u>51,750.00</u>

BOROUGH OF STOCKTONGENERAL CAPITAL FUNDSCHEDULE OF BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES

<u>ORDINANCE</u>	<u>IMPROVEMENT DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>DATE OF ISSUE NOTE</u>	<u>DATE OF ISSUE</u>	<u>DATE OF MATURITY</u>	<u>INTEREST RATE</u>	<u>BALANCE DECEMBER 31, 2023</u>	<u>INCREASED</u>	<u>DECREASED</u>	<u>BALANCE DECEMBER 31, 2024</u>
16-08	Reconstruction of Glenwood Lane	09/15/17	09/08/23	09/06/24	4.900%	\$ 100,902.00	\$	\$ 100,902.00	\$
18-06	Improvements to Hilltop Drive	09/12/19	09/08/23	09/06/24	4.900%	127,203.00		127,203.00	
22-04	Improvements to Worman Road	09/08/23	09/08/23	09/06/24	4.900%	380,000.00		380,000.00	
16-08	Reconstruction of Glenwood Lane	09/15/17	09/06/24	09/05/25	4.750%		67,268.00		67,268.00
18-06	Improvements to Hilltop Drive	09/12/19	09/06/24	09/05/25	4.750%		101,762.00		101,762.00
22-04	Improvements to Worman Road	09/08/23	09/06/24	09/05/25	4.750%		380,000.00		380,000.00
						<u>\$ 608,105.00</u>	<u>\$ 549,030.00</u>	<u>\$ 608,105.00</u>	<u>\$ 549,030.00</u>
					<u>REF.</u>	C	Below	Below	C:C-5
					C-5	\$	\$	\$ 59,075.00	
					C-2		<u>549,030.00</u>	<u>549,030.00</u>	
						\$	<u>549,030.00</u>	<u>\$ 608,105.00</u>	

Funded by Budget
Reissue

BOROUGH OF STOCKTONGENERAL CAPITAL FUNDSCHEDULE OF INTERFUNDS

	<u>REF.</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>CURRENT FUND</u>	<u>TRUST OTHER FUND</u>
Balance, December 31, 2023:				
Due To	D	\$ <u>207.27</u>	\$ <u>0.74</u>	\$ <u>206.53</u>
Credits:				
Current Fund Anticipated Revenue	C-9	\$ <u>30,000.00</u>	\$ <u>30,000.00</u>	<u> </u>
Debits:				
Disbursements	C-2	\$ <u>30,054.00</u>	\$ <u>30,054.00</u>	<u> </u>
Balance, December 31, 2024:				
Due From	D	\$ <u>53.26</u>	\$ <u>53.26</u>	\$ <u> </u>
Due To	D	<u>206.53</u>	<u> </u>	<u>206.53</u>

BOROUGH OF STOCKTON

GENERAL CAPITAL FUND

SCHEDULE OF NEW JERSEY ENVIRONMENTAL TRUST LOANS PAYABLE

<u>IMPROVEMENT DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>DATE OF ORIGINAL ISSUE</u>	<u>AMOUNT OF ORIGINAL ISSUE</u>	<u>OUTSTANDING DECEMBER 31, 2024</u>		<u>INTEREST RATE</u>	<u>BALANCE DECEMBER 31, 2023</u>	<u>DECREASED</u>	<u>BALANCE DECEMBER 31, 2024</u>
			<u>DATE</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>				
Mill Street	11/09/2006	\$ 300,000.00	08/01/25	\$ 18,959.62	4.250%	\$ 51,577.27	8,982.00	42,595.27
			08/01/26	23,635.65	4.250%			
						\$ 51,577.27	8,982.00	42,595.27
					<u>REF.</u>	C	C-4	C

BOROUGH OF STOCKTON
WATER/SEWER UTILITY FUND
SCHEDULE OF CASH - TREASURER

	<u>REF.</u>	<u>OPERATING</u>	<u>CAPITAL</u>
Balance, December 31, 2023	D	\$ 697,179.97	\$ 446,905.79
Increased by Receipts:			
Collections- Water Rents	D-6	\$ 435,381.14	\$
Bond Anticipation Notes	D-17		134,609.00
Rent Overpayments	D-16	415.80	
Miscellaneous Revenue Not Anticipated	D-3	45,312.15	
Budget Appropriations Refunds	D-4	388.15	
		<u>481,497.24</u>	<u>134,609.00</u>
		\$ 1,178,677.21	\$ 581,514.79
Decreased by Disbursements:			
Current Year Appropriations	D-4	\$ 321,467.21	\$
Accrued Interest	D-7	7,708.56	
Contracts Payable	D-18		2,634.72
Bond Anticipation Notes	D-17		134,609.00
Refund of Prior Year Revenue	D-1	<u>4,430.60</u>	<u>137,243.72</u>
		<u>333,606.37</u>	<u>137,243.72</u>
Balance, December 31, 2024	D	\$ 845,070.84	\$ 444,271.07

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BOROUGH OF STOCKTON
WATER/SEWER UTILITY OPERATING FUND
SCHEDULE OF CONSUMER ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE

	<u>REF.</u>	
Balance, December 31, 2023	D	\$ 23,904.38
Increased by:		
Water Rents Levied - Net	Reserve	424,154.86
		<u>\$ 448,059.24</u>
Decreased by:		
Collections- Water Rents	D-3:D-5	435,381.14
		<u>435,381.14</u>
Balance, December 31, 2024	D	<u><u>\$ 12,678.10</u></u>

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SCHEDULE OF ACCRUED INTEREST ON BONDS, NOTES AND LOANS

Balance, December 31, 2023	D	\$ 2,271.61
Increased by:		
Charges to Budget Appropriations	D-4	7,708.56
		<u>\$ 9,980.17</u>
Decreased by:		
Disbursements	D-5	7,708.56
		<u>7,708.56</u>
Balance, December 31, 2024	D	<u><u>\$ 2,271.61</u></u>

BOROUGH OF STOCKTONWATER/SEWER UTILITY OPERATING FUNDSCHEDULE OF PRIOR YEAR APPROPRIATION RESERVES

		BALANCE DECEMBER 31, 2023	BALANCE AFTER TRANSFERS	BALANCE LAPSED
Operating:				
Salaries and Wages		\$ 210.62	\$ 210.62	\$ 210.62
Other Expenses		118,621.12	118,885.72	118,885.72
Contributions to:				
Social Security System (O.A.S.I.)		20.80	20.80	20.80
		<u>\$ 118,852.54</u>	<u>\$ 119,117.14</u>	<u>\$ 119,117.14</u>
	<u>REF.</u>	D	Below	D-1
Balance, December 31, 2023	D-8		\$ 118,852.54	
Reserve for Encumbrances	D-21		<u>264.60</u>	
			<u>\$ 119,117.14</u>	

BOROUGH OF STOCKTONWATER/SEWER UTILITY OPERATING FUNDSCHEDULE OF INTERFUNDS

	<u>REF.</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>WATER/SEWER CAPITAL FUND</u>
Balance, December 31, 2023:			
Due To	D	\$ <u>40,000.00</u>	\$ <u>40,000.00</u>
Credits:			
Current Year Budget Appropriation	D-4	<u>140,000.00</u>	<u>140,000.00</u>
Balance, December 31, 2024:			
Due To	D	\$ <u><u>180,000.00</u></u>	\$ <u><u>180,000.00</u></u>

BOROUGH OF STOCKTONWATER/SEWER UTILITY CAPITAL FUNDSCHEDULE OF RESERVE FOR DEFERRED AMORTIZATION

ORDINANCE NUMBER	IMPROVEMENT DESCRIPTION	DATE OF ORDINANCE	BALANCE DECEMBER 31, 2023	INCREASED BY		BALANCE DECEMBER 31, 2024
				FIXED CAPITAL AUTHORIZED	NOTES PAID BY BUDGET	
Water Utility Improvements:						
2011-05	Purchase and Installation of Equipment	11/14/2011	\$ 15,000.00	\$	\$	15,000.00
2021-03	Water Utility Capital Improvements (Corrosion Control)	3/8/2021	40,000.00			40,000.00
2022-03	Purchase and Installation of New or Replacement Equipment	2/14/2022	50,000.000			50,000.00
Sewer Utility Improvements:						
2015-01	Acquisition and Installation of Capital Equipment	02/9/2015	10,000.000			10,000.00
2016-09	Sewer / Pump Station Emergency Repair	10/10/2016	14,319.000		6,072.00	20,391.00
2019-01	Purchase & Install of New/Replace Equip/Materials	2/11/2020	80,000.000			80,000.00
2019-04	Purchase & Install of New/Replace Equip/Materials	5/13/2020	100,000.000			100,000.00
Water/Sewer Utility Improvements:						
2024-11	General Improvement Upgrades to the Water/Sewer Utility	11/18/2024		140,000.00		140,000.00
			\$ 309,319.00	\$ 140,000.00	\$ 6,072.00	\$ 455,391.00
	REF.	D	D	D-15	D-17	D

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BOROUGH OF STOCKTON
WATER/SEWER UTILITY CAPITAL FUND
SCHEDULE OF CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND

	<u>REF.</u>	
Balance, December 31, 2023	D	\$ 249,168.49
Increased by:		
Current Year Budget Appropriation	D-22	140,000.00
		\$ <u>389,168.49</u>
Decreased by:		
Appropriation to Finance		
Improvement Authorizations	D-10	<u>100,000.00</u>
Balance, December 31, 2024	D	\$ <u><u>289,168.49</u></u>

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SCHEDULE OF RESERVE FOR AMORTIZATION

Balance, December 31, 2023	D	\$ 3,602,166.91
Increased by:		
Notes Paid by Budget Appropriation	D-17	<u>16,626.00</u>
Balance, December 31, 2024	D	\$ <u><u>3,618,792.91</u></u>

BOROUGH OF STOCKTON
WATER/SEWER UTILITY CAPITAL FUND
SCHEDULE OF FIXED CAPITAL

<u>ACCOUNT</u>	<u>ORDINANCE NUMBER</u>	<u>BALANCE DECEMBER 31, 2023</u>	<u>BALANCE DECEMBER 31, 2024</u>
Water Utility:			
Unallocated Balance of 1938 and Prior		\$ 7,523.00	\$ 7,523.00
Fire Hydrants		15,167.00	15,167.00
Pumping Equipment		32,948.00	32,948.00
Spring and Wells		3,998.00	3,998.00
Storage Tanks		12,574.00	12,574.00
Distribution Mains and Accessories		27,136.00	27,136.00
Purification System		1,766.00	1,766.00
General Equipment		8,915.00	8,915.00
General Construction Expenditures		3,674.00	3,674.00
Meters		1,145.00	1,145.00
Generator		10,843.00	10,843.00
Thermal Coil Meter Pits		1,781.00	1,781.00
Touch Reader		400.00	400.00
Painting of Various Buildings		1,455.00	1,455.00
Roof Replacements		1,050.00	1,050.00
Purchase and Installation of Water Meters (Ord. 11/12/73)		13,877.00	13,877.00
Repairs and Construction of a Cover for the Reservoir of the Water System (Ord 11/12/73)		10,100.00	10,100.00
Improvement to the Water Supply System (12/11/74)		2,283.00	2,283.00
Construction of a Water Main Extension (Ord. 04/28/86)		49,650.00	49,650.00
Water Line on Route 523 and Broad Street		35,048.00	35,048.00
Water Tower Pipe Extension		1,185.00	1,185.00
Water Tank Painting		2,227.00	2,227.00
Replacement of Water Line on Ferry Street		56,000.00	56,000.00
Water Line Construction		4,630.00	4,630.00
Water Main Construction on Mill Street		1,390.00	1,390.00
Water Tank Renovations		1,152.00	1,152.00
Well House Renovations		2,423.00	2,423.00
Capital Outlay		11,575.00	11,575.00
Construction of New Water Services on Broad and Bridge Street		10,163.00	10,163.00
Painting of the Water Tank		57,035.00	57,035.00
Authorizing New Services on Railroad Avenue and Main Street		6,500.00	6,500.00
Preparation of EPA Application		6,763.93	6,763.93
Pump Station Repairs	2012-04	175,000.00	175,000.00
Purchase and Installation of Water Meters/Equipment	2016-10	15,000.00	15,000.00
Purchase and Installation of Water Meters/Equipment	2018-07	15,000.00	15,000.00
Purchase and Installation of Water Meters/Equipment	2019-10	12,000.00	12,000.00
Purchase and Installation of Equipment	2006-21	10,000.00	10,000.00
Water Tank repairs, New Water Service at Broad St and Bridge St, Corrosion Control Plan	2007-11;	9,999.70	9,999.70
Contaminant Remediation Project	2008-11	19,999.52	19,999.52
Valve Replacements at Main St and Well # 3	2014-04	49,918.27	49,918.27
Pump House Roof replacement	2015-07	9,921.37	9,921.37
	2018-03	9,950.26	9,950.26
Sewer Utility:			
Miscellaneous Equipment		4,612.00	4,612.00
Improvement Authorizations:			
Construction of Sanitary Sewer System:			
1974		1,200,000.00	1,200,000.00
1975		165,000.00	165,000.00
1977		362,900.00	362,900.00
1979		157,100.00	157,100.00
Safety Equipment		4,387.00	4,387.00
Engineering Studies		19,600.00	19,600.00
Pump Station Stairways and Landings		18,929.00	18,929.00
Chemical Tank		4,400.00	4,400.00
Comminutor		13,094.00	13,094.00
Repair and Improvements to the Wastewater Collection System		929,634.48	929,634.48
Sewer Pump Improvements		9,969.90	9,969.90
Repair and Improvements to the Wastewater Collection System		20,000.00	20,000.00
		<u>\$ 3,638,792.43</u>	<u>\$ 3,638,792.43</u>
REF.		D	D

BOROUGH OF STOCKTONWATER/SEWER UTILITY CAPITAL FUNDSCHEDULE OF FIXED CAPITAL AUTHORIZED AND UNCOMPLETED

ORDINANCE NUMBER	IMPROVEMENT DESCRIPTION	ORDINANCE		BALANCE DECEMBER 31, 2023	AUTHORIZED	BALANCE DECEMBER 31, 2024
		DATE	AMOUNT			
Water Utility Improvements:						
2011-05	Acquisition and Installation of Capital Equipment	11/14/2011	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 15,000.00	\$	\$ 15,000.00
2021-03	Water Utility Capital Improvements (Corrosion Control)	3/8/2021		40,000.00		40,000.00
2022-03	Purchase and Installation of New or Replacement Equipment	2/14/2022		50,000.00		50,000.00
Sewer Utility Improvements:						
2015-01	Acquisition and Installation of Capital Equipment	2/9/2015		10,000.00		10,000.00
2016-09	Sewer / Pump Station Emergency Repair	10/10/2016		30,000.00		30,000.00
2019-01	Purchase & Install of New/Replace Equip/Materials	2/11/2020		80,000.00		80,000.00
2019-04	Purchase & Install of New/Replace Equip/Materials	5/13/2020		100,000.00		100,000.00
2020-07	Equipment Replacement and Wet Well Cleaning for the Sewer Pump Station	9/14/2020		125,000.00		125,000.00
2024-11	Water/Sewer Utility Improvements: General Improvement Upgrades to the Water/Sewer Utility	11/18/2024		140,000.00	140,000.00	140,000.00
				\$ 450,000.00	\$ 140,000.00	\$ 590,000.00
		REF.	D	D-11	D	

BOROUGH OF STOCKTON

WATER/SEWER UTILITY OPERATING FUND

SCHEDULE OF RENT OVERPAYMENTS

	<u>REF.</u>		
Balance, December 31, 2023	D	\$	228.11
Increased by:			
Receipts	D-5		<u>415.80</u>
Balance, December 31, 2024	D	\$	<u><u>643.91</u></u>

BOROUGH OF STOCKTON

WATER/SEWER CAPITAL FUND

SCHEDULE OF BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES

<u>ORDINANCE</u>	<u>IMPROVEMENT DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>DATE OF ISSUE OF ORIGINAL NOTE</u>	<u>DATE OF ISSUE</u>	<u>DATE OF MATURITY</u>	<u>INTEREST RATE</u>	<u>BALANCE DECEMBER 31, 2023</u>	<u>INCREASED</u>	<u>DECREASED</u>	<u>BALANCE DECEMBER 31, 2024</u>
2014-04	Improvements to Water Utility	9/19/2014	9/7/2023	9/6/2024	4.90%	\$ 16,626.00	\$	\$ 16,626.00	\$
2016-09	Pump Station Repairs	9/15/2019	9/7/2023 9/6/2024	9/6/2024 9/5/2025	4.90% 4.75%	15,681.00	9,609.00	15,681.00	9,609.00
2020-07	Equipment Replacement and Wet Well Cleaning for the Sewer pump Station	9/8/2022	09/07/23 09/06/24	09/06/24 09/05/25	4.90% 4.75%	125,000.00	125,000.00	125,000.00	125,000.00
						<u>\$ 157,307.00</u>	<u>\$ 134,609.00</u>	<u>\$ 157,307.00</u>	<u>\$ 134,609.00</u>
			<u>REF.</u>			<u>D</u>	<u>D-5</u>	<u>Below</u>	<u>D</u>
	Paid by Budget:								
	Funded							\$ 6,072.00	
	Unfunded							16,626.00	
	Disbursements							134,609.00	
								<u>\$ 157,307.00</u>	

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BOROUGH OF STOCKTON

WATER/SEWER UTILITY CAPITAL FUND

SCHEDULE OF CONTRACTS PAYABLE

	<u>REF.</u>		
Increased by:			
Contracts Issued	D-10	\$	140,064.72
Decreased by:			
Disbursements	D-5		<u>2,634.72</u>
Balance, December 31, 2024	D	\$	<u><u>137,430.00</u></u>

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SCHEDULE OF BONDS AND NOTES AUTHORIZED BUT NOT ISSUED

<u>IMPROVEMENT DESCRIPTION</u>	BALANCE DECEMBER <u>31, 2023</u>	BALANCE DECEMBER <u>31, 2024</u>
Acquisition and Installation of Capital Equipment	\$ <u>20,000.00</u>	\$ <u>20,000.00</u>
	\$ <u><u>20,000.00</u></u>	\$ <u><u>20,000.00</u></u>

BOROUGH OF STOCKTON

WATER/SEWER UTILITY CAPITAL FUND

SCHEDULE OF RESERVE FOR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS

Balance, December 31, 2023 and 2024	D	\$ <u>3,000.00</u>
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BOROUGH OF STOCKTON
WATER UTILITY OPERATING FUND
SCHEDULE OF RESERVE FOR ENCUMBRANCES

	<u>REF.</u>		
Balance, December 31, 2023	D	\$	264.60
Increased by:			
Transferred from Current Year Appropriations	D-4		4,398.49
		\$	<u>4,663.09</u>
Decreased by:			
Transferred to Appropriation Reserves	D-8		<u>264.60</u>
Balance, December 31, 2024	D	\$	<u><u>4,398.49</u></u>

BOROUGH OF STOCKTONWATER/SEWER UTILITY CAPITAL FUNDSCHEDULE OF INTERFUNDS

	<u>REF.</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>CURRENT FUND</u>	<u>WATER/SEWER OPERATING FUND</u>
Balance, December 31, 2023:				
Due from	D	\$ <u>40,000.00</u>	\$ <u> </u>	\$ <u>40,000.00</u>
Debits:				
Budget Appropriation-Capital Improvement Fund	D-12	140,000.00		140,000.00
Improvement Authorizations	D-10	<u>40,000.00</u>	<u>40,000.00</u>	<u> </u>
Balance, December 31, 2024:				
Due from	D	\$ <u><u>220,000.00</u></u>	\$ <u><u>40,000.00</u></u>	\$ <u><u>180,000.00</u></u>

PART II

BOROUGH OF STOCKTON

STATISTICAL DATA

LIST OF OFFICIALS

COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS AND
CHANGE IN FUND BALANCE - CURRENT FUND

	YEAR			
	2024		2023	
	AMOUNT	%	AMOUNT	%
<u>REVENUE AND OTHER INCOME REALIZED</u>				
Fund Balance Utilized	\$ 152,625.00	5.20%	\$ 225,027.44	7.90%
Miscellaneous-from other than Local Property				
Tax Levies	560,111.50	19.08%	334,447.22	11.74%
Collection of Delinquent Taxes and Tax Title Liens	16,617.11	0.57%	20,383.25	0.72%
Collection of Current Tax Levy	2,205,973.55	75.15%	2,269,529.56	79.64%
<u>TOTAL INCOME</u>	<u>\$ 2,935,327.16</u>	<u>100.00%</u>	<u>\$ 2,849,387.47</u>	<u>100.00%</u>
<u>EXPENDITURES</u>				
Budget Expenditures:				
Municipal Purposes	\$ 866,492.06	34.12%	\$ 823,180.42	31.92%
County Taxes	396,834.36	15.63%	409,134.85	15.86%
School Taxes	1,264,023.00	49.77%	1,334,961.00	51.76%
Other	12,177.37	0.48%	11,738.83	0.46%
<u>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</u>	<u>\$ 2,539,526.79</u>	<u>100.00%</u>	<u>\$ 2,579,015.10</u>	<u>100.00%</u>
Excess/(Deficit) in Revenues	\$ 395,800.37		\$ 270,372.37	
Fund Balance, January 1	819,392.25		774,047.32	
	\$ 1,215,192.62		\$ 1,044,419.69	
Less: Utilization as Anticipated Revenue	152,625.00		225,027.44	
Fund Balance, December 31	<u>\$ 1,062,567.62</u>		<u>\$ 819,392.25</u>	

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS AND
CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE-WATER/SEWER UTILITY FUND

	YEAR			
	2024		2023	
	AMOUNT	%	AMOUNT	%
<u>REVENUE AND OTHER INCOME REALIZED</u>				
Fund Balance Utilized	\$ 130,000.00	17.81%	\$	
Collection of Water Rents-Regular and Additional	435,381.14	59.66%		
Miscellaneous-from other than Water Rents	164,429.29	22.53%		
<u>TOTAL INCOME</u>	<u>\$ 729,810.43</u>	<u>100.00%</u>	<u>\$</u>	<u></u>
<u>EXPENDITURES</u>				
Budget Expenditures:				
Operating	\$ 340,060.78	64.28%	\$	
Deferred Charges and Regulatory Expenditures	4,100.00	0.78%		
Debt Service	30,406.56	5.75%		
Capital Improvements	150,000.00	28.36%		
<u>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</u>	<u>\$ 528,997.94</u>	<u>100.01%</u>	<u>\$</u>	<u></u>
Excess(Deficit) in Revenues	\$ 200,812.49		\$	
Adjustments to Income before Fund Balance:				
Fund Balance, January 1	535,563.11			
	\$ 736,375.60		\$	
Utilization as Anticipated Revenue	130,000.00			
Fund Balance, December 31	<u>\$ 606,375.60</u>		<u>\$ 535,563.11</u>	

COMPARATIVE SCHEDULE OF TAX RATE INFORMATION

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
Tax Rate	<u>\$1.913</u>	<u>\$1.955</u>	<u>\$2.261</u>
Appointment of Tax Rate:			
Municipal	\$0.473	\$0.453	\$0.548
Municipal Open Space	0.010	0.010	0.010
County	0.285	0.292	0.330
County Library	0.029	0.029	0.033
County Open Space	0.028	0.028	0.032
Regional School	<u>1.088</u>	<u>1.143</u>	<u>1.308</u>

Assessed Valuations:

2024	\$ <u>116,192,200.00</u>		
2023		\$ <u>116,757,200.00</u>	
2022			\$ <u>91,342,000.00</u>

COMPARISON OF TAX LEVIES AND COLLECTION CURRENTLY

A study of this tabulation could indicate a possible trend in future tax levies. The cash collections reported are within the year stated. A decrease in the percentage of current collection could be an indication of a probable increase in future tax levies.

<u>Year</u>		<u>Levy</u>		<u>Cash Collections</u>	<u>Percentage of Collection</u>
2024	\$	2,225,324.49	\$	2,205,973.55	99.13%
2023		2,295,035.54		2,269,529.56	98.89%
2022		2,072,096.93		2,051,711.68	99.02%

DELINQUENT TAXES AND TAX TITLE LIENS

This tabulation includes a comparison expressed in percentage of the total delinquent taxes, in relation to the tax levies of the last three years:

<u>YEAR</u>		<u>AMOUNT OF DELINQUENT TAXES</u>		<u>TOTAL DELINQUENT</u>	<u>PERCENTAGE OF TAX LEVY</u>
2024	\$	17,667.47	\$	17,667.47	0.79%
2023		16,617.11		16,617.11	0.72%
2022		20,383.25		20,383.25	0.98%

PROPERTY ACQUIRED BY TAX TITLE LIEN LIQUIDATION

The Borough has no property acquired by foreclosure or deed as a result of liquidation of outstanding tax title liens.

COMPARISON OF WATER/SEWER UTILITY LEVIES

<u>YEAR</u>		<u>LEVY</u>		<u>CASH COLLECTIONS *</u>
2024	\$	424,154.86	\$	435,381.14
2023		410,863.46		396,390.78
2022		379,467.59		385,478.40

* Includes Collection of Prior Year Levies

COMPARATIVE SCHEDULE OF FUND BALANCES

	<u>YEAR</u>	<u>BALANCE</u> <u>DECEMBER 31</u>	<u>UTILIZED</u> <u>IN BUDGET OF</u> <u>SUCCEEDING YEAR</u>
Current Fund	2024	\$ 1,062,567.62	\$ 149,400.00
	2023	819,392.25	152,625.00
	2022	774,047.32	225,027.44
	2021	638,210.30	161,998.95
	2020	618,371.10	198,000.00
Water/Sewer Utility Operating Fund	2024	606,375.60	\$ 120,000.00
	2023	535,563.11	130,000.00

Note: Water and Sewer Utility funds combined
effective 1/1/2024

OFFICIALS IN OFFICE AND SURETY BONDS

The following officials were in office during the period under audit:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>TITLE</u>	<u>AMOUNT OF BOND</u>	<u>NAME OF SURETY</u>
Aaron Lipsen	Mayor	*	
Thomas Hunt	Council President	*	
Michael Mann	Councilperson	*	
Kenneth Kozuhowski	Councilperson	*	
Mathew Fisher	Councilperson	*	
Peter Folz	Councilperson	*	
William Brown	Councilperson	*	
Laurie Courter	Borough Clerk Registrar of Vital Statistics	*	Statewide Insurance Fund
Jennifer Terepka	Deputy Clerk	*	
Diane McDaniel	CMFO, Tax Collector Utility Collector	*	Statewide Insurance Fund
Michele Trivigno	Assessor (To 5/31/24)	*	
Nicole Izzo	Assessor (From 6/1/24)	*	
Edward Martin	Magistrate	*	
Jennifer Budrewicz	Court Administrator	*	

*The Statewide Insurance Fund carries \$1,000,000.00 of coverage.

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COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

GENERAL COMMENTS

CONTRACTS AND AGREEMENTS REQUIRED TO BE ADVERTISED FOR (N.J.S.A. 40A:11-4)

Every contract or agreement for the performance of any work or the furnishing or hiring of any materials or supplies, the cost or the contract price whereof is to be paid with or out of public funds, not included within the terms of Section 3 of this act, shall be made or awarded only by the governing body of the contracting unit after public advertising for bids and bidding therefor, except as is provided otherwise in this act or specifically by any other law. No work, materials or supplies shall be undertaken, acquired or furnished for a sum exceeding in the aggregate the amount set forth in or the amount calculated by the Governor pursuant to Section 3 of P.L. 1971 c.198 (C.40A:11-3), except by contract or agreement.

Effective July 1, 2020, the bid threshold in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:11-3 was increased to \$44,000.00 by resolution of the governing body.

The governing body of the Municipality has the responsibility of determining whether the expenditures in any category will exceed \$44,000.00 within the fiscal year. Where question arises as to whether any contract or agreement might result in violation of the statute, the Solicitor's opinion should be sought before a commitment is made.

Inasmuch as the system of records did not provide for an accumulation of payments for categories for the performance of any work or the furnishing or hiring of any materials or supplies, the results of such an accumulation could not reasonably be ascertained. Disbursements were reviewed, however, to determine whether any clear-cut violations existed. Our audit of expenditures did not reveal any individual payments, contracts or agreements in excess of \$44,000.00 "for the performance of any work or the furnishing or hiring of any materials or supplies, other than those where bids had been previously sought by public advertisement or where a resolution had been previously adopted under the provisions of N.J.S.A. 40A:11-6".

The minutes indicate that resolution authorizing contracts or agreements for "Professional Services" per N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5 was advertised during 2024 for the following professional services:

Borough Auditor
Borough Engineer
Borough Attorney
Planning Board Attorney
Bond Counsel

COLLECTION OF INTEREST ON DELINQUENT TAXES AND ASSESSMENTS

The statute provides the method for authorizing interest and the maximum rate to be charged for the non-payment of taxes or assessments on or before the date when they would become delinquent.

The governing body in 2024 adopted the following resolution authorizing interest to be charged on delinquent taxes.

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 54:4-67 permits the governing body of each municipality to fix the rate of interest to be charged for non-payment of taxes or assessments subject to any abatement or discount for the late payment of taxes as provided by law; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 54:4-67 has been amended to permit the fixing of said rate of 8% per annum on the first \$1,500.00 of delinquency and 18% per annum on any amount in excess of \$1,500.00 and allows an additional penalty of 6% be collected against a delinquency in excess of \$10,000.00 on properties that fail to pay the delinquency prior to the end of the calendar year.

1. The Tax Collector and Water/Sewer Utility Collector are hereby authorized and directed to charge 8% per annum on the first \$1,500.00 of delinquency after the due date and 18% per annum on any delinquencies in excess of \$1,500.00 becoming delinquent after the due date and if a delinquency is in excess of \$10,000.00 and remains in arrears beyond December 31 an additional penalty of 6% shall be charged against the delinquency.
2. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that these interest rates be effective for the year 2024.

It appears from an examination of the records that interest was collected in accordance with the forgoing resolution.

DELINQUENT TAXES AND TAX TITLE LIENS

No tax sale was held in 2024.

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 OF LIENS</u>
2024	None
2023	None
2022	None

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

OTHER COMMENTS

Interfunds

Transactions invariably occur in one fund which requires a corresponding entry to be made in another fund, thus creating interfund balances. References to the various balance sheets show the interfund balances remaining at year end. As a general rule, all interfund balances should be closed out as of the end of the year.

It is the Borough's policy to review and liquidate all interfund balances on a periodic basis.

Segregation of Duties

Consideration should be given to provide more adequate segregation of duties with respect to the recording and treasury functions.

RECOMMENDATIONS

None

